

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN
FREEHOLDERS HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020 AT 7:00 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:

Freeholders 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 Friday, January 3, 2020.”

MOMENT OF SILENCE

FLAG SALUTE-Led by Freeholder Pierson

MINUTES – MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 02/25/20 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 reported the Gateway Project was continuing on schedule. North side curb and concrete work was being worked on and the drainage work had started. They were scheduled to be finished with the drainage and most of the curb and gutter work by the beginning of April. They would most likely switch over to Stage 3 traffic sometime in the middle of April, he stated.

He reported that the Ingrams Thorofare Bridge Re-decking Project was also proceeding on schedule and going very well. The contractor did the partial deck concrete pours for the east side of the span. Tomorrow they would do the remaining full depth up by the top of the bridge. The bridge would close at night on March 10th and 11th, after which work on the main span and the span closest to the main span could be accomplished.

The Woodbine Roundabout Project would begin as soon as various utility relocations were complete, possibly the first week of April, he informed.

A preconstruction meeting for Corson Tavern Road was scheduled for April 9th, with work starting shortly thereafter, he stated.

The maintenance drainage contract was approved; the contractor was going to be assigned some work starting next week. There were 30 different locations throughout the county the contractor would be working on.

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Next week they would be advertising for drainage improvements on Corson Tavern Road to get some of that in as a prerequisite for the road project to follow, he finished.

- 2) COUNTY COUNSEL: Jeffrey Lindsay had no report.
- 3) COUNTY TREASURER: Brittany Smith commented on Res. No. 213-20 which amended the approved 2020 Budget. The changes were minor in nature and the tax rate remained flat, she informed the Board.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS:

- 1) FREEHOLDER MOREY: Mr. Morey reported that he had stopped by the grand opening/open house of the new headquarters for American Aerospace Technologies, Inc. (AATI) and subsidiary, Sky Scape Industries, LLC (SSI), at the Woodbine Airport earlier today. Woodbine was conducive for the company's activities and he was happy they now had a permanent location in Cape May County, hopefully attracting more businesses.
- 2) FREEHOLDER PIERSON: Freeholder Pierson reported that he and Freeholder Hayes attended the Eagle Scout Courts of Honor for Dylan Kampf in Ocean City and Thomas Scott Jefferson in Whitesboro, both held on Sunday, March 8th.

He attended a 100th Birthday celebration for Joseph Somma, on Monday, March 9th at Victoria Commons in North Cape May. He presented the centenarian with a certificate in honor of the milestone. Mr. Somma was a veteran so related organizations were there to celebrate with him too.

The freeholder reminded everyone that March 20th marked the First Day of Spring for 2020.

He acknowledged Kathy Tweed from the Quilts of Valor Foundation of South Jersey. The organization's main goal/objective was to present quilts to deserved veterans, he explained. Ms. Tweed provided a brief history of how Quilts of Valor had begun. She then awarded a quilt and pillowcase to Director Thornton and Freeholder Pierson, thanking them for their service. Photographs were taken.

- 3) FREEHOLDER HAYES: Ms. Hayes reported that she had attended the Women in Business Conference on March 5th at the Flanders in Ocean City. Additionally, she went to the two Eagle Scout presentations on Sunday and a ribbon cutting for Majewski Plumbing in Lower Township, today.
- 4) FREEHOLDER DESIDERIO: Mr. Desiderio reported he had the opportunity to attend a job fair at Ocean City High School last week. Approximately 25-30 businesses were there from the Wildwoods all the way up to Ocean City he stated. The high school students were able to come in and speak with the business owner or business representatives. This was the first time he attended and it was very well put together, he noted. The freeholder encouraged other businesses in Cape May County, looking for summer employees, to take part when Ocean City holds the next one.
- 5) FREEHOLDER THORNTON: Mr. Thornton stated he had given his report on the Coronavirus and County procedures at the Caucus Meeting.

