

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN  
FREEHOLDERS HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 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-** Dedicated by Freeholder Hayes to Fare Free Transportation employee, Tom Turner, who had passed away this past week.

**FLAG SALUTE**

**MINUTES – MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 03/24/20 MEETINGS**  
FH Desiderio moved/ FH Hayes seconded

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**REPORTS:**

**COUNTY ENGINEER:** Bob Church reported the Gateway Project base paving was finished on Friday. The road was in its final configuration. On Thursday, they were going to be switching traffic over to 2-way traffic again on Rio Grande Avenue, which would allow businesses to resume their accesses. Over the next few weeks, they were also going to complete the remaining underground conduit work, some small drainage on Susquehanna, the remainder of the flatwork that existed, and the landscaping. The final paving would most likely take place the first week in May.

At the Ingrams Thorofare Bridge Deck Replacement, the contractors were scheduled to pour the last remaining 3 spans on Thursday, so the bridge would be closed Thursday night. That would complete all the concrete on the eastbound side of the bridge. While the concrete cured, they would work on the guiderail and some underground spall repairs. He expected the contractor to meet the May 7th deadline to open the bridge up to 2-way traffic again and end the seasonal shutdown.

Atlantic City Electric had come out to do their utility relocations at the Woodbine Roundabout. They were waiting on Verizon to come out and do their part before the contractors could start construction of the roundabout.

On Corson’s Tavern Road a preconstruction meeting took place on Thursday with the State of New Jersey and the contractor. Drainage work would take place concurrently.

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The Pacific Avenue Drainage Project was set to begin next week, with a portion of the work to be done in the spring, then it would shut down and resume in the fall. This was prerequisite work for the federal aid road project that was expected to be authorized in September. The drainage would already be in when they began the road work.

The emergency repair work to the 96<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge would begin soon. Sketches from the consultant were due back to the county within two weeks. The county was coordinating with the contractor performing the work. Bob had spoken to Stone Harbor about traffic calming devices because vehicles approaching the bridge at high rates of speed was just as detrimental to the bridge as excess weight vehicles he informed. He had suggested installing speed tables to the west side of bridge to force vehicles to slow down on the approach. Stone Harbor agreed and passed a resolution endorsing the speed tables. He was now going to send the resolution to Middle Township because that side of the bridge was under their jurisdiction. It was hoped that the emergency repairs and installation of the speed tables could be coordinated and done at the same time during a night closing of the bridge.

He reported the Rt. 47, Dias Creek Culvert Project appeared to be just about finished. Road striping and guiderail improvements once done would complete the project. There shouldn't be an issue with Rt. 47 opening prior to Memorial Day, he closed.

2) COUNTY COUNSEL: No report.

3) COUNTY TREASURER: No report.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS:

1) FREEHOLDER MOREY: The freeholder recognized and thanked Bob Church for his work towards seeing the Rt. 47 project completed in a timely manner and his cooperation and collaboration on the Gateway Project coming to fruition, with the much needed safety and other improvements.

He reminded that Joe Molineaux was contracted by the county and began working last week to help small businesses in terms of loans and grant applications in preparation of the time when the county reopened to business. Mr. Molineaux had extensive experience with small business administration, formerly an executive director of small business development.

He reported that he had received a video clip from the company Cellular Tracking Technologies, outlining what they had done using the 3-D printer housed at Dune Tech at the County Airport. The video recognized the county for their part in allowing this to transpire. A local boy scout had designed a plastic clip in various sizes to be used with face masks, to hold them in place, in lieu of the elastic around the ears. They used the 3-D printer to make the clips and then delivered more than 100 of them to Cape Regional for the workers to use.

Freeholders Desidero and Morey were reviewing submissions for spots on the County Business Recovery Task Force and were hopefully going to begin meeting sometime next week. He was looking forward to the work he stated.

2) FREEHOLDER PIERSON: The freeholder recognized those county employees that had continued to show up and complete work in and out of the office, during this pandemic. He commented he was grateful that so far only one employee had been reported to have contracted the COVID-19 virus.

3) FREEHOLDER HAYES: She reported the county and the library were notified by Jim Rutala that the Franklin Street Library Project had received a \$500,000 grant from the National Park Service. Cape May County was only 1 of 2 counties in the state to receive the grant money.

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The Park and Zoo was the recipient of 17 pallets of fresh fruit and vegetables for the animals from Sysco Foods Corp. Another delivery was scheduled for drop off next week.

Tom Turner, a Fare Free Transportation driver that passed away, was paid tribute today by Freeholder Hayes, several Fare Free supervisors and approximately 20 buses. They drove by his house, pulled over to the curb and handed flowers to his wife in remembrance of Mr. Turner. She reported the gesture was much appreciated by the family.

