

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN  
FREEHOLDERS HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020 AT 4:30 P.M.  
IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
4 MOORE ROAD  
CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, NEW JERSEY**

The meeting convened with Deputy Clerk Doyle presiding and the following members answering roll call:

Freeholders Desiderio, Hayes, Morey, Pierson and Thornton via remote access (5)

**STATEMENT OF 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 Friday, January 3, 2020.”

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

FLAG SALUTE-Led by Freeholder Pierson.

MINUTES – MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 05/26/20 MEETING  
FH Desiderio moved/ FH Hayes seconded

Freeholders	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X				X	
Ms. Hayes	X					X
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X					
Mr. Thornton	X					

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

**REPORTS:**

- 1) COUNTY ENGINEER: Mr. Church reported the Gateway project traffic signals became operational Friday, June 5th. All that remained to be done was the electronic work on the pump station, the landscaping, and the Hudson Avenue Pocket Park.

The Ingrams Thorofare Re-decking project, the bridge itself, was ready for seasonal shutdown. The contractor was doing some maintenance patching of the deteriorated decks on Leonards and Gravens Thorofare. They were supposed to be finished this week. After the Ingrams Thorofare Bridge deck was complete in the spring, all the decks on those bridges would be in very good shape, he stated.

The Woodbine Roundabout project was paved last night, June 8th. The circle and approach lanes were paved. Final paving, expansion of the approaches, lighting, concrete stamping, and the rest of the striping remained. He anticipated a completion date of July 4, 2020.

The Corson’s Tavern Road project was continuing. The contractor expected to be finished with the drainage by June 19, 2020. Then he would start with the flat work. The project was on schedule to be completed the first week in September.

The 96<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge emergency repairs began last night. Tonight, they would be doing the critical repair to the southwest bascule. After that they would be doing repairs on the other three bascules, girders, other stringers,

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and floor beams that were severely deteriorated. The work was occurring between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., Monday through Thursday. They anticipated a completion date of June 25th.

On Bay Avenue, the Cape May County MUA was going to do the intermediate paving beginning tomorrow, on the trenches that were installed. They were in bad shape. They were going to mill and pave a lane width where the trench was, to get through the summer. The work would begin tomorrow and run through Friday.

The Pacific Avenue drainage project was continuing through June 30<sup>th</sup>, after which it would stop for seasonal shutdown, resuming after Labor Day to finish up in the fall.

- 2) COUNTY COUNSEL: Jeff Lindsay had no report.
- 3) COUNTY TREASURER: Brittany Smith had no report.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS:

- 1) FREEHOLDER MOREY: Mr. Morey elaborated on Res. No. 372-20, adopting Cape May County's "Safely Together" Reopening Initiative and Recovery work. Continued messaging, as it related to safely living and functioning during the COVID-19 pandemic was an important part of the work, he said. The campaign encouraged awareness by visitors, workers, and others to practice the safety protocols. Website material was available for download by businesses and the community at large. A webinar was planned for next week, to roll out the program. The information was being shared with the State.

He reported a conference call this morning with the New Jersey Advisory Council. Their group was one of many councils that reported back to the Restart and Recovery Advisory Committee, he informed. Messaging and other topics were discussed on today's call. Vicki Clark of the Chamber, Curtis Bashaw, and Brenden Sciarra of Cape May County participated along with the freeholder.

The freeholder had been engaging with the State Board related to openings in the county, like many others. He wrote to the chief of staff on Friday, and again on Monday, the letters he shared with the Board. His focus had been to encourage a more positive phase, instead of the prior phase with the same prohibitive quality of directives. The next conference call was planned for Thursday at 5:30 p.m. with the chief of staff. Indoor dining, amusements and positive messaging were the intended topics for discussion.

He reported the Planning Department had been supporting the community, by working with the Engineering Department to facilitate requests for outdoor dining. Currently they were working with the City of Cape May on a plan. Middle Township had reached out for county support on a plan, as well as numerous private individuals. The Planning Board was working with them and put together a good pathway forward to support the requests.