INTRODUCED BY MR. DESIDERIO, SECONDED BY MS. HAYES

182-20 Resolution appointing a Cape May County Emergency Medical Services Coordinator and Deputy Coordinators.

(This Resolution appoints a Cape May County EMS Coordinator and Deputy EMS Coordinators for the term of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021.)

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- 183-20 Resolution authorizing payment to the Travelers Insurance Company for various claims in the total amount of \$107,815.61.
(This Resolution authorizes payment to the Travelers Insurance Company, Property-Casualty Department for various claims.)
- 184-20 Resolution accepting checks from Arch Insurance Company in the amounts of \$8,890.66, \$2,181.34 and \$509.22 for additional reimbursement to the County for court-approved settlement of Claim Petition #2010-31401.
(This Resolution accepts checks totaling \$11,581.22 from Arch Insurance Company as additional reimbursement to the County of Cape May for excess recoveries with respect to settlement of Claim Petition #2010-31401.)
- 185-20 Resolution accepting check from Government Employees Insurance Co. (GEICO) in the amount of \$2,097.92 for damage to a County vehicle.
(This Resolution accepts payment in the amount of \$2,097.92 from Government Employees Insurance Co. (GEICO) for damage to a County vehicle sustained during a motor vehicle accident on January 21, 2020.)
- 186-20 Resolution accepting check from Government Employees Insurance Co. (GEICO) in the amount of \$4,375.92 for damage to County traffic signs.
(This Resolution accepts payment in the amount of \$4,375.92 from Government Employees Insurance Co. (GEICO) for damage to County traffic signs sustained during a motor vehicle accident on January 14, 2020.)

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

- 187-20 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).)
- 188-20 Resolution awarding contracts to various staffing agencies for Professional Nurse Services for Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.
(This Resolution awards contracts to All American Healthcare Services, Inc., ATC Healthcare Services, LLC, Favorite Healthcare Staffing, General Healthcare Resources, LLC, Maxim Healthcare Services Holdings, Inc. and Staff Today Inc. for Professional Nurse Staffing Services on an as-needed basis for Crest Haven Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, commencing March 11, 2020, for a term of one year with two one-year options.)
- 189-20 Resolution designating the month of March as American Red Cross Month 2020.
(This Resolution designates March 2020 as American Red Cross Month in Cape May County.)
- 190-20 Resolution appointing a member to the Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Board.
(This Resolution authorizes the appointment of Rev. Thomas Dawson to an interim term of March 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020, as a member of the Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Board. Members of this Board are volunteers and serve without compensation.)
- 191-20 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Crest Haven)
(This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)

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192-20 Resolution approving modification of Contract No. SH19005 for Social Services for the Homeless Grant Funding with the New Jersey Department of Human Services in the amount of \$239,400.00 for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020.

(This Resolution authorizes contract extension to the NJ Department of Human Services Division of Family Development, for the FY19 Social Services for the Homeless Grant Funding and renewal of the contract budget modification in the amount of \$239,400.00, total award amount of \$508,200.00 for the period 1/1/19 through 12/31/20.)

193-20 Resolution accepting Award Agreement No. 20BZES with the State of New Jersey Department of Children and Families for the Human Services Advisory Council 2020 Grant for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$57,735.00.

(This Resolution accepts funds for the Human Services Advisory Council 2020 Grant for the period of 1/1/20 to 12/31/20 in the amount of \$57,735.00 with a County cash match of \$12,652.00.)

194-20 Resolution accepting Grant Award No. 20SRANJ007 from the Corporation for National and Community Service for the FY2020 Retired Senior Volunteer Program in the amount of \$96,249.00 for the period of April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

(This Resolution accepts a grant award for the FY2020 Retired Senior Volunteer Program for the period of 4/1/20 to 3/31/21 in the amount of Federal \$62,523.00 and Local Cash Match \$33,726.00.)

Freeholder Pierson read statistics regarding the lifesaving efforts made by the American Red Cross as stated in Res. No. 189-20, for recognition of March 2020 as American Red Cross Month in Cape May County. Carol Cohen, Executive Director of the Southern Shore Chapter and Ronnie Town, board member and Public Relations Director, Atlantic City Electric were presented with the proclamation. Carol Cohen explained how the American Red Cross was consolidating some of its' Chapters, going from six to three by July 2020. She requested that everyone remember that blood collections were way down due to the Coronavirus, and asked for continued promotion of the various blood drives.

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

195-20 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.)

196-20 Resolution authorizing the Board to hold a meeting excluding the public on March 10, 2020 at 6:00 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); pending litigation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7), and contract negotiations, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(4).

(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.)

197-20 Resolution authorizing Use of County Facility Application with Heyday Athletic f/k/a Philadelphia Sports League for a coed adult softball tournament at County Park East.

(This Resolution grants permission to Heyday Athletic to hold a softball tournament at County Park East on July 25, 2020.)

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- 198-20 Resolution authorizing Use of County Facility Application with Interstitial Cystitis Association of America, Inc. for a Walk for an IC Cure fundraiser at the County Park on September 19, 2020.
(This Resolution permits the Interstitial Cystitis Association of America, Inc. to hold a fundraiser walk at the County Park on September 19, 2020.)
- 199-20 Resolution authorizing Use of County Facility Application with Cape Christian Academy for a Walk-a-thon fundraiser at the County Park on April 25, 2020.
(This Resolution permits Cape Christian Academy to hold a fundraiser at the County Park on April 25, 2020.)
- 200-20 Resolution authorizing Use of County Facility Application with USA Softball, Inc./Middle Township Baseball and Softball Association for youth tournaments at County Park East on various dates.
(This Resolution grants permission to USA Softball Inc./MTBSA to hold softball tournaments at County Park East on various dates in May and June 2020.)
- 201-20 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Fare Free Transportation, Park/Zoo)
(This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)
- 202-20 Resolution confirming Cape May County’s intent to provide matching funds in connection with a Grant Application for the renovation of the Franklin Street School, under the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act Program.
(This Resolution confirms Cape May County’s intent to provide matching funds in connection with a Grant Application for the renovation of the Franklin Street School, under the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act Program.)

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

- 203-20 Resolution amending the County of Cape May Procedures for Unmanned Aircraft Flight Operations.
(This Resolution amends the County UAS Procedures adopted by Resolution No. 250-17.)
- 204-20 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Bridge, Roads)
(This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)
- 205-20 Resolution accepting the work and closing the contract with Cloud and Gehshan Associates, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for Development of Countywide Wayfinding Program.
(This Resolution accepts the work and closes the contract.)
- 206-20 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 3-Final in the amount of \$98,006.45 to Marbro, Inc. for 17th Street Bridge Replacement over the Venetian-Carnival Bayou, City of Ocean City.
(This Resolution authorizes a change order to adjust quantities to reflect the as-built conditions.)

