

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021 AT 4:30 P.M.
IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
4 MOORE ROAD
CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, NEW JERSEY**

The meeting convened with Deputy Clerk Doyle presiding and the following members answering roll call:

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

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 Wednesday, January 6, 2021.”

MOMENT OF SILENCE

FLAG SALUTE-Led by Commissioner Pierson

MINUTES – MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 04/27/21 MEETINGS
FH Desiderio moved/ FH Hayes seconded

Commissioners	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) ENGINEER: Bob Church reported details concerning the following projects: Bay Avenue paving, 41st and West Avenue paving, Ingrams Thorofare Bridge, Townbank Road drainage, Fish Dock Road culvert replacement, 85th & 86th Street curb replacement on Landis Avenue and 96th Street Bridge.

The County had received \$3.1 million dollars in Local Bridges Future Needs grant funds that was going to be used for Mill Creek, Upper Thorofare and Corson’s Inlet projects, he informed.

The Communities Infrastructure projects application put in for by Van Drew had not come through yet, he said. They were asking for an endorsement letter from the county, for county projects that had already been endorsed by the municipalities, before awarding the money.

- 2) COUNTY COUNSEL: No report.
- 3) COUNTY TREASURER: Brittany Smith updated the Board regarding passage of the 2021 Budget. On tonight’s agenda Res. No. 328-21 established another temporary budget. She explained that some grants were in the temporary that were not included in the introduced budget, so would result in a budget amendment. The American Rescue funds information was forthcoming. It was

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hoped by the next meeting or the first in June the adoption of the budget could take place.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

1) COMMISSIONER MOREY: Mr. Morey recognized Mr. Pierson for his contribution to the Coast Guard Community Foundation 5-year recertification, that culminated in an event held on the base over the weekend, which the commissioners attended. He thanked everyone for supporting the endeavor.

2) COMMISSIONER PIERSON:

Moved by Mr. Pierson, seconded by Ms. Hayes that the Board approve the Homeless Trust Fund Board's process for the expenditure of \$80,000 by Dec. 31, 2021. Roll call: Commissioner Desiderio, Hayes, Morey, Pierson and Thornton (AYE-5) (NAYE-None) (ABSTAIN-None) (ABSENT-None). Carried.

Mr. Pierson reported the Avalon vaccination site would close on May 14th, with the LCMRHS site opening on May 17th.

He communicated some positive information regarding COVID. For the first ten days of May, the average daily number of positive cases was reduced to only 13 per day. Last week was the first time in a year the County reported less than 100 positive cases. The county fully vaccinated rate was 56%, while the state was 50%. More than 87% of CHNRC residents had been vaccinated. Pop-up clinics were being held in Woodbine, Wildwood and Whitesboro. Homebound vaccinations were being done for seriously ill residents. A COVID-19 Awareness and Health Fair was scheduled for June 5th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wildwoods Convention Center.

Over the weekend, General Pierson participated in a conference with senior leadership and senior retired leadership for the New Jersey Army National Guard. He quoted the statistics. Both the Army and Air Guard were meeting or exceeding their manning criteria. Ninety-two percent of the three veterans' homes run by New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs had been vaccinated. Fifty-seven percent of the staff were also vaccinated. Approximately 86 soldiers were currently deployed around the world. The Air Guard had 559 airmen deployed around the world. Active military forces sent 600 people to NJ to help at the major vaccination sites. Operation COVID going to veterans' homes and major vaccination sites had 462 soldiers and airmen deployed for that.

3) COMMISSIONER HAYES: Ms. Hayes attended the Grand Opening of Barry's Buns in Wildwood Crest, the Grand Opening of Shore Style Auto Spa in Oceanview, and the 40th Anniversary for Barbara Seashore Florist in Lower Township. Additionally, she attended the Coast Guard Community Recertification Celebration. She thanked and congratulated Mr. Pierson for his involvement and contribution.

She participated in the recent Ocean City Chamber of Commerce meeting. A great summer was predicated, she commented, but many still had employment concerns due to the J-1's and just getting people to work, due to unemployment being too lucrative right now.

4) COMMISSIONER DESIDERIO: Mr. Desiderio recognized and thanked the Animal Outreach of Cape May County for their continued dedication and operation of a spay/neuter clinic on Cape May County Animal Shelter property as authorized by Res. 328-21.

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He thanked Mr. Pierson and the entire Health Department team for what was done over the last 13 months, assisting in the efforts to bring the COVID-19 virus under control.

He thanked the Board of Commissioners and the County Open Space Board for seeing to fruition the Kayak & Fishing Pier project in Sea Isle City. A dedication of the project in honor of Mr. Jim Iannone was held last Friday.

He finished by saying, that Cape May County must have more restrictions lifted so things could get back as they were before, with everyone working and having a good time.

