

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN
FREEHOLDERS HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020 AT 4:30 P.M.
IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
4 MOORE ROAD
CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, NEW JERSEY**

The meeting convened with Deputy Clerk Doyle presiding and the following members answering roll call:

Freeholders Desiderio and Hayes-Present (2)
Freeholders Morey, Pierson, and Thornton via virtual access (3)

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 Friday, January 3, 2020.”

MOMENT OF SILENCE-Dedicated in honor of all Veterans as suggested by Freeholder Pierson.

FLAG SALUTE-Led by Freeholder Pierson.

MINUTES – MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 10/27/20 MEETINGS
FH Desiderio moved/ FH Hayes seconded

Freeholders	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 gave his report which detailed projects in various stages of completion. He updated the Board on the progress of the Ingram’s Thorofare Bridge Re-decking, 96th Street Bridge emergency repairs, and the Priority 1 and Priority 2 repairs at both the Ingrams Bridge and 96th Street Bridge.

Next Wednesday, the Miscellaneous Drainage project for this year would be advertised, he stated. It covered drainage on Goshen, Townbank and Breakwater Roads. The latter two had been problematic flooding areas in the County for years, he commented.

Over the next two weeks the Department of Public Works would be submitting their 2021 County Aid Road Program to the State. This year’s allotment eligibility was for \$3.4 million, he informed.

2) COUNTY COUNSEL: County Counsel, Jeffrey Lindsay had no report.

3) COUNTY TREASURER: CFO, Brittany Smith had no report.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS:

1) FREEHOLDER MOREY:

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Mr. Morey reported he had communicated with the governor's chief of staff, George Helmy via a short video call in follow up to correspondence he had sent up to Trenton a few weeks ago. On behalf of the County, the freeholder restated the rationale for clear benchmarks, a regional incentive-based approach and continuing to promote the "Safely Together Campaign". He indicated the County would do whatever was necessary to assist the State in this endeavor.

2) FREEHOLDER PIERSON:

Mr. Pierson informed his colleagues of his participation and/or experience at the following events: Middle Township Halloween Parade, Zoom meeting about opioids, Cape May County Women's Commission Suffrage Celebration, 100th Anniversary of Aaron Wittkamp Colwell American Legion Post 239 in Tuckahoe, Trunk or Treat at Wildwood Fox Park and Zoom meeting with Cape May County COVID Taskforce.

The freeholder had sent out the COVID actions list update this morning to his fellow board members.

The Cape May County Health Department held one mobile COVID-19 test site at Victoria Commons to date, he noted. To his knowledge, the schedule of other upcoming mobile clinics would be published in tomorrow's edition of the Herald.

He announced that today was the 245th Birthday of the Marine Corps. and he wished them a happy birthday.

Mr. Pierson presented a certificate to Marie Carpenello, Crest Haven Nursing & Rehabilitation Center resident on her 100th Birthday, yesterday. Administrator Hess was there too, to celebrate the occasion which was held in the lobby of the nursing home.

He reminded everyone that tomorrow was Veterans Day and asked that people remember their Veterans. The virtual ceremony which featured Director Thornton and himself would be up on the website by tomorrow, he stated.

3) FREEHOLDER HAYES:

Ms. Hayes informed the Board that the Franklin Street Library project had been listed as one of 38 projects selected out of the 128 submitted in the state, to receive some of that grant money from the State Library Construction Bond. If chosen, \$3.4 million would be received, the entire amount requested for the project. It would have to pass the Assembly and Senate prior to Cape May receiving the funding. The fantastic team assembled in the beginning, worked tirelessly over the last 2 years putting together the grant application, which was grueling, she stated.

The freeholder had the opportunity to be at the Park & Zoo this past week when a group of homeschoolers were there getting instruction by the Education Department. She learned from the department that since a lot of people were opting to keep their children at home, they had been seeing a lot more activity and requests for classes about the animals.

She reported that the employees at the Park & Zoo were putting together a Christmas Winter Wonderland to begin on December 19th and continue through January 3rd. It would be a virtual event, but families could also go to the park and participate in activities there, including a scavenger hunt like the one held for Halloween.

She announced the Garden State Boy Scout Council would be honoring Melanie Collette, Middle Township teacher, as the Women of Achievement for 2020. The virtual event would take place on December 10th. The freeholder and Ms. Collette met with the administrators of the boy scouts this past week and put together their

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videos which would be shown on the 10th. She encouraged everybody to attend in acknowledgement of all the wonderful things done by the featured women.

On behalf of the freeholder board, Ms. Hayes congratulated and thanked the County Board of Elections and County Clerk's Office for the unbelievable job done during the election. She visited the locations several times and witnessed firsthand the amazing job being done by employees and the volunteers.

She participated in the Lower Township Veterans Day Parade, which is getting bigger and bigger every year and wonderful, she commented.

She congratulated Will and Jeff on their victory and stated she was glad they would be working together again.

Mr. Morey echoed the sentiments made by Freeholder Hayes regarding the departments handling the election process.

4) FREEHOLDER DESIDERIO:

Mr. Desiderio congratulated Mr. Morey and Mr. Pierson and looked forward to working with them, he stated.

He reported visiting County Commons and the Tractor Supply and was quite impressed by the progress made. He thanked Jeff Lindsay, and everyone involved; it was turning into something that we are all going to be proud of when finished.

The freeholder wished all the Veterans a Happy Veterans Day.

5) FREEHOLDER THORNTON:

Director Thornton reported continuing to work on the COVID-19 situation and noted the increased numbers were concerning. Fortunately, we could have a vaccine coming online shortly which is 90 percent effective, he commented. We cannot keep this county and state closed forever due to the terrible impact on people mentally and financially, he stated.

He congratulated the library people, Andrea Orsini, the Director, Chuck Lear, Patricia Hendricks, Marie Hayes and himself for the work put in on the Franklin Street library project. He was hopeful it would pass in the legislature for the \$3.4 million.

He recognized all veterans and their families on Veterans Day. He was bothered by the fact that we had not been able to celebrate in person like before COVID, he further stated.

He acknowledged the Election Board and County Clerk's Office. He congratulated Freeholders Pierson and Morey on their win.

RESOLUTIONS:

INTRODUCED BY MR. DESIDERIO, SECONDED BY MS. HAYES

717-20 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Emergency Management)
(This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)

718-20 Resolution awarding Contract No. C0-193 to Atlantic Salt, Inc., Contract No. C0-194 to Riverside Construction Materials, Inc. and Contract No. C0-191 to Chemical Equipment Labs Inc. to furnish and deliver rock salt to

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County of Cape May and participating cooperative agencies (25CMACP 01-37-20).

(This Resolution awards Contract No. C0-193 to Atlantic Salt, Inc. in the amount of \$58.50 per ton; Contract No. C0-194 to Riverside Construction Materials, Inc. in the amount of \$59.00 per ton for rock salt to County Cape May and participating Cooperative Agencies, and Contract No. C0-191 to Chemical Equipment Labs Inc. in the amount of \$69.69 per ton for treated rock salt to County of Cape May and participating CMC Cooperative Agencies commencing November 11, 2020 for a term of one year with one (1) one-year option.)

719-20 Resolution authorizing use of competitive contracting for the provision of Animal Medications for various County Departments.

(This Resolution authorizes use of competitive contracting for the provision of Animal Medications pursuant to N.J.S.A, 40A:11-5(a)(i) Professional Services.)

720-20 Resolution awarding Contract No. C0-206 to Franklin Alarm Company, Inc. to furnish and deliver labor and materials for maintenance of fire and burglar alarm systems.

(This Resolution awards Contract No. C0-206 to Franklin Alarm Company, Inc. to furnish and deliver labor and materials for the maintenance and repairs of fire and burglar alarm systems for a term of one year commencing November 15, 2020 with two (2) one-year options.)

721-20 Resolution authorizing purchase with ADT Commercial for security cameras at County Commons utilizing County Contract No. C7-259 in the amount of \$108,928.06.

(This Resolution authorizes a purchase with ADT Commercial for labor, materials, and installation of 41 security cameras at County Commons through County Contract No. C7-259 in the amount of \$108,928.06.)

722-20 Resolution renewing a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Agreement with the Honorable Michael J. Donohue, J.S.C. (ret.) of Blaney, Karavan & Weinberg, P.C.

(This Resolution authorizes an extension of the Professional Services Agreement with the Honorable Michael J. Donohue, J.S.C. (ret.) from November 20, 2020 to December 31, 2020, with all other terms and conditions remaining the same.)

723-20 Resolution designating year 2021 holidays for the County of Cape May.

(This Resolution designates "celebrated" and "cash" holidays for 2021. The celebrated day reflects the day/date the holiday is observed by Monday through Friday employees. The cash day denotes the day/date the holiday is observed for employees working other than a 5-day, Monday through Friday work week.)

724-20 Resolution transferring funds 2020 Budget.

(This Resolution authorizes the transfer of funds from one department to another department.)

725-20 Resolution accepting Grant Award from U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance for the FY20 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant in the amount of \$17,600.00.

(This Resolution is accepting a grant award from U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the FY20 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant in the amount of \$17,600.00 for the period of 4/1/20 to 8/31/22.)

726-20 Resolution amending the 2020 Budget for the FY20 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant in the amount of \$17,600.00.

(This Resolution amends the 2020 Budget in the amount of \$17,600.00, funding to be used for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant for the period 4/1/20 to 8/31/22.)

727-20 Resolution accepting Grant Award from New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for Victims of Crime, Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)/Forensic Nurse Examiner (FNE) Grant Program for the period of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 in the amount of \$49,844.00.

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(This Resolution accepts a grant award from New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for SART/FNE Program in the amount of \$49,844.00 and in-Kind matching funds of \$17,306.00 to support sexual assault victims.)

- 728-20 Resolution amending the 2020 Budget for Victims of Crime, Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)/Forensic Nurse Examiner (FNE) Grant Program in the amount of \$49,844.00.

(This Resolution amends the 2020 Budget in the amount of \$49,844.00 for Victims of Crime, Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)/ Forensic Nurse Examiner (FNE) Grant Program.)

- 729-20 Resolution applying to New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety NJ Cares-Coordinator for Addiction Responses and Enforcement Strategies for FFY 2020 Overdose Data to Action-Operation Helping Hand Grant in the amount of \$47,619.00.

(This Resolution authorizes an application for the period 9/1/20 to 8/31/21 in the amount of \$47,619.00 to provide for law enforcement activities and programs.)

- 730-20 Resolution authorizing Grant Agreement between New Jersey Department of State Historical Commission and the County of Cape May Culture & Heritage Division for FY2021 County History Partnership Program Grant in the amount of \$27,014.00.

(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 \$27,014.00, for the period of 01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021 for the purpose of re-granting funds to local History organizations for general operations and project expenses.)

- 731-20 Resolution authorizing Grant Agreement with New Jersey Department of State, State Council on the Arts for FY21 New Jersey Council on the Arts Program in the amount of \$65,946.00.

(This Resolution accepts grant funds from the State in the amount of \$65,946.00 for the period of 01/01/21 to 12/31/21 for the purpose of re-granting funds to Local Arts organizations for cultural projects/expenses.)

Freeholders	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

- 732-20 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).)

- 733-20 Resolution authorizing an emergency purchase of recreational vehicle by Department of Health for COVID-19 testing in the amount not to exceed \$95,000.00.

(The Resolution authorizes the purchase of recreational vehicle by Department of Health for COVID-19 testing utilizing CARES Act grant funding in the amount not to exceed \$95,000.00 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 et seq...*emergency affecting the public health.*)

- 734-20 Resolution authorizing execution of Extraordinary Unspecified Services Agreement with NAI Mertz Corporation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(ii).

(This Resolution authorizes an agreement with NAI Mertz for services provided in connection with Tractor Supply Company.)

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- 735-20 Resolution authorizing Subcontract with Township of Dennis for participation in the Municipal Alliance Program in the amount of \$3,201.00.
(This Resolution authorizes subcontract for the period of 10/1/20 through 6/30/21: Township of Dennis \$3,201.00.)
- 736-20 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, 2020 to June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$6,822.00.
(This Resolution accepts a grant award for the Right to Know Program for the period of 07/01/20 through 06/30/21 in the amount of \$6,822.00.)
- 737-20 Resolution amending the 2020 Budget for the Right to Know Program No. EPID21RTK03L in the amount of \$6,822.00.
(This Resolution amends the 2020 Budget in the amount of \$6,822.00, funding to be used for the Right to Know Program for the period 7/1/20 to 6/30/21.)
- 738-20 Resolution accepting Grant Award from State of New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Family Development COVID Relief Funding for the period 9/1/2020 to 12/1/2020 in the amount of \$114,000.00.
(This Resolution authorizes acceptance of funding from the New Jersey Department of Human Services for COVID Relief Funding in the amount of \$114,000.00.)
- 739-20 Resolution amending the 2020 Budget for COVID Relief Funding in the amount of \$114,000.00.
(This Resolution amends the 2020 Budget in the amount of \$114,000.00 for COVID Relief Funds from the New Jersey Department of Human Services to the Cape May County Board of Social Services.)

Freeholders	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

- 740-20 Resolution supplementing the 2020 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.)
- 741-20 Resolution authorizing the Board to hold a meeting excluding the public on November 10, 2020 at 3:30 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 Chosen Freeholders 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.)
- 742-20 Resolution reconfirming Resolution No. 716-20 adopted October 27, 2020.
(This Resolution reconfirms Resolution No. 716-20 authorizing the County of Cape May to make an application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services for the Local Government Emergency Fund (CRF) Grant for the reimbursement of COVID-19 related expenses for the period 3/1/20 through 12/33/20.)

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743-20 Resolution authorizing Application and Indemnification Agreement with Middle Township High School to hold a Color Run (5K) on May 22, 2021 at County Park Central.

(This Resolution grants Middle Township High School use of County Park Central to hold a 5K Run on May 21, 2021.)

744-20 Resolution authorizing amendment to the 2020 Senior Citizen /Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program Grant in the amount of \$13,041.94.

(This Resolution authorizes an amendment in the amount of \$13,041.94 (increase) to the 2020 Senior Citizen/Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program to include close-out balances from the 2018 contract in the current year allocation.)

745-20 Resolution amending the 2020 Budget for the 2020 Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program Grant in the amount of \$13,041.94.

(This Resolution amends the 2020 Budget in the amount of \$13,041.94, to include close out balance from 2018 contract in the current year's allocation.

Freeholders	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

746-20 Resolution authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Cape May, the Delaware River and Bay Authority and the Township of Lower.

(This Resolution authorizes execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between the County, the DRBA and the Township of Lower regarding real estate taxes.)

747-20 Resolution Prohibiting Parking and Storing Equipment and/or Material Under County Bridges.

(This Resolution prohibits parking automobiles or storing equipment and/or material under the footprint of County bridges unless approved by resolution subject to the requirements set forth herein.)

748-20 Resolution accepting the work and closing the contract of Gibson Associates, P.A. for Construction Engineering Services required for Avalon Boulevard (CR601) Bridge over Avalon Canal Rehabilitation and Widening, Borough of Avalon.

(This Resolution accepts the work and closes the contract.)

749-20 Resolution approving contract documents for Countywide Centerline Rumble Strip Improvements and authorizing the Clerk of the Board to advertise for bids for same.

(This Resolution approves contract documents and authorizes advertisement.)

750-20 Resolution approving contract documents for Pacific Avenue (CR621) Resurfacing from Madison Avenue to Rambler Road, Township of Lower and Borough of Wildwood Crest and authorizing the Clerk of the Board to advertise for bids for same.

(This Resolution approves contract documents and authorizes advertisement.)

751-20 Resolution approving contract documents for Seashore Road (CR626) Missing Bicycle Link Improvements, Township of Lower and authorizing the Clerk of the Board to advertise for bids for same.

(This Resolution approves contract documents and authorizes advertisement.)

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752-20 Resolution authorizing Modification No. 2 in the amount of \$26,643.60 to the Professional Bridge Engineering Services Agreement with Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. for Ocean Drive (CR621) over Middle Thorofare Fender Repairs.

(This Resolution increases the ceiling amount of Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. professional bridge engineering services agreement for the Ocean Drive (CR619) over Middle Thorofare Fender Repairs project.)

753-20 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 2-Final in the amount of \$135,087.88 to South State, Inc. for Woodbine-Ocean View Road (CR550) and Dennisville-Petersburg Road (CR610) Roundabout, Borough of Woodbine.

(This Resolution authorizes a change order to adjust quantities to reflect the as-built conditions.)

754-20 Resolution authorizing Modification No. 3 in the amount of \$67,110.48 to WSP USA, Inc. for the Professional Bridge Engineering Services for Ocean Drive (CR621) over Middle Thorofare Bridge Railing Replacement.

(This Resolution increases the ceiling amount for additional work associated with out of scope revisions to be performed by WSP USA, Inc. under their professional engineering services agreement for the Ocean Drive (CR621) over Middle Thorofare Bridge Railing Replacement project.)

Freeholders	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: FH Desiderio moved/FH Hayes seconded

Freeholders	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: None

ADJOURN: 5:08 P.M. FH Desiderio moved/FH Hayes seconded

Freeholders	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

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ATTEST:

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD