

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN
FREEHOLDERS HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019 AT 4:30 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, 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 04/09/19 REGULAR MEETING
FH Desiderio moved/ FH Pierson seconded

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

COMMUNICATIONS: Administrator Bozzelli read a letter from Peter L. Lomax and wife Melissa, expressing gratitude for Elizabeth Bakley, Department of Tourism for taking the initiative to coordinate the registration of their daughter Sophia in the Cumberland/Cape May County Teen Arts Festival. Sophia, an aspiring filmmaker according to the letter, appreciated every opportunity to help build her craft and get critique of her work. Two videos submitted to the festival by Sophia earned her a place in the New Jersey State Teen Art Festival at the end of May. Additionally, Ms. Bakley connected Sophia with Veronica Scutaro, President of the Cape May Film Society Board of Directors who expressed interest in showing the two productions at the opening of the Cape May Film Festival on April 27, 2019.

REPORTS:

1) COUNTY ENGINEER: Mr. Church reported the Garden State Parkway exit ramp on Sea Isle Boulevard was currently under construction. There were a few issues with the turning radius which had been addressed by the contractor. They were doing the wetlands mitigation work, redoing the non-vegetative strip under the guiderail and top soiling and seeding the westbound shoulder. It was expected that the profiling, milling and final paving would commence the week of May 13th.

On site at the Wildwood Gateway Project, the contractor had completed the north parapet wall and the sidewalk. All that remained was the asphalt restoration for the disturbance up on the bridge. The commercial signs had been relocated. Matrix was on site relocating the Atlantic City electric poles. The pump station lab was complete, the walls of the pump station were being constructed. That phase of the project was scheduled for completion on or about June 21st.

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Over the next few weeks the contractor would precede with the guiderail and bridge restoration work at Mill Creek and Middle Thorofare Bridges in Lower Township. This was the first phase of a multi-phase upgrade to those two bridges. The first phase work was scheduled to be completed by June 21st as well.

He was looking to establish a meeting with the New Jersey Department of Transportation Commissioner for the 14th of May, to discuss funding options for the proposed roadway and bridge improvements of the Middle Thorofare Bridge. He had sent out an e-mail on that work recently. They were attempting to get people to attend the meeting, or at least to join in by conference call with the commissioner, to see what the options were, and funding for that.

Mr. Church reminded that at a freeholder meeting 6 weeks prior, he had discussed a project located on the street end of Route 9 in Beesley's Point. Atlantic Electric had hired contractors to do utility work on transmission lines, which required use of county property for that access. The engineer suggested a short recap at the next caucus, to go over the sheet piling and bulkhead restoration work to be done. The associated paperwork would need authorization by the County, as owner of the property. The Board would also need to decide what should be done, as far as the final restoration of the bulkhead and intended use of the area.

Financially speaking, several road and site work contracts would be coming in over the next few weeks. Public Works would be able to allocate the balance of the County's 2016 Annual Transportation Plan (ATP) to those contracts. Presently, \$600,000 had been allocated, \$271,000 was left. The next project out to bid should wipe out the balance, so there shouldn't be any concern of losing that money.

- 2) COUNTY COUNSEL: Lauren Fogarty had no report.
- 3) COUNTY TREASURER: Brittany Smith had no report.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS:

1) FREEHOLDER MOREY: Mr. Morey reported on the halted construction of the Townsend Inlet Bridge Project. The contractor was working extremely hard to get the work completed as soon as possible. Once the remediation of a critical geotechnical item was done, there would be a better estimate of an opening date for the bridge.

The Coast Guard Ball was upcoming, Saturday evening, April 27th. The event would be held at Wildwood Convention Center this year. Around 300 had indicated they would attend. It had been decided beforehand to hold the event at a different venue, in fairness to all, since the Coast Guard Community Designation encompassed the entire county. Wildwood could better accommodate that number of people, than Cape May City Convention Hall, so that had really worked out, he noted.

He commented on the progress of the Wildwood Entrance Project. The process seemed to be going very well. It was interesting to see the street signs being moved, and other preparation work being performed for the project. The plan to split the project into two phases was clearly the right decision, he stated. There was a substantial amount of work to be done, so moving utilities and other things ahead of time was really critical to a successful project schedule. Construction was set to commence again right after Labor Day.

The Cape May Brewery Project had been postponed by the brewery until they met again with the Delaware River & Bay Authority (DRBA), sometime in the fall. He couldn't give details at this point, but was disappointed by the news the construction wouldn't start this summer.

In Strathmere, the Commonwealth Avenue parking and restriping work was on track. Bids for construction were due tomorrow, with construction started right after Memorial Day, according to the county engineer. The area had been identified

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as a safety concern for a number of years, so the good work was much appreciated, Mr. Morey commented.

