

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021 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:

Commissioners Desiderio, Hayes, Morey, Pierson and Thornton- (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 Wednesday, January 6, 2021.”

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**-Dedicated to what is happening in Afghanistan. Prayers requested for people left there and for veterans that served over last 20 years.

**FLAG SALUTE**-Led by Commissioner Pierson.

**MINUTES – MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 08/10/21 MEETINGS**  
Commissioner Desiderio moved/ Commissioner Hayes seconded

<b>Commissioners</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:**

1) **ENGINEER:**

Bob Church reported the following:

The Department of Engineering received authorization for \$1.6 million dollars in federal funds for the Ocean Drive Resurfacing Project in Avalon from 62<sup>nd</sup> to 80<sup>th</sup> Street. They would be bidding the project out this fall. It was due to start construction early in the spring of 2022.

Bids were accepted last Wednesday for DeHirsch Avenue Resurfacing Project from Madison to Washington. The low bid came in \$40,000. under the estimate. Bids were also accepted the same day for Bayshore Road Resurfacing Project from Charles Street to Townbank Road. That project was approximately \$800,000. under the estimate. Both were to be awarded at the following Commissioner’s meeting.

For construction projects, there was ongoing drainage work on Goshen Road, and some emergency work being completed on the Carnival Bay Bridge at 104<sup>th</sup> Street in Stone Harbor. They had found severe deterioration of the timber abutment walls under the bridge. A marine contractor was hired to re-sheet it.

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In mid-September, the 2021 Maintenance Paving Contract would be put out to bid for approximately 20 lane miles of county road. Subject to funding, he said it was preferred the work be done as one project, not broken up.

2) COUNTY COUNSEL: Jeff Lindsay had no report.

3) COUNTY TREASURER: Brittany Smith was to give her report after the recognition of Matt Johnson.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

1) COMMISSIONER DESIDERIO:

Mr. Desiderio welcomed Chief Troiano and members of the Wildwood Fire Department. The recognition of Captain Matt Johnson had brought them all together this evening, he informed. Matt Johnson, leader of the Cape May County Urban Search-and-Rescue Team, had participated in the rescue and recovery operation at the condo collapse in Surfside, Florida. It was noted that Matt was the only member of the Cape May County team to go down to Florida to assist with the recovery effort.

He read Res. No. 583-21 in full, outlining Matt's achievements. Pictures were then taken of Matt standing alongside the Board of Commissioners. Pictures of the members of the Wildwood Fire Department in attendance and the Commissioners were also gotten. Afterwards, the entire group headed outside to be photographed with the new fire truck that had been subsidized by the County for use by the Urban Search-and-Rescue Team and Wildwood Fire Department.

2) COUNTY TREASURER:

Brittany Smith elaborated on Res. Nos. 484-21 and 485-21 regarding the 2020 Audit. Two corrective action plans were advised by the auditor, she said. The first was incomplete general ledger data for Crest Haven Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, which recommended additional staff training and oversight, and the second was comprised of an isolated clerical error with a recommendation for all grant reimbursement requests be reviewed to insure only eligible expenses are included.

She reported on Res. No. 619-21 regarding the upcoming bond sale resolution which granted authorization to permanently finance the \$40 million Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) from last year, with an additional \$20 million to permanently finance the County portion of Tech Village, County Commons, Public Safety pole barn, Mosquito Dept. lab, and miscellaneous roads and bridges; in total \$60 million. The sale would take place on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Great interest rates were anticipated as they were historically low right now, she finished.

Commissioner Morey requested a list of the projects be provided.

3) COMMISSIONER MOREY: No report.

4) COMMISSIONER PIERSON:

Mr. Pierson attended the following: a Coast Guard Community Foundation meeting on Zoom with Commissioner Morey and others, Homeless Trust Fund meeting, Director of Nursing, Natalie Sandler's retirement celebration at the Health Dept., and a Mass and ceremony honoring the life of Cape May native, Colonel Alfred Shehab, U.S. Army, deceased.

