

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN
FREEHOLDERS HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019 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 Hayes, Morey, Pierson and Thornton (4)

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 Thursday, January 3, 2019.”

MOMENT OF SILENCE

FLAG SALUTE-Led by Freeholder Pierson.

MINUTES – MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF 02/26/19 REGULAR MEETING
FH Hayes moved/ FH Pierson seconded

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

1) COUNTY ENGINEER, BOB CHURCH: The 96th Street Bridge entering Stone Harbor would remain closed to openings for marine traffic until a nonfunctional, resolver unit gear could be repaired. TCS came down on Friday and assisted the traffic division with removing the unit. Additionally they located, ordered a gear, and arranged for it to be shipped federal express. The unit and gear were taken to TMU Machinery of Cape May for remounting. It would take just a few days to get it back up and running he reported.

The Gateway Project in Wildwood was progressing. Issues with the DOT in regards to signage had been worked out. The contractor was forming up the northern movement wall on the bridge and expected to finish mid-April. The coffer dam at the pump station had been installed and the dewatering process begun. The commercial sign relocation permits were currently at the construction office awaiting approval. Atlantic City Electric was scheduled to begin relocation of their poles around April 1, 2019.

The turtle fencing at Sea Isle Boulevard has been completely installed. The north slope still had to be planted, but needed to dry out first. Towards the end of the week they were going to start the parkway road work, for the connection into the parkway ramp. It was expected to take about a week or more to do the earthwork for this portion of the project. Freeholder Morey asked if the roadway would remain open throughout. Bob Church responded, the only possible closure would be one lane when they top off the road, and that would be a night paving operation.

2) COUNTY COUNSEL: Jeff Lindsay had no report.

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- 3) COUNTY TREASURER: Brittany Smith described the purpose of Res. No. 150-19; the public hearing for the CAP Bank and what this gave the county the ability to do.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS:

- 1) FREEHOLDER MOREY:

At the Cape May County Airport Complex, the focus was on getting the Tech Village building started in construction he reported. Cellular Tracking Technologies had signed their lease for rental space. D-Tech sent word they were 100% on board, but still had not signed their contract for lease of space. Hopefully, that would be obtained this week. The two leases represent 50% of the available space in the building, Mr. Morey noted.

Cape May County was one of five counties awarded \$100,000 in a second round of funding for the NJEDA Innovation Planning Challenge Grant. Atlantic Cape Community College and the county would be collaborating on this. Also involved were Lower and Middle Townships, the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce, Crest Savings Bank and SCORE (a non-profit free business resource). The plan was to create an entrepreneurial resource hub to support new business development and also help established businesses to grow (Cape May County Biz Hub). The needs of women, minorities and veterans would be an area of focus. He explained the program engages in an actual activity, but as part of that activity, is also used to plan and assess the type of services that are needed to help grow businesses in the county. Both Carole Mattessich and Lou Joyce were involved in that process, he stated. The SJEDD will maintain a role of administering the grant going forward.

- 2) FREEHOLDER PIERSON:

Freeholder Pierson informed his colleagues of his participation and/or experience at the following events: League of Municipalities meeting at Secondo Restaurant in Cape May, New Jersey Run for the Fallen Fundraiser in Wildwood, Women in Business Conference in Ocean City and unveiling of the newly installed flood warning sign system in Sea Isle City.

He announced an upcoming Resiliency Training Workshop which would take place on July 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. designed to help adults learn how to communicate better with their children, ages K through 12. The event was being sponsored by the county and Cape May County Pride Committee. Cape Assist would be able to provide additional information about the program.

He related the details of an article he had read, reporting the reduction in opiate fatalities in the county. In 2016 there were 32 fatalities, in 2017 there were 59, compared to 2018 in which there were 47 opiate related fatalities. Through all law enforcement officers out there, prosecutors and sheriff, we're starting to make a dent in opioids, he stated. The article credited Narcan training for the reduction in deaths in the county too. In 2016, there were 66 deployments of Narcan. In 2018, there were 200. That's a combination of the training and getting more of those Narcan units out to the public, to churches, to schools, etc. That's a good, positive thing. The best thing is that its savings lives, people aren't dying, that's why our fatalities are down, he stated. Instead of being the highest county in the State of New Jersey, we're the lowest county filing a figure for opioid overdoses. Congratulations to law enforcement, the medical community, EMT's, etc. Thank you very much for all you do.

- 3) FREEHOLDER HAYES:

Freeholder Hayes commented about the Narcan Training which she and Freeholder Pierson had taken together. She stated that she didn't think there was a person that doesn't know of someone that has been affected by it, has been affected by it in their family or has lost someone or knew someone that lost their life over it. It's a serious matter.

