

MINUTES OF A CAUCUS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 4 MOORE ROAD, CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, NEW JERSEY ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020 AT 3:00 P.M.

Deputy Clerk Doyle called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call:

Freeholders Desiderio and Hayes-Present (2)

Freeholders Morey, Pierson and Thornton- Virtual access (3)

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 Friday, January 3, 2020.”

Moment of Silence

Flag Salute- Led by Freeholder Pierson.

Agenda Items

Discussion:

1. Allison Hansen-Purchasing Report

Ms. Hansen detailed awards, extensions, or changes to contracts, and competitive contracting of the following resolutions: Res. Nos. 672-20, 680-20, 681-20, and 698-20.

Res. 672-20 awarding Contract No. C0-195 to Aflac Incorporated for Provision of Core Benefit Communications and Voluntary Enrollment Solutions for employees and dependents of County of Cape May.

Res. 680-20 authorizing Change Order No. 1 not to exceed \$260,000.00 to Contract No. C0-138 with ACULABS for COVID-19 testing at Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Res. 681-20 authorizing participation in the Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care (LTC) Program that will provide end-to-end management of the COVID-19 vaccination process for Crest Haven Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center.

Res. 698-20 authorizing Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$94,146.83 to Contract No. CO-70 with R. Wilkinson & Sons Construction for site work at the New Safari Café Building at Cape May County Park & Zoo.

2. Robert Church-Engineer’s Update

The following resolutions on the agenda to be authorized during the Regular Meeting of Board tonight were acknowledged and/or discussed by Mr. Church.

Res. 705-20 authorizing execution of Agreement No. 20-DT-BLA-827 for Countywide Centerline Rumble Strips, County of Cape May.

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Res. 706-20 authorizing execution of Agreement No. 20-DT-BLA-826 for Pacific Avenue (CR621) Resurfacing from Madison Avenue to Rambler Road, Township of Lower and Borough of Wildwood Crest.

Res. 707-20 authorizing execution of Agreement No. 20-DT-BLA-811 for Seashore Road (CR626) Missing Bicycle Link Improvements, Township of Lower.

Res. 709-20 authorizing an All Way Stop Condition Temporary Flash at intersection of Fishing Creek Road (CR639) and Breakwater Road (CR613), Township of Lower, in the event of a power failure.

Res. 710-20 accepting the work and closing the contract of Maser Consulting, P.A. for Construction Engineering Services for Emergency Underwater Substructure Repair at Ocean Drive (CR619) Bridge over Townsends Inlet, Borough of Avalon.

Res. 711-20 accepts the work and closes the contract of Palmer House Restaurants, Inc. for Remediation of Underground Storage Tanks located along County Right-of-Ways located at 34th Street and West Avenue, Ocean City, New Jersey.

Res. 713-20 accepting the work and closing the contract of South State, Inc. for Emergency Underwater Substructure Repair at Ocean Drive (CR619) Bridge over Townsends Inlet, Borough of Avalon.

Res. 714-20 closing the contract and accepting the work of Urban Engineers, Inc. Professional General Engineering Services for New Jersey Avenue (CR621) Resurfacing Improvements from Youngs Avenue to 26th Street, City of Wildwood.

Res. 715-20 establishing a Handicap Parking Space on West Avenue (CR619) in the City of Ocean City, Cape May County, NJ.

Director Thornton questioned Mr. Church about the rumble strips, as to whether the rumble strip placements were going to be approved by the municipalities prior to installation.

3. Ed Runyon, Park/Zoo Director -Safari Café Presentation

Res. No. 698-20 on the regular agenda of the October 27, 2020 Freeholder Meeting authorized a change order in the amount of \$94,146.83 to a contract with R. Wilkinson & Sons Construction for site work at the New Safari Café Building at Cape May County Park & Zoo.

Mr. Runyon was in attendance to answer any questions by the Board and to explain the reason for the change order. A change in location for the Café within the Park/Zoo had resulted in the need to remove existing soil, bring in approximately 700 cubic yards of soil to be compacted over every six inches of the new area, making it stable enough for the structure to be constructed in that location, he explained.

Freeholder Morey asked Ed if there would be a revenue enhancement or other advantages, because of the change to this larger location, with the addition of tables and chairs. He also wanted to know if the viewing shelter, which could be seen in the final plan had always been there. The freeholder suggested the viewing area from the new Café be elevated if that had not already been considered.

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4. Freeholder Discussions

Acting County Administrator Donohue-He thanked department heads and employees for continuing to work under what are challenging conditions. He asked for everyone to be mindful of the fact that COVID-19 can spread more readily now that we would all be spending more time indoors due to cold weather. Cape May County's infection rate had remained very low throughout the summer and he hoped we would all continue to work hard to maintain that. More messaging to follow for local population, continuing along the "Safely Together" theme he informed.

He had received quite a few e-mails from individuals concerned about the schools not being open full-time. That issue was a local school board decision, not a county decision, he had explained to those reaching out to him.

Freeholder Morey- No report.

Freeholder Pierson-No report.

Freeholder Hayes- The freeholder asked her fellow board members if they knew of any money available or help, to assist a business owner that suffered a \$40,000 loss due to the tornado last month. The loss was not covered by the business's property insurance because it consisted of downed trees that had not damaged the building structure on the property.

She reported that NJAC's John Donnadio had been having conversations with the governor's office, and possibly some help might be coming down for businesses. Ideas for types of help businesses might need or how the money could be divided were being sought. Director Thornton advises Freeholder Hayes to direct the question to Vicki Clark at the CMC Chamber of Commerce.

Freeholder Desiderio- No report.

Freeholder Thornton-He recommended to the Board they continue through November with the 3:00 p.m. Zoom meetings.

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

Caucus adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Deputy Clerk of the Board