Andrea Orsini, County Library Director had informed the freeholder that they were looking into utilizing the library's 3-D printer to make face masks for contribution towards the pandemic effort.

4) FREEHOLDER DESIDERIO: He reported he was looking forward to working on the business recovery task force with Freeholder Morey as soon they were cleared to begin working together again.

5) FREEHOLDER THORNTON: Director Thornton thanked Freeholder Pierson, Beth Bozzelli, Marty Pagliughi, Kevin Thomas, his staff, Fare Free and all the county employees for their outstanding work and handling of the pandemic. He also recognized the medical staff at Shore Memorial and Cape Regional hospitals. He was really proud he stated.

**INTRODUCED BY MR. DESIDERIO, SECONDED BY MS. HAYES**

251-20 Resolution establishing a Business Recovery Task Force in Cape May County.

(This Resolution creates a Business Recovery Task Force to assist the County of Cape May with its economic response to the COVID-19 pandemic.)

252-20 Resolution designating April 12, 2020 to April 18, 2020 as National Public Safety Tele-communications week in Cape May County.

(This Resolution designates the week of April 12, 2020 as National Public Safety Tele-communications week in Cape May County, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our County and citizens safe.)

253-20 Resolution authorizing Safe Schools Resource Officer Partnership Agreement between Cape May County Special Services School District and Cape May County Office of the Sheriff.

(This Resolution authorizes a Partnership Agreement between the Cape May County Special Services School District and the Cape May County Sheriff's Office to provide the services of a Sheriff's Officer to serve as a School Resource Officer assigned to the School District.)

254-20 Resolution awarding contract to Buell Kratzer Powell Ltd. for Architectural, Site Work Engineering and Project Management Services for Child Advocacy Center in the amount not to exceed \$86,687.00.

(This Resolution awards a Contract No. C0-61 to Buell Kratzer Powell, Ltd for Architectural, Site Work Engineering and Project Management Services for the Office of the Prosecutor's Child Advocacy Center in the amount not to exceed \$86,687.00, commencing April 15, 2020, expiring upon project completion and closeout pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15(9).)

255-20 Resolution awarding contract to Tetra Tech Inc. for updating Cape May County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan in the amount not to exceed \$122,396.00.

(This Resolution awards Contract No. C0-60 to Tetra Tech Inc. for updating the Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan in the amount not to exceed \$122,396.00.)

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- 256-20 Resolution supplementing the prohibition on lodging transient guests or seasonal tenants within the County of Cape May.  
 (This Resolution supplements Resolution No. 250-20 by expanding the categories of those not considered transient guests or seasonal guests.)
- 257-20 Resolution applying to the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for the FY20 Homeland Security Grant Program in the amount of \$229,100.00 for the period September 1, 20120 to August 31, 2023.  
 (This Resolution authorizes application to the State of New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness in the amount of \$229,100.00 to provide funding to prevent, protect, mitigate, respond to and recover from threats and incidents of terrorism.)
- 258-20 Resolution amending the 2020 Budget for Edward Byrne Memorial FY17 Justice Assistance Program for Multi-Jurisdictional Gang, Gun and Narcotics Task Force Grant in the amount of \$72,500.00.  
 (This Resolution amends the 2020 Budget in the amount of \$72,500.00 for Multi-Jurisdictional Gang, Gun and Narcotics Task Force Grant.)
- 259-20 Resolution amending the 2020 Budget for FY17 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Megan’s Law and Local Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$5,111.00.  
 (This Resolution amends the 2020 Budget in the amount of 5,111.00 for FY17 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Megan’s Law and Local Enforcement Grant.)

Freeholder Morey commented on Res. 256-20. He stated that the board had considerable discussion on this regarding the lodging and we’re all being mindful of health considerations. For anyone in the public that might not have heard the conversation (during the earlier Caucus Meeting) all the board members were keenly aware of the virus and opening businesses up and looking at revisiting it as soon as possible for the benefit of everybody.

Director Thornton recognized Diane Wieland and Denis Brown for the outstanding job that they had been doing towards the pandemic effort. He apologized for leaving them out of his previous comments.

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**

- 260-20 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).)
- 261-20 Resolution appointing and reappointing members to the Cape May County Human Services Advisory Council.  
 (This Resolution authorizes the appointments of members to the Human Services Advisory Council.)
- 262-20 Resolution authorizing renewal of flood insurance coverage with American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida in the amount of \$2,039.00 for property located at 4800 Central Avenue, Sea Isle City, New Jersey.  
 (This Resolution renews Flood Insurance Policy #8705140643 for the term of March 30, 2020 through March 30, 2021.)

