

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, NOVEMBER 9, 2021 AT 3:00 P.M.

Vice-Director Desiderio called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call:

Commissioners Hayes, Morey, Pierson (virtual) and Desiderio (4)
Commissioner Thornton-Absent (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 to the family of Patricia Peterson on her passing. She was known for becoming the first female councilwoman in Middle Township.

Flag Salute-Led by Commissioner Pierson

Agenda Items

Presentation: Cape Regional Wellness Alliance- “Adverse Childhood Experiences” (ACEs)

Tom Piratzky-Cape Regional Medical Center

An update on the ACEs Project was provided. Sixty-five to seventy individuals and organizations from every sector of the community had contributed to date. All volunteers. There was no president or director for the program.

Some of things being done to assist children that had experienced childhood trauma were highlighted in the presentation.

Through a Community Health Needs Assessment, Lower Township, Middle Township, Woodbine and Wildwood were identified as having the worst statistics. These towns were focused on at first, prior to the ACEs program becoming a county wide project.

In 2017, the Cape Regional Wellness Alliance sponsored a Youth Law Enforcement Academy which has grown exponentially over the last 5 years. The Handle with Care Program was started by Chris Leusner, Chief of Police of Middle Township and implemented statewide by him. From there, Chief Leusner brought the program nationwide. Resiliency & Trauma training began in the summer of 2016. School teachers, support groups and administrators have all been trained in ACEs over the last 4 years. The Public Service Announcement (PSA) contest was expanded to include ACEs. Big Brothers and Big Sisters started a mentoring program for kids transitioning from middle school to high school. Rainbow Pediatrics began screening the mothers of children by use of surveys in its pediatric practice. ACEs in the workforce was addressed by the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce in February 2020 and a committee was formed to deal specifically with that. There was now universal ACEs prevention initiative. A *Fit for Life* Program was being developed to help strengthen families. ACEs were generational in nature. Breaking the cycle was the goal.

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Jamie Moscony-Assistant Superintendent for CMC Special Services School

Partnerships developed, and collaboration and coordination between various agencies helped to move the programs forward, she stated. A step-down program for kids coming out of mental hospitals had been developed. A lot of progress had been made in just a few years.

Katie Faldetta-Cape Assist

Surveys were sent out each year to track progress. Seventh, ninth, eleventh and twelfth graders were surveyed. The average age of first time use of alcohol or other substances was reviewed. Perception of harm was looked at. Parents perception and perception of peers was also tracked, she said.

Sue Conrad-Executive Director, Caring for Kids

Ms. Conrad informed that there was data available, some of which could be found on the CDC website, which backed up the hypothesis that intervention early on can change outcomes.

Commissioners Hayes, Pierson, Morey and Desiderio thanked and complimented the program partners. Commissioner Morey asked about their needs or funding sources for the future.

A Recognition certificate was presented. Photographs were taken.

Discussion:

1. Allison Hansen- Purchasing Report

Ms. Hansen detailed awards, extensions, or changes to contracts, and competitive contracting of the following resolutions: Res. Nos. 765-21, 772-21 and 797-21.

Res. 765-21 awarding Contract No. C1-212 to Cape Regional Home Health Care, LLC for administration and management of Home Health Care Services for residents of Cape May County.

Res. 772-21 awarding Contract No. C1-227 to KFT Fire Trainer, LLC for upgrade and maintenance of the Fire Training System for the Public Safety Training Center in the amount not to exceed \$67,105.00.

Res. 797-21 awarding Contract No. C1-230 to Burns Construction Consulting LLC, to provide Owner's Representative Services for Government Services Building Project at Cape May County Airport.

2. Robert Church-Engineer's Update

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

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Res. 779-21 authorizing execution of Agreement No. 21-DT-BLA-845 for 2016 CMAQ Improving Air Quality & Reducing Traffic Congestion Through Biking, City of Ocean City, County of Cape May.

Res. 781-21 closing the Shared Services Agreement between the City of Ocean City and the County of Cape May for Construction Management Services.

Res. 784-21 accepting the work and closing the contract of Gibson Associates, P.A. for Construction Testing Inspection Services for Hope Corson Road (CR671) Improvements from U.S. Route 50 to Stagecoach Road (CR667), Township of Upper.

Res. 785-21 accepting the work and closing the contract of Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for Roosevelt Boulevard (CR623) Bridge Deck Rehabilitation.

Res. 786-21 authorizing Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$0.00 to Landberg Construction, LLC for 2021 Miscellaneous Drainage Improvements I on an As-Needed Basis Throughout Cape May County.

Res. 787-21 accepting the work and closing the contract of Michael Baker International, Inc. for Professional Bridge Engineering Services for Design of Priority Structural Repairs at the Stone Harbor Boulevard (CR657) Bridge over Great Channel.

Res. 788-21 accepting the work and closing the contract of Pennoni Associates, Inc. for Professional Construction Engineering Services for Landis Avenue (CR619) and Gerald M. Thornton Way Improvements.

Res. 789-21 accepting the work and closing the contract of Remington & Vernick Engineers, Inc. for Professional Construction Engineering Services for Lafayette Street (CR633) over Cape Island Creek Bridge Repairs.

Res. 790-21 accepting the work and closing the contract of Remington & Vernick Engineers, Inc. for Professional Construction Engineering Services for 2017 Priority Structural Repairs at the Stone Harbor Boulevard (CR657) Bridge over Great Channel, Township of Middle and Borough of Stone Harbor.

Res. 791-21 authorizing Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$0.00 to South State, Inc. for Pacific Avenue (CR621) Resurfacing Improvements, Borough of Wildwood Crest and Township of Lower.

Res. 792-21 accepting the work and closing the contract of Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services required for Design of Intersection Improvements on Woodbine-Ocean View Road (CR550) and U.S. Route 9, Township of Dennis.

Res. 793-21 accepting the work and closing the contract of Urban Engineers, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services associated with Upgrade of 104th Street Bridge in Stone Harbor.

Res. 794-21 accepting the work and closing the contract of Urban Engineers, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for Improvements to Corsons Tavern Road and New Bridge Road (CR628), Townships of Dennis and Upper.

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Res. 795-21 accepting the work and closing the contract of Urban Engineers, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for Garden State Parkway Traffic Signal Elimination Coordination and Related Improvements.

Res. 796-21 amending Resolution No. 744-21 awarding 2021 Miscellaneous Drainage Improvements II on an As-Needed Basis Throughout Cape May County to Lafayette Utility Construction Co., Inc. based upon unit prices.

3. Kevin Lare- Administrator Report

Mr. Lare reported on the bond ordinances on behalf of Treasurer, Brittany Smith, who was absent due to a family emergency. The two ordinances on the agenda, totaled \$40 million. The down payments for them were offset by grant money. Bond Ord. 2-21 totaling \$24 million was offset by the Local Bridges Future Needs fund program in the amount of \$3 million. Money for the roads was offset by Annual Transportation Program (ATP) funding in the amount of \$3.3 million. Because of the grant money, the county would not have to come up with the 5% down payment requirement on the bonds, he said.

Mr. Church provided additional detail regarding the grant program. He explained how less money would be borrowed, by applying the ATP funding and federal aid towards his projects. Local Bridges Future Needs went towards the cost of rehabbing the bridges, he noted. Nine to ten million dollars was offset annually by the grant programs.

4. Commissioner Discussions

Commissioner Pierson- None.

Commissioner Morey-None.

Commissioner Hayes-None.

Moved by Ms. Hayes seconded by Mr. Morey to adjourn the caucus. Roll call: Commissioners Hayes, Morey, Pierson and Desiderio (AYE-4) (NAYE-None) (ABSTAIN-None) (ABSENT-One). Carried.

Caucus adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Administrator/Clerk of the Board