

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2022 AT 4:30 P.M.  
IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
4 MOORE ROAD  
CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, NEW JERSEY**

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

Commissioners Hayes, 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 Tuesday, January 11, 2022.”

MOMENT OF SILENCE

FLAG SALUTE-Led by Commissioner General Pierson.

MINUTES – MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 08/09/22 MEETINGS  
Commissioner Hayes moved/ Commissioner Pierson seconded

<b>Commissioners</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>Ms. Hayes</b>	<b>X</b>				<b>X</b>	
<b>Mr. Morey</b>	<b>X</b>					
<b>Mr. Pierson</b>	<b>X</b>					<b>X</b>
<b>Mr. Thornton</b>				<b>X</b>		

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

REPORTS:

- 1) COUNTY COUNSEL: Jeffrey Lindsay had no report.
- 2) COUNTY TREASURER : Brittany Smith was absent.
- 3) COUNTY ENGINEER: Bob Church provided an update on his projects.

Tomorrow they were accepting bids on the Dias Creek and Dennisville-Petersburg Road projects. They were already out to bid with 3 bridge projects, the Great Channel, Upper Thorofare and Mill Creek Bridges. Approval from the State was received for their two FY 2022 projects. One was Beach Avenue and the other was Tyler Road, he explained. Tyler Road had already been authorized. The County received \$1.6 million and \$1 million respectively plus \$1.4 million more for Tyler Road. They hoped to receive additional money for Beach Avenue as well. Either way, the project would be authorized, and construction would start in spring 2023. He continued, right after Labor Day they were going to resume work on the Ocean Drive project in Avalon, Pacific Avenue in Wildwood Crest and finish up the maintenance paving project and starting the other projects that are out to bid.

The government services building was progressing, the site was prepared, they were doing the utilities and foundation work down there, he informed. They don’t have a hard schedule from the contractor yet but he’s keeping up the projected schedule for the completion date of two years from the start of the project. The first phase should

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be finished within a year he responded to a question of timing from Commissioner Morey. Supply chain issues and deliveries factored into the equation. The contractor was working on parts of the project that wouldn't be impacted by the weather.

Pittsburg Avenue Resurfacing Project would seek bids in early September. He repeated, Beach and Tyler Road Projects would go out for bid in October. In December they were looking to bid the Lafayette Street Project.

Commissioner Morey asked the engineer what the value of the road reconstruction was planned for the fall. Sixteen to \$18 million more to go was Bob Church's response. From January 2022 to present approximately \$16 million had been spent. Mr. Morey emphasized to the Board the fact that they were getting so many maintenance paving projects completed in the last 2 years, as planned. With 220 miles of roads, it takes around 20 years to cycle them all out, Mr. Church commented.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

1) COMMISSIONER MOREY: Mr. Morey told fellow board member he was happy to share that their partners at the airport, the DRBA, had went out to bid on the new general aviation terminal and a fixed base operator (FBO) building at the airport. There had been some concern due to the current economic climate, but the bid came in around \$6.6 million, as projected. Bids submissions ranged, some as high as \$10 million. Arthur J. Ogren, Inc. was awarded the contract. They were currently working on the government services building and completing work at County Commons, therefore they had pursued the project very competitively, he informed, as it was in the same general area. Once the bid submissions were evaluated fully and confirmed, construction would begin sometime in the spring of 2023 . The county project to reconstruct the road and parking lot around the LT police building and the County Emergency Management & 911 Dispatch would begin the fall of 2023.

2) COMMISSIONER PIERSON: General Pierson reported his participation in the most recent Coast Guard Foundation Strategic Planning meeting. The committee members were currently looking for more sponsors and donations for future events, plus exploring ways to expand the role of the foundation throughout the county.

He was a guest at the Municipal Utility Authority's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event, along with Commissioners Desiderio and Morey, Administrator Kevin Lare and Assistant Ron Simone. It was a nice event, well-orchestrated by Executive Director George Betts, with great food served, he commented.

In closing, he reported he attended Dr. Nancy Hudanich's retirement celebration, held at the Avalon Links. Director Thornton and Commissioner Morey had also. The night was devoted to listening as friends and colleagues of the Superintendent for the Special Services School district, acknowledged and honored her for her 50 plus years of service to the county.

3) COMMISSIONER HAYES: The Ocean City American Legion once again hosted their Annual "Welcome Home Veteran" and gifted a veteran family (both the husband and wife were veterans) a full week free vacation in Ocean City. The vacation package provided housing, tickets, and gift cards from local businesses, as well as a behind the scenes Park & Zoo tour compliments of the County of Cape May. Commissioner Hayes attended.

She also went to the August CMC Chamber of Commerce meeting and legislative update with Congressman Van Drew as keynote speaker. He detailed news and information out of Washington.

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The commissioner made the point, remarking how important it was to participate in organizations such as NJAC, SNJCCA, and NACO to make valuable contacts. Getting to know Jane Asselta, Director of New Jersey USDA Rural Development at SNJCCA meetings, discussing with her the various programs offered by the USDA, had resulted in Cape Regional Medical Center in Middle Township receiving a \$989,300 grant from the federal government. The money would be used to add to the pandemic treatment wing and supplement the existing radiologic equipment including CT-scan, X-ray, and ultrasound.

She informed everyone that Cape May County Coalition for a Safe Community held a "Unity in the Community Cook Out" yesterday at the County Park. The event was huge success, hosting hundreds of adults and children of varying ages. There were free food, games and giveaways for all. Kids were gifted bookbags and backpacks for the start of the new school year.

She proudly reported that a new baby bison was born on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August at the Park & Zoo, joining the existing zoo family. Beverly, the mother bison, and calf were doing fine, she said.

4) COMMISSIONER DESIDERIO: Vice-Director Desiderio announced the September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Service would be held on Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. in the 911 Memorial Garden in front of the County Administration Building.

5) COMMISSIONER THORNTON: Absent.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

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

- 531-22 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).)
- 532-22 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.)
- 533-22 Resolution authorizing the write-off of certain accounts receivable at Cape May County Department of Health.  
(This Resolution authorizes the County's Health Department to write-off uncollectible accounts receivable originating from Family Planning Clinic dating back from 2017-2021.)
- 534-22 Resolution applying to the New Jersey Department of Health Office of Local Public Health for the 2023 Overdose Fatality Review Teams Grant for the period October 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$75,000.00.  
(This Resolution authorizes application for funding for the period of 10/1/22 through 6/30/23 to support Overdose Fatality support offered to Cape May County residents through the Cape May County Health Department.)
- 535-22 Resolution amending the 2022 Budget for SNAP Admin Funding (ARPA) in the amount of \$47,661.00.  
(This Resolution amends the 2022 Budget in the amount of \$47,661.00 for SNAP Admin Funding (ARPA).)

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- 536-22 Resolution accepting Grant Award for Snap Admin Funding (ARPA) from Department of Human Services Division of Family Development (DFD) for the period July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022 in the amount of \$47,661.00.  
(This Resolution authorizes acceptance of grant award from Department of Human Services Division of Family Development for the period 7/1/2022 to 9/30/2022 in the amount of \$47,661.00.)
- 537-22 Resolution amending the 2022 Budget for The 2023 Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) Grant in the amount Of \$53,562.00.  
(This Resolution amends the 2022 Budget in the amount of \$53,562.00, with County Cash matching funds of \$12,595.00 and County Supplemental Funds of \$28,130.00, for a total of \$94,287.00, funding to be used for the Human Services Advisory Council Grant for the period 07/01/2022 to 06/30/2023.)
- 538-22 Resolution accepting Award Agreement No. 23BZES with the State of New Jersey Department of Children and Families for The Human Services Advisory Council 2022 Grant for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$53,562.00.  
(This Resolution accepts funds for the Human Services Advisory Council 2023 Grant for the period of 7/1/22 to 6/30/23 in the amount of \$53,562.00 with a County cash match of \$12,595.00.)
- 539-22 Resolution amending Contract No. C0-173 with Wildwood Linen Service for substituted items of linen rental for various County facilities.  
(This Resolution amends Contract No. C0-173 with Wildwood Linen Service for the substitution of items at an agreed upon price for Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.)
- 540-22 Resolution rejecting all proposals submitted May 25, 2022, in response to 2022 Specification No. 27 to provide Envision Connect Software and Connect Remote System for Department of Health.  
(This Resolution rejects all proposals received May 25, 2022, for 2022 Specification No. 27, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(d) substantially revise the specifications.)
- 541-22 Resolution authorizing extension of Contract No. 16-185 with Accela, Inc. for Proprietary Envision Connect Software and Connect Remote System for Department of Health.  
(This Resolution authorizes an extension of Contract No. 16-185 with Accela, Inc. for Envision Connect & Envision Connect Remote through December 31, 2022 in the amount of \$13,656.67.)

Commissioners	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. PIERSON**

- 542-22 Resolution supplementing the 2022 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.)
- 543-22 Resolution authorizing the Board to hold a meeting excluding the public on August 23, 2022 at 3:00 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.)

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- 544-22 Resolution authorizing Application and Indemnification Agreement with Cape Express Soccer Club for use of County Park East for soccer training.  
(This Resolution permits use of the soccer field located at County Park East by Cape Express Soccer Club from August 22 2022 through August 21, 2023.)
- 545-22 Resolution amending Resolution No. 38-22 establishing the mileage rate for 2022.  
(This Resolution amends Resolution No. 38-22 and authorizes an increase in the reimbursable mileage beginning July 1, 2022 to 62.5 cents per mile as set by the IRS.)
- 546-22 Resolution accepting the transfer of a vehicle from West Cape May Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. to the County of Cape May for use by the Cape May County Fire Academy.  
(This Resolution accepts the transfer of a vehicle from the West Cape May Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. to the County for use by the Cape May County Fire Academy.)
- 547-22 Resolution applying to the State of New Jersey Office of Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Grant for Cape May County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2026 Update in the amount of \$131,250.00.  
(This Resolution authorizes application to the State of New Jersey Office of Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for the 2026 update.)
- 548-22 Resolution authorizing application to New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Division of Criminal Justice for FFY 2019 Victims of Crime Act, S.A.R.T./F.N.E. Grant Program for the period of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023 in the amount of \$71,509.40.  
(This Resolution authorizes application for funding in the amount of \$71,509.40 (\$54,203.40 Federal and \$17,306.00 In-Kind Match provided by Cape Regional Medical Center) through the Victims of Crime Act SART/FNE Grant to support victim service projects for the period of 10/1/22 to 9/30/23.)
- 549-22 Resolution acknowledging contract with Constellation New Energy, Inc. to provide electricity to County of Cape May through the South Jersey Power Cooperative.  
(This Resolution acknowledges a twelve (12) month contract, awarded by County of Camden, serving as the Lead Agency, for the South Jersey Power Cooperative commencing with the first meter read after September 1, 2022.)
- 550-22 Resolution authorizing Proprietary Software Maintenance Agreement with Signet Technologies, Inc. for Department of Information Technology in the amount of \$31,919.20.  
(This Resolution authorizes Contract No. C2-165 with Signet Technologies, Inc. for service, training, and maintenance of proprietary software for a term of one (1) year, commencing September 27, 2022, through September 26, 2023, in the amount of \$31,919.20 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(dd).)
- 551-22 Resolution awarding Contract No. C2-154 to Olivieri, Shousky & Kiss, PA dba OSK Design Partners, PA for Architectural Services for Prosecutor's Office Building.  
(This Resolution awards Contract No. C2-154 to Olivieri, Shousky & Kiss, PA dba OSK Design Partners, PA for Architectural Services for Prosecutor's Office Building, said contract is conditioned upon County Counsel approval of the insurance and indemnification requirements, in an amount not to exceed \$252,850.00, commencing on August 24, 2022, and expiring upon project completion pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15(9).)
- 552-22 Resolution awarding Contract No. C2-134 to Merrell & Garaguso, Inc. for Renovation and Restoration of the Cape May City Library at the Historic Franklin Street School.

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(This Resolution awards Contract No. C2-134 to Merrell & Garaguso, Inc. for Renovation and Restoration of the Cape May City Library at the Historic Franklin Street School in an amount not to exceed \$9,114,995.00, commencing on August 24, 2022, and expiring upon project completion pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15(9).)

553-22 Resolution authorizing Death Pronouncement Agreements with various Professional Licensed Registered Nurses.

(This Resolution authorizes agreements with various professional licensed registered nurses, to conduct Death Pronouncements, for a term a one (1) year commencing July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.)

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

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

554-22 Resolution authorizing release of Performance Guarantee funds in the amount of \$16,507.70 to 87th Street Development, LLC for improvements to Landis Avenue (CR #619), Sea Isle City.

(This Resolution authorizes release of the funds held as a performance guarantee for improvements within a County right-of-way to 87th Street Development, LLC.)

555-22 Resolution authorizing acquisition of interest in real estate known as Block 741.04 Lot 27.02 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 an 825 sq. ft. portion of County Road No. 603 pursuant to the County Planning Act, NJSA 40:27-1, et seq.)

556-22 Resolution authorizing the Atlantic County Improvement Authority to procure additional services from Stokes Architectural & Design for the design and construction of Tech Village, Building II.

(This Resolution supplements Resolution Nos. 76-22 and 195-22 regarding the design and construction of Tech Village, Building II, and authorizes ACIA to procure additional services in an amount not to exceed \$22,690.00.)

557-22 Resolution authorizing acquisition of interest in real estate known as Block 216 Lot 2 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 a portion of County Road No. 673 for the purpose of sight triangle easement pursuant to the County Planning Act, NJSA 40:27-1, et seq.)