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- 263-20 Resolution authorizing renewal of commercial property coverage (Builders Risk) with American Zurich Insurance Company for the Airport Tech Village Project at 373 Franklin Avenue in Lower Township, Rio Grande, New Jersey.  
(This Resolution authorizes Builders Risk Policy #BR13532850 for the Airport Tech Village Project for the term of March 21, 2020 through March 21, 2021 (to be cancelled when project completed.))
- 264-20 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Human Services)  
(This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)
- 265-20 Resolution accepting appointments to the Cape Regional Home Health Care Professional Advisory Committee.  
(This Resolution accepts appointments to the Cape Regional Home Health Care Professional Advisory Committee.)
- 266-20 Resolution authorizing use of Competitive Contracting for Community Peer Recovery Center Program for Cape May County residents.  
(This Resolution authorizes the use of Competitive Contracting for a Community Peer Recovery Center Program for Cape May County Residents pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(f) Professional Services.)
- 267-20 Resolution accepting the appointment of Taryn Smith, RN, BSNM as the Administrator of New Jersey Health Care Facility.  
(This Resolution accepts the appointment of Taryn Smith, RN, BSNM as the Administrator of New Jersey Health Care Facility.)
- 268-20 Resolution approving BAYADA Home Health Care's Emergency Management Program and Plan, Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement Program, and Policy Review Index for the Board of Trustees for the Year 2020.  
(This Resolution approves BAYADA Home Health Care's Emergency Management Program and Plan, Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement Program, and Policy Review Index for the Board of Trustees for the Year 2020.)
- 269-20 Resolution amending the 2020 Budget for FY19 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Hazmat Training Grant in the amount of \$24,054.00.  
(This Resolution amends the 2020 Budget in the amount of \$24,054.00 for FY19 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Hazmat Training Grant.)
- 270-20 Resolution amending the 2020 Budget for the FY20 Retired and Senior Volunteer Program in the amount of \$62,523.00.  
(This Resolution amends the 2020 Budget in the amount of \$62,523.00 with County matching finds of \$33,726.00, for a total \$96,249.00, funding to be utilized to cover administrative costs and the replacement of volunteers within the community to meet specific needs related to health, independent living and transportation.)
- 271-20 Resolution accepting Grant Award from the New Jersey Family Planning League for Grant Program Funding in the amount of \$274,273.00.  
(This Resolution accepts a grant award from the New Jersey Family Planning League in the total amount of \$274,273.00.)
- 272-20 Resolution amending the 2020 Budget for the New Jersey Family Planning Funding in the amount of \$274,273.00.  
(This Resolution amends the 2020 Budget in the amount of \$274,273.00 for Family Planning programs.)
- 273-20 Resolution amending the 2020 Budget for New Jersey Family Planning Grant in the amount of \$72,200.00.  
(This Resolution amends the 2020 Budget in the amount of \$72,200.00 for Family Planning Grant.)

274-20 PULLED FROM AGENDA

275-20 Resolution authorizing an Application to New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services for Innovation Substance Abuse Grant No. 20-670-ADA-1 for the period June 30, 2020 to June 29, 2021 in the amount of \$35,751.00.

(This Resolution authorizes application to New Jersey Department of Human Services for the period 6/30/20 to 6/29/21 in the amount of \$35,751.00 to provide funds to support substance abuse issues.)

Director Thornton recognized County Counsel Jeff Lindsay for his diligence, sometimes he was working on county business at 2 or 3 a.m. they would receive reports from him.

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**

276-20 Resolution authorizing the Board to hold a meeting excluding the public on April 14, 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); matters falling within collective bargaining negotiations, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(4); pending litigation, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7); personnel matters, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8); and matters falling within the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(5).

(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.)

277-20 Resolution authorizing Agreement with New Jersey Transit Corporation for the 2020 Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program (SCDRTAP) from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$344,859.00.

(This Resolution authorizes an agreement with the New Jersey Transit Corporation from 01/01/20 through 12/31/20 in the amount of \$344,859.00 to provide available and accessible transportation to senior citizens so they may obtain the necessities of life.)

278-20 Resolution amending the 2020 Budget for the 2020 Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program (SCDRTAP) in the amount of \$344,859.00.

(This Resolution amends the 2020 Budget in the amount of \$344,859.00 for 2020 Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program (SCDRTAP).)

279-20 Resolution authorizing Agreement with New Jersey Transit Corporation for the 2020 Operating and Non-Operating Assistance FTA Section 5311 Rural Transportation Project for the period January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 for a total amount of \$163,788.00.

(This Resolution authorizes an agreement with the New Jersey Transit Corporation for the period of 01/01/20 to 12/31/20 in the amount of \$163,788.00.)

280-20 Resolution amending the 2020 Budget for FTA Section 5311 Rural Transportation Project in the amount of \$163,788.00.