5) COMMISSIONER HAYES:

Ms. Hayes reported her attendance at the following:

Zachary DeFault's Eagle Scout project dedication of a United States Flag Retirement station at Park South, Del Haven. She recognized Ed Runyon, Tom Madden and Colin Flannery of the Park & Zoo for their assistance during the process.

A Women of Achievement meeting for an event sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America. Joanne Carrocino, President & CEO of Cape Regional Health Systems would be honored on November 10<sup>th</sup> at the annual dinner at Auletto's in Woodbury, New Jersey. The Commissioner suggested the Board try to attend if possible.

Lower Township Chamber meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup>. She provided an update for meeting attendees on various county projects and happenings.

Cape May County Library teen photo contest on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Ocean City Pops fundraiser. The event was attended by over 200 people.

6) COMMISSIONER DESIDERIO: Nothing additional to report.

7) COMMISSIONER THORNTON: Director Thornton reported that he continued to join the NJ State calls with the governor's office staff.

He recently had received a call from a veteran in Afghanistan and another from a Vietnam veteran, both which were disturbing calls, he stated. He further expressed his disappointment in the federal government at this time.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

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

- 583-21 Resolution recognizing Matt Johnson, Cape May County's Urban Search-and-Rescue Team Leader, for assisting with the rescue and recovery operation in Surfside, Florida.  
(This Resolution recognizes and thanks Matt Johnson for assisting with the rescue and recovery operation in Surfside, Florida.)
- 584-21 Resolution approving Corrective Action Plan for the 2020 Audit.  
(This Resolution accepts the Corrective Action Plan for the Audit Report Year – December 31, 2020 with a recommendation being made by the County's Auditing Firm that grant reimbursement requests be reviewed to ensure only eligible expenditures are included.)
- 585-21 Resolution certifying the Board of County Commissioners has reviewed and accepted the Annual Audit for the year 2020.  
(This Resolution certifies that each of the five County Commissioners has reviewed the recommendations and general comments prepared by the auditing firm pertaining to the County's 2020 audit.)
- 586-21 Resolution supporting A-5962 and S-5041 prioritizing distribution of the 9-1-1 System and Emergency Response Trust Fund monies and permitting use of funds for certain expenses incurred by counties and municipalities for the provision and maintenance of 9-1-1 emergency services.  
(This Resolution supports A-5962 and S-5041.)
- 587-21 Resolution adding New Classification for County Employees.  
(This Resolution establishes the use of additional NJCSC titles, and their salary ranges for County employees by amending Resolution No. 5117-78.)

