

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 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 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 Tuesday, January 11, 2022.”

MOMENT OF SILENCE

FLAG SALUTE-Led by General Pierson.

MINUTES – MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 10/11/22 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) COUNTY ENGINEER:

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

The emergency repair of the 104th Street Bridge in Stone Harbor was continuing he said. The divers had sheeted up most of the southeast and southwest sides. Doing this was a prerequisite to driving the new sheeting behind the abutment. Fifteen feet of fiberglass sheets had been installed on the southwest quadrant, continuing across. The goal was to get across finishing the western side and then flip across to do the eastern side.

Stagecoach Rd. from Tuckahoe Road to Old Tuckahoe Road would begin tomorrow. The contractor would start with some concrete work and realignment of East Saint Andrea’s Intersection. The project would take about month to complete.

The work on Dennisville-Petersburg Road was scheduled to start on November 10th. The contractor was focusing on lay out right now.

The traffic calming work in Cape May Point was scheduled to started November 1st. The construction activities wouldn’t interfere with the World Series of Birding activities going on now, he finished.

2) COUNTY COUNSEL: No report.

3) COUNTY TREASURER: No report.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

- 1) COMMISSIONER MOREY: The USDA was visiting the County Airport tomorrow, Mr. Morey stated.
- 2) COMMISSIONER PIERSON: The Coast Guard Foundation held its annual cruise recently. General Pierson participated on the cruise. He met with the Commander of the Cape May Coast Guard Base and other senior officers, discussing several matters which would be reported to the Board later. The leadership team would meet quarterly from this point forward. He attended the funeral of Ed Barr.
- 3) COMMISSIONER HAYES: The commissioner attended the Coalition Against Rape and Abuse fundraiser, Senior Day in the Park and the Mid-Atlantic Association of Women in Law Enforcement convention, held this year in Wildwood. She had the honor of being the Master of Ceremonies yesterday. The retired officers attending the conference were treated to a behind the scenes tour of the Park & Zoo earlier today. The women were extremely grateful and thankful to the Board.
- 4) COMMISSIONER DESIDERIO: The Vice Director recently met with North Wildwood Mayor Rosenello, Middle Twp. Mayor Donahue, Avalon Mayor Pagliughi and Senator Testa to discuss pop-up car rallies and juvenile pop-up rallies. Future meetings would include all county mayors and police chiefs, he said. He reported, a two hour Zoom call with Mayors Pagliughi, Donohue, and himself took place last week with Ocean City Maryland public officials. They learned about their 5-year plan/program to combat pop-up car rallies and the ordinances that had been enacted or changed.
- 5) DIRECTOR THORNTON: Director Thornton swore in the new officers for the Chamber of Commerce at Installation Dinner and meeting. Vicki Clarke was the honored guest, he said. He met the newest chamber executive, an individual from Dennis Township.

RESOLUTIONS:

INTRODUCED BY MR. DESIDERIO, SECONDED BY MS. HAYES

- 699-22 Resolution authorizing payment to the Travelers Insurance Company for various claims in the total amount of \$8,557.41.
(This Resolution authorizes payment to the Travelers Insurance Company, Property-Casualty Department for various claims.)
- 700-22 Resolution amending the staffing limit established by the Civil Service Commission for Sergeants of the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office.
(This Resolution amends the staffing limit established by the Civil Service Commission for Sergeants of the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office.)
- 701-22 Resolution awarding Contract No. C2-174 to Global Tel Link Corporation to provide a Records Management System for the Cape May County Correctional Center.
(This Resolution awards Contract No. C2-174 to Global Tel Link Corporation to provide a Records Management System for the Cape May County Correctional Center for a term of two (2) years, commencing October 26, 2022, with three (3) one (1) year options.)

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING HELD OCTOBER 25, 2022 (CONTINUED)

702-22 Resolution awarding Contract No. C2-215 to Hickey Overhead Door Company to Furnish, Install and Maintain Overhead Doors and related equipment for County of Cape May.

(This Resolution awards Contract No. C2-215 to Hickey Overhead Door Company to furnish, install and maintain overhead doors and related equipment, on an as needed basis, for a term of one (1) year, commencing October 26, 2022, with two (2) one (1) year options.)

703-22 Resolution authorizing payment to the Travelers Insurance Company for various claims in the total amount of \$44,020.42.

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

704-22 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. CO-179 with South State, Inc. for Ocean Drive (CR621) Bridge over Middle Thorofare Rehabilitation in a net credit amount of \$1,927.08.

(This Resolution authorizes Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. CO-179 with South State, Inc. for Ocean Drive (CR621) Bridge over Middle Thorofare Rehabilitation in a net credit amount of \$1,927.08.)

705-22 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 25, 2022.)

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

706-22 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).)

707-22 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.)

