

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN
FREEHOLDERS HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020 AT 3:30 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:

Freeholders Desiderio, Hayes, Morey, Pierson (4) via remote access
Freeholder Thornton (1) present

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

MINUTES – MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 03/10/20 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 updated the Board on ongoing projects.

The contractor was finished with the drainage work for the Gateway Project. The concrete curb was scheduled to be complete by April 1. They expected to pave the north side of the roadway by the first week of April and opening up both lanes for two way traffic somewhere around April 10.

The Ingrams Thorofare Bridge had a closure on Thursday night, March 19 due to a shoring issue, which was resolved and normal construction resumed. Then, on Monday, March 23 as the contractor was backing an excavator, a light standard was knocked into the channel. They were able to reassemble it with parts in stock and were getting it back up. The County would be reimbursed for the cost. A diver went into the channel to retrieve the pole on Wednesday. Mr. Church had notified the Coast Guard, although the pole wasn’t blocking the navigation channel.

The Board authorized a Load Posting Change for the 96th Street Bridge over Great Channel with Res. No. 247-20. They were installing permanent signs for the new load posting weight of not in excess of 15 tons. County Variable Message Signs were set up advising motorists. He had reached out to the NJDOT, municipalities, businesses and contractors about the posting. Additionally, the County’s consultant was working on plans for the emergency structural repairs to the bridge.

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Over the weekend, the engineer drove over to the Rt. 47/S. Delsea Drive project to repair Dias Creek sinkholes and culvert to check on the progress. It was coming along and he estimated they could probably begin paving by April, he stated.

- 2) COUNTY COUNSEL: No report.
- 3) COUNTY TREASURER: No report.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS:

- 1) FREEHOLDER MOREY: No report.
- 2) FREEHOLDER PIERSON: The freeholder reported he had participated in a National Guard briefing via teleconference regarding National Guard structure in New Jersey. Forty-eight generals and command sergeant majors participated. There were 152 National Guard, both Army and Air on active duty right now, he informed. Most of them working at the PNC Bank Center in Holmdel. Two hundred and fifty COVID-19 tests were performed there yesterday. They were also up in Bergen County supporting that test site. Further still, other units were actively working in war situations around the world. Due to the pandemic, most training was being done remotely or with virtual technology. The two Veterans Haven homes for drug/alcohol rehabilitation in New Jersey had been closed to any outside visitors, as well as another two Veterans homes in the state, the same, plus no new admissions permitted. Burials were still taking place at the Brigadier General State Cemetery.

The Board had been provided a COVID-19 action list from Freeholder Pierson. He highlighted a few activities from the list. Administrator Bozzelli had acquired 2 oz. bottles of hand sanitizer (4,000) from a local distillery. A homeless housing issue had been worked out by Human Services Director, Donna Groome. Seven homeless individuals were currently being housed, he stated. All businesses had been closed by the governor on the March 21, with exceptions. A no new admissions to Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center policy had been initiated. Administrator Bozzelli was seeking donations of sealed boxes of gloves and masks to be provided the Office of Emergency Management. A teleconference was being held later today. The Correctional Center ordered the release of certain inmates effective yesterday, he informed. That was driven by the Attorney General's Office and the Governor's Office and the freeholder didn't have the numbers. A report of 30 homeless people living in an encampment in Middle Township, upon investigation by the Middle Township Police, turned out to be six persons, which was addressed as mentioned earlier. As of today, six cases of COVID-19 positive had been identified in Cape May County. Two of the cases were from New York residents.

- 3) FREEHOLDER HAYES: The freeholder attended a teleconference call regarding the Franklin Street Library Project. The application was moving forward; the deadline had been pushed back to June. The team was still working hard, together to get it submitted.

She thanked all the first responders and health care workers on the front lines trying to identify those who could possibly have the virus. She also thanked the citizens for following the suggestions made by county officials and trying to be safe. Freeholder Morey agreed.

- 4) FREEHOLDER DESIDERIO: Mr. Desiderio thanked both Director Thornton and Beth Bozzelli, singling them out for doing a great job in keeping everyone informed during the pandemic. He related that he had been on a conference call on Sunday evening with the governor's staff, where the governor had named Beth in particular, along with the Ocean County Administrator for their cooperation and bringing up very important questions, pertinent to South Jersey. Himself, as mayor and others had all been on many conference

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calls working together on this, doing what they had to do to make sure everyone remained safe, he commented.

As the Cape May County Police Academy was closed, while the shutdown was in effect, they were assisting local police departments with the firearms qualifications of certified Class II Officers for the summer season. This would allow the departments to bring individuals onto staff earlier, to assist with any manpower shortages he explained. The Academy was also working with the Police Training Commission to set up virtual training for the two classes that had been suspended due to COVID-19.

