

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN
FREEHOLDERS HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019 AT 7:00 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, 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 Thursday, January 3, 2019.”

MOMENT OF SILENCE

FLAG SALUTE-Led by Freeholder Pierson.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

MINUTES – MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF 09/24/19 REGULAR MEETING
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					

REPORTS:

1) COUNTY ENGINEER:

Mr. Church updated the Board on the following Department of Public Works projects:

The Gateway Project in Wildwood was continuing. All of the traffic had been shifted to the north side of center line which was part of the Phase 1A traffic control plan. There was a barrier down Rio Grande Avenue separating the businesses from the work zone. The sidewalk had been demolished and the east bound lanes were milled out. On Monday, drainage work would begin there. The engineer spoke with John Talan of the Garden State Parkway regarding the programming of message boards at mileposts 5 and 13, to advise people on the weekends to use North Wildwood or Exit 0 to access Wildwood, at least for the next month to minimize congestion.

Main Street in Dennisville was complete as of October 2, 2019. Two speed tables were installed as part of the project and the engineer had received a lot of positive feedback. A majority of the traffic seemed to be abiding by the speed limit now and indicated the measure taken was effective.

On Hope Corson Road the contractor anticipated beginning next week, as soon as some precast structures were delivered.

On Bay Avenue in Ocean City, the force main project had started. They closed off Bay Avenue and anticipated it remaining closed for approximately 10 weeks, only

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open to local traffic. A detour was in place and the signals had been retimed at 34th Street to allow for the traffic to flow more regularly through those signals due to the detour.

Bid proposals were being accepted for the Woodbine Roundabout Project on Thursday, October 10, 2019.

The engineer attended a public information meeting on October 3rd for Sunset Boulevard roadway resurfacing project and a shared use path. Sunset Boulevard would be re-done and a separate 10 foot shared use path for bicycles and pedestrians would be installed. The proposal was well received, there were no objections to it. The consultant was going to proceed with preliminary and final design.

2) COUNTY COUNSEL: Jeffrey Lindsay had no report.

3) COUNTY TREASURER: Brittany Smith had no report.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS:

1) FREEHOLDER MOREY:

Mr. Morey commended Bob Church and the team on the Wildwood Gateway Project. You could see that a lot of work had transpired already and was ongoing. He felt the variable message signs would be helpful. He was grateful that the project had been recommended to be done in phases from the very beginning and thanked the engineer for his good advice.

He reminded of the commissioning of the third fast response cutter (Angela McShan) coming up on the 26th of October. There should be a very significant turn out for the commissioning, as it completed the roster of vessels to be home ported here, the only training center in the nation now, he stated. He stressed the importance of the economic and social factors created by the presence of the Coast Guard Training Center being located in the City of Cape May.

2) FREEHOLDER PIERSON:

Mr. Pierson announced there were many things going on in October such as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, National Disabilities Employment Awareness Month and National Suicide Prevention Week was also this month from the 13th to the 20th of October. The last mentioned really hit home with the freeholder because his grandson was lost to suicide. Also National 4-H Week was celebrated October 6th – October 12th in the county.

Habitat for Humanity had sponsored a ground breaking in Upper Township. They acquired two lots there and were moving a house from Avalon, towards the affordable housing effort. A few other properties are being looked at in Upper Township by the organization in an effort to get a few more families into affordable housing.

The Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce held their Annual Meeting and Installation at Urie's Waterfront Restaurant on September 26th, which he attended. Freeholders Morey, Hayes and Thornton were there also. The Morey organization was recognized for its' more than 50 year contribution to the community and also for best renovation in Wildwood for makeover of the Atlantic Avenue parking lot and Cedar Avenue ramp.

Freeholders Pierson, Hayes and Director Thornton spoke to the Veterans community in Seaville last week. Freeholder Pierson attended the Miss Cape May County Pageant in Avalon and the Knock Out Opioid Abuse Town Hall in Cape May. He also attended the 40th Anniversary of the North Cape May Seniors at the Grand in

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Cape May, Family Promise, At Your Service fundraiser in Avalon and the Coast Guard Foundation meeting.

3) FREEHOLDER HAYES:

Ms. Hayes represented the Board of Chosen Freeholders at the ribbon cutting held in celebration of the opening of The Arc of Cape May County Day and Vocational Services building located at 927 Courthouse-Dennisville Road, South Dennisville. This newest location was to serve disabled adult individuals who had aged out of regular programs and needed a place to go during the day to continue learning new skills.

She attended the Upper Township Pumpkin Classic Car show and Fall Festival held on September 28th at Amanda's Field in Petersburg. It was a great family and community event she stated.

