

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN  
FREEHOLDERS HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 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 and Hayes-Present (2)  
Freeholders Morey, Pierson, and Thornton via virtual access (3)

**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 07/28/20 MEETING  
FH Desiderio moved/ FH Hayes seconded

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

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

**REPORTS:**

- 1) COUNTY ENGINEER: Bob Church gave his report which detailed projects in various stages of completion. He updated the Board on the progress of the Woodbine Roundabout, repairs to the 96<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge in Stone Harbor, Corson’s Tavern Road Phase II, and the three federal aid projects.
- 2) COUNTY COUNSEL: Jeff Lindsay had no report.
- 3) COUNTY TREASURER: Brittany Smith had no report.

**FREEHOLDER REPORTS:**

- 1) FREEHOLDER MOREY:

Mr. Morey acknowledged Jeffrey Pierson with the announcement that he had been elected Chairman of the Coast Guard Community Foundation. Mr. Morey had served as the founding chairman beginning in 2015. He spoke about Cape May County’s designation as a Coast Guard Community and Cape May being dubbed the hometown of the Coast Guard. The relationship between the Coast Guard and the people of Cape May County had really grown over the past five years due to the efforts of the foundation, he noted. He recognized Mr. Pierson for the recent endeavor to have Cape May County redesignated as a Coast Guard Community.

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Mr. Pierson thanked Will Morey for the opportunity to take the lead. He gave kudos for what transpired already, recognizing Mike Couch for his contributions and Marie Hayes for her time on the board.

The freeholder reminded that in December 2019 he has submitted on behalf of Public Works, the Bridge Commission, Engineering, and others, a Comprehensive Bridge Construction-Replacement Plan to be reviewed by the Board. In June 2020 he had asked those involved to refresh and send him an updated document. The 15-year plan, substantially like the original document, was sent out to the Board for their consideration and possible adoption at the next Freeholder Meeting. It was a living document subject to amendments and revisions along the way, he commented.

2) FREEHOLDER PIERSON:

Mr. Pierson informed the County had finally received five contract tracers from the State of New Jersey. We have fifteen in house, so that gives us a total of nineteen contact tracers here in the county, he stated.

He recognized Kevin Thomas and his department for all they have been doing with COVID-19 and now with the water and beaches added to daily tasks.

Two more drive-thru coronavirus testing clinics were scheduled at the Cape May County Public Safety Training Center. A test date and time could be scheduled on-line at CompleteCare.org. Turn out had been extremely low at the test site, he noted.

3) FREEHOLDER HAYES:

Ms. Hayes reported that most of the damage to the County Park had already been taken care of. The park closed for a few days to complete the clean up effort. The storm did a lot of damage to the trees, but everything was going well now.

This year, the Fare Free Rodeo was being cancelled because of the coronavirus, she informed. All competitions were being cancelled for 2020, at both the State and National levels.

She complimented Bob Church on the completed Woodbine Roundabout.

4) FREEHOLDER DESIDERIO:

Mr. Desiderio congratulated Jeff Pierson on his appointment as Chairman of the Coast Guard Community Foundation. He thanked and acknowledged Will Morey for a job well done and all that had been accomplished over the past five years. The recognition of the Coast Guard in the community had been achieved in a great manner, he stated.

5) FREEHOLDER THORNTON:

Director Thornton commended Will Morey for his work on the Coast Guard Community Foundation. He congratulated Jeff Pierson for now taking over the role.

The Bridge Plan Review would be looked at, he advised Freeholder Morey.

The contact tracers were a very important component of the fight against coronavirus, he noted. But he heard that people had been resistant to disclose information regarding others that they had been around. He acknowledged all the employees for doing a wonderful job for the County.

Vice Director Desiderio elaborated on Res. 504-20 honoring W. Robert Hentges, prior to offering it for adoption.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

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

- 504-20 Resolution honoring the memory of W. Robert Hentges, Surrogate of the County of Cape May.  
(This Resolution honors the memory of W. Robert Hentges, Surrogate of the County of Cape May.)
- 505-20 Resolution opposing the exclusive use of Mail-In Ballots for the General Election in November 2020.  
(This Resolution opposes the exclusive use of Mail-In Ballots for the General Election in November 2020.)
- 506-20 Resolution authorizing payment to the Travelers Insurance Company for various claims in the total amount of \$39,148.76.  
(This Resolution authorizes payment to the Travelers Insurance Company, Property-Casualty Department for various claims.)
- 507-20 Resolution urging Governor Phil Murphy to reimburse County Governments with populations of 500,000 residents or less with Federal monies from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act for the extraordinary expenses incurred in combating the COVID-19 public health crisis.  
(This Resolution strongly urges Governor Phil Murph to reimburse County Governments with populations of 500,000 residents or less with Federal monies from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act for the extraordinary expenses incurred in combating the COVID-19 public health crisis.)
- 508-20 Resolution authorizing payment to the Travelers Insurance Company for a claim in the total amount of \$8,060.50.  
(This Resolution authorizes payment to the Travelers Insurance Company, Deductible Billing Department for a claim in the total amount of \$8,060.50.)
- 509-20 Resolution authorizing consent to Assignment of Contract No. C7-259 with MSA Systems Integration, Inc. D/B/A Access Systems Integration to ADT Commercial, LLC.  
(This Resolution authorizes the County’s consent of the Assignment of Contract No. C7-259 with MSA Systems Integration, Inc. D/B/A Access Systems Integration to ADT Commercial, LLC effective April 1, 2020.)
- 510-20 Resolution authorizing three-year Service Agreement between the County of Cape May and Shimadzu Scientific Instruments, Inc. for one Liquid Chromatograph in the amount of \$12,126.00.  
(This Resolution awards an Agreement with Shimadzu Scientific Instruments, Inc. for the Office of the Prosecutor, for a term of three (3) years, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15(7), commencing October 16, 2019 in the amount of \$12,126.00.)

