

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN
FREEHOLDERS HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 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 08/11/20 MEETINGS
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					

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

REPORTS:

1) COUNTY ENGINEER:

Bob Church reported the Woodbine Roundabout achieved substantial completion on Thursday, the 21st with the completion of the brick driveway apron around the perimeter. The only thing remaining was some top soiling on the edges of the road and some stoning on the inside of the island itself. That work would be done over the next few weeks.

Corson Tavern Road Phase I paving was complete from Tattlers Road to Gracetown Road. The second phase was currently being worked on, starting at Rt. 550 heading north to almost New Bridge Road. The project was on schedule and expected to be completed by September 11th. The drainage project being done concurrently with that was finished on Friday.

The emergency steel work on the 96th Street Bridge in Stone Harbor was complete. The contractor installed the two ladders and the rest of the structural steel components. The bridge was balanced last week. The only work remaining were some plates that were unable to be painted because that work would require closure of the bridge. The work was scheduled for after Labor Day and would take about four nights.

The Ingrams Thorofare Bridge work was scheduled to begin the week of September 14th. The same contractor was handling the 96th Street Bridge work. As soon as the 96th Street work was complete it would roll into the Ingrams

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Thorofare project. The engineer wanted an alternate route to be available, not having closures taking place on both bridges at the same time, he explained.

2) COUNTY COUNSEL: Jeff Lindsay had no report.

3) COUNTY TREASURER: Brittany Smith had no report.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS:

1) FREEHOLDER MOREY:

Mr. Morey reported on the continued progress at the Airport. On the demolition side, the last few buildings marked for destruction, the Resdel and Eckel Buildings, were coming down. Once the area was cleared, work could begin on the Emergency Management parcel.

In the next few weeks, the freeholder would provide additional information on the DRBA pathway as related to a new General Aviation Terminal and multipurpose building for housing the airport management staff. The county had collaborated with the DRBA on the site plan and design. The DRBA had welcomed the County's input.

The County's Municipal Redevelopment Program had continued to advance in Wildwood, he stated. It entailed dealing with complex issues, but the City of Wildwood, the County and the ACIA seemed to work well together. Sometime in next 4-8 weeks, the freeholder would come back to the Board with a more thorough briefing of the activity and direction of where the project stood.

He announced good numbers were being seen overall for COVID-19. The numbers fluctuated, but the trend line was positive. The task force members were now focused on restaurants, indoor dining and the needs of county businesses as related to getting through to the next season.

The freeholder commented on the agenda item slated for approval tonight, Res. No. 551-20 adopting the Cape May County Comprehensive Bridge Replacement and Improvement Plan for Cape May County and Cape May County Bridge Commission Bridges. This item, a 15-year plan, comprised almost 2 years of work, he stated, and he was very enthusiastic about the adoption of it. He recognized team members Bob Church, Greg McGraff, Lou Donofrio, Karen Coughlin, Leslie Gimeno, Public Works and the Engineers staff in general, Brittany Smith, Kevin Lare, Leon Costello, Mike Donohue, and the Freeholder Board. He singled out Nancy (Maestro) Mauro for pulling it all together and adding her experience to the effort.

2) FREEHOLDER PIERSON:

Mr. Pierson announced that the 3rd Annual Opioid Awareness Day would be held Monday, August 31st. This year the affair would be a drive-in type of recognition beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Cape May Lewes Ferry Terminal in Lower Township. Videotaping's to be shown at the event were prepared by Prosecutor Jeffrey Sutherland and the freeholder.

He informed he would be making a presentation soon, to Director Thornton, in honor of the Veteran's Corner, located up front at the entrance of the County Administration Building. He had a certificate and a letter from the Military Order of World Wars to present to the Board, establishing the corner as being dedicated to the Veterans of Cape May County.

He participated in a climate change webinar sponsored by State Senator Ryan from Middlesex County. He was only able to listen for a brief period, but what he heard changed his thinking on climate change here in South Jersey, he informed. It was his intention to stay on top of the issue.

3) FREEHOLDER HAYES:

Ms. Hayes reported she had recently presented a certificate for a tour of the Park/Zoo to the Ward Family. She explained to those who may not already know about it, that the American Legion in Ocean City each year gave away a fully paid week-long vacation in Ocean City, to a deserving veteran. This year it went to Daniel and Donna Ward. Mr. Ward was a twenty-year veteran of the Air Force. The certificate for the tour of the zoo was given each year to the recipients of the vacation package along with the other amenities.

The freeholder informed all Boy and Girl Scouts, including their leaders in Cape May County, that the Park & Zoo were offering up the pavilions as a place to hold their scout meetings. With COVID-19 regulations in place, the organization was having a hard time finding places to meet. She let everyone know they should contact the Park Main Office for additional information on how to secure a pavilion for their meetings.

