

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023
AT 3:00 P.M.
IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
4 MOORE ROAD
CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, NEW JERSEY**

CAUCUS

The meeting convened with Director Desiderio presiding and the following members answering roll call:

Commissioners Bulakowski, Morey, Pierson and Desiderio (4)

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 Thursday, January 5, 2023.”

MOMENT OF SILENCE dedicated to Mr. Vincent Jones, Jr., brother of Vice Director E. Marie Hayes.

FLAG SALUTE-Led by General Pierson

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSIONS:

REGULAR MEETING

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 06/13/2023 MEETINGS
Commissioner Bulakowski moved/Commissioner Pierson seconded.

Commissioners	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Bulakowski	X				X	
Ms. Hayes				X		
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X					X
Mr. Desiderio	X					

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

REPORTS:

- 1) ENGINEER: Mr. Church reported Phase I of the Lafayette Street resurfacing project was completed on June 19, 2023. The resurfacing of Bayshore Road and Norbury Landing Road was completed June 27, 2023, and the striping was set to begin the next day. The final aid project for this year has been submitted. This is the 3rd Avenue resurfacing project in Stone Harbor. Mr. Church expects to have the approval for this in early September. Currently there is \$1.79 million in federal grant support for the project. The department expects to begin the Tyler Road resurfacing on July 17, 2023. Finally, the Fishing Creek Road resurfacing is the next project the department hopes to get started soon.
- 2) COUNTY COUNSEL: No report.
- 3) COUNTY TREASURER: No report.
- 4) COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: No report.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

- 1) **COMMISSIONER MOREY:** Commissioner Morey attended the celebration of the completion of the exterior renovation at the Children’s Fresh Air Home in North Wildwood. The organizers recognized Commissioner Bulakowski and his team of carpenters for the many hours of work put into renovating the home. Unfortunately, Commissioner Bulakowski was unable to attend but Commissioner Morey wanted to make sure he was aware of how appreciative the organization is. The home is celebrating its 100th anniversary of providing underprivileged children with the opportunity to visit the seashore. A grand opening of the interior is planned for July. Mr. Morey commented on how great the building looks and is thankful the community supports efforts such as what this mission provides.

- 2) **COMMISSIONER PIERSON:** Commissioner Pierson had the honor of being a guest speaker at the Cape May County Technical High School graduation. It was a special occasion as 2 of his grandsons were members of the graduating class. It was a great evening despite the rain delay. He also had the opportunity to be a judge for the VFW parade in Wildwood along with his wife Sandy, who sat in for Commissioner Hayes, and former Commissioner Thornton.

- 3) **COMMISSIONER BULAKOWSKI:** Continuing from Commissioner Morey’s report, Commissioner Bulakowski wanted to recognize Ron Gelzunas, Angel Daniels and the Committee for the Children’s Fresh Air Home for the tremendous undertaking of the restoration of the home. He wished Commissioner Pierson a very happy 80th birthday! Cape May County had the honor of hosting the SNJCCA dinner on June 26, 2023, at the Oar House in Sea Isle City. Commissioner Bulakowski thanked Director Desiderio and the City of Sea Isle for their hospitality. County Department Heads were recognized at the dinner and Commissioner Bulakowski offered a special thanks to Diane Wieland and her staff for providing goody bags on short notice. Finally, Commissioner Bulakowski mentioned the “Night with the Critters” event happening at the CMC Park & Zoo on Friday.

- 4) **COMMISSIONER HAYES:** Absent.

- 5) **COMMISSIONER DESIDERIO:** Director Desiderio recognized two special guests in the audience today: Councilman Bob Barr from Ocean City and former Councilman John Divney of Sea Isle City. Beside his normal director activities, he took part in the virtual program on the windmills on Saturday morning. Many people have viewed, and continue to view, the presentation. The County will continue to provide information on the subject as it moves forward. Director Desiderio understands last night’s SNJCCA event was very successful.