The Sea Isle City Library hosted "An Evening with Garth Stein", Author of *The Art of Racing in the Rain* on Wednesday, October 2nd which the freeholder attended.

She attended Senior Day in the Park, held indoors at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Lockwood Center because of the weather forecast of rain. Attendance was up this year she informed. There were games, food, dancing and other fun activities for the seniors.

She attended the 8th Annual Women of Achievement sponsored by the Garden State Council of Boy Scouts of America. Dr. Barbara Gaba, President of A.C.C.C. was honored.

A rally was held in opposition of New Jersey Attorney General Gurbir Singh Grewal's directive to the Cape May County Sheriff to no longer cooperate with ICE under the 287(g) Agreement. Freeholder Hayes participated in the rally along with many others.

She asked that any media present at the meeting tonight, to please make it known that for the duration of the Bay Avenue project in Ocean City, local businesses remained open. There was a detour in place.

She announced Boo at the Zoo was to be held on October 26th this year at the County Park & Zoo. She recommended everybody come out with their families to a fun event.

4) FREEHOLDER DESIDERIO:

Mr. Desiderio attended the Sea Isle City Annual Chamber of Commerce meeting, held last Friday at Mike's Seafood. Diane Wieland, Director of Tourism was the guest speaker. The group of approximately 60 members listened to her as she spoke on Tourism Marketing and Public Relations for 2019.

5) FREEHOLDER THORNTON:

Director Thornton attended many of the same meetings as his fellow members of the board. He reported being at the Wildwood Chamber annual meeting and the VA Meeting in Seaville. He went to a meeting in Wildwood regarding Code Blue. He participated in a conference call about the Sheriff and ICE. He swore in the officers of the Greater Wildwood Hotel & Motel Association. He took part in the town hall discussion on opiate misuse held at Cape May Convention Hall. He attended the Department of Aging's Senior Day in the Park, Family Promise fundraiser, North Cape May Senior 40th Anniversary and the ICE rally. He also had a meeting with the executive director of the ARC recently which was very interesting, he stated.

Freeholder Hayes recognized Diane Wieland for obtaining a tourism marketing grant award in excess of \$19,000. The grant money would enable Tourism to market new customers through cross tabulation software based on those who have taken the

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survey over the past three years. The software would break down the interests and demographics to target ads.

The freeholder was notified by the Department of Fare Free that one of the mechanics, Eric had been named “Mechanic of the Year” by the New Jersey Council on Special Transportation. The plan was to honor him at an upcoming meeting.

Freeholder Director announced we would now have the reading of the resolutions by the Clerk of the Board.

INTRODUCED BY MR. DESIDERIO, SECONDED BY MS. HAYES

973-19 Resolution awarding Contract No. C9-182 to Stone Harbor Theater, LLC for Provision of Operation and Lease of Entertainment Venue.

(This Resolution awards Contract No. C9-182 to Stone Harbor Theater, LLC for Provision of Operation and Lease of Entertainment Venue for a term of 15 years with a 5-year option.)

974-19 Resolution accepting a Grant Award from the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for FFY19 Homeland Security Grant No. EMW-2019-SS-00022 in the amount of \$228,788.63.

(This Resolution accepts FFY19 Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$228,788.63 for the period 9/1/19 to 8/31/22.)

975-19 Resolution amending the 2019 Budget for the State Homeland Security Program FFY19 SHSP Local Share Grant No. EMW-2019-SS-00022 in the amount of \$228,788.63.

(This Resolution amends the 2019 Budget in the amount of \$228,788.63 providing funding for SHSP Local Share Grant Program for the period of 9/1/19 to 8/31/22.)

976-19 Resolution accepting Grant Award from U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance for the FY19 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant in the amount of \$17,012.51.

(This Resolution is accepting a grant award from U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the FY19 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant in the amount of \$17,012.51 for the period of 4/1/19 to 8/31/21.)

977-19 Resolution amending the 2019 Budget for U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program in the amount of \$17,012.51.

(This Resolution amends the 2019 Budget in the amount of \$17,012.51, funding to be used for the purchase of armored vests.)

978-19 Resolution authorizing execution of a Shared Services Agreement between the County of Cape May and Borough of Stone Harbor for dispatch services.

(This Resolution authorizes a Shared Services Agreement for the County to provide dispatch services to the Borough of Stone Harbor for an initial term of five (5) years.)

979-19 Resolution authorizing execution of an Agreement between the County of Cape May and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Local 3596, for the term of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2022.

(This Resolution authorizes a labor contract with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Local 3596, for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2022.)