(This Resolution amends the 2020 Budget in the amount of \$163,788.00 for FTA Section 5311 Rural Transportation Project.)

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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					

**INTRODUCED BY MR. MOREY, SECONDED BY MR. PIERSON**

281-20 Resolution authorizing execution of a renewal Lease for certain lands within the Crest Haven Complex with the Federal Aviation Administration.  
 (This Resolution authorizes execution of a renewal Lease with the Federal Aviation Administration for certain lands within Crest Haven Complex, Township of Middle, County of Cape May, for the term commencing on October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2040.)

Freeholder Pierson asked if Res. No. 281-20 was referencing the tower located in the Veterans Cemetery. Director Thornton answered yes, the tower was a navigational aid. Pierson asked if any change had been made to the lease that would enable the county to open up the cemetery more, as far as how many plots could be utilized for burials. It was noted, Jeff Lindsay would look into amending the form of agreement for the county.

*Motion made to Table Resolution 281-20*

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

282-20 Resolution establishing a pool of Bridge Engineering firms for County of Cape May and Cape May County Bridge Commission for use on an as-needed basis.  
 (This Resolution establishes a pool of five firms for Bridge Engineering Services for County of Cape May and Cape May County Bridge Commission on an as-needed basis commencing April 15, 2020 for a term of one year with two one-year options.)

283-20 Resolution authorizing execution of a Lease Agreement with the Board of Education of the Special Services School District and Vocational School District of County of Cape May.  
 (This Resolution authorizes execution of a Lease Agreement with the Board of Education of the Special Services School District and Vocational School District of County of Cape May for the term of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2025.)

284-20 Resolution authorizing application for Road Opening Permit to Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc. for Third Avenue (CR619), Borough of Stone Harbor.  
 (This Resolution authorizes Asphalt Paving Systems to install a new gravity sewer, force main and water main on Third Avenue (CR619), Borough of Stone Harbor between 93<sup>rd</sup> and 94<sup>th</sup> Streets. Work will be completed promptly.)

285-20 Resolution authorizing application for Road Opening Permit to South Jersey Gas Company for the Proposed Ocean City Loop Project, Phase 2, Township of Upper.  
 (This Resolution authorizes South Jersey Gas Company to install a gas main on Stagecoach Road (CR 667), Roosevelt Boulevard Extension (CR 623) and Roosevelt Boulevard (CR 623), Township of Upper. Work will be completed promptly.)

286-20 Resolution authorizing application for Road Opening Permit to South Jersey Gas Company for Old North Wildwood Boulevard (CR665/666), Township of Middle.

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(This Resolution authorizes South Jersey Gas Company to install a gas main and regulators on Old North Wildwood Boulevard (CR665/666), Township of Middle. Work will be completed promptly.)

287-20 Resolution accepting the work and closing the contract of Gibson Associates, P.A. for Construction Testing Inspection Services for Main Street (CR610) Improvements from US Route 47 to Dennisville-Petersburg Road, Township of Dennis.

(This Resolution accepts the work and closes the contract.)

288-20 Resolution accepting the work and closing the contract with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for Professional Traffic and Roadside Safety Engineering Services (2016) on an as-needed basis.

(This Resolution accepts the work and closes the contract.)

289-20 Resolution awarding contract to RTW Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$303,219.00 for 2020 Drainage Improvements along Corson’s Tavern Road (CR628), Townships of Dennis and Upper, Cape May County, NJ.

(This Resolution awards the contract for 2020 Drainage Improvements along Corson’s Tavern Road (CR 628), Townships of Dennis and Upper, Cape May County, NJ.)

290-20 Resolution accepting proposal of Remington & Vernick Engineers in the amount of \$297,719.89 for Professional Construction Engineering Services associated with Corson’s Tavern Road (CR628) Resurfacing Phase II, Townships of Dennis and Upper, Cape May County, NJ.

(This Resolution accepts the proposal of Remington & Vernick Engineers in the amount of \$297,719.89 for Construction Engineering Services associated with Corson’s Tavern Road (CR 628) Resurfacing Phase II, Townships of Dennis and Upper, Cape May County, NJ.)

291-20 Resolution accepting proposal of Remington & Vernick Engineers not exceeding the amount of \$110,234.33 to provide Professional Construction Engineering Services for Demolition of Various Buildings at Cape May County Airport.

(This Resolution accepts the proposal of Remington & Vernick Engineers not exceeding the amount of \$110,234.33 for professional construction engineering services associated with the Demolition of Various Buildings at the Cape May County Airport. Remington & Vernick Engineers is one of the consultants in the professional construction engineering pool of consultants established by the Fair and Open Process.)

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

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: 5:10 P.M. FH Desiderio moved/FH Hayes seconded



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

APPROVED

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DIRECTOR

ATTEST:

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ADMINISTRATOR