

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022 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 Hayes, Morey, and Thornton (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 Tuesday, January 11, 2022.”

MOMENT OF SILENCE-Dedicated to the Barr family of Ocean City.

FLAG SALUTE-Led by Commissioner Director Thornton.

MINUTES – MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 09/27/22 MEETINGS  
Commissioner Hayes moved/ Commissioner Morey 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>X</b>
<b>Mr. Pierson</b>				<b>X</b>		
<b>Mr. Thornton</b>	<b>X</b>					

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

REPORTS:

1) COUNTY ENGINEER:

Bob Church updated the Board on the status of specific road and bridge projects.

He reported the County had been awarded a \$3.3 million federal grant for the Beach Avenue project in Cape May City. He would issue agreements for the Board’s signature at the next scheduled commissioners’ meeting. The grant would cover both the construction cost and construction inspection cost.

The emergency repair of the sinkhole at the 104<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge in Stone Harbor was continuing he said. To date, a diver had re-sheeted three quarters of the west abutment. It was anticipated by Monday new permanent sheeting would be driven behind the abutment. A 30-day completion date was projected.

Stagecoach and Breakwater Roads, part of the maintenance paving contract was finished up over the last two weeks. Remaining work connected to the contract was traffic stripping, rpm work and possible guide rail replacement.

The Ocean Drive and Pacific Avenue Federal Aid projects were ongoing, with both in the second phases of construction. The contractor was currently installing drainage.

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In Lower Township, at the CMC Airport, the new Government Services Building was actively under construction. The foundation was now complete, and slab was to be poured shortly. The contractor was on schedule to perform the steel install by mid-November. After that the remainder of the work could be completed out of the winter elements, he said, ending his report.

2) COUNTY COUNSEL: No report.

3) COUNTY TREASURER: No report.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

1) COMMISSIONER MOREY:

Mr. Morey updated the Board regarding the “concept development studies” associated with the County’s Comprehensive Bridge Replacement and Improvement Plan. He reminded them of the \$1 million grant award coming from the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO) which assisted with the cost of a concept study for the Middle Thorofare Bridge. Moving forward, it was planned they would next look at the Townsend Inlet Bridge. Lou Donofrio, Commission Engineer had recommended they apply for federal funds available through the USDOT for Bridge Replacement, Rehabilitation, Preservation, Protection, and Construction Program (Bridge Formula Program). The county was awarded \$1.98 million by the program. It would be used towards development studies for the remaining three Ocean Drive bridges, plus the Great Channel Bridge, he explained. From the outset, it was decided the county would fund the concept developments in house, to get the bridge projects started, while looking to federal and state funding for the construction costs. Mr. Church added to the dialogue, informing there was a five-year timeline constraint. Once the agreements were signed off on, the county had five years to complete the “concept development studies”.

2) COMMISSIONER HAYES:

The Commissioner informed her colleagues of her participation and/or experience at the following recent events: Townbank Serenity Spa Ribbon Cutting, Palifrova family fundraiser for Ukrainian refugees, Ocean City Crew team invitational races, the Greater Woodbine Chamber of Commerce Swap Meet and Car Show, Upper Township Fall Festival, Coastal Resiliency Conference at Stockton University and the groundbreaking for the new Cape May Library/Community Center & Museum for African American History on site at the old Franklin Street Library.

3) DIRECTOR THORNTON:

Mr. Thornton’s reported swearing in the officers for the Greater Wildwood Hotel and Motel Association a few nights ago. They had a large turnout for the installation, he said. He added to Commissioner Hayes’ earlier comments about new businesses opening up all around the County. The efforts made were laudable, and success had been achieved due to the businesses, individuals, and municipal Chambers of Commerce working together, he noted.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

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

657-22 Resolution amending Resolution No. 9-22 appointing certifying officers for 2022.

(This Resolution changes/clarifies certifying officers for departments for auditing purposes.)