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- 207-20 Resolution closing the contract and accepting the work of Maser Consulting, P.A. for Professional Construction Engineering Services for Resurfacing Improvements to portions of Indian Trail Road (CR618), Shunpike Road (CR620), Hand Avenue (CR658) and Shell Bay Avenue (CR674) in the Township of Middle.
(This Resolution accepts the work and closes the contract.)
- 208-20 Resolution authorizing Tuckahoe Volunteer Fire Company to solicit contributions along Woodbine-Marshallville Road (CR617), Township of Upper.
(This Resolution permits fire-company volunteers to hold ‘coin drops’ to obtain public contributions which help offset operational expenses.)
- 209-20 Resolution authorizing Modification No. 1 in the amount of \$65,328.38 to the Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Urban Engineers, Inc. for Lafayette Street (CR633) Resurfacing Improvements, City of Cape May.
(This Resolution increases the ceiling amount for additional work to be performed by Urban Engineers, Inc. under their professional engineering services agreement for Lafayette Street (CR633) Resurfacing Improvements, City of Cape May.)
- 210-20 Resolution accepting proposal of Urban Engineers, Inc. to provide Professional General Engineering Services in the amount of \$23,900.00 for Seashore Road (CR626) Missing Bicycle Link Improvements, Township of Lower.
(This Resolution authorizes Urban Engineers, Inc. to provide professional general engineering services associated with Seashore Road (CR626) Missing Bicycle Link Improvements, Township of Lower. Urban Engineers, Inc. is one of the consultants in the professional general engineering pool of consultants established by the Fair and Open Process.)
- 211-20 Resolution authorizing Modification of No Passing Zones along Shunpike Road (CR620) in the Township of Middle.
(This Resolution authorizes a modification of existing No Passing Zones on Shunpike Road (CR620) from Indian Trail Road (CR619) to Dias Creek Road (CR612), Township of Middle.)
- 212-20 Resolution closing the contract and accepting the work of Maser Consulting, P.A. for Professional Construction Engineering Services for Ocean Drive (CR619) Revetment Wall Extension, Township of Upper.
(This Resolution accepts the work and closes the contract.)

Freeholders	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X					
Ms. Hayes	X					
Mr. Morey	X				X	
Mr. Pierson	X					X
Mr. Thornton	X					

Public Hearing for the CAP Bank

Director Thornton stated this is the date, time and place for the Public Hearing on Res. 94-20 to exceed the County Budget Appropriation Limits and to establish a CAP Bank for Fiscal Year 2020.

Administrator Bozzelli stated she had Proof of Publication for the Public Hearing.

Director Thornton stated the Public Hearing was now open and asked if there was any comment on the CAP Bank. Seeing none he asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Motion to Close the Public Hearing:

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Freeholders	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X				X	
Ms. Hayes	X					X
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X					
Mr. Thornton	X					

Clerk read Resolution No. 94-20 by title

94-20 Resolution to exceed the County Budget Appropriation limits and to establish a CAP Bank for Fiscal Year 2020 (N.J.S.A. 40a: 4-45.14).

Motion to establish a CAP Bank for 2020:

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 Hearing on the 2020 County Budget

Director Thornton stated this is the date, time and place for the Public Hearing on the 2020 Cape May County Budget.

Administrator Bozzelli stated she had Proof of Publication for the 2020 County Budget.

Director Thornton stated the Public Hearing was now open and asked if there was any public comment. Seeing no hands, he asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Motion to Close the Public Hearing:

Freeholders	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X					X
Ms. Hayes	X					
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X				X	
Mr. Thornton	X					

213-20 Resolution to amend the approved 2020 County Budget.

(A Hearing on this Budget Amendment will be held at the Freeholder’s Meeting, March 24, 2020 at 4:30PM at which time and place objections to said Amendment for the year 2020 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons. Copies of the Amendment are available at the Office of the Board of Chosen Freeholders at the County Building at 4 Moore Road, Cape May Court House, New Jersey (609) 465-1065 during the hours of 9:00AM to 4:00PM. The Amendment will be published in The Herald on March 18, 2020.)

Freeholders	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X					
Ms. Hayes	X					X
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X				X	
Mr. Thornton	X					

MOTION TO PAY BILLS: FH Desiderio moved/FH Hayes seconded

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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: Lisa Andreula Porto, Cape May Court House stated her concern to the Board regarding an unfulfilled OPRA Request she had submitted to the County on 12/10/19. Specifically she named Counsel Jeff Lindsay as responsible for not providing the requested information in a useable format. She requested a refund in the amount of \$46.10 for unnecessary copies and full compliance with her request. Per Ms. Porto, a denial of access claim was being filed with the State Government Records Council regarding this request.

ADJOURN: 7:51 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

ATTEST:

ADMINISTRATOR