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- 588-21 Resolution authorizing payment to the Travelers Insurance Company for various claims in the total amount of \$837.50.  
(This Resolution authorizes payment to the Travelers Insurance Company, Property-Casualty Department for various claims.)
- 589-21 Resolution accepting check from Progressive in the amount of \$151.76 for damage to County traffic sign.  
(This Resolution accepts payment in the amount of \$151.76 from Progressive for damage to a county traffic sign sustained during a motor vehicle accident on March 2, 2021.)
- 590-21 Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Lower for use of County Resources at Special Municipal Events.  
(This Resolution authorizes a Shared Services Agreement for the request of County Resources by the Township of Lower for Special Municipal Events and establishes a fee schedule for the resource of such events.)
- 591-21 Resolution authorizing acceptance of Grant Award from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for the FFY20 Violence Against Women (VAWA) Grant Program in the amount of \$17,856.00.  
(This Resolution authorizes a grant award from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety to secure funding for direct services on the municipal court level to victims of domestic violence in the amount of \$17,856.00 (with \$7,090.00 In-Kind Match) for the period 7/1/21-6/30/22.)
- 592-21 Resolution amending the 2021 Budget in the amount of \$17,856.00 for the FFY20 Stop Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Program.  
(This Resolution amends the 2021 Budget in the amount of \$17,856.00 for the FFY20 Stop Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Program.)
- 593-21 Resolution applying to New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice for 2021 Body Armor Replacement-Prosecutor's Office.  
(This Resolution authorizes application to the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice for 2021 funding for Body Armor Grant.)
- 594-21 Resolution authorizing Grant Agreement with New Jersey Department of State, State Council on the Arts for the FY22 New Jersey Council on the Arts Program in the amount of \$200,000.00.  
(This Resolution accepts grant funds from the State in the amount of \$200,000.00 for the period 1/1/22 to 12/31/22 for the purpose of re-granting funds to Local Arts organizations for cultural projects/expenses.)
- 595-21 Resolution authorizing Grant Agreement between New Jersey Department of State Historical Commission and the County of Cape May Culture & Heritage Division for FY2022 County History Partnership Program Grant in the amount of \$40,521.00.  
(This Resolution authorizes a grant agreement and accepts grant funding from the New Jersey Department of State Historical Commission for the County History Partnership Program Grant, in the amount of \$40,521.00, for the period of 01/01/2022 to 12/31/2022 for the purpose of re-granting funds to local History organizations for general operations and project expenses.)
- 596-21 Resolution amending the 2021 Budget for American Rescue Plan in the amount of \$650,000.00.  
(This Resolution amends the 2021 Budget in the amount of \$650,000.00 for American Rescue Plan funding.)
- 597-21 Resolution authorizing a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Agreement with Cultural Heritage Partners.  
(This Resolution authorizes a non-fair and open contract with Cultural Heritage Partners to assist the County on issues related to Ocean Wind, LLC's Wind Energy Facilities Offshore New Jersey.)

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- 598-21 Resolution awarding Contract No. C1-155 to Newvision Systems Corporation to provide Land Records Tracking Software for office of County Clerk.  
 (This Resolution awards Contract No. C1-155 to Newvision Systems Corporation to provide land records tracking software, license, support services, maintenance and updates for the office of the County Clerk for a term of two years with three (3) additional one-year options commencing September 15, 2021.)
- 599-21 Resolution amending Resolution No. 283-21/Contract No. C1-79 with Alliano Brothers General Contractors, Inc. for construction of Child Advocacy Center increasing total award amount to \$918,726.44.  
 (This Resolution amends Resolution No. 283-21/Contract No. C1-79 with Alliano Brothers General Contractors, Inc., increasing the amount by \$32,645.19.)

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**

- 600-21 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).)
- 601-21 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 for the Department of Human Services.)
- 602-21 Resolution reappointing members to the Cape May County Human Services Advisory Council.  
 (This Resolution authorizes the reappointment of Lorenzo McFadden, Joe Sittineri and Judy Kunec to the Human Services Advisory Council, terms expire 12/31/24.)
- 603-21 Resolution accepting Grant Award from the Workfirst New Jersey (WFNJ) Grant for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in the amount of \$311,028.00.  
 (This Resolution authorizes acceptance of a grant award in the amount of \$311,028.00 for WFNJ Funds for the period of 07/01/21 to 6/30/22.)
- 604-21 Resolution amending the 2021 Budget for the Workfirst New Jersey (WFNJ) Grant for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$311,028.00.  
 (This Resolution amends the 2021 Budget in the amount of \$311,028.00 to support efforts in assisting adults, youth and dislocated workers in finding employment.)
- 605-21 Resolution authorizing Use Agreement with State of New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs in the amount of \$75.00.  
 (This Resolution authorizes a Use Agreement Number 22026 for lease of space in the National Guard Armory by the Cape May County Health Department from 7/1/21 through 6/30/22.)

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**

- 606-21 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.)
  
- 607-21 Resolution authorizing the Board to hold a meeting excluding the public on August 24, 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. 12(b)(7).  
(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.)
  
- 608-21 Resolution authorizing Application and Indemnification Agreement with Cape May County Technical High School for use of County Park Central for boys’ and girls’ cross-country practices and meets.  
(This Resolution permits the Cape May County Technical High School to use County Park Central for boys’ and girls’ cross-country.)
  