5) COMMISSIONER THORNTON: Director Thornton participated in his normal state and health department calls every week, he said. He attended a retirement luncheon for Al Barnett, County Workers Compensation Investigator, the 60th Anniversary celebration for the ARC of Cape May County and the Coast Guard Community Recertification for which again, Mr. Pierson was acknowledged for his input. He credited Mr. Pierson and the Health Department for an outstanding operation throughout the pandemic.

RESOLUTIONS:

INTRODUCED BY MR. DESIDERIO, SECONDED BY MS. HAYES

- 321-21 Resolution establishing a Temporary Emergency Budget-2021.
(This Resolution establishes an emergency temporary budget to enable ongoing payments until the final budget has been adopted.)
- 322-21 Resolution accepting Grant Award from New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Office of Attorney General, Subaward No. TJP-2-18 for the FFY18 Training Needs of Juvenile Prosecutor's Grant Program in the amount of \$6,656.00.
(This Resolution authorizes the County to accept a Grant Award in the amount of \$6,656.00 to be used for the Training Needs of Juvenile Prosecutor's Grant Program for the period 1/1/20 to 6/30/21.)
- 323-21 Resolution amending Resolution No. 10-21 appointing Certifying Officers for 2021.
(This Resolution changes/clarifies certifying officers for departments for auditing purposes.)
- 324-21 Resolution transferring Petty Cash Account for Cape May County Department of Public Works.
(This Resolution transfers the custodian of the Petty Cash Account of the Cape May County Department of Public Works.)
- 325-21 Resolution authorizing execution of an Event License Agreement with the Delaware River and Bay Authority.
(This Resolution authorizes the execution of an Event License Agreement with the Delaware River and Bay Authority.)
- 326-21 Resolution transferring Petty Cash Account for the Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Regular and Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Special Petty Cash Accounts.
(This Resolution authorizes changes to the signatories for petty cash accounts managed by Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center due to change of staff members.)

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- 327-21 Resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Cape May, the Cape May County Fire Chiefs Association, the City of Ocean City and the City of Wildwood.
(This Resolution authorizes a Memorandum of Agreement between the County, the County Fire Chiefs Association, the City of Ocean City and the City of Wildwood for the storage of RUST equipment for a term of five (5) years.)
- 328-21 Resolution authorizing the execution of a Sub-Lease Agreement with Animal Outreach of Cape May County for the operation of a spay/neuter clinic at the Cape May County Animal Shelter.
(This Resolution authorizes a Sub-Lease Agreement with Animal Outreach of Cape May County and establishes terms in connection with the operation of a spay/neuter clinic in space provided for such purpose by the Cape May County Animal Shelter.)
- 329-21 Resolution accepting check from GEICO Indemnity Company in the amount of \$179.37 for damage to County property.
(This Resolution accepts payment in the amount of \$179.37 from GEICO Indemnity Company for damage to County property sustained during a motor vehicle accident on April 3, 2021.)
- 330-21 Resolution authorizing Consent to Assignment of Contract No. C8-218 with Cape Veterinary Hospital to Cape Veterinary Associates, LLC.
(This Resolution authorizes the County's consent of the assignment of Contract No. C8-218 with Cape Veterinary Hospital to Cape Veterinary Associates, LLC effective May 12, 2021.)
- 331-21 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 3 with CFG Health Systems, LLC to continue a Medically Assisted Treatment Program at Cape May County Correctional Facility in the amount of \$14,085.00.
(This Resolution authorizes Change Order No. 3 with CFG Health Systems, LLC for continuation of a Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program at the Cape May County Correctional Facility commencing January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$14,085.00.)

Commissioners	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

- 332-21 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).)
- 333-21 Resolution authorizing execution of a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Agreement with Excellence in Caring, LLC.
(This Resolution authorizes a Professional Services Agreement for consultant services at Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for an interim period.)
- 334-21 Resolution authorizing Shared Services Agreements with certain municipalities for Emergency Medical Technician Services at COVID-19 vaccination sites.
(This Resolution authorizes Shared Services Agreements with certain municipalities for Emergency Medical Technician Services to assist the County at COVID-19 vaccination sites.)