In follow up to the Acting Administrator Donohue's earlier report on the relief fund for COVID-19 expenditures, some of the counties originally left out were ultimately included, through the efforts of the New Jersey Association Counties, she stated. A dialogue was started with the governor's office, and NJAC played a large part in making sure those counties did get some of the relief fund after all, she further stated.

The freeholder acknowledged the Women's Suffrage Movement. One hundred years ago, this month, United States women were guaranteed the right to vote by the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, she informed.

Cape May County Women's Commission, Chairwoman Rixey told the back story of the monumental event. On August 18, 1920, after passing in the Senate, a 48-48 tie in the U.S. House of Representatives on the ratification of the 19th Amendment was broken by Harry Byrne of East Tennessee. His mother had sent him a note, telling him to vote for the ratification, and although he was initially opposed, he took her advice on that day, voting yes, granting women the right to vote.

4) FREEHOLDER DESIDERIO:

Mr. Desiderio thanked Freeholder Hayes for helping to find a temporary home for the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts to host their meetings.

5) FREEHOLDER THORNTON:

Director Thornton thanked the freeholders, the County Health Department and other staff in the county, the business community, the County Chamber of Commerce, mayors and municipalities for efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19.

RESOLUTIONS:

INTRODUCED BY MR. DESIDERIO, SECONDED BY MS. HAYES

526-20 Resolution appointing a Communications Coordinator and Deputy Communications Coordinator to the Cape May County Communications Support Group.

(This Resolution authorizes the appointments of a Communications Coordinator and Deputy Communications Coordinator to the Cape May County Communications Support Group. Terms to expire 8/31/23.)

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- 527-20 Resolution accepting check from New Hampshire Insurance Company in the amount of \$706.09 for damage to County traffic lights and poles.
(This Resolution accepts payment in the amount of \$706.09 from New Hampshire Insurance Company for damage to County traffic lights and poles sustained during a motor vehicle accident on April 15, 2019.)
- 528-20 Resolution authorizing extension of contracts with various vendors to Furnish and Deliver Animal Medications to Cape May County Zoo, Animal Shelter and K-9 Unit through November 30, 2020.
(This Resolution extends Contract Nos. C7-121 with EHT Pharmacy d/b/a Curexa, C7-122 with Intervet d/b/a Merck, C7-123 with MWI Veterinary and C7-124 to HSB Veterinary Supplies to furnish and deliver animal medications to Cape May County Zoo, Animal Shelter and K-9 Unit through November 30, 2020.)
- 529-20 Resolution acknowledging contract with Constellation New Energy, Inc. and Direct Energy Business, LLC to provide electricity to County of Cape May through the South Jersey Power Cooperative.
(This Resolution acknowledges a twenty-four (24) 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, 2020.)

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

- 530-20 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).)
- 531-20 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 of Human Services.)
- 532-20 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Human Services and Crest Haven Nursing & Rehabilitation Center)
(This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)
- 533-20 Resolution authorizing amendments to various Memorandums of Understanding for Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Service Program Dental Grants.
(This Resolution authorizes amendments to various Memorandums of Understanding for Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Service Program Dental Grants.)
- 534-20 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. C9-230 with Maryville, Inc. for Withdrawal Management Services for residents of Cape May County in the amount of \$9,446.00.
(This Resolution authorizes Change Order No. 1 with Maryville, Inc. for Withdrawal Management Services in the amount of \$9,446.00.)
- 535-20 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. C9-233 with New Hope Integrated Behavioral Health Inc. for drug/alcohol halfway house treatment for residents of Cape May County in the amount of \$7,650.00.

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(This Resolution authorizes Change Order No.1 with New Hope Integrated Behavioral Health, Inc. in the amount of \$7,650.00.)

536-20 Resolution awarding Contract No. C0-149 to Georgia Saler Consulting for Nutritional Consulting Services for Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

(This Resolution awards Contract No. C0-149 to Georgia Saler Consulting for Nutritional Consulting Services for Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, commencing September 1, 2020 for a term of one year with two (2) one-year options.)

537-20 Resolution accepting Grant Award from the New Jersey Department of Health Division of Epidemiology, Environmental and Occupational Health for the Right to Know Program for the period of July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 in the amount of \$2,154.00.

(This Resolution accepts a grant award for the Right to Know Program for the period of 07/01/20 through 9/30/20 in the amount of \$2,154.00.)

538-20 Resolution amending the 2020 Budget for the Right to Know Program No. Epid21RTK03L in the amount of \$2,154.00.

(This Resolution amends the 2020 Budget in the amount of #2,154.00 funding to be used for the Right to Know Program for the period 7/1/20 to 9/30/20.)