2) FREEHOLDER PIERSON: Mr. Pierson attended the Mayor's Address Update Luncheon with Freeholder Hayes, held in North Wildwood. It was a great program, he noted. All the mayors or representatives for the mayors spoke. They talked about all the things happening in Wildwood. The Chief of the Fire Department made a presentation. The freeholder was impressed with all the projects they have going on within the realm of the municipalities there. Many kudos were given to the County for the support provided.

Freeholders Pierson and Hayes presented a 100th Anniversary certificate to the Upper Township American Legion, recently. The plan was to present to local American Legion Posts, as many as possible, all of whom celebrate 100 years in service, this year. The state was honored on Veteran's Day.

Mr. Pierson informed his colleagues of his participation and/or experience at the additional listed events: Go Blue for CASA in Linwood, National Guard Alumni event in Asbury Park, Sip into Spring for the ARC of Cape May County, Aldridge Forum at Somers Point Memorial Hospital, Regional Veteran's meeting at the Fire Academy, Veterans Affairs of Wilmington Forum in Ocean City, League of Municipalities dinner meeting in Wildwood Crest.

3) FREEHOLDER DESIDERIO: Mr. Desiderio, addressed and offered the oath of office to fifty-six graduating Class II police officers of the Cape May County Police Academy, yesterday, April 22, 2019. They are a welcome addition to our communities in the summer season he stated. Another great job done by Chief Tom DePaul and the police academy.

He received a letter of commendation from the New Jersey Attorney General, praising the Cape May County Consumer Affairs Department. John Rechner and staff were recognized for handling 94 complaints and obtaining \$28,848 in restitution and savings for residents of the county.

4) FREEHOLDER THORNTON: Mr. Thornton attended the 11th Annual Harry Hurley fundraiser dinner with colleagues in Atlantic City and the Cape May County ARC "Sip into Spring" event at the Cape May Winery.

Director Thornton recognized Dispatcher Andy Hilvert, Cape May County Office of Emergency Management for his assistance in handling a 9-1-1 call during a house fire in Marmora on February 10, 2019. Additionally, Dispatcher Chris Belles, City of Ocean City, Dispatcher Lou Sicilia, CMC Office of Emergency Management, Dispatcher Jim Lowe, City of Ocean City and Dispatcher Bill Mulligan, CMC Office of Emergency Management were identified for their excellent handling of the same situation. Non-emergency personnel, James and Stephanie Cox (father and daughter) were recognized for rescuing and saving the lives of two people trapped inside the fully engulfed second floor apartment.

Freeholder Morey recognized and thanked Jen Carleo, County Agricultural Agent for her dedication to the county agricultural community during her time with Rutgers Cooperative Extension. She was leaving to pursue another opportunity, having worked for 13 years with Cape May County.

Kathleen DeGenova, 15 years old, from Dennis Township High School and Lily Capone, 12 years old, from Sea Isle City were recognized for their participation in the Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) Hunt Seat National Finals. Both are members of the IEA team from Star Hollow Stables, coached by the owner, Abby Sykes and both qualified for the national competition in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, April 26th through April 28th. The girls compete on animals they have never ridden before and are in the top 16 in the country.

INTRODUCED BY MR. DESIDERIO, SECONDED BY MR. PIERSON

- 313-19 Resolution authorizing payment to the Travelers Insurance Company for various claims in the total amount of \$16,680.70.
(This Resolution authorizes payment to the Travelers Insurance Company, Property-Casualty Department for various claims.)
- 314-19 Resolution adopting an Application and Rules for Use of County Facilities.
(This Resolution adopts an Application and Rules for Use of County Facilities.)
- 315-19 Resolution authorizing use of Competitive Contracting for operation and lease of entertainment venue.
(This Resolution authorizes use of Competitive Contracting for operation and lease of County owned entertainment venue, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1(j) *Concession.*)
- 316-19 Resolution appointing Donna Doyle as Deputy Clerk of the Board.
(This Resolution appoints Donna Doyle as Deputy Clerk of the Board.)
- 317-19 Resolution applying to the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for the FY19 Homeland Security Grant Program in the amount of \$260,204.00 for the period of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2022.
(This Resolution authorizes application to the State of New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness in the amount of \$260,204.00 to provide funding to prevent, protect, mitigate, respond to and recover from threats and incidents of terrorism.)