708-22 Resolution recognizing November 12th – 20th, 2022 as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in Cape May County.

(This Resolution recognizes November 12th – 20th, 2022 as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in Cape May County and encourages everyone to support organizations committed to sheltering and providing supportive services as well as meals and food supplies to people experiencing homelessness.)

709-22 Resolution accepting Grant Award extension from the New Jersey Department of Health Office of Local Public Health for the 2023 Overdose Fatality Review Teams Grant in the amount of \$75,000.00.

(This Resolution authorizes grant award from the New Jersey Department of Health for the period of 10/1/22 through 6/30/23 to support Overdose Fatality support offered to Cape May County residents through the Cape May County Health Department.)

710-22 Resolution amending the 2022 Budget for the 2023 Overdose Fatality Review Teams Grant in the amount of \$75,000.00.

(This Resolution amends the 2022 Budget in the amount of \$75,000.00 for Overdose Fatality Review Teams Grant.)

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- 711-22 Resolution accepting Grant Award from the New Jersey Department of Health Division of Epidemiology, Environmental and Occupational Health for the Right To Know Program for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$8,976.00.
(This Resolution accepts a grant award for the Right to Know Program for the period of 07/01/22 through 06/30/23 in the amount of \$8,976.00.)
- 712-22 Resolution amending the 2022 Budget for the Right To Know Program No. EPID23RTK09L in the amount of \$8,976.00.
(This Resolution amends the 2022 Budget in the amount of \$8,976.00, funding to be used for the Right to Know Program.)
- 713-22 Resolution accepting Grant Agreement from the State of New Jersey Department of Health for Special Child Health Case Management Grant No. DFHS23CSE016 for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$85,591.00.
(This Resolution accepts grant funds from the State Department of Health in the amount of \$45,000.00 and \$40,591.00 County Cash Matching funds for the period 7/01/22 through 6/30/23 for Case Management Services.)
- 714-22 Resolution amending the 2022 Budget for Case Management (Special Child Health) Grant No. DFHS23CSE016 in the amount of \$85,591.00.
(This Resolution amends the 2022 Budget in the amount of \$45,000.00 (with Matching funds of \$40,591.00), thus providing appropriate services and support to children, birth to age three, in need of Case Management Services.)
- 715-22 Resolution accepting Grant Award from State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission for New Jersey Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Innovations Funding in the amount of \$40,000.00.
(This Resolution accepts award notice for the following grant: Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Innovations Funding – Probation Enrichment, Incentive & Orientation Program in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the period of 1/1/23 through 12/31/23.)
- 716-22 Resolution authorizing an application to the Corporation for National and Community Service Grant No. 23SR250477 for the FY2023 Retired Senior Volunteer Program for the period of April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 in the amount of \$103,415.00.
(This Resolution authorizes application for the FY2023 Retired Senior Volunteer Program; Federal Share \$62,523.00; Local Cash Match \$40,892.00.)
- 717-22 Resolution applying to New Jersey Department of Human Services for the 2023 Statewide Respite Care Program No. DOAS23SRP003 in the amount of \$107,180.00.
(This Resolution authorizes Grant Application for the 2023 Statewide Respite Care Program funding to support family or other uncompensated caregivers in meeting demands of daily care for the frail elderly and other functionally impaired persons for the period of 1/1/23 through 12/31/23 in the amount of \$107,180.00.)
- 718-22 Resolution awarding Contract No. C2-219 to the Cape May County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Inc. dba Cape Assist to provide Evidence Based Prevention Services for the Cape May County Department of Human Services.
(This Resolution awards Contract No. C2-219 to the Cape May County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Inc. dba Cape Assist to provide evidence based prevention services, on an as needed basis, for a term of three (3) months, commencing October 26, 2022, with four (4) one (1) year options.)

Jim Chew, Rio Grande resident thanked Commissioner Pierson and the Board of County Commissioners for recognizing Homelessness Awareness Week in the County of Cape May.

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

719-22 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.)

720-22 Resolution authorizing the Board to hold a meeting excluding the public on October 25, 2022 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); personnel matters, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8), and matters falling within the lease, purchase or acquisition of real property, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(5).

(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.)

721-22 Resolution authorizing Grant Agreement between New Jersey Department of State Historical Commission and the County of Cape May Culture & Heritage Division for FY2023 County History Partnership Program Grant in the amount of \$60,781.00.

(This Resolution authorizes a grant agreement and accepts grant funding from the New Jersey Department of State Historical Commission for the County History Partnership Program Grant, in the amount of \$60,781.00, for the period of 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2023 for the purpose of re-granting funds to local History organizations for general operations and project expenses.)

722-22 Resolution authorizing Grant Agreement with New Jersey Department of State, State Council on the Arts for FY23 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 01/01/23 to 12/31/23 for the purpose of re-granting funds to Local Arts organizations for cultural projects/expenses.)