- 5) FREEHOLDER THORNTON: Director Thornton congratulated Freeholder Pierson, the County Administrator and staff, Kevin Thomas and the Health Department staff, Social Services Donna Groome and her staff, IT Department and the Public Information Office for performing in an outstanding manner. Sara Maloney and her staff plus all county employees were recognized too, by Mr. Thornton. Protect yourself, stay healthy and keep your family healthy he instructed.

INTRODUCED BY MR. DESIDERIO, SECONDED BY MS. HAYES

- 216-20 Resolution authorizing payment to Travelers Insurance Company for various claims in the total amount of \$15,861.47.
(This Resolution authorizes payment to the Travelers Insurance Company, Property-Casualty Department for various claims.)
- 217-20 Resolution awarding Contract No. C0-42 to Anaconda Protective Concepts, Inc., for service, repair, maintenance and installation of water-based fire protection systems.
(This Resolution awards Contract No. C0-42 to Anaconda Protective Concepts, Inc. for services, repair, maintenance and installation of Water Based Fire Protection Systems for County of Cape May, commencing March 25, 2020 for a term of one year with two one-year options.)
- 218-20 Resolution awarding Contract No. C0-46 to Philly Unleashed, LLC for Dog Training Services for Cape May County Animal Shelter & Adoption Center.
(This Resolution awards Contract No. C0-46 to Philly Unleashed, LLC for Dog Training Services for Cape May County Animal Shelter & Adoption Center, commencing March 25, 2020 for a term of one year, with two one-year options.)
- 219-20 Resolution rejecting all proposals submitted March 4, 2020 in response to 2020 Specification No. 12 for inspection, service, repair, maintenance and installation of wet/dry chemical fire protection systems.
(This Resolution rejects all proposals that were received on March 4, 2020 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2 (d) substantially revise the specifications.)
- 220-20 Resolution authorizing contract with Enterprise FM Trust d/b/a Enterprise Fleet Management to provide vehicle acquisition, maintenance and management of County light and medium duty vehicle fleet.
(This Resolution utilizes a competitively awarded national contract to EFM for vehicle acquisition, maintenance and management of the County light and medium duty vehicles.)
- 221-20 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 9 to Contract No. 16-156 with Arthur J. Ogren, Inc. for additional services at Lower Township Public Safety Building in the amount of \$18,247.95.
(This Resolution authorizes Change Order No. 9 to Contract No. 16-156 with Arthur J. Ogren, Inc. in the amount of \$18,247.95.)
- 222-20 Resolution awarding contract C0-47 to Straga Brothers Inc. for construction of Public Safety Training Academy Gymnasium in the amount of \$1,732,500.00.
(This Resolution awards a contract to Straga Brothers Inc. for the construction of a pole barn construction gymnasium for the Police Training Academy in the amount of \$1,732,500.00.)

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- 223-20 Resolution approving a transfer to the dedication-by-rider account for snow removal from current fund 2019 appropriation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40a:4-58 and 59.
 (This Resolution authorizes the use excess appropriations of \$95,766.00 for deposit to the Dedication-by-Rider entitled "Snow Removal" for County emergency expenses consistent with LFN 2020-06 Coronavirus Response: Emergency Procurement & Use of Storm Recovery Reserves and Executive Order 106.)
- 224-20 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Human Resources)
 (This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)
- 225-20 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Public Safety & Training)
 (This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)
- 226-20 Resolution accepting Grant Award from New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for Edward Byrne Memorial FY17 Justice Assistance Program for Multi-Jurisdictional Gang, Gun and Narcotics Task Force Grant No. JAG 1-5TF-17 in the amount of \$72,500.00.
 (This Resolution authorizes acceptance of grant award for the period of 7/1/18 through 6/30/19 in the amount of \$72,500.00.)
- 227-20 Resolution accepting Grant Award from New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Office of Attorney General for FY17 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Megan's Law and Local Enforcement Grant No. JAG 1-5-17 in the amount of \$5,111.00.
 (This Resolution authorizes acceptance of grant award for the period of 2/3/18 through 2/2/19 in the amount of \$5,111.00.)
- 228-20 Resolution authorizing an Application to New Jersey Department of Children and Families for Child Advocacy Development Grants – CAPITAL for the period of January 29, 2020 to June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$143,230.18.
 (This Resolution authorizes application for Child Advocacy Development Grants- CAPITAL in the amount of up to \$143,230.18 for 1/29/20 to 6/30/20.)
- 229-20 Resolution transferring funds 2019 Budget.
 (This Resolution authorizes the transfer of funds from one department to another department.)

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

- 230-20 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).)
- 231-20 Resolution approving the monthly disbursements from the Department of Human Services for the TANF, General Assistance and Clearing Accounts.
 (This Resolution accepts and approves the monthly disbursements for the TANF, General Assistance and Clearing Accounts as submitted by the fiscal Department of Human Services.)

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- 232-20 Resolution appointing and reappointing members to the Cape May County Human Services Advisory Council.
(This Resolution authorizes the appointments of member to the Human Services Advisory Council.)
- 233-20 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Mosquito Control)
(This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)
- 234-20 Resolution authorizing Grant Agreement with the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Local Environmental Management and Right to Know for 2020 County Environmental Health Act (CEHA), Grant No. EN20-014 for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.
(This Resolution accepts grant funds from the State in the amount of \$172,900.00 for the period 7/1/19 through 6/30/20 pursuant to the County Environmental Health Act.)
- 235-20 Resolution applying to New Jersey Department of Human Services for State Health Insurance Program Grant (No. DOAS20SHF019) for the period April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021 in the amount of \$37,800.00.
(This Resolution authorizes an application for the period of 04/1/2020 through 03/31/2021 to support community-based State Health Insurance Program services offered to Cape May County residents through the Cape May County Division of Aging and Disability Services.)
- 236-20 Resolution authorizing 2020 Aerial Dispensing Operations by the Cape May County Department of Mosquito Control.
(This Resolution authorizes aerial dispensing for control of mosquito populations.)
- 237-20 Resolution authorizing amendment to Resolution No. 81-20.
(This Resolution authorizes an amendment to Resolution No. 81-20 for Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Service Program Dental Grants.)
- 238-20 Resolution accepting Grant Award from New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Division of State Police for FY19 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Hazmat Training Grant in the amount of \$24,054.00 for the period of September 30, 2019 to September 30, 2020.
(This Resolution accepts Subgrant Award No. 2019-2 for FY19 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Training from 9/30/19 to 9/30/20.)

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

- 239-20 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.)
- 240-20 Resolution authorizing the Board to hold a meeting excluding the public on March 24, 2020 at 2:30 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) and pending litigation, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7).

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(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.)

- 241-20 Resolution approving Application and Indemnification Agreement with Wildwood Catholic High School for use of County Park East Baseball Field.
(This Resolution permits use of the baseball field located at County Park East by Wildwood Catholic High School for varsity baseball games and practices.)

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

- 242-20 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Engineer)
(This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)

- 243-20 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$314,404.60 to the Professional Services Agreement with Michael Baker International, Inc. for Professional Bridge Engineering Services for Miscellaneous Repairs to Ocean Drive Bridges.
(This Resolution increases the ceiling amount of Michael Baker International, Inc.'s professional services agreement for Miscellaneous Repairs to Ocean Drive Bridges over Corsons Inlet, Grassy Sound and Middle Thorofare.)

- 244-20 Resolution authorizing Execution of Agreement Modification No. 1 to Federal Agreement No. 19-DT-BLA-789 for the 2019 Highway Safety Improvement Program for the Woodbine Roundabout Construction Project in the Borough of Woodbine.
(This Resolution is to increase the available reimbursement to cover Construction Engineering Services and additional bid costs in excess of the original grant allotment for the 2019 HSIP Woodbine Roundabout Construction Project, Borough of Woodbine.)

- 245-20 Resolution closing the contract and accepting the work of Marbro, Inc. for 17th Street Bridge Replacement over the Venetian-Carnival Bayou, City of Ocean City.
(This Resolution accepts the work and closes the contract.)

- 246-20 Resolution declaring an Emergency Condition for the Steel Framing Members and Southwest Bascule Girder of the 96th Street Bridge over Great Channel (No. 0500-006) in the Township of Middle and Borough of Stone Harbor and to authorize the County to engage a contractor to make repairs.
(This Resolution allows the County to proceed with emergency repairs to the 96th Street Bridge over Great Channel (No. 0500-006) in the Township of Middle and Borough of Stone Harbor.)

- 247-20 Resolution authorizing the Load Posting of the 96th Street Bridge over Great Channel (No. 0500-006) in the Township of Middle and Borough of Stone Harbor.
(This Resolution authorizes the load posting of the 96th Street Bridge over Great Channel (No. 0500-006) in the Township of Middle and Borough of Stone Harbor.)

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

Resolutions to be Read by Title:

248-20 Resolution authorizing the Clerk of the Board to read the 2020 Budget by Title.

(This Resolution authorizes the Clerk of the Board to read the 2020 Budget by Title and further acknowledges that copies of the approved budget have been provided for public inspection and the conditions set forth in 1a and 1b of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 have been met.)

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

Budget figures detailed by Administrator, Elizabeth Bozzelli.

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

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

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

Public Hearing on Resolution 213-20 amending the Approved 2020 County Budget.

Director Thornton stated this was the date, time and place for the Public Hearing on the Amendment of the 2020 County Budget.

Clerk of the Board, Elizabeth Bozzelli stated she had proof of publication for the 2020 Amendment to the County Budget. She then read the resolution in full as required by State Statute.

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.

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

249-20 Resolution upon adoption of the 2020 Budget.

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

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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: 4:03 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