

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 AT 4:30 P.M.
IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
4 MOORE ROAD
CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, NEW JERSEY**

The meeting convened with Director Thornton presiding and the following members answering roll call:

Commissioners Desiderio, Hayes, Morey, Pierson and Thornton- (5)

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 Wednesday, January 6, 2021.”

MOMENT OF SILENCE

FLAG SALUTE-Led by Commissioner Pierson.

MINUTES – MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 09/14/21 MEETINGS
Commissioner Desiderio moved/ Commissioner Hayes seconded

Commissioners	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) ENGINEER:

Bob Church reported the following:

A notice to proceed was issued for the Bayshore Road project in Lower Township. The project should begin by the beginning of next week and be complete by the first of the year.

A notice to proceed would be issued for the DeHirsch Avenue project in Woodbine on Friday. That work would most likely begin by the end of next week and completed by the first of the year.

The emergency abutment work done at the Carnival Bay Bridge was now complete. Both timber abutment walls were re-sheeted, buying another 5-10 years.

The Goshen Road drainage project was continuing. The contractor was expected to finish up within 10 days.

Notice was recently received that the County would get the Local Bridges Future Needs funding from the State in the amount of \$3 million again this year.

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2) COUNTY COUNSEL: Jeff Lindsay had nothing to report.

3) COUNTY TREASURER: Brittany Smith had nothing to report.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

1) COMMISSIONER MOREY: No report.

2) COMMISSIONER PIERSON: Mr. Pierson informed his colleagues of his participation and/or attendance at the following meetings/events: Coast Guard Foundation meeting, Union League dinner, CMC Library 50th Anniversary celebration, Christian Wolfe Eagle Scout Court of Honor, Code Blue virtual meeting and SNJCA September meeting hosted by Cumberland County.

COMMISSIONER HAYES: Ms. Hayes informed her colleagues of her participation at the Run for the Fallen event. She stationed herself in Lower Township this year to watch the race. She encouraged everyone to participate in the next annual Run for the Fallen, which was a very patriotic event, she said. The Gold Star Families really were appreciative of the support. It's a heart-warming experience, witnessing the honor bestowed on a fallen soldier by his comrades, she added. She would remind everyone next year right before the event was to take place.

She thanked Commissioner Pierson for attending the library anniversary celebration on September 18th, in her absence.

She announced "Boo at the Zoo" would be held on October 30th, and "Princess and Pirate Day" would take place November 13th between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the Park & Zoo.

She reported Eurasian Eagle-owls were recently added to the Park & Zoo bird exhibits. With a wingspan of approx. 6 feet, they were something to see, she said.

The Commissioner reminded the Board regarding the Women of Wonder event sponsored by the Women's Commission on November 3rd at the Flanders. The event raised scholarships for young women to attend Atlantic Cape Community College.

3) COMMISSIONER DESIDERIO: Mr. Desiderio commented on the annual Run for the Fallen event, which he had attended in the past also. He remarked on the solemnity and meaningfulness of the cause, whereas the runners stop at various stations on the course to greet family members and salute their fallen comrades.

He reported he had attended a few POW/MIA ceremonies last week. In Sea Isle City especially, the *Chair of Valor* was dedicated at Veterans Park.

He attended and chaired the SJTPO meeting yesterday in Vineland and took care of and enjoyed all his regular commissioner duties the past two weeks too, he said.

4) COMMISSIONER THORNTON: Director Thornton continued with the State calls over the last two weeks, although he had been a little out of commission, he stated. He thanked Vice-Director Desiderio for covering in his absence.

He also commented on the Run for the Fallen and the strong sense of patriotism and sacrifice that is understood by participation in this annual event.

RESOLUTIONS:

INTRODUCED BY MR. DESIDERIO, SECONDED BY MS. HAYES

- 665-21 Resolution recognizing October 6, 2021 as Energy Efficiency Day in Cape May County.
(This Resolution recognizes October 6, 2021 as Energy Efficiency Day in Cape May County and urges all citizens to join in supporting our clean energy goals.)
- 666-21 Resolution amending Contract No. C0-173 with Wildwood Linen Service adjusting unit cost per linen rental service for various County Departments.
(This Resolution amends Contract No. C0-173 with Wildwood Linen Service for a 1.5% increase to the cost per linen rental service in accordance with the terms of the contract.)
- 667-21 Resolution awarding Contract No. C1-180 to Advanced Security Technologies, LLC for Modular Vehicle Physical Anti-Ramming Barriers for the Office of the Prosecutor in the amount not to exceed \$19,835.00.
(This Resolution awards Contract No. C1-180 to Advanced Security Technologies, LLC to furnish and deliver modular vehicle physical anti-ramming barriers for the Office of the Prosecutor in an amount not to exceed \$19,835.00, commencing September 29, 2021.)
- 668-21 Resolution amending the Cape May County Drug & Alcohol Free Workplace Policy.
(This Resolution amends the County's existing Drug & Alcohol Free Workplace Policy.)
- 669-21 Resolution awarding Contract No. C1-181 to Bruker Scientific, LLC for a Molecular Spectroscopy Suite for the Office of the Prosecutor in the amount not to exceed \$219,975.64.
(This Resolution awards Contract No. C1-181 to Bruker Scientific, LLC to furnish, deliver and install a molecular spectroscopy suite for the Prosecutor's forensics laboratory in an amount not to exceed \$219,975.64, commencing September 29, 2021.)
- 670-21 Resolution authorizing use of Competitive Contracting to solicit proposals for Civil Process Software for the Sheriff's Office.
(This Resolution authorizes the use of Competitive Contracting for Civil Process Software for the Sheriff's Office pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 through 40A:11-4.5 et seq.)
- 671-21 Resolution awarding Contract No. C1-194 to International City Management Association Retirement Corporation dba MissionSquare Retirement for Deferred Compensation Plan Services for the County of Cape May.
(This Resolution awards Contract No. C1-194 to International City Management Association Retirement Corporation (ICMA-RC) dba MissionSquare Retirement to provide deferred compensation plan services for a term of three years with two (2) additional one-year options commencing January 1, 2022.)
- 672-21 Resolution amending Resolution No. 322-21 accepting Grant Award from New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Office of the Attorney General, Subaward No. TJP-2-18 for the FFY18 Training Needs of Juvenile Prosecutor's Grant Program in the amount of \$6,656.00 to extend grant period to January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022 due to COVID-19.
(This Resolution amends Resolution No. 322-21 authorizing the County to accept a Grant Award in the amount of \$6,656.00 to be used for the Training Needs of Juvenile Prosecutor's Grant Program for the extended period 1/1/20 to 6/30/22.)

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- 673-21 Resolution authorizing an Application to New Jersey Department of Children and Families for Child Advocacy Development Grants-Capital for the period of October 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$196,236.00.
(This Resolution authorizes application for Child Advocacy Development Grants-Capital in the amount of \$196,236.00 for the period 10/1/21 to 6/30/22.)

Commissioners	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

- 674-21 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).)
- 675-21 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.)
- 676-21 Resolution recognizing October 6, 2021 as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day in Cape May County.
(This Resolution recognizes October 6, 2021 as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day in Cape May County.)
- 677-21 Resolution accepting Grant Award from New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services for 2021 Area Plan Grant No. DOAS21AAA011 in the amount of \$842,913.00 for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.
(This Resolution accepts a grant award for Area Plan Mid-Year Allocation funds in the amount of \$842,913.00 for the budget period of 1/1/21 to 12/31/21.)
- 678-21 Resolution amending the 2021 Budget for the 2021 Area Plan Grant in the amount of \$845,432.00.
(This Resolution amends the 2021 Budget for the Area Plan Grant in the amount of \$845,432.00 providing funding to further support adults with services such as home meal delivery, state health insurance assistance, thus allowing them to maintain independence and quality of life.)
- 679-21 Resolution accepting Grant Award for Cares Act Provider Relief Fund from Department of Health and Human Services for Covid-19 related expenses in the amount of \$161,457.17.
(This Resolution authorizes acceptance of grant award from Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of \$161,457.17 for COVID-19 related expenses.)
- 680-21 Resolution amending the 2021 Budget for Cares Act Provider Relief Fund in the amount of \$161,457.17.
(This Resolution amends the 2021 Budget in the amount of \$161,457.17 for CARES ACT Provider Relief Fund.)
- 681-21 Resolution applying to New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Juvenile Justice Commission for CY2022 Comprehensive County Funding Allocation Grant in the amount of \$314,535.00 for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.
(This Resolution authorizes application to the State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission for CY2022 Comprehensive County Funding for the period 1/1/22 to 12/31/22.)

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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					

INTRODUCED BY MS. HAYES, SECONDED BY MR. DESIDERIO

682-21 Resolution supplementing the 2021 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.)

683-21 Resolution authorizing the Board to hold a meeting excluding the public on September 28, 2021 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) and pending litigation, 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.)

684-21 Resolution appointing members to the Cape May County Women’s Advisory Commission.

(This Resolution appoints Patricia Gentile as a member to the Cape May County Women’s Advisory Commission. Term to expire September 24, 2024.)

685-21 Resolution authorizing Application and Indemnification Agreement with Lower Township Recreation Department to use County Park South for youth soccer practices and games.

(This Resolution permits Lower Township Recreation Department to use County Park South for youth soccer practices and games.)

686-21 Resolution authorizing Indemnification Agreement with Wildwood High School for cross country championships to be held at the County Park.