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- 335-21 Resolution authorizing execution of a Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release with State of New Jersey, Office of the State Comptroller, Medicaid Fraud Division.
(This Resolution authorizes a Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release regarding Medicaid services claims.)
- 336-21 Resolution amending Grant Award from New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services for 2021 Area Plan Grant No. DOAS21AAA011 in the amount of \$15,030.00.
(This Resolution accepts an additional Grant Award for 2021 Area Plan Initial Allocation Funds in the amount of \$15,030.00 in Grant Funds, for the budget period 1/1/21 to 12/31/21.)
- 337-21 Resolution accepting Grant Award from the New Jersey Family Planning League for Grant Program Funding in the amount of \$160,696.00.
(This Resolution accepts a Grant Award from the New Jersey Family Planning League in the amount of \$160,696.00 to increase accessibility of family planning services, infertility services and prevention of STDs to under privileged residents of Cape May County.)
- 338-21 Resolution applying to New Jersey Department of Health Office of Local Public Health for the Covid-19 Vaccination Supplemental Funding 2022 in the amount of \$150,000.00.
(This Resolution applies to the State for Covid-19 Vaccination Supplemental Funding 2022, Grant #OLPH22VSF005 for the budget period of 7/1/21 through 6/30/22 to increase accessibility of COVID 19 vaccine to underserved residents, minority groups and residents with disabilities.)
- 339-21 Resolution applying to New Jersey Department of Health for funds to support the Right to Know Program Grant in the amount of \$8,796.00.
(This Resolution applies to the State for funds to support the Right to Know Program Grant #EPID22RTK03L for the budget period of 7/1/21 through 6/30/22.)
- 340-21 Resolution awarding Contract No. C1-90 to Harmony Group, LLC to provide Behavioral Management Evaluation and Counseling Services for Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.
(This Resolution awards Contract No. C1-90 to Harmony Group, LLC to provide Behavioral Management Evaluations and Counseling Services commencing on May 12, 2021 for a term of one-year with two additional one (1) year options.)
- 341-21 Resolution authorizing a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Agreement with CBIZ MHM, LLC for Accounting Services at Crest Haven Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.
(This Resolution authorizes a Professional Services Agreement for forensic accounting services at Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for an interim period.)

Commissioners	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

- 342-21 Resolution supplementing the 2021 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.)

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343-21 Resolution authorizing the Board to hold a meeting excluding the public on May 11, 2021 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), Contract negotiations, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(4); and Personnel matters pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8).

(This Resolution authorizes the Board of County Commissioners 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.)

344-21 Resolution authorizing additional services for Phase II of Contract No. C8-113 with Michael Calafati Architect, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$44,866.00.

(This Resolution authorizes additional services for Phase II of Contract No. C8-113 with Michael Calafati Architect, LLC.)

Commissioner Morey called on Acting Administrator Lare to offer comments related to the proposal before the Board to consider department head salaries, promotions, pay increases and additional stipends for individuals who went over and above with COVID related duties. Four department heads were included in Res. 342-21 on tonight's agenda.

Commissioners	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X					X
Ms. Hayes	X		342-21 HL Hayes		X	
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X					
Mr. Thornton	X					

INTRODUCED BY MR. MOREY, SECONDED BY MR. PIERSON

345-21 Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Woodbine for cost-sharing for Landscape Architectural Services for advancing the design of the Jake's Law Playground at the Woodbine Eco-Park to the Design Development/Construction Documentation Phase.

(This Resolution authorizes a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Woodbine to provide \$20,000.00 in Open Spaces Trust Funding in support of Landscape Architectural Services to advance the all-inclusive Jake's Law Playground to advance the project to Design Development/Construction Documentation Phase.)

346-21 Resolution accepting proposal of Colliers Engineering & Design in the amount of \$168,382.83 for Professional Construction Engineering Services for FY2020 Cape May County Centerline Rumble Strip Project.

(This Resolution accepts the proposal of Colliers Engineering & Design in the amount of \$168,832.83 to provide professional construction engineering services for the FY2020 Cape May County Centerline Rumble Strip Project.)

347-21 Resolution accepting the work and closing the contract of Maser Consulting, P.A. for Professional Engineering Services for Roosevelt Boulevard (CR623) Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements in the Township of Upper.

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

348-21 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1-Final in the amount of \$33,625.99 to Site Enterprises, Inc. for Demolition of Various Buildings at the Cape May County Airport, Township of Lower.

(This Resolution authorizes a change order to adjust various pay items in the contract to reflect as-built conditions.)

349-21 Resolution authorizing Change Order No.4 in the amount of \$0.00 to Landberg Construction, LLC for 2019/2020 Miscellaneous Drainage Improvements on an As-Needed Basis throughout Cape May County.

(This Resolution authorizes a change order for extra work that was performed at Seashore Road (CR626), Township of Lower.)

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350-21 Resolution awarding Contract No. C1-89 to Heyer Gruel & Associates, PA for development of a Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan for Department of Planning.

(This Resolution awards Contract No. C1-89 to Heyer Gruel & Associates, PA to develop a County Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan commencing on May 12, 2021 for a term of one-year with two additional one (1) year options.)

351-21 Resolution awarding Contract No. C1-85 to Urban Engineers, Inc. to provide Professional Engineering Services for Beach Avenue (CR604) Resurfacing Improvements for County of Cape May.

(This Resolution awards Contract No. C1-85 to Urban Engineers, Inc. to provide Professional Engineering Services for Beach Avenue (CR604) Resurfacing Improvements for County of Cape May for a term of one-year commencing May 12, 2021 with two additional one (1) year options.

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

Addition:

352-21 Resolution authorizing execution of an Asset Purchase Agreement between the Delaware River and Bay Authority, Michael Peteani and the County of Cape May.

(This Resolution authorizes the execution of an Asset Purchase Agreement for certain property and improvements at the Cape May County Airport.)

Commissioners	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

Commissioners	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: 5:46 P.M. FH Desiderio moved/FH Hayes seconded

Commissioners	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

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ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE BOARD