

**MINUTES OF A CAUCUS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,  
HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 4 MOORE ROAD, CAPE MAY  
COURT HOUSE, NEW JERSEY ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021 AT 3:00 P.M.**

Director Thornton called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call:

Commissioners Desiderio, Hayes, Morey and Thornton (4)  
Commissioner Pierson arrived 3:14 p.m. (1)

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 Wednesday, January 6, 2021.”

Moment of Silence-Dedicated in memory of Juanita Battle, founder of Coalition Against Rape and Abuse (CARA).

Flag Salute

Agenda Items

Presentation: Linda Horner, Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H Club Coordinator

Ms. Horner updated the Board of Commissioners on 4-H Club activities, through pandemic mode to present. Rutgers had them go virtual only, beginning March 2020 until May 1, 2021, when outdoor meetings with masking and social distancing were approved. Beginning June 7, 2021 indoor activities with masks were allowed. She used pictures of various club members to describe the activities undertaken by them to date.

2021 Activities

Fishing Club participated in *Hooked on Fishing not on Drugs* (HOFNOD) with the NJ Youth Fishing Challenge on June 5, 2021.

Rutgers 4-H Teen Leadership Program was held June 24 to August 20, 2021 at the Nature Center of Cape May.

Summer School Outdoor Science Program took place in Woodbine on July 8 through August 20, 2021.

The Equine Health Clinic Program sponsored clinics in both, April and October 2021.

Horse activities were held including clinics, game shows and fun shows.

4-H Fun Days took place September 11 and 12, 2021 in place of the 4-H Fair which was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Awards ceremonies for recognition of members took place at the end of 4-H Fun Days.

Discussion

October 12, 2021, (Continued)

**1. Kevin Lare-** Purchasing Report

Mr. Lare detailed awards, extensions, or changes to contracts, and competitive contracting of the following resolutions: Res. Nos. 714-2121 and 721-21.

Res. 714-21 authorizing use of Competitive Contracting to solicit proposals for Zoo Master Plan Services for the Cape May County Park & Zoo.

Res. 721-21 authorizing use of Competitive Contracting to solicit proposals for Certificate of Waiver or Authorization Administrative Management and Operational Support for the Planning Department.

Res. 705-21 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.

**2. Kevin Lare-** Administrator Report

Res. 696-21 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.

*Including the Sheriff's Dept. there were now six police departments part of county-wide dispatch, ten fire departments and five EMS squads. One more town would be added on January 1, 2022. Other towns would follow as time allows them to be added.*

**3. Commissioner Discussions**

Commissioner Hayes provided background on the Master Plan for the Park & Zoo in Res. No. 714-21. She also informed that in the future a master plan would be created for the other park system properties. She invited the Department of Planning to join them and incorporate themselves into the initiative.

Mr. Morey brought up for discussion Atlantic County Economic Alliance Initiative relative to the Build Back Better Program. The \$1 billion Build Back Better Regional Challenge would provide investment dollars to regions across the country that wanted to revitalize their economies. These regions would have the opportunity to grow new regional industry clusters through planning, infrastructure, innovation and entrepreneurship, workforce development and access to capital.

There was a grant program for Planning, he said. A planning competition. It was a \$500,000 planning grant through the USEDA, very competitive. It was in the aviation cluster, he informed. Lou Joyce and SJEDD had been very much involved. He would forward information on the industry sectors for the Board to review. He called on Joe Molineaux, Manager of Department of Economic Development to provide them with additional details. Mr. Molineaux had attended six seminars out of seven of the series, sponsored by the USEDA, regarding the Build Back Better Rescue Plan. The County could have an interest in six out of the seven, he said. At this time a letter of support was needed from the County to be included in the Build Back Better Regional Challenge. The deadline for the application of the grant was pending soon.

October 12, 2021, (Continued)

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

Caucus adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

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Administrator/Clerk of the Board