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- 658-22 Resolution authorizing signatories for the Prosecutor's Special Investigative Unit and Regular Petty Cash Accounts.  
(This Resolution authorizes changes to the signatories for Special Investigative Unit and regular petty cash accounts managed by the Prosecutor's Office.)
- 659-22 Resolution awarding Contract No. C2-202 to AmeriHealth Administrators, Inc. for provision of Third-Party Administrator for Health Benefit Plan for employees, retirees and dependents of County of Cape May.  
(This Resolution awards Contract No. C2-202 to AmeriHealth Administrators, Inc., for a term of three (3) years with two (2) one-year options, commencing January 1, 2023.)
- 660-22 Resolution awarding Contract No. C2-203 to Health Insurance Solutions, Inc. for provision of Third-Party Administrator for Prescription Benefit Plan for employees, retirees and dependents of County of Cape May.  
(This Resolution awards Contract No. C2-203 to Health Insurance Solutions, Inc., for a term of three (3) years with two (2) one-year options, commencing January 1, 2023.)
- 661-22 Resolution awarding Contract No. C2-204 to Atlantic Salt, Inc. to furnish and deliver Rock Salt to County of Cape May and participating Cooperative Agencies (25CMACP 01-37-20).  
(This Resolution awards Contract No. C2-204 to Atlantic Salt, Inc. in the amount of \$83.50 per ton for rock salt and \$103.50 per ton for treated rock salt to County of Cape May and participating CMC Cooperative Agencies commencing November 11, 2022, for a term of (1) one year with one (1) one year option.)
- 662-22 Resolution awarding Contract No. C2-199 to The Lomax Consulting Group, LLC to provide Environmental Consulting Services for County of Cape May.  
(This Resolution awards Contract No. C2-199 to The Lomax Consulting Group, LLC to provide Environmental Consulting Services for County of Cape May on an as needed basis, for a term of one (1) year, commencing October 12, 2022, with two (2) one (1) year options.)
- 663-22 Resolution authorizing an application to New Jersey Department of Children and Families for Child Advocacy Development Grants-Capital for the period of October 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$222,497.10.  
(This Resolution authorizes application for Child Advocacy Development Grants-Capital in the amount of \$222,497.10 for the period 10/1/22 to 6/30/23.)
- 664-22 Resolution accepting Grant Award from New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for Victims of Crime, Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)/ Forensic Nurse Examiner (FNE) Grant Program for the period of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023 in the amount of \$54,203.00.  
(This Resolution accepts a grant award from New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for SART/FNE Program in the amount of \$54,203.00 and in-Kind matching funds of \$17,306.00 to support sexual assault victims.)
- 665-22 Resolution amending the 2022 Budget for Victims of Crime, Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)/ Forensic Nurse Examiner (FNE) Grant Program in the amount of \$54,203.00.  
(This Resolution amends the 2022 Budget in the amount of \$54,203.00 for Victims of Crime, Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)/ Forensic Nurse Examiner (FNE) Grant Program.)
- 666-22 Resolution accepting Grant Award from U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance for the FY22 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant in the amount of \$24,400.00.  
(This Resolution is accepting a grant award from U.S Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the FY22 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant in the amount of \$24,400.00 for the period of 4/1/22 to 8/31/24.)
- 667-22 Resolution amending the 2022 Budget for the FY22 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant in the amount of \$24,400.00.

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(This Resolution amends the 2022 Budget in the amount of \$24,400.00, funding to be used for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant for the period 4/1/22 to 8/31/24.)

668-22 Resolution applying to Office of Attorney General Department of Law and Public Safety for Automated License Plate Reader Initiative FY21 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSFRF) for the period of December 1, 2022 to November 30, 2024 in the amount of \$454,527.00.

(This Resolution is applying for Automated License Plate Reader Initiative FY21 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSFRF) in the amount of \$454,527.00.)

669-22 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Facilities & Services)

(This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)

670-22 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).)

671-22 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.)

672-22 Resolution awarding Contract No. C2-185 to Jersey Cape Diagnostic, Training & Opportunity Center, Inc. to provide for In-School Youth Programs for the Cape May County Division of Workforce Development.

(This Resolution awards Contract No. C2-185 to Jersey Cape Diagnostic, Training & Opportunity Center, Inc. to provide for In-School Youth Programs, for a term of nine (9) months, commencing October 12, 2022, with three (3) one-year options.)

