

MINUTES OF A CAUCUS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 4 MOORE ROAD, CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, NEW JERSEY ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 AT 3:00 P.M.

Deputy Clerk Doyle called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call:

Freeholders Desiderio and Hayes-Present (2)

Freeholders Morey, Pierson and Thornton via remote access (3)

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 Friday, January 3, 2020.”

Moment of Silence

Flag Salute- Led by Freeholder Pierson.

Agenda Items

Discussion:

1. Allison Hansen-Purchasing Report

Ms. Hansen detailed awards, extensions, or changes to contracts, and competitive contracting of the following resolutions: Res. Nos. 598-20 and 599-20.

Res. 598-20 authorizing an emergency contract and payment to Shore Medical Center for emergency COVID-19 testing of Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center employees in the amount of \$120,285.00.

Res. 599-20 authorizing emergency contract/Memorandum of Agreement with Cape Regional Medical Center for COVID-19 Vulnerable Population Testing Plan in the amount of \$580,520.00.

2. Robert Church-Engineer’s Update

The following resolutions on the agenda to be authorized during the Regular Meeting of Board tonight were acknowledged and/or discussed by Mr. Church.

Res. 604-20 authorizing execution of a renewal lease for certain lands within the Crest Haven Complex with the Federal Aviation Administration.

Res. 605-20 approving contract documents for 2020 Miscellaneous Drainage Improvements II in the Townships of Middle and Lower and authorizing the Clerk of the Board to advertise for bids for same.

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Res. 606-20 authorizing the use of Competitive Contracting to provide Professional Engineering Services for Design of Replacement of the Bascule Span of the 96th Street Bridge.

Res. 607-20 authorizing Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$0.00 to South State, Inc. for Corsons Tavern Road (CR628) Resurfacing Improvements Phase II, Townships of Dennis and Upper.

Res. 608-20 accepting proposal of Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. in the amount of \$7,708.07 for Professional Traffic and Roadside Safety Engineering Services for Cape May Point Traffic Calming Study, Borough of Cape May Point.

Res. 609-20 authorizing a No Parking Restriction along Lafayette Street (CR633), City of Cape May along the west side between Madison Avenue and Queen Street.

Freeholder Pierson asked Bob Church if people were pressing the County to keep the old bascule to the 96th Street Bridge in Stone Harbor because of its historical value. The engineer answered that initially there had been discussion to rehabilitate the bridge but considering its current issues that was no longer an option. It was planned that portions of the bascule would remain off site as a display, he informed.

Dr. Gaba, President, Atlantic Cape Community College

Dr. Gaba gave a presentation via Zoom updating the Board on enrollment and the college's funding plans moving forward due to onset and impact of COVID pandemic beginning in March. Additionally, she spoke about the many funding opportunities available for the students.

Director Thornton complimented Dr. Gaba for a well-done presentation. The positive information contained in her report had lifted the freeholder he stated.

Freeholder Hayes thanked Dr. Gaba for her leadership at the college and for bringing Maria Kellett on as Dean of the Cape May Court House campus.

Freeholder Morey commented the collaboration together had been very important for the Technical School and the technology companies in the area now.

3. Freeholder Discussions

Acting County Administrator- Mike Donohue informed that Cape May County would be receiving funding to cover COVID costs, something that the county had been left out of previously. This would allow the county to cancel the emergency funding put together several months ago, most likely. Community Block Grant funding had also become available through the State of New Jersey to some of the counties. From counties to municipalities some money would also flow through various programs that had to be put together still.

Freeholder Morey- No report.

Freeholder Pierson-No report.

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Freeholder Hayes-She thanked the Board for supporting the initiative of lighting up some of the county buildings in blue, white and gold from October 31 until Election Day in recognition of Women's Suffrage.

Freeholder Desiderio-No report.

Freeholder Thornton-No report.

Moved by Mr. Desiderio seconded by Ms. Hayes to adjourn the caucus. Roll call: Freeholder Desiderio, Hayes, Morey, Pierson and Thornton (AYE-5) (NAYE-None) (ABSTAIN-None) (ABSENT-None). Carried.

Caucus adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Deputy Clerk of the Board