539-20 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 to the Municipal Alliance Contract with the Township of Middle in the amount of \$600.00.

(This Resolution authorizes Change Order No. 1 to the Municipal Alliance Program with Township of Middle in the amount of \$600.00.)

540-20 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 to the Municipal Alliance Contract with the City of North Wildwood in the amount of \$1,200.00.

(This Resolution authorizes Change Order No. 1 to the Municipal Alliance Program with the City of North Wildwood in the amount of \$1,200.00.)

541-20 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 to the Municipal Alliance Contract with the Township of Lower in the amount of \$804.00.

(This Resolution authorizes Change Order No. 1 to the Municipal Alliance Program with Township of Lower in the amount of \$804.00.)

542-20 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 to the Municipal Alliance Contract with the Township of Upper in the amount of \$890.00.

(This Resolution authorizes Change Order No. 1 to the Municipal Alliance Program with Township of Upper in the amount of \$890.00.)

543-20 Resolution authorizing the execution of an Agreement with DGRB Services, LLC and the County of Cape May.

(This Resolution authorizes the execution of a Consulting Agreement for Crest Haven Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.)

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

544-20 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.)

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545-20 Resolution authorizing the Board to hold a meeting excluding the public on August 25, 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); personnel matters, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8); anticipated litigation, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7), and the 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.)

546-20 Resolution reconfirming Resolution No. 525-20 adopted August 11, 2020.

(This Resolution reconfirms Resolution No. 525-20 authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with 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.)

547-20 Resolution authorizing final payment in the amount of \$14,673.84 accepting the work and closing Contract No. C9-137 with R. Maxwell Construction Co., Inc. for construction of Eagle and Capybara Exhibits at Cape May County Zoo.

(This Resolution authorizing a final payment, accepts the work, and closes Contract No. C9-137 with R. Maxwell Construction Co., Inc.)

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. MOREY, SECONDED BY MR. PIERSON

548-20 Resolution reappointing David Clemans and Peter Lomax to the Cape May County Open Space Review Board.

(This Resolution authorizes the reappointment of David Clemans and Peter Lomax to the Open Space Review Board to a term to expire June 1, 2023.)

549-20 Resolution granting permission for Middle Township Ambulance Corps, Inc. to solicit contributions along Stone Harbor Boulevard (CR657) in the Township of Middle.

(This Resolution permits Middle Township Ambulance Corps, Inc. volunteers to hold ‘coin drops’ on September 3 and September 4, 2020 to obtain public contributions which help offset operational expenses.)

550-20 Resolution authorizing Application for Road Opening Permit to Heritage Acres Mobile Home Park, LLC for Tuckahoe Road (CR631) and Church Road (CR602), Township of Upper.

(This Resolution authorizes Heritage Acres Mobile Home Park, LLC for the installation of a 4” sewer force main in the Township of Upper. Work will be completed promptly.)

551-20 Resolution adopting the Cape May County Comprehensive Bridge Replacement and Improvement Plan for Cape May County and Cape May County Bridge Commission Bridges.

(This Resolution endorses and adopts the Cape May County Comprehensive Bridge Replacement and Improvement Plan for both Cape May County and Cape May County Bridge Commission Bridges as a systematic path forward. The Resolution does not commit any funding or bonding at this time and recognizes that any allocation of funds will be discussed and authorized on a case by case basis thru the action of a Freeholder Board Resolution in the future.)

552-20 Resolution authorizing temporary closure of the signalized intersection of Corsons Tavern Road (CR628) and Woodbine-Ocean View Road (CR550), Township of Dennis.

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(This Resolution gives permission to temporarily close the signalized intersection of Corsons Tavern Road (CR628) and Woodbine-Ocean View Road (CR550), Township of Dennis for the purpose of resurfacing improvements.)

553-20 Resolution establishing a Tow Away Zone along Commonwealth Avenue (CR619), Township of Upper to the municipal line with City of Sea Isle within the current No Parking Zone.

(This Resolution establishes a tow-away zone on Commonwealth Avenue (CR619) along the west side from Putnam Avenue south to the municipal line with Sea Isle City.)

554-20 Resolution awarding contracts to various vendors to Furnish and Deliver Traffic Signal Parts and Components to Department of Public Works.

(This Resolution awards Contract Nos. C0-106 to General Traffic Equipment, C0-107 to Signal Control Products, Corp., C0-108 to Traffic Parts, Inc., C0-109 to Traffic Products, LLC, Inc., C0-146 to Garden State Highway Products, and C0-147 to United Electrical Supply Co. Inc. commencing August 26, 2020 for a term of one year, with a one-year option.)

Freeholders	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: 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: 5:19 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

DIRECTOR

ATTEST:

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD