

**MINUTES OF THE CAUCUS AND REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023  
AT 2:00 AND 3:00 P.M. RESPECTIVELY  
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**

FLAG SALUTE-Led by General Pierson

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSIONS: None.

430-29 Resolution authorizing the Board to recess and enter executive session excluding the public on July 11, 2023 at 2:00 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).

(This Resolution authorizes the Board of County Commissioners 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.)

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

**DIRECTOR’S CALL OF MEETING TO ORDER**

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

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**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Linda Horner and 4-H members to invite Commissioners to 4-H Fair: About a dozen members of the Cape May County 4-H attended the meeting to talk about the upcoming annual fair. They each took turns introducing themselves, their clubs and a particular component of the fair. The fair will be taking place July 20, 21 & 22, at the County Fairgrounds and will feature rides, demonstrations, entertainment, a flag retirement ceremony and of course, the famous chicken barbecue. This year’s theme is “Celebrating the Red, White and Blue.” The kids

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then presented the Board with a poster advertising the fair and an invitation to attend, followed by pictures with the Board.

2. 2023 Baseball New Jersey Technical Athletic Conference Championship Winners: Members of the Cape May Tech High School baseball team attended the meeting, along with the school’s athletic director, David Smith, and their head coach, Samuel Picketts. Mr. Smith spoke first regarding the accomplishment of the team. He told the Board, thanks to the quick action of the parents, the kids received a welcome home escort through the town from local first responders. He introduced pitcher and senior captain, Nick Boehm. Nick filled the Board in on the team’s season, including how he had no idea at the start of the season they would end up as champions. The team played 8 games in 8 days to bring home the first championship in the school’s history. Director Desiderio commented the Board is very proud of their accomplishments and their demonstration of team work to win the championship. Other members of the team in attendance were introduced and a plaque was presented, followed by pictures.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 06/27/2023 MEETING

Commissioner Bulakowski moved/ Commissioner Pierson seconded.

MINUTES – MOTION TO APPROVE ALL MINUTES

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

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

REPORTS:

- 1) ENGINEER: Mr. Church reported the paving has been completed on Bayshore and Norbury’s Landing Roads. On today’s agenda is a Resolution to modify the speed limit on Bayshore Road. The repairs to the 96<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge in Stone Harbor will be completed on Thursday. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue project in Stone Harbor has received federal grant funds in the sum of \$2.67 million dollars. The bid opening for the Church Road resurfacing project is tomorrow, July 12, 2023. Finally, he informed the Board the replacement of the Marshallville Road Bridge has received approval from the State. The project includes adding a pedestrian bridge. Construction will begin in the winter or spring.
- 2) COUNTY COUNSEL: No report.
- 3) COUNTY TREASURER: No report.
- 4) COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: No report.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

- 1) COMMISSIONER MOREY: Commissioner Morey spoke briefly regarding the power outage experienced in the Wildwoods this past week and what a gigantic negative impact it had on the businesses in the community. He’s inquiring as to what, if anything, the Board can do if the need arises in the future to help prevent such an impact. Director Desiderio advised the Board will wait to hear Atlantic Electric’s official statement prior to taking any action.
- 2) COMMISSIONER PIERSON: General Pierson attended a ribbon cutting in Wildwood for the Panini Café. He remarked this is the third ribbon cutting in that few block radius he has attended recently and is pleased to see the revitalization of Pacific Avenue businesses.

- 3) **COMMISSISONER BULAKOWSKI:** Commissioner Bulakowski commented the County Park & Zoo hosted a successful “Night Out with the Critters” on Friday, July 7, 2023, and once again commended the staff for all of their hard work at the Zoo. He then formally thanked former Commissioner-Vice Director Marie Hayes for her guidance and friendship. He wishes her all the best in her new position.

Commissioners Morey and Pierson both offered their congratulations to Ms. Hayes on her new appointment and thanked her for her many years of service to the County as a Commissioner.

- 4) **COMMISSIONER DESIDERIO:** Director Desiderio stated Ms. Hayes was nominated by the Governor to fulfill the position of County Surrogate and confirmed by the State Senate. He echoed the sentiments of the other Commissioners in wishing Ms. Hayes all the best in her new position.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion to open Public Comment for Consent Agenda

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

Motion to close public comment for Consent Agenda and approve Resolution Nos. 431-23 through 460-23

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- 431-23 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).)
- 432-23 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.)
- 433-23 Resolution reappointing members to the Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Board.  
(This Resolution authorizes the reappointments of Joe Landis, Rev. Thomas Dawson and Majken Mechling to 3-year terms as members of the Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Board. All terms expire June 30, 2026 members of this board are volunteers and serve without compensation.)
- 434-23 Resolution authorizing Application and Indemnification Agreements with Cape Atlantic Model Railroad Club to provide a Model Train Display 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 Atlantic Model Railroad Club on Wednesdays through Saturdays during the month of June 2023 and on Mondays through Saturdays during the months of July and August between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.)

