

**MINUTES OF A CAUCUS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 4 MOORE ROAD, CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, NEW JERSEY ON TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021 AT 3:00 P.M.**

Deputy Clerk Doyle called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call:

Commissioners Desiderio, Hayes, Morey and Thornton -Present (4)  
Commissioners Pierson - Virtual access (1)

Statement of the 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 Wednesday, January 6, 2021.”

Moment of Silence-Dedicated to the family of Michael Kolea of Ocean City, in his memory.

Flag Salute- Led by Commissioner Pierson.

Agenda Items

**Board of School Estimate**

Nancy Hudanich, Superintendent gave a brief overview with a 2021-22 budget synopsis for both districts. In ending, a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the many programs offered to the students was shown.

1. Board of School Estimate- The Special Services School

Ms. Kathy Allen of behalf of the Cape May County Special Services School District stated, for the Board of School Estimates only, BE IT RESOLVED, that there should be raised for General Funds \$4,135,400.00 for the ensuing school year 2021/2022.

Moved by Ms. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Thornton to approve the 2021/2022 Budget for the Special Services School District. Roll call: Commissioner Director Thornton, Commissioner Hayes, Commissioner Morey, Board President Allen Gould and Board Vice-President Jane Elwell. (AYE-5) (NAYE-None) (ABSENT-None) (ABSTAIN-None) Carried.

2. Board of School Estimate- The Technical High School

Ms. Paula Smith on behalf of the Cape May County Technical School District stated, BE IT RESOLVED, that there should be raised for General Funds \$8,224,834.00 for the ensuing school year 2021/2022.

Moved by Mr. Thornton seconded by Ms. Hayes to approve the 2021/2022 Budget for the Technical School District. Roll call: Commissioner Director Thornton, Commissioner Hayes, Commissioner Morey, Board President Allen Gould and Board Vice-President Jane Elwell. (AYE-5) (NAYE-None) (ABSENT-None) (ABSTAIN-None) Carried.

Discussion:

**1. Kevin Lare-Purchasing Report**

March 23, 2021, (Continued)

Mr. Lare detailed awards, extensions, or changes to contracts, and competitive contracting of the following resolutions: Res. Nos. 187-21, 193-21, 194-21, 195-21, 204-21, 209-21, 210-21 and 211-21.

Res. 193-21 authorizing Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. C9-118 with M & E Engineers, Inc. for Veterans Administration Out-Patient Clinic Commissioning at County Commons in the amount of \$4,000.00.

Res. 194-21 authorizing final payment in the amount of \$4,770.00 accepting the work and closing Contract No. C0-72 with Allied Signage Corporation to Furnish, Deliver, and Install Two Exterior Pylon Signs located at County Commons.

Res. 195-21 awarding Contract No. C1-50 to Trinity Services Group, Inc. for the Provision of Food Service and Food Service Management at the Cape May County Correctional Center.

Res. 204-21 awarding Contracts No. C1-51 to Tony's Villas Produce, No. C1-52 to Seashore Fruit & Produce Co. Inc., and No. C1-57 to Cuttler Produce, Inc. to Furnish and Deliver Fresh and Frozen Produce for Various Departments.

Res. 209-21 awarding Contract No. C1-48 to Buell Kratzer Powell, LTD for Architectural & Engineering Services & Project Management for a Park & Zoo Building & Site Work in an amount not to exceed \$378,370.00.

Res. 210-21 awarding Contract No. C1-53 to Merck Animal Health and Contract No. C1-54 to MWI Animal Health for the Provision of Animal Medications for County of Cape May.

Res. 211-21 awarding Contract No. C1-55 to Legend & White Animal Health Corp. and Contract No. C1-56 to Smeltzer & Sons, Inc. to Furnish and Deliver Animal Feed and Supplies for Various Departments.

## **2. Kevin Lare-Administrator Update**

Res. 187-21 establishing a Temporary Emergency Budget-2021-2022.

He explained Res. 187-21 transpired due to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and would extend the date of the adoption of the 2021 Budget. The temporary budget was receiving additional operating funds until the final budget could be approved and adopted. Formal amount of the allotment from the federal government was unknown at this time, therefore the final budget could have adjustments made in the end. More guidance from the federal government would be required detailing how the allotment could be applied to the budget. Currently, the deadline to adopt was April 30<sup>th</sup> unless extended again.

Kevin indicated that more correspondence had been received in his office concerning the proposed consolidation of Atlantic Cape Community College and Stockton State University. Dr. Gaba would address the board on the future state of the college at an upcoming meeting.

## **3. Robert Church-Engineer's Update**

The following resolutions on the agenda to be authorized during the Regular Meeting of Board tonight were acknowledged or discussed by Mr. Church.

March 23, 2021, (Continued)

Res. 222-21 approving contract documents for DeHirsch Avenue (CR550) Phase II from Madison Avenue to Washington Avenue, Borough of Woodbine and authorizing the Clerk of the Board to advertise for bids for same.

Res. 223-21 approving contract documents for Stagecoach Road (CR667) from Tuckahoe Road (CR631) to Tuckahoe Road Extension (CR662), Township of Upper and authorizing the Clerk of the Board to advertise for bids for same.

Res. 224-21 accepting proposal of Gibson Associates, P.A. in the amount of \$100,783.16 for Professional Construction Engineering Services for Seashore Road (CR626) Missing Bicycle Link Improvements, Township of Lower.

Res. 225-21 declaring an emergency on Bayshore Road (CR603) in the vicinity of Fishing Creek Culvert, Township of Lower.

Res. 226-21 endorsing Dennisville-Petersburg Road (CR610) Resurfacing Improvements from U.S. Route 47 to Dennis Township Municipal Complex, Township of Dennis.

Res. 227-21 endorsing Hand Avenue (CR658) Culvert Replacement, Township of Middle.

Res. 228-21 endorsing Lafayette Street (CR633) Resurfacing Improvements from Sydney Street to Jackson Street, City of Cape May.

Res. 229-21 authorizing advancement of preliminary engineering for Alternative 3 of the Local Public Concept Development of the Ocean Drive (CR621) Upgrades and Bridge Improvements.

Res. 230-21 authorizing application for Road Opening Permit to New Jersey American Water for Tuckahoe Road (CR631), Township of Upper.

Res. 232-21 urging New Jersey Turnpike Authority to create full interchange at Exit 20 on the Garden State Parkway.

Res. 233-21 awarding Contract No. C1-59 to South State Inc. for Various Priority Bridge Repairs for Cape May County Bridge Commission in the amount of \$1,322,552.00.

#### **4. Commissioner Discussions**

**Commissioner Morey**-Mr. Morey made it known that he was thrilled with the progress and timing of the two priority projects part of the Comprehensive Bridge Plan beginning to move forward.

**Commissioner Hayes**-None.

**Commissioner Thornton**- He reported yesterday's SJTPO meeting was interesting because they had learned that the Department of Transportation had contacted Executive Director Jennifer Marandino to get her thoughts and opinion regarding making Rt. 55 a toll road.

**Commissioner Pierson**- None.

**Commissioner Desiderio**-None.

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Moved by Mr. Desiderio seconded by Ms. Hayes to adjourn the caucus. Roll call: Commissioners Desiderio, Hayes, Morey, Pierson and Thornton (AYE-5) (NAYE-None) (ABSTAIN-None) (ABSENT-None). Carried.

Caucus adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

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Administrator/Clerk of the Board