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

INTRODUCED BY MR. PIERSON, SECONDED BY MR. MOREY

- 318-19 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).)
- 319-19 Resolution awarding Contract No. C9-63 to Senior Care Centers of America, Inc. to provide as-needed Adult Day Services for Division of Aging and Disability Services.
(This Resolution awards Contract No. C9-63 to Senior Care Centers of America, Inc. D/B/A Active Day of Cape May to Provide Adult Day Services as needed for Department of Human Services Division of Aging and Disability Services, for a term of one year commencing April 24, 2019 with two one-year options.)
- 320-19 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.)
- 321-19 Resolution authorizing execution of various Memorandums of Understanding for Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Service Program Dental Grants.
(This Resolution authorizes the execution of Memorandums of Understanding with various vendors for Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Service Program Dental Grants on an as needed basis.)

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- 322-19 Resolution authorizing State Equipment Use Agreement between New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and County of Cape May for use of State Mosquito Control Commission-Assigned Equipment.
(This Resolution authorizes an agreement with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the County of Cape May Department of Mosquito Control for use of equipment for mosquito control, effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.)
- 323-19 Resolution recognizing April 2019 as Atlantic Cape Community College Month.
(This Resolution recognizes April 2019 as Atlantic Cape Community College Month.)
- 324-19 Resolution applying to New Jersey Department of Health for funds to support Local Core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness (LINCS) in the amount of \$236,274.00.
(This Resolution authorizes grant application for funds to support Local Core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness (LINCS) for the budget period of 7/1/19 through 6/30/20.)
- 325-19 Resolution authorizing application for the LIHEAP Program in the amount of \$4,004.00.
(This Resolution authorizes application for the LIHEAP Program in the amount of \$4,004.00 for the period 7/1/18 through 6/30/19.)
- 326-19 Resolution authorizing application for the Universal Services Fund Program in the amount of \$2,560.00.
(This Resolution authorizes application for the Universal Services Fund Program in the amount of \$2,560.00 for the period 7/1/18 through 6/30/19.)
- 327-19 Resolution applying to New Jersey Department of Health for Early Intervention System Grant in the amount of \$130,717.00.
(This Resolution authorizes submission of application to the NJ Department of Health for grant funds to provide coordination of service and advocacy for those registered through the program for the period of 7/1/19 through 6/30/20.)
- 328-19 Resolution accepting Grant Awards from State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission for State Community Partnership and Family Court Appropriations for a total amount of \$314,535.00.
(This Resolution accepts award notices for the following grants 1/1/2019-12/31/2019: State Community Partnership & Family Court Appropriations – SCP Program Services Funds \$153,833.00, SCP Program Management Funds \$55,550.00, Family Court Services Funds \$105,152.00.)
- 329-19 Resolution amending Resolution No. 78-16 and Resolution No. 456-16 and making modifications to contract documents to implement agreement with Cape Regional Home Health Care, LLC, for the administration and management of Home Health Care Services for residents of Cape May County.
(This Resolution amends Resolution No. 78-16 and Resolution No. 456-16 and authorizes modifications to contract documents with Cape Regional Home Health Care, LLC for the administration and management of home health care services.)
- 330-19 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.)
- 331-19 Resolution authorizing the Board to hold a meeting excluding the public on April 23, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible or as practicable.

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Matters falling within attorney-client privilege, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-11(b)(7); matters falling with the lease, purchase 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.)

332-19 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Tax Board)

(This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)

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

In honor of Res. No. 323-19 recognizing April 2019 as Atlantic Cape Community College Month, Freeholder Pierson highlighted the following statistics:

Middle States Commission on Higher Education recognized A.C.C.C. for their exceptional report and process during the 2018 Self-Study; A.C.C.C. earned “Leader College” status with Achieving the Dream in 2016 for the success of the Accelerated Learning Program; A.C.C.C. recognized in February 2019 by Blackboard Ally as a leader in accessibility; the Academy of Culinary Arts was ranked “best culinary program in New Jersey in 2016; TheBestColleges.org ranked Atlantic Cape Community College tenth overall best online community college in 2018; the trustees and staff serve on many, many boards around the area, too numerous to name them all.

Dr. Barbara Gaba, A.C.C.C. President accepted a copy of the resolution. She thanked the Board for the support and recognition. Photographs were taken.

INTRODUCED BY MR. MOREY, SECONDED BY MR. PIERSON

333-19 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 2 to Contract C8-61 with WSP USA, Inc. for Engineering Services for Middle Thorofare Bridge Railing Replacement in the amount of \$91,051.66.

(This Resolution authorizes Change Order No. 2 to Contract C8-61 with WSP USA, Inc. for additional engineering services for railing replacement of the Bridge Commission Middle Thorofare Bridge Railing Replacement Project in the amount of \$91,051.66.)

334-19 Resolution authorizing use of Competitive Contracting for Branding and Marketing Services for Cape May County Airport.