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As far as the Women in Business Summit sponsored by the County Chamber she reported that there were several other very accomplished people that spoke besides herself. They had a motivational speaker that spoke on personality types. Dr. Barbara Gaba, President of A.C.C.C. related her story, where she came from and how she got there and how she is going to take the college to a different place. The freeholder can see different things happening which indicate that the college is going to a different place. She had been asked to be one of the recognized Alumni of the 60's and 70's, and would speak at the commencement exercises this coming May.

Several upcoming events from her departments were reported. A Teen Arts Festival would be held on April 15th, sponsored by the Tourism Department. This year they decided to combine Cape May County and Cumberland County, so would take place in Millville on High Street. The kids will be up there with all their projects, judged at the Levoy Theatre on that day.

The County Park & Zoo Eggstravaganza was scheduled for April 13th this year. Thousands of eggs would be provided for the kids to hunt. Earth Day would be held on April 20th, a great family day at the Park & Zoo.

4) FREEHOLDER THORNTON:

Director Thornton attended the League of Municipalities and heard the MUA presentation on recycling. He had known about the difficulties they were having with recycling for some time. The problem was growing worse throughout the nation he noted. The Chinese weren't taking our goods anymore and stuff was piling up and there wasn't much of a market for recycled products.

He did a few radio shows and speeches regarding the budget. He had a number of people contact him this year about the budget.

He toured the K-mart complex again with the Department of Law and some other county staff. We have a lot of people that are really interested in that K-mart project. We're being contacted about rental space. If everything works out the way they were looking at it, because of the income generated from that, it would be paid off in 10-12 years. We'll have more space for Social Services, and for Social Services moving in there alone we're going to save \$660,000.00 per year of county taxpayer money. He was very happy with that project.

INTRODUCED BY MR. PIERSON, SECONDED BY MR. MOREY

177-19 Resolution amending Resolution No. 9-19 appointing certifying officers for 2019.

(This Resolution changes/clarifies certifying officers for departments for auditing purposes.)

178-19 Resolution accepting check from NJ Transit in the amount of \$228.27 for damage to a County Pedestrian Signal.

(This Resolution accepts payment in the amount of \$228.27 from NJ Transit for damage to a county pedestrian signal sustained during a motor vehicle accident on November 24, 2018.)

179-19 Resolution authorizing payment to the Travelers Insurance Company for various claims in the total amount of \$23,927.59.

(This Resolution authorizes payment to the Travelers Insurance Company, Property-Casualty Department for various claims.)

180-19 Resolution amending Resolution No. 139-19 changing General Ledger Account line.

(This Resolution authorizes a change in the General Ledger Account from C.900.09261.1250.9000.400 to C.900.09261.1250.9000.201.)

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- 181-19 Resolution authorizing Court-Approved Settlement of claim petition #2010-23271 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 34:15-20.
(This Resolution authorizes a court-approved settlement of CP#2010-23271 for total payments of \$27,500.00.)
- 182-19 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).)
- 183-19 Resolution designating March as Red Cross Month.
(This Resolution designates March 2019 as Red Cross Month in Cape May County.)
- 184-19 Resolution awarding Contract No. C9-27 to Cape Regional Medical Center for Phlebotomy Laboratory Services for Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.
(This Resolution awards Contract No. C9-27 to Cape Regional Medical Center for Phlebotomy Laboratory Services for a term of 5 years, commencing March 13, 2019 through March 12, 2024.)
- 185-19 Resolution authorizing 2019 Aerial Dispensing Operations by the Cape May County Department of Mosquito Control.
(This Resolution authorizes aerial dispensing for control of mosquito populations.)
- 186-19 Resolution authorizing Agreement with New Jersey Transit Corporation for the 2019 Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program (SCDRTAP) from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 in the amount of \$346,318.00.
(This Resolution authorizes an agreement with the New Jersey Transit Corporation from 1/1/19 through 12/31/19 in the amount of \$346,318.00 to provide available and accessible transportation to senior citizens so they may obtain the necessities of life.)
- 187-19 Resolution accepting a Grant Award from New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Division of State Police for Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Hazmat Training Grant in the amount of \$23,715.00 for the period of September 30, 2018 to September 29, 2019.
(This Resolution accepts funds for Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Hazmat Training Grant No. HM-HMP-0560-16-01-00 in the amount of \$23,715.00 for the period 9/30/18 to 9/29/19.)
- 188-19 Resolution accepting a 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, 2018 to September 30, 2019 in the amount of \$60,398.00.
(This Resolution accepts a grant award from New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for SART/FNE Program in the amount of \$60,398.00 and In-Kind matching funds of \$17,306.00 to support sexual assault victims.)
- 189-19 Resolution authorizing Grant Agreement with State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Local Environmental Management and Right to Know for 2019 County Environmental Health Act (CEHA) for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.
(This Resolution accepts grant funds from the State in the amount of \$164,850.00 for the period 7/1/18 to 6/30/19 pursuant to the County Environmental Health Act.)
- 190-19 Resolution accepting surplus equipment from the Borough of Avalon for use by Cape May County Office of Emergency Management.
(This Resolution authorizes the County to accept surplus equipment from the Borough of Avalon for use by the County Office of Emergency Management.)

