

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN
FREEHOLDERS HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020 AT 4:30 P.M.
IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
4 MOORE ROAD
CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, NEW JERSEY**

The meeting convened with Administrator Bozzelli presiding and the following members answering roll call:

Freeholders Desiderio, Hayes, Morey, Pierson and Thornton via remote access (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, April 3, 2020.”

MOMENT OF SILENCE

FLAG SALUTE-Led by Freeholder General Pierson.

MINUTES – MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 04/28/20 MEETING
FH Desiderio moved/ FH Pierson 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 Ingrams Thorofare Bridge Stage 1 was complete. The bridge was opened up to two way traffic on May 8th and would remain open to two way traffic until Stage 2 began, the second Monday of September. Over the next few weeks there could possibly be some daily lane closures while the contractor repairs some spalls on the westbound lane and also on the adjacent bridges.

The final surface paving for the Rio Grande Gateway Project was scheduled to take place on Friday, May 15th and Saturday, May 16th. They hoped to have a total completion by May 21st. Traffic signal installations would take place on Monday, May 18th.

Construction of the Woodbine Roundabout started on Monday, May 4th. All the utility work had been addressed and was out of the way so the contractor could have free reign over the site to work continuously until it was completed.

The drainage work for Corson Tavern Road, Phase II, was set to begin on May 26th. Layout and set up work would start next week, but the bulk of the work would start on the 26th and continue throughout the summer into the first week of September.

The night time emergency repair work for the 96th Street Bridge would begin on June 1st if everything went as planned. They were waiting on some minor revisions to the plans being worked on by the consultant. The preliminary and follow-up

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plans had been submitted to the contractor so he could familiarize himself with the work. The work would be done at night under a closure, on multiple nights in June.

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

FREEHOLDER REPORTS:

1) FREEHOLDER MOREY: Mr. Morey's reported being chosen to participate on Governor Murphy's Restart and Recovery Advisory Council. The goal of the council was to bring together leaders from diverse industry groups and community organizations throughout New Jersey to advise state leadership on economic matters impacted by COVID-19.

2) FREEHOLDER PIERSON: Mr. Pierson announced Thursday, May 14, 2020 is a statewide Census Day of Action to gather accurate Census data that will be instrumental in helping to address the effects of COVID-19 through related federal funding. To participate, call at least five friends, neighbors or family members to see how they are doing. Then, also ask if they have filled out their Census.

He informed that this week was National Police Week for recognition of law enforcement officers that died of COVID-19 during the past couple of months. It was also National Healthcare week May 10-16, 2020. New Jersey currently has 154,000 healthcare workers staffing its' hospitals. Our Cape Regional Medical Center was staffed by 1,300 healthcare workers alone. The New Jersey hospitals had been very busy. During the COVID outbreak, 346,756 additional non-COVID patients were treated.

He reported of the 672 resident veterans living in Veterans homes in New Jersey, 362 tested positive for COVID-19 and there were 129 deaths.

Additionally, he reported the decision had been made by himself and Director Thornton to cancel the Cape May County Memorial Day ceremony this year due to concern for the inability of the County to maintain social distancing guidelines for the event. The American Legion Post 184 in Wildwood would be holding a Memorial Day parade if anyone was interested. He wasn't sure how they were going to maintain social distancing for their event he stated.

3) FREEHOLDER HAYES: Ms. Hayes asked that the plight of the marinas be kept in the forefront in the questions they were asking because a lot of them were hurting and that segment seemed to be left out of the conversations. She thanked Will and Lenny and anyone else who sat in to work on the Task Force. Other counties had started to follow suit and were putting together rough drafts to reopen, she had learned during the state association call, but Cape May County had started that she stated.

4) FREEHOLDER DESIDERIO: Mr. Desiderio reported that on May 5, 2020 the Police Training Commission advised that all police academies that had classes suspended due to COVID-19 to submit an Action Plan to be considered for re-opening to complete existing classes. On May 8, 2020, Cape May County Police Academy submitted an Action Plan to the Police Training Commission which outlined safety measures to be implemented for restarting of the academy. They were expecting to hear back by the weeks end. If approved it would allow 44 recruits in the existing program to complete their last 7 days of classroom work plus another 5 weeks, becoming trained officers, making them eligible to work in the resort communities this summer. The Health Department and Emergency Management had been working to provide needed revisions to the working and training environments for the police academy staff and recruits. In ending, he stated during this time the Police Academy had continued to maintain training and resources for county departments.

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5) FREEHOLDER THORNTON: Director Thornton reported participation in conference calls with the governor’s office, press conferences with the governor’s office in conjunction with the Health Department and state conference calls. He has responded to hundreds of calls and e-mails regarding the health crisis here he stated.

INTRODUCED BY MR. DESIDERIO, SECONDED BY MS. HAYES

- 318-20 Resolution authorizing extension of Contract No. 163-16 with Eddie’s Auto Body Shop, Inc. through June 30, 2020.
(This Resolution extends Contract No. 163-16 with Eddie’s Auto Body Shop, Inc. to perform vehicle maintenance, repairs and inspections for County owned vehicles through June 30, 2020.)
- 319-20 Resolution awarding Contract No. C0-72 to Allied Signage Corporation to furnish, deliver, and install two exterior pylon signs located at County Commons in the amount of \$238,500.00.
(This Resolution awards Contract No. C0-72 to Allied Signage Corporation to Furnish, Deliver, and Install Two Exterior Pylon Signs located at County Commons in Rio Grande commencing May 13, 2020 in the amount of \$238,500.00 and expiring upon project completion and closeout pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15(9)).
- 320-20 Resolution rejecting all bids for 2020 Specification No. 6a Brick Veneer Replacement received April 22, 2020.
(This Resolution rejects all bids pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2a – the lowest bid substantially exceeds the contracting unit’s appropriation for the goods and services.)
- 321-20 Resolution in support of Cape Regional Medical Center receiving funding from DHS’ Provider Relief Fund.
(This Resolution supports Cape Regional Medical Center’s appeal to receive funds from DHS’ Provider Relief Fund for its efforts in providing treatment and care in response to the 2019 novel coronavirus.)

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

- 322-20 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).)
- 323-20 Resolution awarding Contract No. C0-67 to Cape Regional Medical Center to provide Recovery Resource Program for Cape May County Residents.
(This Resolution awards Contract No. C0-67 to Cape Regional Medical Center for Resource Recovery Program commencing May 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 with three one-year options.)
- 324-20 Resolution applying to New Jersey Department of Health for funds to support the Right to Know Program Grant in the amount of \$8,976.00.
(This Resolution applies to the State for funds to support the Right to Know Program Grant #EPID21RTK02L for the budget period of 7/1/20 through 6/30/21.)
- 325-20 Resolution accepting Grant Award from New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services for Innovation Substance Abuse Grant for the period June 30, 2020 to June 29, 2021 in the amount of \$35,751.00.

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(This Resolution authorizes acceptance of a grant award from the New Jersey Department of Human Services for Innovation Substance Abuse Grant for the period 6/30/20 to 6/29/21 in the amount of \$35,751.00.)

326-20 Resolution amending the 2020 Budget for Innovation Substance Abuse Grant in the amount of \$35,751.00.

(This Resolution amends 2020 Budget in the amount of \$35,751.00 for Innovation Substance Abuse Grant.)

327-20 Resolution authorizing Use Agreement with State of New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs in the amount of \$75.00.

(This Resolution authorizes Use Agreement Number 21026 for lease of space in the National Guard Armory by the Cape May County Health Department from 7/1/20 through 6/30/21.)

328-20 Resolution applying to New Jersey Department of Health for Special Child Services Case Management Unit in the amount of \$45,000.00 for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

(This Resolution authorizes submission of an application to New Jersey Department of Health for grant funds to provide coordination of service and advocacy for those registered through the program for the period of 7/1/20 through 6/30/21.)

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

329-20 Resolution authorizing the Board to hold a meeting excluding the public on May 12, 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); pending litigation, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7), and personnel matters, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8).

(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.)

330-20 Resolution awarding Contract No. C0-70 to R. Wilkinson & Sons Construction, Inc. for construction of new Safari Café at Cape May County Zoo, commencing May 13, 2020 in the amount not to exceed \$2,030,000.00.

(This Resolution awards Contract No. C0-70 to R. Wilkinson & Sons Construction, Inc. for construction of new a Safari Café restaurant at the Cape May County Zoo, commencing May 13, 2020 and expiring upon project completion and closeout pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15(9) in the amount not to exceed \$2,030,000.00.)

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

331-20 Resolution authorizing execution of Separation Agreement and Release of all Claims in matter Docketed CPM-L-351-19.

(This Resolution authorizes execution of Separation Agreement and Release of all Claims in matter Docketed CPM-L-351-19.)

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- 332-20 Resolution authorizing execution of a Mutual General Release in matter Docketed CPM-L-278-19.
(This Resolution authorizes execution of Mutual General Release in matter Docketed CPM-L-278-19.)
- 333-20 Resolution establishing pool of firms for Licensed Site Remediation Professional Services for County of Cape May on an as needed basis.
(This Resolution establishes a pool of firms for Licensed Site Remediation Professional Services on an as needed basis for a term of one year, commencing May 13, 2020 with two one-year options.)
- 334-20 Resolution designating No Parking along Magnolia Drive (CR673) from Church Road North, Township of Middle, Cape May County, NJ.
(This Resolution establishes a no parking zone along Magnolia Drive from Church Road North (County Road No. 673) in the Township of Middle.)
- 335-20 Resolution accepting proposal of Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Professional Traffic Engineering Services for the 96th Street Traffic Signal/Pedestrian Safety Improvements, Borough of Stone Harbor.
(This Resolution accepts the proposal of Stantec Consulting Services Inc. in the amount of \$5,000.00 for professional traffic engineering associated with the 96th Street traffic signal/pedestrian safety improvement project. Stantec Consulting Services Inc. is one of the consultants in the professional traffic and roadside safety engineering pool of consultants established by the Fair and Open Process.)
- 336-20 Resolution accepting the work and closing the contract with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services required for various improvements to Stone Harbor Boulevard (CR657), Township of Middle.
(This Resolution accepts the work and closes the contract.)
- 337-20 Resolution authorizing Modification No. 3 in the amount of \$220,023.95 to Urban Engineers, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for Ocean Drive (CR619) 29th Street to 80th Street, Borough of Avalon.
(This Resolution increases the ceiling amount for additional work to be performed by Urban Engineers, Inc. under their professional engineering services agreement for Ocean Drive (CR619) 29th Street to 80th Street, Borough of Avalon for final design services for the resurfacing of 62nd Street to 80th Street and extra work for drainage outfalls at 64th, 70th and 72nd Streets.)
- 338-20 Resolution accepting the work and closing the contract of Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for Permanent Electronic Message Signs for Ocean Drive (CR619) at Townsends Inlet, Borough of Avalon.
(This Resolution accepts the work and closes the contract.)
- 339-20 Resolution to establish Speed Limit on Magnolia Drive (CR673) in the Township of Middle.
(This Resolution modifies existing speed limits on Magnolia Drive (CR673) in the Township of Middle.)

Freeholders	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X	331-20				
Ms. Hayes	X					
Mr. Morey	X				X	
Mr. Pierson	X					X
Mr. Thornton	X	331-20				

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					

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PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURN: 4:57 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