

**MINUTES OF THE CAUCUS AND REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023
AT 2:00 AND 3:00 P.M. RESPECTIVELY
IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
4 MOORE ROAD
CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, NEW JERSEY**

CAUCUS

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

Commissioners Barr, Bulakowski, Morey, Pierson and Desiderio (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 Thursday, January 5, 2023.”

MOMENT OF SILENCE

FLAG SALUTE-Led by General Pierson

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSIONS:

696-23 Resolution authorizing the Board to recess and enter executive session excluding the public on October 24, 2023 at 2:00 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).

(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.)

Commissioners	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Barr	X				X	
Mr. Bulakowski	X					X
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X					
Mr. Desiderio	X					

DIRECTOR’S CALL OF MEETING TO ORDER

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Commissioners Barr, Bulakowski, Morey, Pierson and Desiderio (5)

MOMENT OF SILENCE

FLAG SALUTE- led by General Pierson

COMMUNICATIONS-None.

REPORTS:

- 1) ENGINEER: Mr. Church reported on the status of several road projects, including Lafayette Street and Beach Avenue in Cape May, Church Road in Upper Township and Fishing Creek Road in Lower Township, as well as the Fishing Creek Pump Station. He advised the Board the Third Avenue, Stone Harbor project went out to bid. Upcoming projects that will be advertised in November include the parking project at the zoo and Phase III of the Thorofare Bridges in Lower Township.

Commissioner Morey questioned Mr. Church on the RFP for the Middle Thorofare Bridge. Mr. Church replied it required some revisions and it will be sent to the state for final review within the next couple of weeks. Mr. Morey asked what the turnaround would be for the state's approval. Mr. Church hopes to have the approval to issue the RFP in December.

- 2) COUNTY COUNSEL: No Report.
- 3) TREASURER: No report.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

- 1) COMMISSIONER MOREY: Mr. Morey informed the Board there is a tentative date of November 4, 2023, for the next team meeting with the DRBA. The meeting will include a tour of the new General Aviation Terminal, which is under construction, and extended an invitation to any one of them interested in attending the meeting. He will confirm the date as soon as possible. He stated the terminal is coming along nicely and thinks it would be a good idea for the other Commissioners to take a look at it in person.
- 2) COMMISSIONER PIERSON: General Pierson had the honor of being recognized by the County GOP for his years of service, including 7 at the County level and 2 on the municipal level. He also stated he returned to find several certificates and proclamations from various local organizations on his desk and is deeply appreciative of the recognition. He also urged anyone over the age of 50 to talk to their doctor about being vaccinated against shingles.
- 3) COMMISSIONER BARR: Mr. Barr said the County filed its federal lawsuit against the wind farm this past week. He stated the wind farm is the first project he has ever seen with no redeeming qualities whatsoever. He is proud of the County for taking a stand against this senseless project. Commissioner Barr also expressed his appreciation to County Counsel Mr. Lindsay and County Administrator Mr. Lare for all the work they do.
- 4) COMMISSIONER BULAKOWSKI: Mr. Bulakowski attended the Southern New Jersey County Commissioners Association meeting with Surrogate Hayes. Commissioner Bulakowski said a good takeaway from the meeting was John Donadio, NJAC, updating the group on the senior tax credit. He stated the legislation is being pushed forward and if it passes, it will go into effect in 2026. This will result in a 50% reduction in property taxes for people 65 and older. Commissioner Bulakowski also reminded everyone Saturday, October 28, at 10 a.m. is Boo at the Zoo and all are welcome.
- 5) COMMISSIONER DESIDERIO: No report.

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MINUTES – MOTION TO APPROVE ALL MINUTES

Commissioners	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Barr	X					X
Mr. Bulakowski	X					
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X				X	
Mr. Desiderio	X					

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to open Public Comment for Consent Agenda

Commissioners	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Barr	X					
Mr. Bulakowski	X				X	
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X					X
Mr. Desiderio	X					

Motion to close public comment for Consent Agenda and approve Resolution Nos. 697-23 through 722-23

Commissioners	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Barr	X				X	
Mr. Bulakowski	X					X
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X					
Mr. Desiderio	X					

RESOLUTIONS:

- 697-23 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).)
- 698-23 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.)
- 699-23 Resolution supplementing the 2023 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.)
- 700-23 Resolution appointing a Communications Coordinator and Deputy Communications Coordinator to the Cape May County Communications Support Group.
(This Resolution authorizes the appointments of a Communications Coordinator and Deputy Coordinator to the Cape May County Communications Support Group. Term to expire 8/31/26.)
- 701-23 Resolution appointing a Fire Coordinator and Deputy Fire Coordinator for Cape May County.
(This Resolution appoints Wayne Matthews as Cape May County Fire Coordinator and Ronald McGowen, Jerome Inderwise, Jay Newman, Rick Lundholm and Bernie Walker as Deputy Fire Coordinators for Cape May County for term of 01/01/24 through 12/31/24.)