723-22 Resolution awarding Contract No. C2-217 to Remington & Vernick Engineers for 2022 Specification 33 Task 2 - County of Cape May Park & Zoo Aviary HVAC Replacement/Upgrade in an amount not to exceed \$71,680.00.

(This Resolution awards Contract No. C2-217 to Remington & Vernick Engineers for 2022 Specification 33 Task 2 - Cape May County Zoo Aviary HVAC Replacement/Upgrade, in an amount not to exceed \$71,680.00, commencing on October 26, 2022, 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. MOREY, SECONDED BY MR. PIERSON

724-22 Resolution amending Resolution No. 237-22 authorizing the Atlantic County Improvement Authority to award a Contract to Arthur J. Ogren, Inc. in the amount of \$24,708,705.00 for the construction of the Cape May County Government Services District.

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(This Resolution authorizes the amendment of Resolution No. 237-22.)

- 725-22 Resolution authorizing acquisition of interest in real estate known as Block 501 Lot 22.01 in the Township of Lower for use in connection with County Road System.
(This Resolution authorizes the acquisition by the County of Cape May of 446 sq. ft. of a portion of County Road No. 644 pursuant to the County Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 40:27-1, et seq.)
- 726-22 Resolution awarding contract to South State, Inc. in the amount of \$1,539,513.63 for Resurfacing Improvements to Pittsburgh Avenue (CR622), City of Cape May.
(This Resolution awards the contract for Resurfacing Improvements to Pittsburgh Avenue (CR622) from Washington Street/Lafayette Street to Beach Avenue (CR604), City of Cape May.)
- 727-22 Resolution approving contract documents for Lafayette Street (CR633) Resurfacing Improvements, City of Cape May and authorizing the Clerk of the Board to advertise for bids for same.
(This Resolution approves contract documents and authorizes advertisement.)
- 728-22 Resolution authorizing acquisition of interest in real estate known as Block 503.01 Lot 17.01 in the Township of Lower for use in connection with County Road System.
(This Resolution authorizes the acquisition by the County of Cape May of 1863.62 sq. ft. of a portion of County Road No. 626 pursuant to the County Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 40:27-1, et seq.)
- 729-22 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$6,468.00 to Urban Engineers, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for Marshallville Road (CR632) Bridge Replacement with a Pedestrian Bridge, Township of Upper.
(This Resolution increases the ceiling amount for additional work to be performed by Urban Engineers, Inc. under their professional engineering services agreement for Marshallville Road (CR632) Bridge Replacement with a Pedestrian Bridge, Township of Upper.)
- 730-22 Resolution endorsing City of Sea Isle City's Submission of a Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Transportation Alternatives Program.
(This Resolution endorses the City of Sea Isle City's submission of a grant application to the State's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).)
- 731-22 Resolution establishing speed limits for both directions of traffic along Bayshore Road (CR607) in the Township of Lower and Borough of West Cape May.
(This Resolution modifies existing speed limits on Bayshore Road (CR607) in the Township of Lower and Borough of West Cape May.)
- 732-22 Resolution to modify speed limit on Cape Avenue (CR651), Borough of Cape May Point.
(This Resolution modifies existing speed limits on Cape Avenue (CR651) in the Borough of Cape May Point.)
- 733-22 Resolution authorizing execution of Agreement No. 22-DT-BLA-880 for Beach Avenue (CR604) Resurfacing Improvements, City of Cape May, County of Cape May.
(This Resolution establishes the terms for cost reimbursement of Federal funds for Beach Avenue (CR604) Resurfacing Improvements.)
- 734-22 Resolution establishing an All Way Stop Condition (AWSC) at the intersection of Bayshore Road (CR607) and Fourth Avenue (CR635) Borough of West Cape May, Cape May County, NJ.
(This Resolution is the result of a recently completed engineering study prepared by the County Engineers office.)

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING HELD OCTOBER 25, 2022 (CONTINUED)

735-22 Resolution to modify speed limit on Lighthouse Avenue (CR629), Borough of Cape May Point.
 (This Resolution modifies existing speed limits on Lighthouse Avenue (CR629) in the Borough of Cape May Point.)

736-22 Resolution amending the Shared Services Agreement between the County of Cape May and City of Wildwood for the Construction and Maintenance of a Water Pump Station.
 (This Resolution amends the Shared Services Agreement adopted by Resolution No. 382-20.)

Commissioners	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X					
Ms. Hayes	X					
Mr. Morey	X				X	
Mr. Pierson	X					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- Jim Chew, Rio Grande commented on the current plight of homeless individuals in the county. He asked for support from the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioners Thornton and Pierson responded by describing help that had been provided with available resources over time .

ADJOURN: 5:05 P.M.

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