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

- 980-19 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).)
- 981-19 Resolution authorizing use of Competitive Contracting for Provision of Recovery Resource Program for Cape May County Residents.
(This Resolution authorizes use of Competitive Contracting for a Recovery Resource Program for Cape May County Residents pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (a)(i) Professional Services.)
- 982-19 Resolution authorizing an Indemnification Agreement with the Township of Middle for their 22nd Annual Old Tyme Harvest Festival on October 26, 2019.
(This Resolution gives permission to the Township of Middle for the temporary closure of a portion of Mechanic Street (CR615) for their Annual Old Tyme Harvest Festival.)
- 983-19 Resolution authorizing Standardized Board Resolution Form for 2020 Area Plan Grant No. DOAS20AAA021 funding through the State of New Jersey Department of Human Services.
(This Resolution authorizes submission of Standardized Board Resolution Form to the State of New Jersey Department of Human Services in connection with funding for the 2020 Area Plan Grant.)
- 984-19 Resolution authorizing execution of a Ground Lease Agreement with ACENDA, Incorporated for County-owned property.
(This Resolution authorizes the execution of a Ground Lease Agreement with ACENDA, Incorporated for use of County-owned property.)
- 985-19 Resolution accepting Grant Award from the New Jersey Family Planning League for Family Planning Grant No. DFHS18FAM002 in the amount of \$3,201.00.
(This Resolution accepts a grant award from New Jersey Family Planning League in the amount of \$3,201.00.)
- 986-19 Resolution amending the 2019 Budget for New Jersey Family Planning Grant in the amount of \$3,201.00.
(This Resolution amends the 2019 Budget in the amount of \$3,201.00 for Family Planning Grant).
- 987-19 Resolution authorizing subcontract with Township of Dennis for participation in the Municipal Alliance Program in the amount of \$7,344.00.
(This Resolution authorizes subcontract for the period of 7/1/19 through 6/30/20 – Township of Dennis.)
- 988-19 Resolution honoring Roland J. “Rocky” Gannon life-time resident of Ocean City, New Jersey.
(This Resolution honors Roland J. “Rocky” Gannon for his dedication and service to his country, this county and his community by observing March 25, 2020 as Roland J. “Rocky” Day in the County of Cape May, New Jersey.)
- 989-19 Resolution amending Resolution No. 910-18 regarding Cape May County’s 2019 Application for the Children’s Interagency Coordinating Council.
(This Resolution amends Resolution No. 910-18 to change original amount to \$22,303.00 at the state’s request.)

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Freeholder Pierson requested an opportunity to highlight Res. No. 988-19 prior to roll call. The honoree, Rocky Gannon, a life-time resident of the county, was soon to be moving out of the area. The freeholder shared some of Mr. Gannon’s accomplishments, decorations and awards accumulated over 37 years of active duty history in the Air Force.

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

990-19 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.)

991-19 Resolution reappointing Maria Kellett as a member to the Cape May County Women’s Advisory Commission.

(This Resolution reappoints a member to the Cape May County Women’s Advisory Commission.)

992-19 Resolution authorizing the Board to hold a meeting excluding the public on October 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible or as practicable.

Matters falling within attorney-client privilege and anticipated litigation, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7).

(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.)

993-19 Resolution reappointing Melanie Collins as a member to the Cape May County Women’s Advisory Commission.

(This Resolution reappoints a member to the Cape May County Women’s Advisory Commission.)

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

994-19 Resolution awarding Contract No. C9-181 to Tracker Software Corporation for Provision of Work Order Software for Department of Public Works in the amount of \$46,900.00.

(This Resolution awards County Contract No. C9-181 to Tracker Software Corporation for Provision of Work Order Software for Department of Public Works for a term of one year, commencing October 9, 2019, with six one-year options.)

995-19 Resolution designating October 6th – 12th, 2019 as National 4-H Week in Cape May County.

(This Resolution proclaims October 6th – October 12th, 2019 as National 4-H Week in Cape May County.)

996-19 Resolution authorizing the County of Cape May to enter into an Encroachment Agreement with Springers Homemade Ice Cream, LTD regarding Right-of-Way along Third Avenue, Borough of Stone Harbor.

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(This Resolution authorizes a formal agreement between the County of Cape May and the owner of said property to allow for an encroachment into the County right-of-way of Third Avenue, Stone Harbor.)

- 997-19 Resolution authorizing acquisition of Interest in Real Estate known as Block 354.02 Lots 2 & 3 in the Township of Middle for use in connection with the County Road System.

(This Resolution authorizes the acquisition by the County of Cape May of 101 sq. ft. portions of County Road No. 620 pursuant to the County Planning Act, N.J.S.A 40:27-1, et seq.)

