

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 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**-Dedicated to the Rock family of Sea Isle City on the passing of Thomas Rock, retired Sea Isle City police officer.

**FLAG SALUTE**-Led by General Pierson.

**MINUTES – MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 10/25/22 MEETINGS**  
Commissioner Desiderio moved/ Commissioner Hayes seconded

<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>
<b>Mr. Desiderio</b>	<b>X</b>				<b>X</b>	
<b>Ms. Hayes</b>	<b>X</b>					<b>X</b>
<b>Mr. Morey</b>	<b>X</b>					
<b>Mr. Pierson</b>	<b>X</b>					
<b>Mr. Thornton</b>	<b>X</b>					

**COMMUNICATIONS:** E-mail correspondence to Commissioner Hayes was read into the record by the Deputy Clerk, Donna Doyle. Kate Nagoya, retired member of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Women in Law Enforcement (MAAWLE) sent an e-mail thanking Ed Runyon, Director for taking the retired police officers on a behind the scenes tour of the Park & Zoo, while they were in town for their annual conference a few weeks ago. She complimented the County for the excellent nature of the facility and Mr. Runyon’s knowledge and expertise.

**REPORTS:**

- 1) COUNTY ENGINEER: Not present.
- 2) COUNTY COUNSEL: No report.
- 3) COUNTY TREASURER: No report.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

- 1) COMMISSIONER MOREY: No report.
- 2) COMMISSIONER PIERSON:

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Mr. Pierson conveyed the following figures for 2022, provided by the departments he oversees:

Veterans Services- 7,571 veterans, up 144 since the last census count. Female veterans, down 60 since the last census count.

Health Department- 1175 flu vaccines dispensed at various clinics, 34 homebound individuals vaccinated, 600 vaccines went to shared community partners.

Social Services- 7,677 cases of assistance to 8% of the total population.

Aging & Disability Services- 2,000 meals provided the elderly and homeless. The four senior center locations served 1,000 meals between them.

Homeless Trust Fund- 3 people have funded support for housing through the program, down 1 person from the initial 4 applications.

Workfirst New Jersey- 97 households in temporary housing, 35 households receive rental assistance.

Code Blue Concept 2022-2023-Lower Township and Middle Township rotate to provide shelter during extreme temperature days. An average of 6 people currently use this service. The towns work closely with the Branches in Rio Grande.

Meetings/Events:

He reported his presence at the October CMC League of Municipalities dinner. Director Thornton was honored at the meeting for his many years of government service.

He participated in the New Jersey National Guard 3-day conference held in Atlantic City.

He reminded everyone of the County Veterans' Day Ceremony at the Police Academy Gymnasium at 2 p.m. tomorrow.

He finished by congratulating Commissioner Hayes on her reelection.

COMMISSIONER HAYES:

Ms. Hayes invited everyone to participate in the Park & Zoo's *Princess and Pirate Day* on November 12<sup>th</sup> and *Santa's Tree Lighting Celebration* on November 26<sup>th</sup>. She reported a very successful *Boo at the Zoo* was held once again this year on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Meetings/Events:

The commissioner reported her participation in the Lower Township Veterans Day Parade.

She stated she was present at the Women of Wonder Luncheon held at the Flanders Hotel in Ocean City. Lenora Boninfante Kodytek, Joyce Gould and Bernadette Matthews Givens were the 2022 honorees. Contributors to the event helped raise \$12,100 to support the Women of wonder Scholarship Endowment, as well as annual scholarships to be awarded to Cape May County young women.

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Ms. Hayes reported her attendance at the reception for the Cape May County Distinguished Citizen Awards event. Honorees were Maryanne Adams, President & CEO, Avalon Flooring, George C. Robinson, III, President and Owner of the South Jersey Yacht Sales and Bishop Charles A. Farrow, Sr. Pastor, Retired NJ State ERO Director.

She swore in the Board and Directors at the Greater Cape May Chamber Installation and Dinner. Diane Wieland, Tourism Director and Deb Bass, Assistant Director were recognized and accepted an award, as "Tourism Partner New Jersey South Shore Region DMO".

3) COMMISSIONER DESIDERIO:

Mr. Desiderio congratulated Diane on her award and Marie on her reelection.