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- 702-23 Resolution appointing a Cape May County Emergency Medical Services Coordinator and Deputy Coordinators.
(This Resolution appoints a Cape May County EMS Coordinator and Deputy EMS Coordinators for the term of June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024.)
- 703-23 Resolution authorizing payment to the Travelers Insurance Company for various claims in the total amount of \$17,599.30.
(This Resolution authorizes payment to the Travelers Insurance Company, Property-Casualty Department, for various claims.)
- 704-23 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Human Services)
(This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)
- 705-23 Resolution appointing and reappointing Deputy Fire Marshals.
(This Resolution authorizes the appointment and reappointments of William Cripps, Stephen Schaffer, Harry Godfrey, and Richard Harron, Jr., as Deputy Fire Marshals needed to perform investigations of Fire scenes and to conduct fire training courses as well as fire prevention instruction.)
- 706-23 Resolution authorizing Hospital/Facility Agreement with Cape May County Technical School District for Practical Nurse Training.
(This Resolution authorizes a Hospital/Facility Agreement with the Cape May County Technical School and the Cape May County Health Department for the school year 2023-2024. No funds are involved.)
- 707-23 Resolution applying to New Jersey Department of Human Services for 2024 Comprehensive Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Grant No. 24-527-ADA-0 for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in the amount of \$278,631.00.
(This Resolution authorizes application for Comprehensive Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Grant for the period of 1/1/24 through 12/31/24 in the amount of \$278,631.00, with county match of \$30,737.00 Prevention/Education Reserve.)
- 708-23 Resolution authorizing an application to the Corporation for National and Community Service Grant No. 24SR260800 for the FY2024 Retired Senior Volunteer Program for the period of April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025 in the amount of \$113,411.00.
(This Resolution authorizes application for the FY2024 Retired Senior Volunteer Program; Federal Share \$65,023.00; Local Cash Match \$48,388.00.)
- 709-23 Resolution authorizing Grant Agreement with New Jersey Department of State, State Council on the Arts for FY24 New Jersey Council on the Arts Program in the amount of \$200,000.00.
(This Resolution accepts grant funds from the State in the amount of \$200,000.00 for the period 01/01/24 to 12/31/24 for the purpose of re-granting funds to Local Arts organizations for cultural projects/expenses.)
- 710-23 Resolution authorizing Grant Agreement with New Jersey Department of State, Division of Travel and Tourism for FY24 Cooperative Marketing Grant for the period of September 15, 2023 to December 31, 2024 in the amount of \$19,500.00.
(This Resolution accepts grant funds in the amount of \$19,500.00 with a required County cash match of \$4,875.00 for a total in the amount of \$24,375.00 to promote tourism opportunities for the period of 9/15/23 to 12/31/2024.)
- 711-23 Resolution amending Resolution NO. 602-23 Grant Award from New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services for 2023 Area Plan Grant No. DOAS23AAA004 in the amount of \$427,022.00 for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.
(This Resolution amends Resolution No. 602-23 and accepts updated grant award for Area Plan Mid-Year Allocation funds in the amount of \$427,022.00 for the budget period of 1/1/23 to 12/31/23.)