673-22 Resolution accepting award from State of New Jersey Department of Children and Families for the County Interagency Coordination Council 230AER Grant for period 7/01/22 to 6/30/23 in the amount of \$39,825.00.

(This Resolution accepts funding from the State of New Jersey Department of Children and Families in the amount of \$39,825.00)

674-22 Resolution amending the 2022 Budget for the 2023 Children’s Inter-Agency Coordinating Council (C.I.A.C.C) Grant in the amount of \$39,825.00.

(This Resolution amends the 2022 Budget in the amount of \$39,825.00 for the FY 2023 Children’s Inter-Agency Coordinating Council (C.I.A.C.C) 230AER Grant.)

675-22 Resolution applying to New Jersey Department of Human Services for 2023 Comprehensive Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Grant No. 23-527-ADA-0 for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the amount of \$269,228.00.

(This Resolution authorizes application for Comprehensive Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Grant for the period of 1/1/23 through 12/31/23 in the amount of \$269,228.00, with County match of \$28,849.00 Prevention/Education Reserve.)

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

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

- 676-22 Resolution authorizing subcontract with Township of Upper/City of Ocean City for participation in the Youth Leadership Grant in the amount of \$3,634.26.  
(This Resolution authorizes a subcontract for the period of 7/1/22 through 3/30/23: Township of Upper/City of Ocean City \$3,634.26.)
- 677-22 Resolution authorizing subcontract with Township of Middle for participation in the Youth Leadership Grant in the amount of \$2,598.83.  
(This Resolution authorizes a subcontract for the period of 7/1/22 through 3/30/23: Township of Middle \$2,598.83.)
- 678-22 Resolution authorizing subcontract with Township of Upper/City of Ocean City for participation in the Municipal Alliance Program in the amount of \$18,894.00.  
(This Resolution authorizes Subcontract with Township of Upper/City of Ocean City for participation in the Municipal Alliance Program in the amount of \$18,894.00.)
- 679-22 Resolution authorizing subcontract with Township of Middle for participation in the Municipal Alliance Program in the amount of \$13,511.00.  
(This Resolution authorizes a subcontract for the period of 7/1/22 through 6/30/23: Township of Middle \$13,511.00.)
- 680-22 Resolution authorizing subcontract with Township of Lower for participation in the Youth Leadership Grant in the amount of \$5,042.45.  
(This Resolution authorizes subcontract for the period of 7/1/22 through 3/30/23: Township of Lower \$5,042.45.)
- 681-22 Resolution authorizing subcontract with Township of Lower for participation in the Municipal Alliance Program in the amount of \$26,215.00.  
(This Resolution authorizes subcontract for the period of 7/1/22 through 6/30/23: Township of Lower \$26,215.00.)
- 682-22 Resolution authorizing subcontract with Township of Dennis for participation in the Youth Leadership Grant in the amount of \$1,215.46.  
(This Resolution authorizes subcontract for the period of 7/1/22 through 3/30/23: Township of Dennis \$1,215.46.)
- 683-22 Resolution authorizing subcontract with Township of Dennis for participation in the Municipal Alliance Program in the amount of \$6,319.00.  
(This Resolution authorizes subcontract for the period of 7/1/22 through 6/30/23: Township of Dennis \$6,319.00.)
- 684-22 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Crest Haven Nursing)  
(This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)
- 685-22 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.)
- 686-22 Resolution authorizing the Board to hold a meeting excluding the public on October 11, 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) 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.)

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687-22 Resolution rejecting all proposals submitted July 13, 2022 in response to 2022 Specification No. 29 to provide Paratransit Scheduling Software for Department of Fare-Free Transportation.

(This Resolution rejects all proposals received July 13, 2022, for 2022 Specification No. 29, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A11-13.2 (b), the contracting unit wants to substantially revise the specifications for the good or services.)

688-22 Resolution awarding Contract No. C2-206 to CME Associates to provide a Master Plan for the Cape May County Zoo & Park System.

(This Resolution awards Contract No. C2-206 to CME Associates to provide a Master Plan for the Cape May County Zoo & Park System, for a term of one (1) year, commencing October 12, 2022, with two (2) one (1) year options.)

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

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

689-22 Resolution authorizing the County of Cape May to enter into an Encroachment Agreement with Sciarra Properties, LLC regarding right-of-way along Rio Grande Avenue, City of Wildwood.

