

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 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-Dedicated in remembrance of Juanita Battle, founder of Coalition Against Rape and Abuse (C.A.R.A.) on her passing.

FLAG SALUTE-Led by Commissioner Pierson.

MINUTES – MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 09/28/21 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 accounted for the following resolutions on the agenda: Res. Nos. 716-21, 718-21 and 719-21.

Res. 716-21 amending Resolution No. 864-20 authorizing the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority and the City of Ocean City.

Res. 718-21 authorizing approval to submit Grant Applications and execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for 2022 Local Bridges Fund Program.

Res. 719-21 authorizing Change Order No. 1-Final in the amount of \$498,393.85 to South State, Inc. for Avalon Boulevard (CR601) Bridge over Ingrams Thorofare Deck Reconstruction, Township of Middle.

He reported the Bayshore Road and DeHirsch Avenue Resurfacing projects would begin on Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> in their respective towns.

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The county-wide rumble strip project would start sometime next week with the centerline repairs at isolated roadways, followed up immediately with the installation of rumble strips.

The 96<sup>th</sup> Street Bascule Replacement proposals had been evaluated. An agreement on a consultant was close. A final evaluation would be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

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

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

1) COMMISSIONER MOREY: Mr. Morey updated that the Wildwood Redevelopment Plan, after some delays, would be adopted during a special meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Final details between the County, City of Wildwood and the ACIA were being worked on. He asked Counsel, Jeff Lindsay to elaborate on the nature of the agreement between the entities, which was described as not typical.

He reported himself, Joe Molineaux and Bob Church met with Congressman Van Drew's staff member, Haddon Antonucci, last week, to apprise him of infrastructure needs at the County Airport. A tour of Tech Village businesses took place along with discussion regarding prospective plans and development to take place at the airport. More conversations/meetings to follow, which would include the DRBA, as circumstances continue to evolve.

Mr. Morey commented on the South Jersey Economic Development District (SJEDD), noting recent positive strides. He mentioned the invitation to the Board to attend the Beesley's Point Park Grand Opening event on October 19<sup>th</sup>, which would showcase its many creative placemaking elements.

He brought the Board up to date on his appointment to the US Travel & Tourism Advisory Board under Secretary Gina Raimondo and the Department of Commerce. He was on the employment subcommittee, he said. He described the focus of the committee as one to create a more diverse employment environment for the travel and tourism industry.

2) COMMISSIONER PIERSON: Mr. Pierson informed his colleagues of his participation and/or attendance at the following meetings/events: retirement celebration of a CHNRC nurse, Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce annual meeting, VFW Post 5343 homecoming event, Coast Guard Foundation whale watcher cruise, and a State sponsored Zoom presentation on "Knock Out Opioid Awareness Day".

He provided details of the grand openings of the County's community-based outreach center, the Veterans Clinic in Rio Grande on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. and the County's Veteran's Day Ceremony on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at NASW, down at the airport.

3) COMMISSIONER HAYES: Ms. Hayes informed her colleagues of her participation and/or attendance at the following meetings/events: GWCOG swearing-in of officers at Schellenger's Restaurant in Wildwood, Fall Festival at Amanda's Field in Upper Township and the Annual CEVAC luncheon.

She reminded everyone of "Boo at the Zoo" coming up on October 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Park & Zoo. Also, she reported, two events honoring women were scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup>. Joanne Carrocino, CEO of Cape Regional Medical

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Center would be an honoree at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Women of Achievement Awards taking place at Auletto's Catering in Woodbury. Michele Gillian, Executive Director of the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, Chase Jackson, Director of the Ocean City Art Center and Marilyn Miller, Director of the Middle Township Senior Center would be the honorees at the 2021 Women of Wonder luncheon at the Flanders in Ocean City.

4) COMMISSIONER DESIDERIO: No report.