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- 712-23 Resolution authorizing insertion of special items of revenue into the 2023 County Budget pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87.
(This Resolution amends the 2023 Budget for various grant programs pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87.)
- 713-23 Resolution appointing Allison Hansen as County Purchasing Agent.
(This Resolution appoints Allison Hansen as County Purchasing Agent for a term of one (1) year commencing October 24, 2023.)
- 714-23 Resolution granting permission to the Township of Dennis for the temporary placement of Holiday Wreaths above Dennisville-Petersburg Road and Main Street (CR610), Township of Dennis.
(This Resolution gives permission to the Township of Dennis to place Holiday Wreaths above Dennisville-Petersburg Road and Main Street (CR610) in the Township of Dennis.)
- 715-23 Resolution approving the Emergency Operations Plan for the County of Cape May.
(This Resolution approves the Emergency Operations Plan for the County of Cape May.)
- 716-23 Resolution awarding Contract No. C3-154 to BRT Technologies, LLC to furnish, deliver and install an Integrated Tax System for the Cape May County Board of Taxation.
(This Resolution awards Contract No. C3-154 to BRT Technologies, LLC to furnish, deliver and install an Integrated Tax System for the Cape May County Board of Taxation, commencing November 11, 2023, for a term of two (2) years, with three (3) additional one-year options.)
- 717-23 Resolution awarding Contract No. C3-157 to Burns Construction Consulting, LLC, to provide Owner's Representation Services for the Construction of the Cape May County Justice Complex.
(This Resolution awards Contract No. C3-157 to Burns Construction Consulting, LLC, to provide Owner's Representative Services for the Construction of the Cape May County Justice Complex, commencing October 25, 2023, and expiring upon project completion.)
- 718-23 Resolution awarding Contract No. C3-156 to Pineland Construction, LLC for the demolition of the former El Dorado Motel.
(This Resolution awards Contract No. C3-156 to Pineland Construction, LLC for the demolition of the former El Dorado Motel, in the amount of \$57,300.00, commencing October 25, 2023, and expiring upon project completion.)
- 719-23 Resolution awarding Contract No. C3-158 to Melillo, Bauer and Carman for Preliminary Site Design and Cost Estimating of Streetscape Improvements and Airside Viewing Park at the Cape May County Airport.
(This Resolution awards Contract No. C3-158 to Melillo, Bauer and Carman for Preliminary Site Design and Cost Estimating for Streetscape Improvements and an Airside Park at the Cape May County Airport, in an amount of \$15,000.00, commencing October 25, 2023, and expiring upon project completion.)
- 720-23 Resolution awarding Contract No. C3-155 to Franklin Alarm Company, Inc. to furnish, deliver and service Fire and Related Alarm Systems for the County of Cape May.
(This Resolution awards Contract No. C3-155 to Franklin Alarm Company, Inc. to furnish, deliver and service fire and related alarm Systems for the County of Cape May, on an as-needed, commencing November 11, 2023, for a term of one (1) year, with two (2) one-year options.)
- 721-23 Resolution acknowledging with Constellation Newenergy, Inc. to provide electric generation supply service through the South Jersey Power Cooperative.
(This Resolution acknowledges Contract No. C3-161 Constellation Newenergy, Inc., for electric generation supply service, commencing September 1, 2023, for a term of two (2) years.)

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722-23 Resolution accepting the work and closing Contract No. C9-166 with South State, Inc. for Construction Site Work Improvements for County Commons.
(This Resolution authorizes a final payment, accepts the work, and closes Contract No. C9-166 with South State, Inc.)

723-23 **CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Commissioners	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Barr	X				X	
Ms. Bulakowski	X					X
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X					
Mr. Desiderio	X					

INTRODUCTION OF CAPITAL ORDINANCE NO. 6-23

Capital Ordinance providing for various roadway and drainage improvements, in and for the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey; and appropriating \$10,000,000 therefor from the County’s Capital Improvement Fund to pay for the cost thereof

Commissioners	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Barr	X				X	
Ms. Bulakowski	X					X
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X					
Mr. Desiderio	X					

INTRODUCTION OF BOND ORDINANCE NO. 7-23

Bond Ordinance providing for various roadway and drainage improvements, by and in the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey; appropriating \$20,600,000 therefor and authorizing \$19,619,047 Bonds or Notes of the County to finance part of the costs thereof

Commissioners	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Barr	X				X	
Ms. Bulakowski	X					X
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X					
Mr. Desiderio	X					

Commissioner Morey asked Mr. Church for clarification as to the County’s portion of the funding for Bond Ordinance No. 7-23. Mr. Church stated the County’s portion is 50%, or roughly \$10 million, with the remaining funds coming from the state or federal government. As to Capital Ordinance No. 6-23, Mr. Morey questioned how much work has been done since the roadway and drainage improvements began about three years ago. Mr. Church replied since 2018, 62 miles of County roads have been paved, there are an additional 6.5 miles under contract now and with this ordinance, another 24 miles of County roadway will be paved through maintenance paving contracts. Mr. Morey complimented Mr. Church and his department for the great job they have done being responsive to the communities with the roadway improvements. Mr. Lare added that regarding the capital ordinance, the County is not borrowing any money.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS AND CHECKS BE TRANSFERRED TO THE COUNTY

Commissioners	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Barr	X					X
Ms. Bulakowski	X					
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X				X	
Mr. Desiderio	X					

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Motion to open Public Comment

Commissioners	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Barr	X					X
Mr. Bulakowski	X					
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X				X	
Mr. Desiderio	X					

Motion to Close Public Comment and Adjourn

Commissioners	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Barr	X				X	
Mr. Bulakowski	X					X
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X					
Mr. Desiderio	X					

3:42 P.M. time

APPROVED

DIRECTOR

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE BOARD