

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, JULY 26, 2022 AT 3:00 P.M.

Director Thornton called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call:

Present: Commissioners Hayes, Morey (arrived 3:05 p.m.) Pierson and Thornton (4)
Absent: Commissioner Desiderio

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 Tuesday, January 11, 2022.”

Moment of Silence

Flag Salute-Led by Commissioner Pierson

Presentation: Special Olympics Participants

Cameron DiTroioa of Ocean View, Upper Township and **Christina Vassar** of Erma, Lower Township were recognized.

Commissioner Hayes described events they participated in and where they placed in the events. Plaques from the Board of Commissioners were presented to both athletes.

Cameron won the gold medal in the 3,000-meter race (9:33.89) seconds and the silver medal in the 5,000 run (16:40.62) at the Special Olympics USA Games in Orlando, Florida in June. He hoped to compete in the Special Olympics in Berlin, Germany in 2023.

Christina placed fourth in the 800 (4:08.36) and 1,500 (8:18.03) and sixth in the 4x100 relay (1:14.38). She was the first leg in the relay at the Special Olympics USA Games in Orlando, Florida in June.

Assemblymen Eric Simonsen and Antwan McClellan on behalf of Legislative District 1 and Senator Micheal Testa (not present), acknowledged the athletes with proclamations. The proclamations were read aloud by Assemblyman McClellan.

Photographs were taken of all in attendance in support of Cameron and Christina.

Discussion:

1. Allison Hansen- Purchasing Report

Ms. Hansen detailed awards, extensions, or changes to contracts, and competitive contracting of the following resolutions: Res. Nos. 481-22, 482-22, 493-22, and 504-22.

Res. 481-22 awarding Contract No. C2-127 to Garden State General Construction, Inc. for the demolition and site clearing of 1115 & 1117 Route 47 South in the amount of \$41,500.00.

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Res. 482-22 authorizing final payment in the amount of \$19,114.07 accepting the work and closing Contract No. C1-79 with Aliano Brothers General Contractors, Inc. for construction of Children's Advocacy Center.

Res. 493-22 awarding Contract No. C2-132 to Jacob & James, LLC to Furnish and Deliver Epoxy Floor Installation Services on an as needed basis.

Res. 504-22 adopting pre-qualification regulations for prospective bidders for Professional Engineering Services for Ocean Drive (CR621) Upgrades and Bridge Improvements from NJ Route 109 to Madison Avenue Township of Lower.

Commissioner Morey asked Ms. Hansen what the process was after the adoption of the pre-qualification regulations. Were there any further state reviews in the process and at what point would they be done, he added.

Administrator Lare commented that it was anticipated this would be the largest professional services contract in the history of the County. Although the process was cumbersome, it's very legal, the best process, open and transparent, he pointed out. Contracts over \$10 million must go to the State. I know we're anxious to get moving, but bear with us, he said.

2. Robert Church-Engineers 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. 500-22 approving contract documents for Traffic Calming Improvements, Borough of Cape May Point and authorizing the Clerk of the Board to advertise for bids for same.

Res. 503-22 to modify Speed Limit on Dias Creek Road (CR612), Township of Middle.

Res. 505-22 authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with Cape May Seashore Lines, Inc.

3. Kevin Lare-County Administrator

The administrator advised the Board they were on track to submit to them the list of employees who had been cited by their department heads to receive a merit increase.

4. Commissioner Discussions- No discussion.

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

Caucus adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Administrator/Clerk of the Board