Meetings/Events:

A roundtable discussion took place on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> chaired by Commissioner Desiderio along with Mayor Donohue of Middle Township, Mayor Rosenello of North Wildwood, Mayor Gillian of Ocean City and Mayor Pagliughi dealing with pop-up car rallies and pop-up juvenile gatherings. Prosecutor Jeff Sutherland, Assemblyman Antwan McClellan and State Senator Michael Testa were there to participate in the discussion. Claire Swift, Assemblywoman from Atlantic County joined too. Fifteen out of sixteen municipal mayors were in attendance and contributed to the dialogue during the 2-hour meeting. Bi-partisan support by the legislators was needed, he said. Another meeting will take place in January 2023.

He wished a Happy Veterans Day to all the Veterans for tomorrow.

4) DIRECTOR THORNTON:

Regarding Veterans Day tomorrow, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m., it's very important to acknowledge it, he stated. When he first came into office in the 70's there were 13,000 veterans in the County of Cape May. There were World War II, Korean and Vietnam Veterans at the time. During World War II there were 16 million persons serving in the military. Sixteen percent of the population of Middle Township were enlisted during WW2, he further stated. We were the first county in the nation to have a Veterans Bureau and the 2<sup>nd</sup> county in the nation to have Veterans Cemetery, he added. The County made him proud, he finished.

Jim Chew, Rio Grande asked for an explanation of Res. No. 760-22 from the Agenda.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**INTRODUCED BY MR. DESIDERIO, SECONDED BY MS. HAYES**

737-22 Resolution appointing Brittany Smith as County Chief Financial Officer.  
(This Resolution appoints Brittany Smith as County Chief Financial Officer commencing November 14, 2022.)

738-22 Resolution designating Year 2023 Holidays for the County of Cape May.  
(This Resolution designates "celebrated" and "cash" holidays for 2023. 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.)

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- 739-22 Resolution authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Cape May, Cape May County Sheriff, and Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), Lodge #7.  
(This Resolution authorizes the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Cape May, Cape May County Sheriff, and FOP Lodge #7 covering Uniformed Correction Police Officers and Correction Police Officer Sergeants for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024.)
- 740-22 Resolution authorizing renewal with Safety National Casualty Corporation for Excess Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance in the amount of \$134,482.00.  
(This Resolution authorizes renewal of Excess Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Policy SP4067372 for the term of October 1, 2022 through October 1, 2023.)
- 741-22 Resolution authorizing renewal with Proselect Insurance Company for Professional and General Liability Coverage for Cape May County Health Department in the amount of \$2,032.88.  
(This Resolution authorizes renewal of Policy # 002NJ000008654 for Professional and General Liability for the Cape May County Health Department for the term of October 6, 2022 through October 6, 2023.)
- 742-22 Resolution authorizing transfer of surplus property to the Borough of Woodbine.  
(This Resolution authorizes the transfer of surplus property from Cape May County to the Borough of Woodbine for the nominal sum of One (\$1.00) Dollar.)
- 743-22 Resolution applying to New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety NJ Cares – Coordinator for Addiction Responses and Enforcement Strategies for FFY2022 Overdose Data To Action - Operation Helping Hand Grant-FFYOHH-05-2022 in the amount of \$50,000.00.  
(This Resolution authorizes an application for the period 9/1/22 to 8/31/23 in the amount of \$50,000.00 to provide for law enforcement activities and programs.)
- 744-22 Resolution accepting Grant Award from New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for Edward Byrne Memorial FY18 Justice Assistance Program for Multi-Jurisdictional Gang, Gun and Narcotics Task Force Grant No. JAG 1-5TF-18 in the amount of \$52,858.00.  
(This Resolution authorizes acceptance of a grant award for the period of 7/1/19 through 6/30/20 in the amount of \$52,858.00.)
- 745-22 Resolution amending the 2022 Budget for Edward Byrne Memorial FY18 Justice Assistance Program for Multi-Jurisdictional Gang, Gun and Narcotics Task Force Grant in the amount of \$52,858.00.  
(This Resolution amends 2022 Budget in the amount of \$52,858.00 for Multi-Jurisdictional Gang, Gun and Task Force Grant.)
- 746-22 Resolution transferring funds 2022 Budget.  
(This Resolution authorizes the transfer of funds from one department to another department.)
- 747-22 Resolution authorizing Grant Agreement with New Jersey Department of State, Division of Travel and Tourism for FY23 Cooperative Marketing Grant for the period October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023 in the amount of \$18,000.00.  
(This Resolution accepts grant funds in the amount of \$18,000.00 with a required County cash match of \$4,500.00 for a total amount of \$22,500.00 to promote tourism opportunities for the period of 10/1/22 to 12/31/2023.)
- 748-22 Resolution amending the 2022 Budget for FY23 Cooperative Marketing Grant in the amount of \$18,000.00.  
(This Resolution amends the 2022 Budget in the amount of \$18,000.00 with County cash match of \$4,500.00 for a total of \$22,500.00, funding to be used to promote tourism opportunities in New Jersey to out-of-state markets.)

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- 749-22 Resolution awarding Contract No. C2-226 to Inspire Diagnostics, LLC for COVID-19 Diagnostic and Testing Services for the Sheriff's Office.  
(This Resolution awards Contract No. C2-226 to Inspire Diagnostics, LLC to provide diagnostic testing products and services, on an as-needed basis, for the Sheriff's Office for a term of one (1) year, commencing June 12, 2022.)
- 750-22 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. C0-35 with Maxim Healthcare Staffing Services, Inc. for Nurse Staffing Services to add a work site location.  
(This Resolution authorizes Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. C0-35 with Maxim Healthcare Staffing Services, Inc. for temporary staffing service at the Cape May County Correctional Center.)
- 751-22 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. C2-179 with Coastal Landscaping for Landscape Services for Child Advocacy Center in the amount of \$10,125.00.  
(This Resolution authorizes Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. C2-179 with Coastal Landscaping for the addition of sod to lawn areas in the amount of \$10,125.00.)
- 752-22 Resolution authorizing the purchase with CivicPlus, LLC software for annual hosting, support, and AudioEye ALLY for the Department of Information Technologies in the amount not to exceed \$26,588.06.  
(This Resolution authorizes the purchase with CivicPlus, LLC software for annual hosting, support, and AudioEye ALLY for the Department of Information Technologies for a term of one (1) year, commencing December 1, 2022, in the amount not to exceed \$26,588.06.)
- 753-22 Resolution authorizing execution of a Lease Agreement with Resources for Independent Living, Inc. for County-Owned Property.  
(This Resolution authorizes execution of a Lease Agreement with Resources for Independent Living, Inc., which is a community-based member organization whose purpose is to serve people with disabilities.)

Assemblyman Antwan McClellan commented on the organization, Resources for Independent Living, Inc. and the contract for a program being approved by Res. No. 753-22. He thanked Commissioner Hayes, Commissioner Desiderio, Kevin Lare and Jeff Lindsay for the work put in bringing this service for people with disabilities to Cape May County. It was much needed to take care of the kids, he said.

Ocean City Councilman Bobby Barr gave thanks to the County for soliciting a contract for these services and everyone else that contributed to the cause. It was something they had been looking to do for almost 15 years. We worked together and found a way.

Lisa Killion-Smith, Executive Director for Resources for Independent Living, Inc. She acknowledged the County, Jeff Lindsay and the Assemblyman for their work ethics. Currently, the organization had offices in Pennsville, Vineland and Burlington City. They were opening a building in the City of Salem and now, here in Rio Grande, she said. They already provide an array of services down here and were very excited to work and have an actual physical presence in the county.

Tom Romanello, Cape May Court House, thanked the County on behalf of himself and all families that have disabled children in their care. The program was going to help many by providing a place for individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities of varying degrees to attend, learn, be safe, and provide inclusion for all, he stated.

Rose Kuprianov, county resident and co-chair for the Family Support Planning Council #10. Her 41-year-old daughter, Natalie, who has Down syndrome, had been enrolled in Easter Seals as a day program, prior to COVID closing it down, she explained. She thanked everyone for help in getting this program up and running.

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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**

- 754-22 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).)
- 755-22 Resolution amending Resolution No. 269-22 authorizing Shared Services Agreement for Public Health Officer Services.  
 (This Resolution amends Resolution No. 269-22 authorizing Shared Services Agreement with Atlantic County for Public Health Officer Services.)
- 756-22 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Health Dept.)  
 (This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)
- 757-22 Resolution applying to New Jersey Department of Human Services for 2023 Area Plan Grant #DOAS23AAA004.  
 (This Resolution authorizes grant application for 2023 Area Plan Grant funding for the planning of comprehensive and coordinated services delivery systems for older persons in Cape May County, New Jersey for the budget period 1/1/23 through 12/31/23.)
- 758-22 Resolution awarding Contract No. C2-224 to Spectrum Fitness, LLC to provide Physical & Occupational Therapy Services for Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.  
 (This Resolution awards Contract No. C2-224 to Spectrum Fitness, LLC to provide Physical & Occupational Therapy Services for Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, on an as needed basis, for a term of ten (10) months, commencing November 11, 2022, with two (2) one (1) year options.)

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**

- 759-22 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.)
- 760-22 Resolution authorizing the Board to hold a meeting excluding the public on November 10, 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).  
 (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.)

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761-22 Resolution authorizing Agreement with New Jersey Transit Corporation for the 2022 Operating and Non-Operating Assistance FTA Section 5311 Rural Transportation Project for the period January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 for a total amount of \$162,806.00.

(This Resolution authorizes an agreement with the New Jersey Transit Corporation for the period 01/01/22 to 12/31/22 in the amount of \$162,806.00.)

762-22 Resolution amending the 2022 Budget for FTA Section 5311 Rural Transportation Program in the amount of \$162,806.00.

(This Resolution amends the 2022 Budget in the amount of \$162,806.00 for FTA Section 5311 Rural Transportation Project.)

763-22 Resolution authorizing execution of Agreement between New Jersey Transit Corporation and County of Cape May through the FTA Section 5310 Grant Program.

(This Resolution authorizes execution of an agreement with NJ Transit in regard to the transfer of a minibus to the County of Cape May for the provision of transportation services, meeting special needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities where existing mass transportation services are unavailable.)

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**

764-22 Resolution accepting the work and closing the contract of Gibson Associates, P.A. for Soil Testing Inspection Services for the Cape May County Mosquito Department.

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

765-22 Resolution accepting proposal of Colliers Engineering and Design not exceeding the amount of \$126,303.00 to provide Professional Construction Engineering Services for Upper Thorofare and Mill Creek Substructure Repairs Phase 2 Improvements, Township of Lower.

(This Resolution accepts the proposal of Colliers Engineering and Design not exceeding the amount of \$126,303.00 for professional construction engineering services associated with the Upper Thorofare and Mill Creek Substructure Repairs Phase 2 Improvements. Colliers Engineering and Design is one of the consultants in the professional construction engineering pool of consultants established by the Fair and Open Process.)

766-22 Resolution accepting proposal of Pennoni Associates, Inc. not exceeding the amount of \$349,982.97 to provide Professional Construction Engineering Services for Ocean Drive over Great Channel Bridge Superstructure and Fender Replacement, Township of Middle and Borough of Stone Harbor.

(This Resolution accepts the proposal of Pennoni Associates, Inc. not exceeding the amount of \$349,982.97 for professional construction engineering services associated with the Ocean Drive over Great Channel Bridge Superstructure and Fender Replacement. Pennoni Associates, Inc. is one of the consultants in the professional construction engineering pool of consultants established by the Fair and Open Process.)

767-22 Resolution granting permission to the Lower Township Rotary Club to close a portion of Breakwater Road (CR613) and Bayshore Road (CR603) on December 10, 2022 for their Annual Christmas Parade.

(This Resolution gives permission to the Lower Township Rotary Club to close a portion of Breakwater Road (CR613) and Bayshore Road (CR603) for their Christmas Parade on December 10, 2022.)

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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 thanked the Board for designating a week to recognize homelessness. He questioned the purpose for the new Government Services Building at the County Airport. He asked everyone to consider the homeless as they go about their daily lives.

ADJOURN: 5:13 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

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DIRECTOR

ATTEST:

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CLERK OF THE BOARD