558-22 Resolution authorizing Shared Services Agreement between the County of Cape May and the Cape May County Bridge Commission.

(This Resolution authorizes a Shared Services Agreement between the County of Cape May and the Cape May County Bridge Commission.)

559-22 Resolution authorizing acquisition of interest in real estate known as Block 236 Lot 6.17 in the Township of Dennis for use in connection with County Road System.

(This Resolution authorizes the acquisition by the County of Cape May of a 1,200 sq. ft. portion of County Road No. 550 pursuant to the County Planning Act, NJSA 40:27-1, et seq.)

560-22 Resolution designating new members to the Cumberland/Salem/Cape May Workforce Development Board and establishing terms of appointment, per the New Jersey State Employment Commission "Policy on Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) Member Appointments and Process".

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(This Resolution appoints two members representing Cape May County on the Cumberland/Salem/Cape May Workforce Development Board and establishes the terms of those appointments.)

- 561-22 Resolution awarding contract to Landberg Construction, LLC in the amount of \$451,265.83 for Traffic Calming Improvements for Cape May Point, Borough of Cape May Point.  
(This Resolution awards the contract for Traffic Calming Improvements for Cape May Point, Borough of Cape May Point.)
- 562-22 Resolution awarding contract to South State, Inc. in the amount of \$956,405.85 for Stagecoach Road (CR667) Resurfacing Improvements, Township of Upper.  
(This Resolution awards the contract for Stagecoach Road (CR667) Resurfacing from Tuckahoe Road (CR631) to Old Tuckahoe Road Extension (CR662), Township of Upper.)
- 563-22 Resolution authorizing an Indemnification Agreement with Cape May Running Co., for its Beach to Brewery 10K on September 17, 2022.  
(This Resolution gives permission to Cape May Running Co. to utilize County roads for a 10K.)
- 564-22 Resolution authorizing application for Road Opening Permit to South Jersey Gas Company for Landis Avenue (CR619), City of Sea Isle City.  
(This Resolution authorizes South Jersey Gas Company to install gas service on Landis Avenue (CR619), City of Sea Isle City. Work will be completed promptly.)
- 565-22 Resolution authorizing application for Road Opening Permit to South Jersey Gas Company for Pacific Avenue (CR621), Borough of Wildwood Crest.  
(This Resolution authorizes South Jersey Gas Company to install a 4" PP gas main renewal along Pacific Avenue (CR621), Borough of Wildwood Crest. Work will be completed promptly.)
- 566-22 Resolution awarding Contract No. C2-161 to Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for Third Avenue (CR619) Resurfacing Improvements Borough of Stone Harbor.  
(This Resolution awards Contract No. C2-161 to Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for Third Avenue (CR619) Resurfacing Improvements Borough of Stone Harbor, in an amount not to exceed \$205,332.83 commencing on August 24, 2022 and expiring upon project completion pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15(9).)
- 567-22 Resolution awarding contracts to various vendors to furnish and deliver Traffic Signals and Component Parts to Department of Public Works.  
(This Resolution awards Contract No. C2-156 to United Electric Supply Company Inc., C2-157 to Garden State Highway Products Inc., C2-158 to Traffic Products, LLC, C2-159 to General Traffic Equipment Corp., for as needed traffic signals and component parts for a term of one year commencing August 26, 2022, with a one (1) year option.)

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

**Addition:**

- 568-22 Resolution appointing a member to the Board of Education of the Special Services School District and the Vocational School District of the County of Cape May.  
(This Resolution authorizes the appointment of a member to the Board of Education of the Special Services School District and the Vocational School District of the County of Cape May.)

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Commissioners	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:

Commissioner Hayes moved/ Commissioner Pierson seconded

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Carol Sabo, Mayor of West Cape May brought attention to a resolution authorized by the West Cape May Borough of Commissioners on July 27<sup>th</sup>, urging the County of Cape May to lower the speed limit on certain county roads within the Borough of West Cape May. She introduced City of Cape May Mayor Zack Mullock, present in support of lowering the speed limit in the City of Cape May also. Both the City of Cape May and Cape May Point had passed resolutions requesting the speed limit be reduced to 25 mph due to increased traffic congestion, more usage of low-speed vehicles along with substantially more people using bikes, electric bikes and surreys to navigate the town(s).

Mayor Mullock added his comments. He believed 25 mph was a reasonable request considering the points already made by Mayor Sabo. They were going to work at reducing the speed on all the city streets in Cape May as well. He thanked the Board for all they do and the recent collaboration on the Franklin Street School project.

ADJOURN: 5:08 P.M.

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

APPROVED

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DIRECTOR

ATTEST:

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CLERK OF THE BOARD