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191-19 Resolution accepting Grant Award from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice for the Body Armor Replacement Program-Sheriff Department, for the period of September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019 in the amount of \$13,148.82.

(This Resolution accepts a grant award for the Body Armor Replacement Program-Sheriff Office, for the period of 9/1/18 to 8/31/19 in the amount of \$13,148.82.)

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

Freeholder Pierson recognized the American Red Cross, highlighting Res. No. 183-19, designating March as Red Cross Month. The proclamation to observe March as Red Cross Month was presented to Executive Director, Carol Cohen, American Red Cross Southern Shore and fellow board member, Ronnie Town. Photographs with the Board were taken. Carol Cohen updated the board on current work being undertaken by the organization. She pointed out that like the county, the Red Cross was also really concerned about the opioid crisis. Effective this year, every Red Cross Shelter manager would be trained in first aid for opioid overdoses and there would be Narcan in every shelter run by the organization. She also spoke about a partnership with Cumberland County to install 850 free smoke alarms in Millville as part of their *Sound the Alarm* Program, and blood drive donation efforts.

INTRODUCED BY MS. HAYES, SECONDED BY MR. PIERSON

192-19 Resolution supplementing the 2019 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.)

193-19 Resolution authorizing agreements with certain vendors for Advertising, Commercials and Promotional Media for 2019 for Department of Tourism.

(This Resolution authorizes County departments to use specified resources for Promotional Marketing without public advertising for bids pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1) (k).)

194-19 Resolution authorizing the Board to hold a meeting excluding the public on March 12, 2019 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. 10:412(b)(7); matters falling within the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(5); personnel matters, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8); and pending litigation, 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.)

195-19 Resolution authorizing signatories for the Cape May County Library Petty Cash Account.

(This Resolution authorizes changes to the signatories for the petty cash account managed by the Cape May County Library due to the retirement of a staff member.)

196-19 Resolution reappointing Ron Denney and Thomas Tower to the Cape May County Park Advisory Board.

(This Resolution authorizes the reappointment of Ron Denney and Thomas Tower to the Cape May County Park Advisory Board.)

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- 197-19 Resolution authorizing 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.)
- 198-19 Resolution authorizing Agreement with New Jersey Transit Corporation for the 2019 Operating and Non-Operating Assistance FTA Section 5311 Rural Transportation Project for the period January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 for a total amount of \$147,531.00.
(This Resolution authorizes an agreement with the New Jersey Transit Corporation for the period of 1/1/19 to 12/31/19 in the amount of \$147,531.00 (Federal \$78,162.00, State-NJ Transit \$34,685.00 and Local \$34,684.00.)

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

INTRODUCED BY MR. MOREY, SECONDED BY MR. PIERSON

- 199-19 Pulled from Agenda
- 200-19 Resolution supporting the submission of an I-6 Regional Innovation Strategies Grant Application to the United States Economic Development Administration.
(This Resolution authorizes the County to submit a grant application for the Regional Innovation Strategies I-6 Challenge and commit the required matching funds.)
- 201-19 Resolution authorizing Release of Performance Guarantee in the amount of \$14,053.60 to Wildwood Retail, LLC for improvements to New Jersey Avenue (County Road 621), City of Wildwood.
(This Resolution authorizes release of funds held as a performance guarantee for improvements within the County right of way for Wildwood Retail LLC, City of Wildwood.)
- 202-19 Resolution affirming Cape May County’s support and partnership with the 2020 Census.
(This Resolution affirms the County’s support of the 2020 Census and partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau to ensure a complete and accurate population count.)
- 203-19 Resolution approving application for sale of a development easement through the Farmland Preservation Program and authorizing two appraisals, subject to the annual availability of funds to acquire this easement.
(This Resolution authorizes acceptance of application to sell a development easement from DLB Holdings, LLC, 337.93 Acres, Dennis Township and further authorizes 2 appraisals to determine fair market value prior to purchase; subject to the annual availability of funds to acquire this easement, with the condition that final action is subject to the annual availability of funds and approval of the Board.)
- 204-19 Resolution authorizing an Indemnification Agreement with Somerset Wheelmen to conduct Steve Reed Memorial Time Trial on Court House-South Dennisville Road (CR657) on April 7, 2019.
(This Resolution grants permission for an organization to conduct USA Cycling-sanctioned time trials on a County road.)
- 205-19 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$0.00 to Landberg Construction, LLC for 2018 Miscellaneous Drainage Improvements I on an as-needed basis throughout Cape May County.
(This Resolution authorizes a change order for dewatering associated with County Road 638 culvert construction, Borough of Woodbine.)

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- 206-19 Resolution authorizing the use of Competitive Contracting to provide Professional Design Engineering Services for the Reconstruction of Pacific Avenue (CR621) in the Township of Lower and Borough of Wildwood Crest from Fish Dock Road to Rambler Road.
(This Resolution authorizes the use of competitive contracting process pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-4.1(3)i for selecting consultants for professional design engineering services.)
- 207-19 Resolution approving contract documents for the Reconstruction of Hope Corson Road (CR671) from US Route 50 to Stagecoach Road (CR667) and authorizing the Clerk of the Board to advertise for bids for same.
(This Resolution approves contract documents and authorizes advertisement.)
- 208-19 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 2-Final in the amount of \$<91,599.55> to Landberg Construction, LLC for Resurfacing Improvements to portions of Indian Trail Road (CR618), Shunpike Road (CR620), Hand Avenue (CR658), and Shell Bay Avenue (CR674), Township of Middle.
(This Resolution authorizes a change order to adjust quantities to reflect the as-built conditions.)
- 209-19 Resolution accepting the work and closing the contract with Gibson Associates, P.A. for Professional Construction Engineering Services for Ocean Drive (CR619) Resurfacing Improvements from 29th Street to 62nd Street, Borough of Avalon.
(This Resolution accepts the work and closes the contract.)
- 210-19 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$62,576.09 to South State, Inc. for Broadway/Seashore Road (CR626) Resurfacing Improvements, Borough of West Cape May and Township of Lower.
(This Resolution authorizes a change order to adjust quantities to reflect the as-built conditions and to pay for supplemental work items.)
- 211-19 Resolution authorizing Woodbine Volunteer Fire Department to solicit contributions at the intersection of Woodbine – Ocean View Road (CR550) and Dennisville – Petersburg Road (CR610) in the Borough of Woodbine.
(This Resolution permits Fire Company volunteers to hold ‘coin drops’ on various dates throughout the summer to obtain public contributions which help offset operational expenses.)
- 212-19 Resolution authorizing Marmora Volunteer Fire Company to solicit contributions along Roosevelt Boulevard (CR623), Township of Upper.
(This Resolution permits Fire Company volunteers to hold ‘coin drops’ on various dates throughout the summer to obtain public contributions which help offset operational expenses.)
- 213-19 Resolution authorizing an Indemnification Agreement with Carney’s, Inc. for the St. Patrick’s Day Polar Plunge on March 16, 2019.
(This Resolution gives permission to Carney’s, Inc. to utilize County roads for a 5K event.)

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. 150-19 to exceed the County Budget Appropriation Limits and to establish a CAP Bank for Fiscal Year 2019.

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

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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:

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

(Clerk read Resolution No. 150-19 by title)

150-19 Resolution to Exceed the County Budget Appropriation Limits and to establish a CAP Bank for Fiscal Year 2019 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15(b)).

Motion to establish a CAP Bank for 2019.

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 Hayes moved/FH Pierson seconded

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: David Robinson, Cape May Court House resident and retired corrections officer addressed the board concerning reports about the new jail being short staffed, and potential safety issues and effects on current officers because of this.

Katherine Hartman, representing members of the FOP from the County Sheriff's Department, spoke for increased staff at the new correctional facility. Her focus was on what she described as costs incurred in terms of safety, finance and morale of the officers.

Joseph A. Orlando, Commander, North Wildwood Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Post 5941 introduced William Thompson, New Jersey VFW Legislative Director. Mr. Thompson invited the Freeholders to the 100th VFW Convention being held June 19th through June 22nd, 2019 in Wildwood. They would be having their first female state commander in 100 years, he informed.

Laura Lambert, Swainton asked the Board to consider allocating space in the renovated K-mart complex for the newly founded, Middle Township Teen Center, a non-profit, public charity. The organization hoped to be part of the solution to build resiliency, minimize ACE's and prevent opioid abuse she stated. Their mission was to provide a diverse population of adolescents with a place to call their own, gather after school hours, be themselves and connect with others for creative experiences with positive role models. An offer was made to meet with the Board at a later date to discuss their vision for the community. Director Thornton responded, for consideration, a written request would be appropriate; the county was currently in the planning process only.

Jeremiah Schenerman of Wildwood Crest asked the Board for an update on the ongoing Code Blue efforts or changes to the Code Blue policy. He wanted to know

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when the Homeless Trust Fund was created and the date of the first committee meeting about the trust fund. He also questioned whether or not the county was involved in the zoning issue with City of Wildwood and Cape Assist over location of a “recovery high school”.

ADJOURN: 8:10 P.M. FH Hayes moved/FH Pierson seconded

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

APPROVED

DIRECTOR

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE BOARD