(This Resolution authorizes use of Competitive Contracting for Branding and Marketing Services for Cape May County Airport, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (a)(i) *Professional Services*.)

335-19 Resolution authorizing Release of Performance Guarantee funds in the amount of \$220,125.40 to Conifer-Lechase Construction, LLC for improvements to Rio Grande Boulevard (County Road 634), Middle Township.

(This Resolution authorizes release of funds held as a performance guarantee for improvements within the County right of way for Conifer-Lechase Construction, LLC.)

336-19 Resolution amending Resolution No. 9-19 appointing certifying officers for 2019.

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

337-19 Resolution authorizing the Ocean City Crew Boosters to construct various improvements to County-Owned Property along Roosevelt Boulevard in the Township of Upper.

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(This Resolution authorizes the Ocean City Crew Boosters to construct various improvements to County-Owned Property along Roosevelt Boulevard in the Township of Upper.)

- 338-19 Resolution authorizing renewal of Shared Services Agreement between the County of Cape May and the Delaware River and Bay Authority for use of vehicle wash station, fuel pumps and maintenance at the Cape May County Airport.
(This Resolution authorizes a one-time renewal of the Shared Services Agreement between the County of Cape May and the Delaware River and Bay Authority for use of vehicle wash station, fuel pumps and maintenance at the Cape May County Airport for a one five (5) year period from September 11, 2017 to September 11, 2022.)
- 339-19 Resolution authorizing Modification No. 1 in the amount of \$123,000.00 to the Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Remington and Vernick Engineers, Inc. for Ocean Drive (CR619) Bridge over Townsends Inlet Spans 1-7 Replacement, Borough of Avalon and Sea Isle City.
(This Resolution increases the ceiling amount for additional work to be performed by Remington and Vernick Engineers, Inc. under their professional construction engineering services agreement for Ocean Drive (CR619) Bridge over Townsends Inlet Spans 1-7 Replacement, Borough of Avalon and Sea Isle City.)
- 340-19 Resolution granting permission to the Cape May Running Co. to close a portion of Beach Avenue (CR604) for their Annual Hollowed Half Marathon on October 26, 2019.
(This Resolution gives permission to the Cape May Running Co. to close a portion of Beach Avenue (CR604) for their Annual Hollowed Half Marathon on October 26, 2019.)
- 341-19 Resolution granting permission to the Cape May Running Co. to close a portion of Beach Avenue (CR604) for their Nemours Fright Nite 5K on October 25, 2019.
(This Resolution gives permission to the Cape May Running Co. to close a portion of Beach Avenue (CR604) for their Nemours Fright Nite on October 25, 2019.)
- 342-19 Resolution authorizing Changer Order No. 7-Final in the amount of <\$30,745.50> and accepting the work and closing the contract with Ambient Group, LLC for Everlon Building Demolition and Site Restoration at the Cape May County Airport.
(This Resolution authorizes a final change order, accepts the work and closes the contract.)
- 343-19 Resolution granting permission to the Cape May Running Co. to close a portion of Beach Avenue (CR604) and Broadway (CR626) for their Great Cape May Footrace on May 11, 2019.
(This Resolution gives permission to the Cape May Running Co. to close a portion of Beach Avenue (CR604) and Broadway (CR626) for their Great Cape May Footrace on May 11, 2019.)
- 344-19 Resolution authorizing an Indemnification Agreement with The Greater Tuckahoe Area Merchants' Association for its 8th Annual Tour De Tuckahoe Bicycle Ride on May 4, 2019.
(This Resolution authorizes organized bicyclists to use Cape May County roads in the Borough of Woodbine and Townships of Dennis and Upper to conduct a scholarship fundraiser.)
- 345-19 Resolution awarding contract to Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$656,700.00 for Main Street (CR610) Improvements from US Route 47 to Dennisville-Petersburg Road, Township of Dennis.
(This Resolution awards the contract for Main Street (CR610) Improvements from US Route 47 to Dennisville-Petersburg Road, Township of Dennis.)

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346-19 Resolution closing the contract and accepting the work of South State, Inc. for 2015 Road Repairs on Various County Roads.

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

347-19 Resolution granting permission to the Borough of West Wildwood to close a portion of Glenwood Avenue (CR614) in the Borough of West Wildwood on July 4, 2019 for a Fourth of July Parade.

(This Resolution gives permission to the Borough of West Wildwood to temporarily close a portion of Glenwood Avenue (CR641) for their Fourth of July Parade.)

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 Pierson seconded

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 COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: 5:14 P.M. FH Desiderio moved/FH Pierson seconded

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

APPROVED

DIRECTOR

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE BOARD