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- 435-23 Resolution authorizing Application and Indemnification Agreement with Cape May County Technical High School to hold Cross Country practices and meets at County Park Central.  
(This Resolution permits use of a portion of the Cape May County Park, Cape May Court House location, by the Cape May County Technical High School from August 22, 2023 through November 13, 2023 between the hours of 2:30 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. for Boys and Girls Cross Country practices and meets.)
- 436-23 Resolution authorizing Application and Indemnification Agreement with Cape May County Technical High School to use the tennis courts for the Intramural Tennis Team at County Park Central.  
(This Resolution permits use of the Cape May County Park, Cape May Court House location tennis courts once or twice a month by the Cape May County Technical High School Intramural Tennis Team from September 15, 2023 through June 15, 2024 between the hours of 2:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.)
- 437-23 Resolution authorizing court-approved settlement of Claim Petition #2021-15497.  
(This Resolution authorizes a court-approved settlement of CP#2021-15497 for total payments of \$33,300.00.)
- 438-23 Resolution authorizing payments to the Travelers Insurance Company for claims totaling \$4,904.68.  
(This Resolution authorizes payments to the Travelers Insurance Company, Deductible Billing Department, for claims in the amount of \$2,883.50 under Policy # 14T79248-ZLP and in the amount of \$2,021.18 under Policy #9159P846-810.)
- 439-23 Resolution authorizing acquisition of interest in real estate known as Block 12.01 Lot 191.01 in the Township of Middle for use in connection with County Road System.  
(This Resolution authorizes the acquisition by the County of Cape May of 796.11 sq. ft. portion of County Road No. 646 pursuant to the County Planning Act, NJSA 40:27-1, et seq.)
- 440-23 Resolution authorizing acquisition of interest in real estate known as Block 12.01 Lot 191.02 in the Township of Middle for use in connection with County Road System.  
(This Resolution authorizes the acquisition by the County of Cape May of 297.50 sq. ft. portion of County Road No. 646 pursuant to the County Planning Act, NJSA 40:27-1, et seq.)
- 441-23 Resolution authorizing acquisition of interest in real estate known as Block 12.01 Lots 191.01 and 191.02 in the Township of Middle for use in connection with County Road System.  
(This Resolution authorizes the acquisition by the County of Cape May of 1,142.96 sq. ft. portion of County Road No. 646 for a sight triangle easement pursuant to the County Planning Act, NJSA 40:27-1, et seq.)
- 442-23 Resolution accepting Grant Award from New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services for the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) Grant No. DOAS23SHF001 for the period of April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 in the amount of \$38,000.00.  
(This Resolution authorizes acceptance of a grant award from the New Jersey Department of Human Services for the period 04/01/23 to 03/31/24 in the amount of \$38,000.00 providing funds to support services offered to Cape May County residents.)
- 443-23 Resolution amending the 2023 Budget for the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) FY24 in the amount of \$38,000.00.  
(This Resolution amends the 2023 Budget in the amount of \$38,000.00 for the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) Grant for the period of 04/01/23 to 03/31/24 providing funds to support community-based services offered to Cape May County residents.)
- 444-23 Resolution accepting Grant Award from New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Administration, Office of The Attorney General for

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FY21 ARP Automated License Plate Reader Initiative Grant ALPR-09-21 for the period of December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2024 in the amount of \$389,527.00.

(This Resolution authorizes the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office to participate in Grant No. ALPR-09-21 and accepts State funds for the FY21 Automated License Plate Reader Initiative Grant.)

445-23 Resolution amending the 2023 Budget for the Automated License Plate Reader Initiative (No. ALPR-09-21) in the amount of \$389,527.00.

(This Resolution amends the 2023 Budget in the amount of \$389,527.00 for Automated License Plate Reader Initiative (ALPR-09-21) Grant.)

446-23 Resolution applying to New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials for the Year 2 Enhancing Local Public Health Infrastructure Local Health Department Grant for the period of October 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$1,191,778.00.

(This Resolution authorizes application for Year 2 to New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials for the Enhancing Local Public Health Infrastructure Local Health Department Grant in the amount of \$1,191,778.00 for the period 10/1/22 to 6/30/24.)

447-23 Resolution amending Resolution No. 9-23 appointing Certifying Officers for 2023.

(This Resolution changes/clarifies certifying officers for departments for auditing purposes.)

448-23 Resolution awarding Contract No. C3-105 to The Southwest Council, Inc. to provide an Intoxicated Driver Resource Center (IDRC) for County of Cape May.

(This Resolution awards Contract No. C3-105 to The Southwest Council, Inc. to provide an intoxicated driver resource center, commencing on September 1, 2023, for a term of four (4) months, with two (2) one-year options.)

449-23 Resolution establishing a pool of firms for Grant Writing, Grant Administration, and related services for County of Cape May on an as-needed basis.

(This Resolution establishes a pool of firms to provide grant writing, grant administration, and related services, on an as-needed basis, commencing July 15, 2023, for a term of one (1) year, with two (2) one-year options.)

450-23 Resolution awarding Contract No. C3-100 to Pineland Construction, LLC, to furnish and deliver dumpsters, roll-offs, and compactor removal services at various County Facilities.

(This Resolution awards Contract No. C3-100 to Pineland Construction, LLC, to furnish and deliver dumpsters, roll-offs, and compactor removal services, on an as-needed basis, commencing July 15, 2023, for a term of one (1) year, with two (2) one-year options.)

451-23 Resolution rejecting all bids submitted in response to 2023 Specification No. 18a, exterior maintenance painting services at Old Cape May County Court House Building.

(This Resolution rejects all bids received June 28, 2023, in response to 2023 Specification No. 18a, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(a) the lowest bid substantially exceeds the cost estimates.)

452-23 Resolution authorizing consent to assignment of Contract No. C2-157 with Garden State Highway Product, Inc. to National Highway Products, Inc. effective July 12, 2023.

(This Resolution authorizes County's consent of assignment of Contract No. C2-157 with Garden State Highway Products, Inc. to National Highway Products, Inc., effective July 12, 2023.)

453-23 Resolution to modify speed limit on Bayshore Road (CR603), Township of Middle.

(This Resolution modifies existing speed limits on Bayshore Road (CR603) in the Township of Middle.)

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- 454-23 Resolution authorizing Modification No. 1-Final in the amount of \$62,244.10 to the Construction Engineering Services Agreement with Gibson Associates, P.A. for Pacific Avenue (CR621) Resurfacing Improvements, Borough of Wildwood Crest and Township of Lower.  
(This Resolution increases the ceiling amount of Gibson Associates, P.A. professional services agreement for construction engineering services on Pacific Avenue (CR621) Resurfacing Improvements project.)
  
- 455-23 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 in the amount of <\$8,317.03> to Landberg Construction, LLC for Traffic Calming Improvements for Cape May Point, Borough of Cape May Point.  
(This Resolution authorizes a change order to adjust various pay items to reflect the as-built conditions.)
  
- 456-23 Resolution authorizing Modification No. 6 in the amount of \$60,730.00 to Sadat Associates, Inc. for Professional Engineering and License Site Remediation Services at County-Owned Landfill.  
(This Resolution increases the ceiling amount for additional work to be performed by Sadat Associates, Inc. under their professional engineering and license site remediation services agreement to continue with the remedial investigation studies for the formal closure of the County-owned landfill.)
  
- 457-23 Resolution accepting conditions outlined for conditional approval of the Replacement of the Marshallville Road Bridge (Structure No. 0500-019), Township of Upper.  
(This Resolution accepts the conditions for the Replacement of the Marshallville Road Bridge (Structure No. 0500-019) with a Pedestrian Bridge, Township of Upper.)
  
- 458-23 Resolution closing the contract and accepting the work of Mott MacDonald Group, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for Resurfacing Improvements to portions of Woodbine-Ocean View Road (CR550) and Webster Avenue (CR638), Borough of Woodbine.  
(This Resolution accepts the work and closes the contract.)
  
- 459-23 Resolution appointing certain County employees to the permanent position in their respective offices. (Library)  
(This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)
  
- 460-23 Resolution authorizing an amendment to the Shared Services Agreement with Atlantic County Improvement Authority for services performed on the Government Services Building.  
(This Resolution authorizes Change Order #7 to the Shared Services Agreement with ACIA.)

MOTION TO PAY BILLS AND CHECKS BE TRANSFERRED TO THE COUNTY

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

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PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE.

Motion to Close Public Comment and Adjourn

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

**3:57 P.M.** time

APPROVED

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DIRECTOR

ATTEST:

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CLERK OF THE BOARD