Motion to open Public Comment for Consent Agenda

Commissioners	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Bulakowski	X					X
Ms. Hayes				X		
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X				X	
Mr. Desiderio	X					

Public Comment: None

Motion to close Public Comment for Consent Agenda

Commissioners	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Bulakowski	X					X
Ms. Hayes				X		
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X				X	
Mr. Desiderio	X					

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve Resolution Nos. 400-23 through 429-23

Commissioners	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Bulakowski	X					
Ms. Hayes				X		
Mr. Morey	X				X	
Mr. Pierson	X					X
Mr. Desiderio	X					

RESOLUTIONS:

- 400-23 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).)
- 401-23 Resolution approving the monthly disbursements from the Department of Human Services for the TANF, General Assistance and Clearing Accounts.
(This Resolution accepts and approves the monthly disbursements for the TANF, General Assistance and Clearing Accounts as submitted by the Fiscal Department for the Department of Human Services.)
- 402-23 Resolution supplementing the 2023 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.)
- 403-23 Resolution authorizing acquisition of interest in real estate known as Block 410.01 Lot 60 in the Township of Lower for use in connection with County Road System.
(This Resolution authorizes the acquisition by the County of Cape May of 800 sq. ft. portion of County Road No. 603 pursuant to the County Planning Act, NJSA 40:27-1, et seq.)
- 404-23 Resolution authorizing payment to the Travelers Insurance Company for various claims in the total amount of \$59,195.08.
(This Resolution authorizes payment to the Travelers Insurance Company, Property-Casualty Department, for various claims.)
- 405-23 Resolution authorizing an Application and Indemnification Agreement with Cape May County Zoo AAZK to hold Night Out with the Critters at the Cape May County Park, Cape May Court House location.
(This Resolution permits use of a portion of the Cape May County Park, Cape May Court House location, by Cape May County Zoo AAZK on June 30, 2023, between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.)
- 406-23 Resolution authorizing execution of Agreement with the Cape May County Social Services Employee Association.
(This Resolution authorizes an Agreement with the Cape May County Social Services Employee Association for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2026.)
- 407-23 Resolution awarding Contract No. C3-97 to Amit Gupta Consulting, LLC, to provide Pharmaceutical Consulting Services for Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.
(This Resolution awards Contract No. C3-97 to Amit Gupta Consulting, LLC, to provide pharmaceutical consulting services, on an as needed basis, for a term of one (1) year, commencing June 28, 2023, with one (1) one-year option.)
- 408-23 Resolution awarding Contract No. C3-94 to Robert H. Hoover & Sons, Inc. to furnish and deliver one (1) new 2023 Western Star 49X SF Tri-Axle Dump Truck for the Department of Public Works.

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(This Resolution awards Contract No. C3-94 to Robert H. Hoover & Sons, Inc. to furnish and deliver one (1) new 2023 Western Star 49X SF Tri-Axle Dump Truck, for the Department of Public Works, in the amount of \$378,817.00.)