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**

- 511-20 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).)

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512-20 Resolution applying to the New Jersey Department of Health Office of Local Public Health for the 2020 Overdose Fatality Review Teams Grant in the amount of \$100,000.00.

(This Resolution authorizes application for funding for the period of 10/1/20 through 9/30/21 to support Overdose Fatality support offered to Cape May County residents through the Cape May County Health Department.)

513-20 Resolution accepting Grant Award from New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services for the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) Grant No. DOAS20SHF019 for the period of April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2020 in the amount of \$37,800.00.

(This Resolution authorizes acceptance of a grant award from the New Jersey Department of Human Services for the period of 04/01/20 to 03/31/20 in the amount of \$37,800.00 providing funds to support services offered to Cape May County residents.)

514-20 Resolution amending the 2020 Budget for the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) Grant No. DOAS20SHF019 for the period of April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021 in the amount of \$37,800.00.

(This Resolution amends the 2020 Budget in the amount of \$37,800.00 for the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) Grant for the period of 04/01/2020 to 03/31/21 providing funds to support community-based services offered to Cape May County residents.)

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**

515-20 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.)

516-20 Resolution authorizing the Board to hold a meeting excluding the public on August 11, 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); pending litigation, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7), and purchase, lease or acquisition of real property, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(5).

(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.)

517-20 Resolution authorizing Application and Indemnification Agreement with Middle Township High School to hold cross country practices and meets at the County Park.

(This Resolution permits Middle Township High School students to use the County Park for cross country practices and meets.)

Freeholders	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X					X
Ms. Hayes	X		515-20		X	
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X					
Mr. Thornton	X					

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

- 518-20 Resolution closing the contract and accepting the work of M. L. Ruberton Construction Company, Inc. for Cape May County Bridge Commission 2017 Overhead Support Structures at Bridges.  
(This Resolution accepts the work and closes the contract.)
  
- 519-20 Resolution authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Cape May and the Township of Middle for the Redevelopment Plan for Rehabilitation of Block 1450, Lots 5 and 10 in the Township of Middle, County of Cape May.  
(This Resolution authorizes the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Cape May and the Township of Middle for the Redevelopment Plan for Rehabilitation of Block 1450, Lots 5 and 10 in the Township of Middle, County of Cape May.)
  
- 520-20 Resolution authorizing execution of a contract for sale of real estate and right of entry for portions of 2 properties along Corsons Tavern Road (CR628), Township of Dennis in an amount not to exceed \$272.10.  
(This Resolution authorizes the execution of contract for sale of real estate and right of entry for portions of 2 properties along Corsons Tavern Road (CR628) in an amount not to exceed \$272.10.)
  
- 521-20 Resolution closing the contract and accepting the work of Remington & Vernick Engineers, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for Hope Corson Road (CR671) Improvements in Upper Township.  
(This Resolution accepts the work and closes the contract.)
  
- 522-20 Resolution closing the contract and accepting the work of South State, Inc. for Gerald M. Thornton Way Improvements, Crest Haven Complex, Township of Middle.  
(This Resolution accepts the work and closes the contract.)
  
- 523-20 Resolution authorizing Modification No. 4 in the amount of \$238,237.40 to the Professional Engineering Services Agreement with WSP USA, Inc. for Development of Phase 3 Plans for Ocean Drive (CR621) over Upper Thorofare and Mill Creek Bridges, Township of Lower.  
(This Resolution increases the ceiling amount for additional work to be performed by WSP USA, Inc. under their professional engineering services agreement for the development of Phase 3 plans for Ocean Drive (CR621) over Upper Thorofare and Mill Creek Bridges, Township of Lower.)
  
- 524-20 Resolution amending Resolution No. 496-20 granting permission to the City of Cape May to close a portion of Beach Avenue (CR604) for their Murph Mile on August 5, 2020.  
(This Resolution modifies Resolution No. 496-20 to change the date of the Murph Mile from Wednesday, August 5, 2020 to Wednesday, August 19, 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					

**Addition:**

- 525-20 Resolution authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and County of Cape May for funding for COVID-19 testing and reimbursement for existing COVID-19 expenses.  
(This Resolution authorizes execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management for funding for COVID-19 testing.)

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Freeholders	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Moved	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: No public comments.

ADJOURN: 5:10 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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DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD