

ATLANTIC COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
Auditorium, County Office Building, 1333 Atlantic Avenue
Atlantic City, New Jersey

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Minutes of Meeting
April 7, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular meeting of the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders was called to order by Chairman James Curcio at 4 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, on the above-mentioned date at the Auditorium in the County Office Building in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING
STATEMENT**

Statement of Open Public Meeting Compliance: Pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act, Chairman Curcio announced that adequate notice of this meeting, as required by said Act, has been provided to The Press, the Mainland Journal, posted on the bulletin boards at 1333 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, the Stillwater Building, 201 Shore Road, Northfield and the County Clerk's Office in Mays Landing.

PRAYER AND FLAG SALUTE

The prayer was led by Freeholder Frank Giordano followed by the flag salute led by Chairman James Curcio.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Cooper, Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo, Schroeder, and Curcio. ABSENT: Sutton.

**MINUTES OF MEETING
MARCH 17, 2009 (AMENDED)**

Freeholder Giordano moved and Freeholder Cooper seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the March 17, 2009 minutes.

Freeholder Schroeder made a correction regarding his opposition to Resolution No. 134. He stated previous legislation to keep the casino open in case of a shutdown had already been signed into law and he indicated that, as a result, the legislature was not likely to revisit this issue in the near future.

Freeholder Garrett moved and Freeholder Schroeder seconded a motion to amend the minutes of the March 17, 2009 meeting.

Freeholder Giordano moved and Freeholder Cooper seconded a motion to adopt as amended the minutes of the March 17, 2009 meeting

The above-mentioned motion was passed by the following roll call: AYES: Cooper, Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo Schroeder, and Curcio. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Sutton. ABSTENTIONS: None.

**PARKS COMMITTEE
STATEMENT BY
FREEHOLDER GIORDANO**

Freeholder Giordano read a statement from the Parks Committee Meeting held before the Freeholder meeting regarding allowing the buoys at Lake Lenape to stay in the lake until after Mother's Day and the waiving of fees for the 2009 Rowing season. The Committee will meet again in July with the rowing families and homeowners to discuss a more permanent solution.

Freeholder Giordano moved and Freeholder Russo seconded a motion to modify the agenda to permit public comments regarding the issue of the buoys for rowing at Lake Lenape.

Mr. John Alegrio thanked the Parks Committee for allowing the buoys to stay in the Lake for this rowing season and for waving the fees for the 2009 season. He also stated that he would like to meet with the Parks Committee in July.

Susan Peterson of the Atlantic County Rowing Association also thanked the Parks Committee.

Kerrie Edwards of Absecon also thanked the Parks Committee for making this decision.

Jack McCabe of the Absegami Crew Team thanked the Freeholder Board for their support. He stated that the buoys make his job much easier.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. John P. Szeliga gave a presentation regarding Verizon's Communication Lifeline to assist low income residents with telephone bills.

Mr. Albert Boscov gave an overview of his Boscov's Stores and requested a HUD 108 Loan Guarantee to avert closure of the Shore Mall store.

RESOLUTION NO. 160 ON-LINE CATALOGING SUB- SYSTEM AND AN INTERLIBRARY LOAN SUB- SYSTEM

Freeholder Cooper moved and Freeholder Garrett seconded a motion to award a contract to Palinet to provide an on-line cataloging sub-system and interlibrary loan sub-system for an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00.

The above-mentioned motion was passed by the following roll call: AYES: Cooper, Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo, Schroeder, and Curcio. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Sutton. ABSTENTIONS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 161 COMPETITIVE CONTRACT FOR TEEN EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Freeholder Cooper moved and Freeholder Garrett seconded a motion to award a competitive contract to Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. for a teen employment program for an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00.

The above-mentioned motion was passed by the following roll call: AYES: Cooper, Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo, Schroeder, and Curcio. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Sutton. ABSTENTIONS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 162 SUPPLEMENTING RESOLUTION No. 34 (1/27/09) REGARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR COUNSELING SERVICES FOR THE 12-HOUR AND 48- HOUR IDRC PROGRAMS

Freeholder Russo moved and Freeholder Garrett seconded a motion to supplement Resolution No. 34 adopted on January 27, 2009 regarding professional services contracts for the IDRC Programs to add Cedric Holmes, LCADC and Jewel Cooper, RN to the list of councilors for the 12-hour and 48-hour IDRC Programs at no additional cost beyond the \$26,229.00 authorized by Resolution No. 34.

The above-mentioned motion was passed by the following roll call: AYES: Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo, Schroeder, and Curcio. NAYS: None. RECUSED: Cooper ABSENT: Sutton. ABSTENTIONS: None.

***RESOLUTION NO. 178 CHAPTER 159 LOCAL ARTS PROGRAM CY09**

Freeholder Giordano moved and Freeholder Russo seconded a motion to insert into the budget funds from the State of New Jersey, Department of State, Council on the Arts for the Local Arts Program CY 09 in the sum of \$91,487.00.

The above-mentioned motion was passed by the following roll call: AYES: Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo, Schroeder, and Curcio. NAYS: None. RECUSED: Cooper ABSENT: Sutton. ABSTENTIONS: None.

***Out of Numerical Order**

**RESOLUTION NO. 163
COMPETITIVE CONTRACTS
FOR AREA PLAN GRANT
PROGRAM WHICH
INCLUDED VARIOUS
SERVICES FOR THE
ELDERLY**

Freeholder Russo moved and Freeholder Giordano seconded a motion to award renewal sub grant contracts to various providers for various services for the elderly for a total amount not to exceed \$665,054.00 for all contracts.

The above-mentioned motion was passed by the following roll call: AYES: Cooper, Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo, Schroeder, and Curcio. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Sutton. ABSTENTIONS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 164
BID CONTRACTS FOR FOOD
REQUIREMENTS**

Freeholder Cooper moved and Freeholder Giordano seconded a motion to award bid contracts to various vendors to furnish and deliver food requirements for a 6-month period for the Department of Human Services for an amount not to exceed \$116,786.13 for all contracts.

The above-mentioned motion was passed by the following roll call: AYES: Cooper, Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo, Schroeder, and Curcio. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Sutton. ABSTENTIONS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 165
BID CONTRACT FOR
ABANDONMENT OF
CESSPOOL AT CAMP
ACAGISCA AND
INSTALLATION OF 1000-
GALLON SEPTIC TANK AND
SEEPAGE PIT**

Freeholder Cooper moved and Freeholder Giordano seconded a motion to award a bid contract to Stomper Enterprises for abandonment of cesspool at Camp Acagisca and installation of 1000-gallon septic tank and seepage pit for an amount not to exceed \$8,696.10.

The above-mentioned motion was passed by the following roll call: AYES: Cooper, Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo, Schroeder, and Curcio. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Sutton. ABSTENTIONS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 166
BID CONTRACT FOR
MOSQUITO SURVEILLANCE**

Freeholder Garrett moved and Freeholder Russo seconded a motion to award a bid contract to Horizon Helicopters, Inc. for mosquito surveillance for an amount not to exceed \$93,240.00.

The above-mentioned motion was passed by the following roll call: AYES: Cooper, Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo, Schroeder, and Curcio. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Sutton. ABSTENTIONS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 167
BID CONTRACT FOR
FURNISHING AND
DELIVERING ONE 2009
HEAVY-DUTY BOMB
RESPONSE UNIT**

Freeholder Cooper moved and Freeholder Garrett seconded a motion to award a bid contract to Odyssey Automotive Specialty to furnish and deliver one (1) 2009 heavy-duty bomb response unit for an amount not to exceed \$191,652.00.

The above-mentioned motion was passed by the following roll call: AYES: Cooper, Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo, Schroeder, and Curcio. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Sutton. ABSTENTIONS: None.

**COMBINE AND ADOPT
RESOLUTION NO. 168
THROUGH 173**

Freeholder Giordano moved and Freeholder Garrett seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolutions No. 168 through 173.

The above-mentioned motion was passed by the following roll call: AYES: Cooper, Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo, Schroeder, and Curcio. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Sutton. ABSTENTIONS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 168
ACCEPTANCE BY ACUA OF
RECYCLING FUND GRANT**

Acceptance of grant by the Atlantic County Utilities Authority from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Energy a 2008 Tonnage Bonus.

**RESOLUTION NO. 169
GRANT APPLICATION FOR
2008 DRUNK DRIVING
ENFORCEMENT**

Grant application to the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for the 2008 Drunk Driving Enforcement Program for funding not to exceed \$3,150.49.

**RESOLUTION NO. 170
GRANT APPLICATION
FOR FEDERAL EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE
FUNDS**

Grant application to the New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety, Division of State Police, for Emergency Management Assistance Funds for funding in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 subject to a county in-kind match of \$50,000.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 171
AMENDATORY GRANT
APPLICATION FOR A
LOCAL CORE CAPACITY
INFRASTRUCTURE FOR
BIOTERRORISM
PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM**

Amending Resolution No. 567 adopted on October 14, 2008 regarding a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Health & Senior Services for a Local Core Capacity Infrastructure for Bioterrorism Preparedness Program for an additional amount not to exceed \$4,000.00 and for a total amendatory grant not to exceed \$398,626.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 172
GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR
A SUMMER HEAT
EDUCATION LIAISON &
LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM**

Grant acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development for a Summer Heat Education Liaison & Life Skills Program for funding in the amount of \$102,600.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 173
CONTINUATION GRANT
FOR THE ATLANTIC
COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Grant application to the New Jersey Department of Children & Families for a continuation grant for the Atlantic County Human Services Advisory Council for an amount not to exceed \$64,910.00, subject to a County in-kind match of \$7,006.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 174
MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING**

Freeholder Cooper moved and Freeholder Giordano seconded a motion to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Cape May, the Atlantic/Cape May Workforce Investment Board, The Atlantic County Institute of Technology and the Cape May County Technical School District regarding waiver of out-of-county fees by the One Stop Partners for designated programs.

The above-mentioned motion was passed by the following roll call: AYES: Cooper, Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo, Schroeder, and Curcio. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Sutton. ABSTENTIONS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 175
MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING FOR THE
PROVISION OF SERVICES
AT THE ONE STOP CENTERS**

Freeholder Cooper moved and Freeholder Giordano seconded a motion to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Experience Works, Cape May County Technical School District, Atlantic Cape Community College, National Council on Aging, New Jersey State Department of Labor & Workforce Development (Hammonton) and the Family Service Association as partners in the provision of services at the One Stop Centers.

The above-mentioned motion was passed by the following roll call: AYES: Cooper, Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo, Schroeder, and Curcio. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Sutton. ABSTENTIONS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 176
MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING FOR
PARTICIPATION IN THE
EXPLORER PROGRAM BY
THE ATLANTIC COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Freeholder Cooper moved and Freeholder Garrett seconded a motion to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between Learning for Life and the Atlantic County Sheriff's Office for participation in the Explorer Program.

The above-mentioned motion was passed by the following roll call: AYES: Cooper, Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo, Schroeder, and Curcio. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Sutton. ABSTENTIONS: None.

COMBINE AND ADOPT RESOLUTIONS NO. 177 & 179 TO 182 Freeholder Garrett moved and Freeholder Russo seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution No. 177 and 179 through 183.

The above-mentioned motion was passed by the following roll call: AYES: Cooper, Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo, Schroeder, and Curcio. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Sutton. ABSTENTIONS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 177 CHAPTER 159 Insertion of revenues into the County Budget from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, Juvenile Justice Commission for Innovations Funding CY 09 in the sum of \$160,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 179 CHAPTER 159 Insertion of revenues into the County Budget from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for Summer HEAT 2009 in the sum of \$102,600.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 180 CHAPTER 159 Insertion of revenues into the County Budget from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Highway Traffic Safety for Cares for Kids 08-09 in the sum of \$35,960.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 181 CHAPTER 159 Insertion of revenues into the County Budget from the State of New Jersey, Department of State for General Operating Support 08-09 in the sum of \$14,110.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 182 CHAPTER 159 Insertion of revenues into the County Budget from the Atlantic Cape Community College for Adult Education Basic Skills Initiative 08-09 in the sum of \$32,821.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 183 REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE ATLANTIC COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL (HSAC) Freeholder Cooper moved and Freeholder Garrett seconded a motion to reappoint Trina Byrd, Claudia Capasso, Rev. William B. Cowherd, Jr., Joyce Mollineaux, Angelo Rodriquez and William R. Southrey to the Atlantic County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) for terms to expire on January 1, 2011.

The above-mentioned motion was passed by the following roll call: AYES: Cooper, Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo, Schroeder, and Curcio. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Sutton. ABSTENTIONS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Chairman Curcio opened the meeting to the public at 5:34 p.m.

Sheriff Bales spoke regarding vehicles used by the Sheriff's Office. There were 17 vehicles taken home when he took office. There are now six take-home vehicles. There is one vehicle that is taken home on a part-time basis. This has resulted in a significant reduction.

The cost for overtime so far this year is \$77,350.00 as compared to last year's cost at this time of \$135,055.00.

There were no further comments and Chairman Curcio closed the public portion of the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

FREEHOLDER COMMENTS Freeholder Jim Schroeder reported that lot and block numbers affected by the New Jersey Pinelands changes are now listed on their website. He and Freeholder Sutton attended the New Jersey Pinelands Meeting in the beginning of April.

**WRITTEN
CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was received by this office from April 1, 2009 to April 7, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Curcio requested for a motion to adjourn the Freeholder meeting. Freeholder Cooper moved and Freeholder Garrett seconded a motion to adjourn the Freeholder meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Submitted by,

**Sonya G. Harris
Clerk to the Board**