- 409-23 Resolution rejecting all bids submitted in response to 2023 Specification No. 33, furnish and deliver road construction materials for the County of Cape May.
(This Resolution rejects all bids received June 14, 2023, in response to 2023 Specification No. 33, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(d) substantially revise the specifications.)
- 410-23 Resolution amending Resolution No. 378-23 granting permission to the Cape May Beach Patrol to close Beach Avenue (CR604) on July 10, 2023 for their annual Superathalon.
(This Resolution modifies Resolution No. 378-23 to change the annual Superathalon date from July 10, 2023 to July 17, 2023.)
- 411-23 Resolution granting permission to Cape May Point Volunteer Fire Company to solicit contributions on Sunset Boulevard (CR606) in the Borough of Cape May Point.
(This Resolution permits fire company volunteers to hold a 'coin drop' to obtain public contributions which help offset operational expenses.)
- 412-23 Resolution authorizing Application for Road Opening Permit to South Jersey Gas Company for Old North Wildwood Boulevard West (CR665), Township of Middle.
(This Resolution authorizes South Jersey Gas Company to install a 2" Plastic High Pressure Line along Old North Wildwood Boulevard West (CR665), Township of Middle. Work will be completed promptly.)
- 413-23 Resolution applying to State of New Jersey for Edward Byrne Memorial FY21 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) No. JAG 1-5TF-21 administered by the Department of Law and Public Safety in the amount of \$44,488.00 for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.
(This Resolution approves submission of an application to New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for funds to support the Multi-Jurisdictional Gang, Gun and Narcotics Task Force Program and authorizes to accept grant funds for purpose described in application.)
- 414-23 Resolution applying to New Jersey Department of Human Services for Corrections Center Mat Program for the Period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$300,000.00.
(This Resolution authorizes application for Corrections Center MAT Grant for the period of 7/1/23 through 6/30/24 in the amount of \$300,000.00.)
- 415-23 Resolution authorizing application to Department of Children and Families Division of Child Protection and Permanency for SFY 2024 Grant funds for Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) for a period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 for a total amount of \$98,869.00.
(This Resolution authorizes application for funding for Human Services Advisory Council Grant for the period of 7/1/23 through 6/30/24 in the total amount of \$98,869.00.)
- 416-23 Resolution authorizing application and awarding the LIHEAP Program in the amount of \$3,246.00.
(This Resolution authorizes application for the LIHEAP program in the amount of \$3,246.00 for the period 7/1/22 through 6/30/23.)
- 417-23 Resolution authorizing application and awarding the Universal Services Fund Program in the amount of \$2,164.00.
(This Resolution authorizes application for the Universal Services Fund in the amount of \$2,164.00 for the period 7/1/22 through 6/30/23.)
- 418-23 Resolution accepting Subgrant Award from New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Office of the Attorney General, Division of Administration,

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for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA/Victim Assistance Grant Program No. V-35-21 for the period 7/01/23 to 6/30/24 for a total amount of \$362,547.00. (This Resolution accepts a subgrant award for the VOCA grant from 7/01/23 to 6/30/24 in the amount of \$362,547.00 (Federal) and \$228,029.00 (In-Kind County Match), totaling \$590,576.00.)

- 419-23 Resolution amending the 2023 Budget for the Victims of Crime Act Grant (No. V-35-21) in the amount of \$362,547.00.
(This Resolution amends the 2023 Budget in the amount of \$362,547.00 for Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant.)
- 420-23 Resolution approving and authorizing a Letter of Agreement with The Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for Participation for the FY24 Municipal Alliance Grant Program for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$106,199.00.
(This Resolution approves and authorizes a Letter of Agreement with the State of New Jersey for the Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Grant from 7/1/2023 to 6/30/2024 in an amount not to exceed \$106,199.00.)
- 421-23 Resolution amending the 2023 Budget for the FY24 Municipal Alliance Grant in the amount of \$106,199.00.
(This Resolution amends the 2023 Budget in the amount of \$106,199.00 for the Municipal Alliance Grant FY24.)
- 422-23 Resolution applying and authorizing a Letter of Agreement with The FY24 And FY25 Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for Participation in the Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant for the period of September 1, 2023 to September 30, 2025 in the amount of \$12,491.00.
(This Resolution authorizes a Letter of Agreement with the State of New Jersey for the Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant from 9/1/2023 to 9/30/2025 in an amount not to exceed \$12,491.00.)
- 423-23 Resolution amending the 2023 Budget for the Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant in the amount of \$12,491.00.
(This Resolution amends the 2023 Budget in the amount of \$12,491.00 for the Youth Leadership Grant.)
- 424-23 Resolution authorizing Subregional Transportation Planning Program FY2024 Subcontract Agreement with South Jersey Transportation Authority for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 for \$55,000.00.
(This Resolution authorizes a subcontract for an amount of \$44,000.00 Federal funding and \$11,000.00 In-Kind match for the period of 7/1/23 through 6/30/24 to improve the efficiency of the region's transportation network and system by participating in sub-regional transportation planning efforts.)
- 425-23 Resolution amending the 2023 Budget for Subregional Transportation Planning Program in the amount of \$44,000.00.
(This Resolution amends the 2023 Budget in the amount of \$44,000.00 (Federal Funding) for Sub-Regional Transportation Planning Program.)
- 426-23 Resolution applying to New Jersey Department of Health for Special Child Health Services Case Management Unit in the amount of \$88,481.00 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
(This Resolution authorizes submission of an application to New Jersey Department of Health for funding in the amount of \$88,481.00 (\$48,347.00 State funds and \$40,134.00 Additional County Funds) to provide coordination of service and advocacy for those registered through the program for the period of 7/1/23 through 6/30/24.)
- 427-23 Resolution accepting Grant Award from the State of New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for the Veterans Transportation Grant No.

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VL24T73 for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$13,000.00.

(This Resolution accepts a grant award for the Veterans Transportation Program for the period of 7/1/2023 to 6/30/2024 in the amount of \$13,000.00 to provide veterans transportation to specific locations and facilities to receive services.)

428-23 Resolution amending the 2023 Budget for the Veterans Transportation Grant No. VL24T73 in the amount of \$13,000.00.

(This Resolution amends the 2023 Budget in the amount of \$13,000.00 to provide Veterans transportation to specific locations and facilities to receive services.)

429-23 Resolution urging the State of New Jersey to enact an equitable and transparent School Funding Formula.

(This Resolution urges the State of New Jersey to enact legislation for a fair, equitable, and transparent school funding formula.)

MOTION TO PAY BILLS AND CHECKS BE TRANSFERRED TO THE COUNTY

Commissioners	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Bulakowski	X				X	
Ms. Hayes				X		
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X					X
Mr. Desiderio	X					

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Motion to open Public Comment

Commissioners	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Bulakowski	X					X
Ms. Hayes				X		
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X				X	
Mr. Desiderio	X					

Mr. John Divney of Sea Isle City listened to the virtual presentation on the windmills and is very impressed with not only the organizers of the presentation, but with the information that was provided. Prior to the program, he did not fully understand how “the stack is up against us” by state leadership and the BPU. The other point he wanted to make is he did not hear the word nuclear during the program. Mr. Divney commented that with something as significant as this, considering the amount of money being spent and the lifespan of the windmills, unless we state a position of what nuclear energy can provide, he thinks the offshore wind energy is a big mistake. He asked the Board if that has been discussed at all. Director Desiderio replied in recent conversations there has been discussion of nuclear energy, and this will be discussed at the next information session. Mr. Divney thanked the Board for their consideration.

Commissioner Bulakowski informed the Board the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station in Forked River is being decommissioned but the owners of the plant have applied for permits for 4 small reactors. Although the word nuclear is a trigger word for some, Oyster Creek has experience with it and he hopes that this will help bring some of the power back to NJ.

Motion to Close Public Comment

Commissioners	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Bulakowski	X					X
Ms. Hayes				X		
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X				X	
Mr. Desiderio	X					

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Commissioner Morey thanked the Board and County Counsel Jeff Lindsay for putting together Resolution No. 429-23, urging the State of New Jersey to enact an equitable and transparent School Funding Formula. The Board spent time on the topic months ago and talked about being proactive to avoid a similar issue in the future. They asked the Superintendents in the County to provide information so that the Board could take an official position. Commissioner Morey remarked County Counsel did a great job embodying those points in the Resolution voted on today. He asked how the County should follow-up because many Resolutions make their way to the State House, but not all of them receive any attention. This Resolution is a good first step but it is also important to follow-up and make sure they understand the formula and how it can be modified.

Director Desiderio commented that just because school is out for the summer, the Board is not going to rest. He suggested sending a copy of Res. No. 429-23 to all of the municipalities in the County and ask them to declare an official position as well. County Administrator, Kevin Lare, suggested that a copy be sent to the Boards of Education as well. General Pierson thinks John Donnadio, Executive Director of NJAC, would also be a good person to receive a copy as he is very active in the state and may be able to help push the issue forward.

After the discussion, the Board sang the worst rendition of “Happy Birthday” ever recorded to Commissioner Pierson.

Motion to Adjourn

Commissioners	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Bulakowski	X				X	
Ms. Hayes				X		
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X					X
Mr. Desiderio	X					

3:22 p.m. time

APPROVED

DIRECTOR

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE BOARD