5) COMMISSIONER THORNTON: Director Thornton reported he had been doing his State calls, Zoom and conference calls. His activities had been somewhat restricted lately, he said. He thanked everyone and especially Vice-Director Desiderio for standing in for him in his absence. He urged everyone to vote and vote early.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

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

- 696-21 Resolution authorizing execution of a Shared Services Agreement between the County of Cape May and City of Cape May for Dispatch Services and Law Enforcement Records Management Systems.  
(This Resolution authorizes a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Cape May for County Dispatch Services and Law Enforcement Records Management Systems.)
- 697-21 Resolution authorizing renewal with Safety National Casualty Corporation for Excess Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance in the amount of \$130,460.00.  
(This Resolution authorizes renewal of Excess Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Policy #SP4063870 for the term of October 1, 2021 through October 1, 2022.)
- 698-21 Resolution authorizing renewal with ProSelect Insurance Company for Professional and General Liability Coverage for Cape May County Health Department Outpatient Clinic in the amount of \$3,161.26.  
(This Resolution authorizes renewal of Policy #002NJ000008654 for the Health Department Outpatient Clinic for the term of October 6, 2021 through October 6, 2022.)
- 699-21 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.)
- 700-21 Resolution deeming a 2012 KIT Trailer as surplus military property and authorizing execution of a Bill of Sale for conveyance to the Borough of Cape May Point.  
(This Resolution deems a 2012 KIT Trailer-Animal Shelter as surplus military property and authorizes conveyance to the Borough of Cape May Point for the sum on One (\$1.00) Dollar.)
- 701-21 Resolution authorizing transfer of surplus military property to the Borough of Cape May Point.  
(This Resolution authorizes the transfer of surplus military property from Cape May County to the Borough of Cape May Point for the nominal sum of One (\$1.00) Dollar.)
- 702-21 Resolution authorizing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between New Jersey Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Task Force Support Group and the County of Cape May for use of grant funds to provide an Oxygen Generation Unit to be used in the event of a large-scale disaster.

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(This Resolution authorizes the MOU that memorializes the steps that have been and will be taken to create a Statewide response asset.)

703-21 Resolution accepting a Grant Award from the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for FFY21 Homeland Security Grant No. EMW-2021-SS-00016 in the amount of \$191,791.40.

(This Resolution accepts FFY21 Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$191,791.40 for the period 9/1/21 to 8/31/24.)

704-21 Resolution amending the 2021 Budget for the State Homeland Security Program FFY21 SHSP Local Share Grant No. EMW-2021-SS-00016 in the amount of \$191,791.40.

(This Resolution amends the 2021 Budget in the amount of \$191,791.40 providing funding for SHSP Local Share Grant Program for the period 9/1/21 to 8/31/24.)

705-21 Resolution awarding Contract No. C1-197 to the Ambient Group, LLC dba Ambient for the Demolition of the Sheriff's Annex Building in the amount not to exceed \$27,000.00.

(This Resolution awards Contract No. C1-197 to the Ambient Group, LLC dba Ambient for demolition, hauling, disposal and site restoration of Sheriff's Annex Building for the Office of the Sheriff in an amount not to exceed \$27,000.00, commencing on October 13, 2021, and expiring upon completion and closeout pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15(9).)

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**

706-21 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).)

707-21 Resolution amending the 2021 Budget for the 2021 Area Plan Grant in the amount of \$50.00.

(This Resolution amends the 2021 Budget for the Area Plan Grant in the amount of \$50.00 Program Income providing funding to further support older adults with services such as home meal delivery, state health insurance assistance, thus allowing them to maintain independence and quality of life.)

708-21 Resolution authorizing Grant Application for FY22 County Environmental Health Act (CEHA) for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$157,954.00.

(This Resolution authorizes application for funds for FY22 County Environmental Health Act funding in the amount of \$157,954.00 (State) and up to \$158,740.00 (County In-Kind Match) for the period 7/1/21 to 6/30/22.)

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**

709-21 Resolution supplementing the 2021 Salary Resolution and approving appointments and salaries.

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(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.)