(This Resolution authorizes a formal agreement between the County of Cape May and the owner of said property to allow for an encroachment into the County right-of-way of Rio Grande Avenue, Wildwood City.)

690-22 Resolution awarding contract to South State, Inc. in the amount of \$2,764,324.20 for 21<sup>st</sup> Street and 25<sup>th</sup> Street Bridges over Avalon Canal Scour/Erosion Damage and Substructure Repairs, Borough of Avalon.

(This Resolution awards the contract for 21<sup>st</sup> Street and 25<sup>th</sup> Street Bridges over Avalon Canal Scour/Erosion Damage and Substructure Repairs, Borough of Avalon.)

691-22 Resolution endorsing Borough of Woodbine’s submission of a Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Transportation Alternatives Program.

(This Resolution endorses the Borough of Woodbine’s submission of a grant application to the State’s Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) program.)

692-22 Resolution approving contract documents for Re-Bid 2016 CMAQ Improving Air Quality & Reducing Traffic Congestion through Biking in the City of Ocean City and authorizing the Clerk of the Board to advertise for bids for same.

(This Resolution approves contract documents and authorizes advertisement.)

693-22 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 3-Final in the amount of <\$31,047.88> and accepting the work and closing the contract with Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc. for Dehirsch Avenue (CR550) Resurfacing Improvements, Borough of Woodbine.

(This Resolution authorizes a final change order, accepts the work and closes the contract.)

694-22 Resolution granting permission to the Township of Lower to close a portion of Bayshore Road (CR603) on November 5, 2022 for their Annual Veteran’s Day parade.

(This Resolution gives permission to the Township of Lower to close a portion of Bayshore Road (CR603) for their Veteran’s Day Parade on November 5, 2022.)

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

**Additions:**

- 695-22 Resolution to modify speed limit on Broadway Avenue (CR626), City of Cape May and Borough of West Cape May.  
(This Resolution modifies existing speed limits on Broadway Avenue (CR6296) in the City of Cape May and Borough of West Cape May.)
- 696-22 Resolution to modify speed limit on Fourth Avenue (CR635), Borough of West Cape May.  
(This Resolution modifies existing speed limits on Fourth Avenue (CR635) in the Borough of West Cape May.)
- 697-22 Resolution to modify speed limit on Pittsburgh Avenue (CR622), City of Cape May.  
(This Resolution modifies existing speed limits on Pittsburgh Avenue (CR622) in the City of Cape May.)
- 698-22 Resolution to modify speed limit on Stimpson Lane (CR645), Borough of West Cape May and Township of Lower.  
(This Resolution modifies existing speed limits on Stimpson Lane (CR649) in the Borough of West Cape May.)

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

MOTION TO PAY BILLS:

Commissioner Hayes moved/ Commissioner Morey seconded

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Joe McDevitt, Sea Isle City, directed a question to CFO Brittany Smith. Drawing on a topic discussed earlier today at a Zoom meeting between the Cape Issues advocate group and county officials, he asked Ms. Smith to estimate the amount of time it would take to meet her goal to increase the county’s balance sheet surplus. In addition, he asked if the county had plans to suspend the collection of the Open Space Fund tax for the next couple of years. Due to the amount of money in the budget line at present, he seemed to infer this action would be warranted.

Jim Chew, Rio Grande, inquired about the status of a request he had submitted at the last Commissioners’ meeting. At that time, he asked the Board to authorize a resolution designating the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of November as Homelessness Awareness Week. He spoke about his intention to represent and support homeless individuals by doing something tangible for them. He again stated his need for local government entities to support his efforts.

Joe McDevitt, Sea Isle City, came forward for a second time, posing a question relative to the County’s trust fund. Specifically, he questioned budget document figures for county employee accumulated absences. He wanted to know if the county had ever considered eliminating the practice of paying out employees their banked sick time upon retirement.

ADJOURN: 5:15 P.M.

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<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>X</b>
<b>Mr. Pierson</b>				<b>X</b>		
<b>Mr. Thornton</b>	<b>X</b>					

APPROVED

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DIRECTOR

ATTEST:

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CLERK OF THE BOARD