

**ATLANTIC COUNTY  
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS**

**Minutes of Meeting  
January 13, 2009  
4 p.m.**

**Auditorium  
County Office Building  
1333 Atlantic Avenue  
Atlantic City, New Jersey**

**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 Standard Time, on the above -mentioned date at the County Office Building, 1333 Atlantic Avenue, 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 Rich Dase followed by the flag salute led by Freeholder Chairman James Curcio.

**ROLL CALL**

The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Cooper, Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo, Schroeder, Sutton, and Curcio. ABSENT: None.

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
DECEMBER 9, 2008**

Freeholder Sutton moved and Freeholder Giordano seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the December 9, 2008 minutes.

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

**PRESENTATION:  
2009 ATLANTIC COUNTY  
BUDGET**

County Executive Dennis Levinson presented the 2009 Atlantic County Budget to the Board of Freeholders.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12  
PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES AGREEMENTS  
FOR VETERINARY  
SERVICES FOR ANIMAL  
SHELTER**

Freeholder Sutton moved and Freeholder Cooper seconded a motion to enter into a professional services agreements with Todd Werkmeister, DVM and Andrea Cermele, DVM to provide veterinary services to the Atlantic County Animal Shelter for a 25% partial award not to exceed \$3,750.00 each contingent upon adoption of the 2009 budget for the full contract amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 each.

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

**RESOLUTOIN NO. 13  
EDUCATIONAL  
SERVICES FOR  
JUVENILES AT  
HARBORFIELDS**

Freeholder Cooper moved and Freeholder Garrett seconded a motion to enter into an agreement with Atlantic County Special Services School District to provide educational services for juveniles at Harborfields for an amount not to exceed \$261,000.00.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 14  
ALTERNATE METHOD  
CONTRACT FOR  
MAINTENANCE OF  
PROPRIETARY  
COMPUTER SOFTWARE**

Freeholder Sutton moved and Freeholder Cooper seconded a motion to enter into an alternate method contract with Unitronix Data Systems, Inc., to provide maintenance service for the Abacus and Administrative Software for an amount not to exceed \$23,076.00.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 15  
MEMORANDUM OF  
AGREEMENT WITH THE  
GOVERNMENT  
WORKERS UNION**

Freeholder Russo moved and Freeholder Sutton seconded a motion to enter into a collective negotiations agreement with the Government Workers Union for a three-year period commencing January 1, 2008.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 16  
COLLEGE INTERNS TO  
ATLANTIC COUNTY**

Freeholder Schroeder moved and Freeholder Dase seconded a motion to enter into an agreement with Richard Stockton College of New Jersey for the provision of College Interns to Atlantic County at no cost.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 17  
COMMUNITY  
TREATMENT FOR  
ADOLESCENT SEX  
OFFENDERS**

Freeholder Cooper moved and Freeholder Sutton seconded a motion to enter into a competitive contract with Family Services Association to provide the Community Treatment for Adolescent Sex Offenders Program for an amount not to exceed \$18,200.00.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 18  
INDEPENDENT  
EXTERNAL AUDIT  
SERVICES**

Freeholder Dase moved and Freeholder Sutton seconded a motion to enter into a professional services contract with Ford Scott & Associates, LLC, to conduct an independent external audit of the County's books for the year 2008 for an amount not to exceed \$87,300.00.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 19  
BOND COUNSEL  
SERVICES**

Freeholder Russo moved and Freeholder Sutton seconded a motion to enter into a professional services agreement with Hawkins, Delafield & Wood, LLP, to serve as bond and financial counsel for the County of Atlantic for an amount not to exceed \$63,875.00.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 20  
FINANCIAL ADVISORY  
SERVICES**

Freeholder Schroeder moved and Freeholder Sutton seconded a motion to enter into an agreement with Phoenix Advisors, LLC, for financial advisory services for an amount not to exceed \$43,655.00.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call:  
AYES: Cooper, Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo, Schroeder,

Sutton, and Curcio. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21  
PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES CONTRACT  
FOR POST OFFER PRE-  
EMPLOYMENT  
PHYSICALS AND MRI'S**

Freeholder Giordano moved and Freeholder Cooper seconded a motion to enter into an agreement with AtlantiCare Occupational Medicine to provide post offer pre-employment physicals and MRI's to prospective employees of the Meadowview Nursing Home and the Division of Adult Detention for an amount not to exceed \$16,800.00.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 22  
BID CONTRACTS FOR  
CHILLER MAINTENANCE**

Freeholder Giordano moved and Freeholder Sutton seconded a motion to award bid contracts to Peterson Service Company and Fluidics, Inc., lowest responsible bidders, for Category 1 and Category 2 Chiller Maintenance for amounts not to exceed \$80,000.00 (Category 1) and \$110,700.00 (Category 2) respectively.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 23  
BID CONTRACT FOR  
RESURFACING OF ZION  
ROAD**

Freeholder Sutton moved and Freeholder Giordano seconded a motion to award a bid contract to Arawak Paving Co., Inc., lowest responsible bidder, for resurfacing Zion Road (CR 615) Section 1A to 1C in the Township of Egg Harbor for an amount not to exceed \$572,000.00.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 24  
GRANT APPLICATION  
FOR THE HISTORICAL  
GRANT PROGRAM**

Freeholder Garrett moved and Freeholder Cooper seconded a motion to file a grant application with the New Jersey State Historical Commission to support the programs and services provided by the Atlantic County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs for an amount not to exceed \$14,110.00.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 25  
ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT  
FOR THE COSTS OF  
INCARCERATING  
UNDOCUMENTED  
CRIMINAL ALIENS**

Freeholder Sutton moved and Freeholder Russo seconded a motion to accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program for an amount not to exceed \$178,424.00.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 26  
AMENDING RESOLUTION  
NO. 417 (7-31-07)  
REGARDING WORK  
FIRST NEW JERSEY  
FUNDS**

Freeholder Cooper moved and Freeholder Sutton seconded a motion to amend Resolution No. 417 adopted on July 31, 2008 regarding Work First New Jersey Funds from the New Jersey Department of Labor reducing the amount of funds by \$264,468.00, for a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$3,057,427.00 for the period from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 27  
E-RATE APPLICATION**

Freeholder Giordano moved and Freeholder Sutton seconded a motion to submit E-Rate Applications to Schools & Library Corporations to provide affordable access to telecommunications services for all eligible schools and libraries for an amount not to exceed \$191,242.75.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 28  
AGREEMENT OF SALE  
FOR ACQUISITION OF A  
DEVELOPMENT  
EASEMENT**

Freeholder Russo moved and Freeholder Sutton seconded a motion to enter into agreement of sale for acquisition of a development easement under the New Jersey Farmland Preservation Program from Arnold Glenn Liepe for an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 and settlement costs not to exceed \$10,000.00.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 29  
PURCHASE OF A  
STATUTORY  
SURROGATE'S BOND**

Freeholder Sutton moved and Freeholder Dase seconded a motion to purchase a Statutory Surrogate's Bond from Conner Strong Companies, Inc. acting as agent for the Travelers Casualty & Surety Company of America for an amount not to exceed \$3,465.00.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 30  
LEASE AGREEMENT FOR  
LIBRARY FACILITIES IN  
LONGPORT**

Freeholder Cooper moved and Freeholder Sutton seconded a motion to enter into a lease agreement with the Borough of Longport for Library Facilities at 2305 Atlantic Avenue, Longport for an amount not to exceed \$9,500.00.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 31  
URGING THE  
ELIMINATION OR  
ROLLBACK OF THE  
GOVERNOR'S PLAN  
RAISING TOLLS ON THE  
ATLANTIC CITY  
EXPRESSWAY**

Freeholder Sutton moved and Freeholder Giordano seconded a motion to support a resolution urging the elimination or rollback of the Governor's plan raising tolls on the Atlantic City Expressway (Freeholder Sponsor: Joseph McDevitt).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 32  
CANCELLATION OF  
JANUARY 20, 2009  
FREEHOLDER MEETING**

Freeholder Garrett moved and Freeholder Giordano seconded a motion to cancel the January 20, 2009 Freeholder Meeting.

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

**PUBLIC PORTION**

Chairman Curcio opened the meeting to the public at 5:07 p.m.

Creed Pogue (169 Cumberland Avenue, Estell Manor) spoke regarding Resolution No. 31, a resolution urging the elimination or rollback of the Governor's plan raising tolls on the Atlantic City Expressway. Any Commissioner has the authority to propose a resolution, e.g. rolling back tolls. Mr. Pogue also requested that budgeted amounts in the County budget versus actual amounts be posted on the County's website.

There were no further comments and the public portion of the meeting was closed at 5:12 p.m.

**FREEHOLDERS  
COMMENTS**

Freeholder Giordano reported that the first Job Development and Training Committee Meeting went very well. They are going to implement a procedure to educate the public on unemployment resources. The Committee will visit the "One Stop Shop" in Pleasantville.

Freeholder Dase attended a presentation last night regarding an Economic Development Project in Egg Harbor Township.

Freeholder McDevitt stated that a Port Republic Family had their house burn down and a fundraiser will be held.

Freeholder Schroeder states that he would like to investigate the new NJ Pinelands Commission which are in the development stages. He expressed his concerns with the manner in which the Pinelands Commission mapping changes will impact homeowners. Chairman Curcio asked Freeholder Schroeder to chair the Pinelands Review Committee with Freeholders Dase and Sutton as members of the Committee.

Freeholder Sutton stated that Atlantic County will be involved in the Research Park which should create more jobs in Atlantic County.

**WRITTEN  
CORRESPONDENCE**

Written correspondence was received for the period of December 17, 2008 to January 13, 2009.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Curcio called for adjournment of the Freeholder meeting. The Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

**Submitted by,**

**Sonya G. Harris, Clerk**