- 710-21 Resolution authorizing the Board to hold a meeting excluding the public on October 12, 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. 12(b)(7); 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.)
- 711-21 Resolution reappointing members to the Cape May County Women’s Advisory Commission.  
(This Resolution reappoints Jacqueline J. Simonson as a member to the Cape May County Women’s Advisory Commission. Term to expire May 21, 2024.)
- 712-21 Resolution reconfirming Resolution No. 695-21 adopted September 28, 2021.  
(This Resolution reconfirms Resolution No. 695-21 urging the State of New Jersey to conduct a study of the socio-economic implications of risk rating 2.0: Equity in Action.)
- 713-21 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Park/Zoo)  
(This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)
- 714-21 Resolution authorizing use of Competitive Contracting to solicit proposals for Zoo Master Plan Services for the Cape May County Park & Zoo.  
(This Resolution authorizes the use of Competitive Contracting to solicit proposals for Zoo Master Plan Services for the Cape May County Park & Zoo pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 through 40A:11-4.5 et seq.)

During today’s earlier Caucus meeting, Commissioner Hayes had briefly commented on Res. No. 714-21. She explained again that a Zoo Master Plan was part of the AZA Accreditation process. She went on to inform, in the future, the other park properties throughout the county would also need master plans. She requested Commissioner Morey solicit the assistance of Leslie Gimeno and the Planning Department in the process to create additional master plans.

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**

- 715-21 Resolution designating the month of October as National 4-H Month in Cape May County.  
(This Resolution designates October 2021 as National 4-H Month in Cape May County and encourages young people of all ages and backgrounds to become involved in 4-H development program opportunities.)
- 716-21 Resolution amending Resolution No. 864-20 authorizing the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority and the City of Ocean City.  
(This Resolution modifies Resolution No. 864-20 to adjust the final cost sharing amounts as originally outlined in the Agreement to reflect as-built measurements.)

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- 717-21 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Public Works)  
 (This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)
- 718-21 Resolution authorizing approval to submit Grant Applications and execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for 2022 Local Bridges Fund Program.  
 (This Resolution authorizes the County to apply for funds from the State's Transportation Trust Fund for needs of local bridge improvements for the year 2022. The application is for improvements to the bridge improvements currently under design or is about to proceed to design for Mill Creek Bridge 0500-030, Upper Thorofare Bridge 0500-029, Ocean Drive (CR619) over Great Channel 0500-028 and Lafayette Street Bridge 0500-007.)
- 719-21 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1-Final in the amount of \$498,393.85 to South State, Inc. for Avalon Boulevard (CR601) Bridge over Ingrams Thorofare Deck Reconstruction, Township of Middle.  
 (This Resolution authorizes a change order to adjust quantities to reflect the as-built conditions.)
- 720-21 Resolution authorizing an Indemnification Agreement with Township of Lower for its Veteran's Day Parade on November 6, 2021.  
 (This Resolution gives permission to Lower Township to utilize County roads for a parade.)
- 721-21 Resolution authorizing use of Competitive Contracting to solicit proposals for Certificate of Waiver or Authorization Administrative Management and Operational Support for the Planning Department.  
 (This Resolution authorizes the use of Competitive Contracting to solicit proposals for Certificate of Waiver or Authorization Administrative Management and Operational Support for the Planning Department pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 through 40A:11-4.5 et seq.)

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:**

- 722-21 Resolution approving Grant Agreement extension with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services Local Emergency Fund/Coronavirus Relief Grant (CRF) Program.  
 (This Resolution authorizes the County of Cape May to enter into agreement with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services for the Local Government Emergency Fund (CRF) Grant for the reimbursement of COVID-19 related expenses for the extended period 3/1/2020 through 06/30/2021.)

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Laurie Fox, Upper Township resident asked if the Board of County Commissioners would authorize a resolution addressing mask mandates being forced at the public schools within the county. Her comments emphasized that mask mandates and vaccinations were an infringement of the people’s sovereign and First amendment rights. A short discussion with board members ensued.

ADJOURN: 5:31 P.M.

Commissioner Desiderio moved/ Commissioner Hayes 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>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>Mr. Thornton</b>	<b>X</b>					

APPROVED

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DIRECTOR

ATTEST:

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CLERK OF THE BOARD