

MINUTES OF A CAUCUS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 4 MOORE ROAD, CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, NEW JERSEY ON TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021 AT 3:00 P.M.

Deputy Clerk Doyle called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call:

Commissioners Hayes, Morey and Thornton - Present (3)

Commissioner Pierson - Virtual (1)

Commissioner Desiderio-Absent (1)

Statement of the Director:

“This is a notice read pursuant to the requirements of the “Open Public Meetings Act.” At least 48 hours advance notice of this meeting has been provided by posting of the same in writing on the bulletin boards in the County Administration Building, and the County Clerk’s Office and mailing a copy of the notice to the Cape May County Herald and the Atlantic City Press and filing the same with the County Clerk, all being done on Wednesday, January 6, 2021.”

Moment of Silence-Dedicated to the Soifer family of Ocean City and Lauriello family of Wildwood.

Flag Salute- Led by Commissioner Pierson

Agenda Items

Presentations:

Discussion:

1. Robert Church-Engineer’s Update

The following resolutions on the agenda to be authorized during the Regular Meeting of Board tonight were acknowledged or discussed by Mr. Church.

Res. 406-21 thru 409-21 plus Res. 411-21 were all for various road opening permits for the Lower Township MUA for a Vacuum Sewer project down in Lower Township.

Res. 410-21 accepting award from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for FY2021 Clean Communities Program in the amount of \$71,945.59 for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

Res. 412-21 authorizing application for Road Opening Permit to South Jersey Gas Company for Springers Mill Road (CR643), Township of Middle.

Res. 413-21 amending Resolution No. 383-21 authorizing Modification No. 11 in the amount of \$0.00 to the Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Tetra Tech, Inc. for Professional Engineering and Licensed Site Remediation Services at the Cape May County Airport.

Res. 414-21 authorizing execution of an Addendum to Sublease with Cellular Tracking Technologies, LLC.

2. Kevin Lare-Purchasing Report

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Mr. Lare detailed awards, extensions, or changes to contracts, and competitive contracting of the following resolutions: Res. Nos. 388-21, 390-21, 391-21, 392-21 and 400-21.

Res. 388-21 extending Contract No. 16-134 with NewVision Systems Corporation through September 14, 2021.

Res. 390-21 awarding Contract No. C1-108 to Archer & Greiner, P.C. to provide Professional Bond Counsel Services.

Res. 391-21 rejecting all bids submitted May 26, 2021, in response to 2021 Specification 21 to provide Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Preventative Maintenance Service & Repair for County facilities.

Res. 392-21 authorizing participation in Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System for all County departments.

Res. 400-21 authorizing an Addendum to the Professional Services Agreement with Excellence in Caring, LLC.

3. **United Bridge Partners**-Ryan Dolan, Vice-President of Business Development, Lee Whitney, Senior Associate, and Barbara DiMarco, Governmental Affairs Counsel to UBP.

The Colorado based firm presented via Zoom for a second time, the advantages they could provide Cape May County in terms of bridges currently owned and operated by the Bridge Commission. They had been in the business of owning & operating bridges since 2010 with projects in 5 states. A public-private partnership between the County and UBP was what was being considered. The firm offered full funding to repair, replace, operate and maintain the bridges. They were backed fully by equity financing. They took on financial and delivery responsibility to advance design drawings. Other revenue sources would need to be explored due to the seasonal nature and slow traffic in the towns where the bridges reside. (Toll increases and/or county payments) The company was willing to work whichever option worked best for the county.

4. Commissioner Discussions

Commissioner Hayes- She reported another call tomorrow with the DEP addressing climate change and flooding. She had been involved with the issue before and commented it was something the county should be concerned about especially the economic impact if regulation proposals go through. She asked for a resolution to go to the state. Also, a study of the economic impact here. Director Thornton commented. It was decided they should follow up with the Chamber of Commerce .

Moved by Ms. Hayes seconded by Mr. Morey to adjourn the caucus. Roll call: Commissioner Hayes, Morey, Pierson and Thornton (AYE-4) (NAYE-None) (ABSTAIN-None) (ABSENT-One). Carried.

Caucus adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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Administrator/Clerk of the Board