- 998-19 Resolution authorizing execution of a Shared Services Agreement between the County of Cape May; City of Wildwood, and Atlantic County Improvement Authority for Municipal Redevelopment Initiative, Pilot Program.

(This Resolution authorizes the execution of a Shared Services Agreement between the County of Cape May; City of Wildwood, and Atlantic County Improvement Authority for Municipal Redevelopment Initiative, Pilot Program.)

- 999-19 Resolution awarding contract to South State, Inc. in the amount of \$7,992,146.13 for Avalon Boulevard (CR601) over Ingrams Thorofare Deck Reconstruction, Township of Middle.

(This Resolution awards the contract for Avalon Boulevard (CR601) over Ingrams Thorofare Deck Reconstruction, Township of Middle.)

- 1000-19 Resolution amending Resolution No. 769-19 authorizing approval to submit a Grant Application and a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the 2020 Local Bridges Future Needs Grant Fund Program.

(This Resolution authorizes the County to apply for funds from the State's Transportation Trust Fund for needs of local bridge improvements for the year 2020. The application is for improvements to the bridge improvements currently under design or is about to proceed to design for Ocean Drive (CR621) over Upper Thorofare, Ocean Drive (CR621) over Middle Thorofare, Hand Avenue (CR658) over Skeeter Creek, Third Avenue (CR619) over Great Channel, and Ocean Drive (CR621) over Mill Creek.)

- 1001-19 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 2-Final in the amount of <\$4,289.10> and accepting the work and closing the contract with South State, Inc. for Ocean Drive (CR610) Revetment Wall Extension, Township of Upper.

(This Resolution authorizes a final change order, accepts the work and closes the contract.)

- 1002-19 Resolution authorizing execution of Agreement No. 19-DT-BLA-792 for Corsons Tavern Road (CR628) Section II, Townships of Dennis and Upper.

(This Resolution establishes the terms for cost reimbursement of federal funds for the Corsons Tavern Road (CR628) Section II, Townships of Dennis and Upper.)

- 1003-19 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1-Final in the amount of <\$3,681.65> and accepting the work and closing the contract with H4 Enterprises, LLC for Supplementary Parking Lot & Drainage Improvements at the Police Cadet Training Academy.

(This Resolution authorizes a final change order, accepts the work and closes the contract.)

- 1004-19 Resolution closing the contract and accepting the work of Urban Engineers, Inc. for Professional General Engineering Services for Seashore Road (CR626) Missing Bicycle Link Improvements, Township of Lower.

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

- 1005-19 Resolution authorizing Modification No. 8 in the amount of \$97,500.00 to the Professional Services Agreement with Tetra Tech, Inc. for Professional Engineering and Licensed Site Remediation Services at the Cape May County Airport.

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(This Resolution increases the ceiling amount of Tetra Tech, Inc. professional services agreement for remediation at the Cape May County Airport.)

1006-19 Resolution modifying No Passing Zones along Court House South Dennis Road (CR657) in the Township of Middle.

(This Resolution modifies existing no passing zones on Court House South Dennis Road (CR657) in the Township of Middle.)

1007-19 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 2 in the amount of <\$1,274.60> to Marbro, Inc. for 17th Street Bridge Replacement over the Venetian-Carnival Bayou, City of Ocean City.

(This Resolution authorizes a change order to adjust quantities to reflect the as-built conditions.)

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: Rita Fulginiti, County Clerk reported that Passport Services visited their office on August 23, 2019 to perform an annual audit. A letter was subsequently received acknowledging the facility was in compliance with the passport agent reference guide, and a certificate of achievement was enclosed recognizing exemplary performance by the County Clerk’s Office.

Also, she added, on September 10, 2019 her office participated in a statewide table top exercise with over 400 others from county governments all over New Jersey. Diana Hevener, Deputy County Clerk along with representatives from the Board of Elections, Emergency Management, Prosecutor’s Office, and Management Information Systems worked with New Jersey Cyber Security and Communication Integrations Cell of the Department of Homeland Security and New Jersey Division of Elections to complete various hypothetical Election Day disaster scenarios.

Clint Bunting, Stone Harbor Theatre, acknowledged his business partner, Brett Denafio and food & beverage partners, Pat Rosenello and E.J. Dougherty. Mr. Bunting expressed how they were excited to partner with the county on this redevelopment project. He stated their goal was to build safe, clean and beautiful buildings and provide an awesome product with good service.

Ed Beddow, Burleigh spoke on the Phil Murphy recall petition and his issue with New Jersey Transit.

ADJOURN: 7:51 P.M. 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					

APPROVED

DIRECTOR

ATTEST:

ADMINISTRATOR