(This Resolution permits Wildwood High School use of the County Park to host cross country championships on October 22, 2021.)

687-21 Resolution authorizing payment to the Travelers Insurance Company for various claims in the total amount of \$11,486.50.

(This Resolution authorizes payment to the Travelers Insurance Company, Property-Casualty Department for various claims.)

Commissioner Hayes acknowledged Pat Gentile for her attendance at the meeting this evening and referenced Res. 684-21, which appointed Ms. Gentile as a member to the Cape May County Women’s Advisory Commission for the term of three years. She informed that Pat Gentile was the person responsible for the creation of the Women of Wonder event.

Commissioners	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

688-21 Resolution authorizing acquisition of interest in real estate known as Block 334.13 Lots 3 & 4 in the Township of Lower for use in connection with County Road System.

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(This Resolution authorizes the acquisition by the County of Cape May of 803 sq. ft. portions of County Road No. 603 pursuant to the County Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 40:27-1, et seq.)

689-21 Resolution closing the contract and accepting the work of Michael Baker International, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for Rio Grande Avenue (CR661) Entrance Improvements, City of Wildwood, Cape May County, New Jersey.

(This Resolution accepts the work and closes the contract.)

690-21 Resolution accepting proposal of Gibson Associates, P.A. in the amount of \$571,920.20 for Professional Construction Engineering Services for Pacific Avenue (CR621) Resurfacing Improvements, Borough of Wildwood Crest and Township of Lower.

(This Resolution accepts the proposal of Gibson Associates, P.A. in the amount of \$571,920.20 to provide professional construction engineering services for the Pacific Avenue (CR621) Resurfacing Improvements Project.)

691-21 Resolution amending Resolution No. 656-21 granting permission to Lower Township Department of Parks and Recreation to conduct their annual Coombs/Douglass Memorial Bay Run, September 25, 2021.

(This Resolution modifies Resolution No. 656-21 to change the Coombs/Douglass Memorial Bay Run date from Saturday, September 25, 2021 to Saturday, October 30, 2021.)

692-21 Resolution closing the contract and accepting the work of Colliers Design & Engineering for Professional Engineering Services for Sea Isle Boulevard (CR625) Section II Improvements, Township of Dennis.

(This Resolution accepts the work and closes the contract.)

693-21 Resolution authorizing an Indemnification Agreement with DelMoSports, LLC for its Crest Best 10 Miler on October 3, 2021.

(This Resolution gives permission to DelMoSports, LLC to utilize County roads for a 10 Miler event.)

694-21 Resolution extending Contract No. C1-37 with Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc. through October 25, 2022.

(This Resolution extends Contract No. C1-37 with Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc., to provide professional planning and development of a wastewater management plan through October 25, 2022.)

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:

695-21 Resolution urging the State of New Jersey to conduct a study of the socio-economic implications of risk rating 2.0: Equity in Action.

(This Resolution urges and requests the State of New Jersey to conduct a study to address the socio-economic implications that will be caused by FEMA’s changing of the methodology by which insurance premiums are calculated.)

Commissioner Hayes thanked Jeff Lindsay for preparing the resolution after which she explained the intent of it.

Comments were added by Director Thornton, Commissioner Pierson, Jeff Lindsay, Bob Church and Commissioner Morey, who suggested they ask NJAC and SNJCA to get involved to help raise awareness and present a unified effort for the State.

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

MOTION TO PAY BILLS:

Commissioner Desiderio moved/ Commissioner Hayes seconded

Commissioners	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:

Laura Wilson, Lower Township resident and CHNRC employee, commented on the \$3.00 per hour extra pay for COVID-19 hours worked, which eligible employees would be receiving from Administration, in addition to their regular pay. Crest Haven employees heard they would not be receiving the extra \$3.00.

Kathleen Mangan, CHNRC employee commented on CHNRC employees not receiving the extra \$3.00 per hour COVID-19 pay.

Sandy Montgomery, Lower Township resident and CHNRC employee asked why they were left out from receiving the extra money.

Greg Hoover, Lower Township resident and CHNRC employee wanted to know why every employee in the County didn't get extra COVID pay based on a percentage like some of Crest Haven employees received through Medicare money.

Administrator Lare responded by explaining the methodology used to determine amounts that were given to supplement employee paychecks due to COVID-19.

Director Thornton and Commissioner Pierson added to the discussion by answering additional questions and trying to explain the supplemental pay.

Commissioner Morey reiterated what was stated previously for clarification purposes.

Eunice Vasser of CHNRC asked if there was an avenue available for a person to speak with someone else, if they still did not understand the CARES money distribution explained today.

ADJOURN: 5:33 P.M.

Commissioner Desiderio moved/ Commissioner Hayes seconded

Commissioners	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:

CLERK OF THE BOARD