There had been some new activity on the Municipal Redevelopment Initiative. A meeting recently convened between Wildwood, ACIA and the County Planning Department to talk about the RFP process for a planner to be selected, to take the next step in the process. There had been a consensus reached, on who that planner would be, and it was expected they would come aboard within the week. The initiative so far had been a great collaborative effort. Most notably, the County's main players, Leslie Gimeno and Lou Joyce of the South Jersey Economic Development District, along with ACIA were contributing greatly to the progress being made, he stated.

Six buildings were scheduled to be demolished at the CMC Airport within the next 60 days, he said. One of the buildings was the former Eckel Marine shop. Once removed, there was talk of incorporating that property into the Public Safety space, making a trade with the DRBA for the use of that space, for another space on the airport property. This would give expansion capability, more parking, and more space generally to the public service area.

The USEDA, due to COVID-19, started a program that would provide as much as 80% grant towards certain types of projects. Phase II of Tech Village could possibly qualify for the grant. It was being investigated. He would bring it back up for discussion at a later date.

- 2) FREEHOLDER PIERSON: Mr. Pierson acknowledged the County Engineer's handling of both the Gateway Project in Wildwood and the Woodbine Roundabout Project. He recognized Mike Donohue for his work on the re-opening and employee orientation project. He gave kudos to Will Morey and Len Desiderio and others for the re-opening initiative and the "Safely Together" program.

He reported, Lower Township held a family drive in movie event at the Cape May Lewes Ferry Terminal. They advertised the event in the paper and took care of all the details.

The Coast Guard Recertification package submittal was in its final stages. Hopefully, it would be published within the next few days and submitted to the government for review and approval.

- 3) FREEHOLDER HAYES: Ms. Hayes reported that with the executive order issued by Governor Murphy earlier today, the County could begin to open the picnic areas and gazebos at the Park & Zoo. Employees there could re-start the bookings of these areas. She gave Al Campbell of the Herald the okay to release this information to the public. Tree to Tree Adventure was also given the green light to re-open, she said. The zoo was not cleared to open yet, but it was hoped it would be soon.

This past week, the freeholder attended the peaceful protest that was held in Middle Township. The County Administrator and state legislators were also there, she noted. She gave credit to the organizers and all the people that participated. Everyone protested peacefully, and talked to one another civilly, even when opinions were different.

She announced that Lynne Shirk, frequent attendee of the freeholder meetings, had recently become engaged to George, the gentleman that had been attending meetings with her, for some time now. Congratulations to Lynne and George.

- 4) FREEHOLDER DESIDERIO: Mr. Desiderio updated the board on CMC Police Academy events, reporting that the academy had received high reviews for implementation of the State's pilot program. Because of Cape May County's success, the State was now allowing the rest of the academies to follow the same plan, for completion of cadets basic training. Forty-four Class II Officers completed their training and were able to graduate last Friday from CMC Academy. This was the first graduation for New Jersey since the March shut down due to the pandemic. The full-time class was currently back in training and would graduate by July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. This was all made possible because of the group effort between Purchasing, Finance, MIS, Facilities & Services and County Administration he said. The freeholder thanked Chief DePaul for his efforts too.
- 5) FREEHOLDER THORNTON: Director Thornton reiterated what he had discussed during the earlier caucus meeting, reporting the Governor's stay-

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at-home order was lifted, as of today. Outdoor activities were seeing some loosening of restrictions. Swimming pools could open beginning on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The County was waiting on an answer regarding the opening of the Zoo.

He praised the County as a whole, the protestors, the officials, and police departments for conducting an orderly and peaceful protest, in Cape May Court House, for George Floyd.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**INTRODUCED BY MR. DESIDERIO, SECONDED BY MS. HAYES**

- 361-20 Resolution amending Resolution No. 9-20 appointing certifying officers for 2020.  
(This Resolution changes/clarifies certifying officers for departments for auditing purposes.)
- 362-20 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Prosecutor)  
(This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)
- 363-20 Resolution amending Resolution No. 8-20 for the 2020 Cash Management Plan and designating the custodian and signatories for the "County of Cape May, Board of Chosen Freeholders Account".  
(This Resolution amends Resolution 8-20 for the Cape May County Cash Management Plan for 2020, designates the CFO as custodian of the main bank account and designates those whose authorized signatures must appear on all disbursement checks.)
- 364-20 Resolution authorizing use of Storm Recovery Reserve Funds in response to COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.  
(This Resolution authorizes use of the Storm Recovery Trust Fund for COVID-19 related expenses consistent with LFN 2020-06 Coronavirus Response: Emergency Procurement & Use of Storm Recovery Reserves and Executive Order 106.)
- 365-20 Resolution applying to the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Division of State Police Office of Emergency Management for FY20 Emergency Management Agency Assistance Grant for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 in the total amount of \$55,000.00.  
(This Resolution authorizes application to the State of NJ Department of Law and Public Safety Division of State Police Office of Emergency Management for the period of 7/1/20 to 6/30/21.)
- 366-20 Resolution awarding Contract No. C0-83 to Tri-County Termite & Pest Control, Inc. to furnish and deliver an Integrated Pest Management Program.  
(This Resolution awards Contract No. C0-83 to Tri-County Termite & Pest Control, Inc. to furnish and deliver an Integrated Pest Management Program for County of Cape May, commencing June 10, 2020 for a term of one year with a one-year option.)
- 367-20 Resolution awarding Contract No. C0-82 to Russell Reid Waste Hauling and Disposal Services Co., Inc. to furnish, deliver, services and rental of portable sanitation toilets.  
(This Resolution awards Contract No. C0-82 to Russell Reid Waste Hauling and Disposal Services, Co., Inc. D/B/A Mr. John to furnish, deliver, service and rental of portable sanitation toilets, commencing June 10, 2020 for a term of one year with a one-year option.)

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Freeholders	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X				X	
Ms. Hayes	X					X
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X					
Mr. Thornton	X					

**INTRODUCED BY MR. PIERSON, SECONDED BY MR. MOREY**

368-20 Resolution granting and amending various Leaves of Absence to County Employees.

(This Resolution authorizes County Employees to be placed on a Leave of Absence in accordance with the County Leave of Absence Policy and the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA).)

369-20 Resolution accepting check from Greenwich Insurance Company in the amount of \$1,643.44 for damage to a County traffic signal standard.

(This Resolution accepts payment in the amount of \$1,643.44 from Greenwich Insurance Company for damage to a county traffic signal standard sustained during a motor vehicle accident on April 14, 2020.)

370-20 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Human Services/Veterans Service/Health Dept.)

(This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)

371-20 Resolution applying to New Jersey Department of Health for funds to support Local Core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness (LINCS) in the amount of \$236,274.00.

(This Resolution authorizes grant application for funds to support Local Core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness (LINCS) for the budget period of 7/1/20 through 6/30/21.)

372-20 Resolution adopting Cape May County’s “Safely Together” Reopening Campaign.

(This Resolution supports the creation and implementation of a messaging and information campaign to assist residents and visitors through the reopening of Cape May County.)

373-20 Resolution awarding Contract No. C0-84 to Cape Regional Medical Center for Peer Recovery Center Program.

(This Resolution awards County Contract No. C0-84 to Cape Regional Medical Center for Peer Recovery Center Program for County of Cape May, commencing June 30, 2020 for a term of one year with two one-year options.)

Freeholders	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X					
Ms. Hayes	X					
Mr. Morey	X					X
Mr. Pierson	X				X	
Mr. Thornton	X					

**INTRODUCED BY MS. HAYES, SECONDED BY MR. DESIDERIO**

374-20 Resolution supplementing the 2020 Salary Resolution and approving appointments and salaries.

(This Resolution authorizes the hiring of new County employees, temporary assignment pay, salary changes or corrections, title changes and promotions of County employees when applicable.)

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- 375-20 Resolution authorizing the Board to hold a meeting excluding the public on June 9, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible or as practicable. Matters falling within attorney-client privilege, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7), and pending litigation, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7).  
 (This Resolution authorizes the Board of Chosen Freeholders to conduct a meeting excluding the public at the stated time in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-1, et seq.)
- 376-20 Resolution reconfirming Resolution No. 360-20 adopted May 26, 2020.  
 (This Resolution reconfirms Resolution No. 360-20 amending Resolution No. 317-20 to authorize Municipalities to determine a date to permit the lodging of transient guests or seasonal tenants at 60% of full capacity.)
- 377-20 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Fare Free Transportation and Surrogate)  
 (This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)
- 378-20 Resolution applying to New Jersey TRANSIT for CARES ACT FTA Non-Urbanized Area Program (Section 5311) for the period of March 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 in the total amount of \$263,657.00.  
 (This Resolution authorizes an application to NJ TRANSIT for NJ CARES ACT FFY20 Section 5311 Grant.)

Freeholders	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X					X
Ms. Hayes	X				X	
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X					
Mr. Thornton	X					

**INTRODUCED BY MR. MOREY, SECONDED BY MR. PIERSON**

- 379-20 Resolution supporting South Jersey Bayshore Coalition’s submission for designation of the Bayshore Heritage Byway as an ‘All-American Road’.  
 (This Resolution supports the designation of the Bayshore Heritage Byway as an All-American Road.)
- 380-20 Resolution authorizing release of performance guarantee funds in the amount of \$9,179.50 to Grassy Sound Marina for improvements to Old North Wildwood Boulevard (County Road #666), Middle Township.  
 (This Resolution authorizes release the funds held as a performance guarantee for improvements within a County right of way for Grassy Sound Marina.)
- 381-20 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Engineer/Planning)  
 (This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)
- 382-20 Resolution authorizing execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Wildwood for the construction of a water pumping station.  
 (This Resolution authorizes the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Wildwood for the construction of a water pumping station.)
- 383-20 Resolution authorizing execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Greater Wildwoods Tourism Improvement and Development Authority.  
 (This Resolution authorizes the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Greater Wildwoods Tourism Improvement and Development Authority for the County’s installation of foundations for road signs.)
- 384-20 Resolution amending the 2020 Budget for Cape May County Wastewater Management Plan Grant (No. WR17-006) in the amount of \$15,000.00.  
 (This Resolution amends the 2020 Budget in the amount of \$15,000.00, providing funding to support wastewater treatment and new scopes of work.)

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385-20 Resolution establishing a Handicap Parking Space on Battersea Road (CR656) in the City of Ocean City, Cape May County, NJ.

(This Resolution designates one (1) Handicap Parking Space on Battersea Road (CR656) in front of the property located at 403 Battersea Road, City of Ocean City.)

386-20 Resolution authorizing Change Order 1-Final in the amount of \$83,724.90 to South State, Inc. for Hope Corson Road (CR671) Phase II Drainage and Roadway Improvements from U.S. Route 50 to Stagecoach Road (CR667), Township of Upper.

(This Resolution authorizes a change order to adjust various pay items in the contract to reflect as-built conditions.)

387-20 Resolution authorizing the temporary elimination of parking along Beach Avenue (CR604) and the installation of a barrier curb for pedestrian access between Perry Street and Decatur Street in the City of Cape May.

(This Resolution permits the elimination of the parking lane and replaces it with a pedestrian access along the shoulder of the roadway of Beach Avenue (CR604) between Perry Street to Decatur Street from June 15, 2020 thru September 8, 2020.)

Freeholders	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X					
Ms. Hayes	X					
Mr. Morey	X				X	
Mr. Pierson	X					X
Mr. Thornton	X					

MOTION TO PAY BILLS: FH Desiderio moved/FH Hayes seconded

Freeholders	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X				X	
Ms. Hayes	X					X
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X					
Mr. Thornton	X					

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Tom Brennan, manager of Cape May County Tree to Tree Adventure Park, commented he had heard the good news about opening from Freeholder Hayes. He wondered what exactly it would entail. Director Thornton responded that the State had told the county, upon asking, that Tree to Tree Adventure was now eligible to open.

ADJOURN: 5:02 P.M. FH Desiderio moved/FH Hayes seconded

Freeholders	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X				X	
Ms. Hayes	X					X
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X					
Mr. Thornton	X					

APPROVED

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DIRECTOR

ATTEST:

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ADMINISTRATOR