- 609-21 Resolution authorizing Application and Indemnification Agreement with Seven Slot Sales, LLC, DBA Blinker Fluid Productions, for use of County Park Central for a Boo at the Zoo “Creepy Jeepy” Contest.  
(This Resolution permits use of County Park Central by Seven Slot Sales, LLC on October 23, 2021 for a Boo at the Zoo “Creepy Jeepy” Contest.)
  
- 610-21 Resolution awarding Contract No. C1-157 to Triad Associates, Inc., to provide Grant Administration and related services for Government Services Project/FTA Grant.  
(This Resolution awards Contract No. C1-157 to Triad Associates, Inc., to provide Grant Administration and related services as part of the Grant Administration Vendor Pool to administer a Federal Transit Administration Grant for Fare Free Transportation Operations Center commencing August 25, 2021 through project completion.)

Commissioners	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X					X
Ms. Hayes	X		606-21		X	
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X					
Mr. Thornton	X					

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

- 611-21 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$4,070.00 to Atlantic County Improvement Authority for design and construction for the Government Services District at Cape May County Airport.  
(This Resolution increases the ceiling amount of Atlantic County Improvement Authority for design and construction for the Government Services District at Cape May County Airport.)
  
- 612-21 Resolution authorizing an Indemnification Agreement with Cape May Running Co. for its Beach to Brewery 10K on September 18, 2021.  
(This Resolution gives permission to Cape May Running Co. to utilize County roads for a 10K.)
  
- 613-21 Resolution authorizing Application for Road Opening Permit to South Jersey Gas Company for Crest Haven Road (CR609), Township of Middle.  
(This Resolution authorizes South Jersey Gas Company to install an 8” high pressure plastic pipe gas main along Crest Haven Road (CR609), Township of Middle. Work will be completed promptly.)

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614-21 Resolution authorizing the County of Cape May to execute Deed of Easements to the Township of Middle in perpetuity for the planning, construction, installation, maintenance, renewal, repair and removal of bike path improvements located at Block 96.02, Lots 24 and 29.

(This Resolution authorizes Deed of Easements to the Township of Middle for bike path improvements.)

615-21 Resolution granting permission to the City of Cape May to close a portion of Beach Avenue (CR604) for their Oktoberfest, September 25, 2021.

(This Resolution gives permission to the City of Cape May to close a portion of Beach Avenue (CR604) for their Oktoberfest on September 25, 2021.)

616-21 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. C0-179 with South State Inc. for Ocean Drive (CR610) Bridge Rehabilitation in the amount not to exceed \$5,808.41.

(This Resolution authorizes Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. C0-179 with South State Inc. for Ocean Drive (CR610) Bridge in the amount not to exceed \$5,808.41.)

617-21 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. C1-59 with South State Inc. for various Priority Bridge Repairs in the amount not to exceed \$16,986.00.

(This Resolution authorizes Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. C1-59 with South State Inc. for various priority bridge repairs in the amount not to exceed \$16,986.00.)

618-21 Resolution awarding Contract No. C1-152 to Designing Local, Ltd to provide Creative Placemaking Plan Implementation Services for Open Space and various other projects.

(This Resolution awards Contract No. C1-152 to Designing Local, Ltd., to provide Cape May County Creative Placemaking Plan Implementation Services for public parks, recreation and coastal enhancements projects for Open Space and other as needed projects for a term of three years with two (2) additional one-year options commencing August 25, 2021.)

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

619-21 Resolution providing for the combination of certain issues and Determining the Form and Other Details of the offering of \$39,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021A and \$21,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021B (Federally Taxable) of the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey and Providing for the Sale of such Bonds.

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

MOTION TO PAY BILLS:

Commissioner Desiderio moved/ Commissioner 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: No public comment.

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ADJOURN: 5:47 P.M.

Commissioner Desiderio moved/ Commissioner Hayes seconded

<b>Commissioners</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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CLERK OF THE BOARD