

**MINUTES**



6:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Call to Order

Salute to the Flag

Open Public Meetings Statement

**Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, I hereby announce that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided, as required by said Act, which notice was filed with the County Clerk, posted in the vestibule of the County Courthouse and sent to the Courier Post and South Jersey Times on January 3, 2022 at 12:45 p.m.**

Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Commissioner Konawel	X	
Deputy Director Simmons	X	
Commissioner Jefferson		X
Commissioner DeSilvio	X	
Commissioner Barnes	X	
Commissioner DiCarlo	X	
Director DiMarco	X	

Changes to the Agenda

Approval of the **September 7, 2022** regular meeting minutes.

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel				X		
Deputy Director Simmons	X		X			
Commissioner Jefferson						X
Commissioner DeSilvio				X		
Commissioner Barnes		X	X			
Commissioner DiCarlo			X			
Director DiMarco			X			

**Comments: Commissioner DeSilvio asked if the minutes could be amended to reflect the comments made by Jacci Vigilante regarding the address Mr. Bruner and Mr. Layton’s used on the nominating petitions in Mantua Township being the same address. Director DiMarco stated that his statement tonight would be reflected in the minutes.**

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**54052 Proclamation in Recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for the Rededication of the Firehouse at Broadway & Olive Street in the Borough of Westville.** (Previously Presented by Director Frank J. DiMarco)

**54053 Proclamation in Recognition of Deborah Riether for 17 years of service to the Franklin Township Library.** (Previously Presented by Commissioner Nick DeSilvio)

**Public portion on agenda items only (time limit of five (5) minutes per person, per public portion).  
OPEN**

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel			X			
Deputy Director Simmons	X		X			
Commissioner Jefferson						X
Commissioner DeSilvio			X			
Commissioner Barnes		X	X			
Commissioner DiCarlo			X			
Director DiMarco			X			

**Comments: Charles Hughes, Woodbury – commented on all the resolutions were funding was increased. Administrator Bruner explained that all of the resolutions on the agenda were included in the budget already and that 95% of them were grant funded. Mr. Bruner also explained that the budget freeze was**

for years 2023, 2024 and 2025 and that we cannot place a freeze on an existing budget. Mr. Hughes then asked if we were on track to spend the amount of money that we expect to spend if we continue at this rate. Mr. Bruner stated that he expects to spend less, like we do every year.

**CLOSE**

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel			X			
Deputy Director Simmons	X		X			
Commissioner Jefferson						X
Commissioner DeSilvio			X			
Commissioner Barnes		X	X			
Commissioner DiCarlo			X			
Director DiMarco			X			

Comments: N/A

**RESOLUTIONS**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

DIRECTOR DIMARCO  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR SIMMONS

**54054 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BILL LISTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2022.**

Motion to approve Resolution 54054 as read.

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel			X			
Deputy Director Simmons	X		X		22-06656; 21-10779	
Commissioner Jefferson						X
Commissioner DeSilvio			X			
Commissioner Barnes		X	X			
Commissioner DiCarlo			X		22-07235; 22-07734 22-07129; 22-07601 22-07829; 22-01084; 22-01280; 22-01287 22-07866; 22-07867; 22-07868; 22-01828 22-05906; 22-01007 22-06103; 22-06120 22-07162; 22-07398 22-07399; 22-07401 22-07501; 22-07689 22-07782; 22-07884 22-07091; 22-07092 22-07150; 22-07151 22-07239; 22-07598 22-07846; 22-07847 22-07848.	
Director DiMarco			X		22-07404; 22-00968 22-03655; 22-00969; and 22-07405	

Comments: N/A

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
& PUBLIC WORKS

DEPUTY DIRECTOR SIMMONS  
COMMISSIONER DICARLO

**54055 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ZONE STRIPING, INC. FROM SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 TO COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT FOR \$1,173,333.77.**

**54056 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH SOUTH STATE, INC. FROM SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 TO COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT FOR \$2,994,012.00.**

**54057 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH PENNONI ASSOCIATES, INC. FROM SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 TO COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT FOR \$149,962.37.**

**Motion to approve Resolutions 54055 through 54057 as read.**

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel			X			
Deputy Director Simmons	X		X			
Commissioner Jefferson						X
Commissioner DeSilvio			X			
Commissioner Barnes			X			
Commissioner DiCarlo		X	X			
Director DiMarco			X			

Comments: N/A

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY & VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**COMMISSIONER DICARLO  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR SIMMONS**

**54058 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF LAND AND SIGNING OF AN AGREEMENT OF SALE AND OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR CLOSING ON THE PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON KNOWN AS BLOCK 57, LOT 18, FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$79,123.15.**

**54059 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT WITH GENASYS, INC. FROM OCTOBER 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024 FOR \$42,500.00 PER YEAR.**

**54060 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASES FROM CORE BTS, INC. VIA STATE CONTRACT FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 TO COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,407,640.88.**

**Motion to approve Resolution 54058 through 54060 as read.**

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel			X			
Deputy Director Simmons		X	X			
Commissioner Jefferson						X
Commissioner DeSilvio			X			
Commissioner Barnes			X			
Commissioner DiCarlo	X		X			
Director DiMarco			X			

Comments: N/A

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

**COMMISSIONER JEFFERSON  
COMMISSIONER BARNES**

**54061 RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION 2023 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER TO APPLY TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION FOR STATE/COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP, AND FAMILY COURT FUNDS TOTALING \$705,876.00.**

**54062 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATIONS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2023 SENIOR CITIZENS AND DISABLED RESIDENTS TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT, FOR \$798,135.00 AND THE FTA SMALL URBAN AND RURAL AREA PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION GRANT (SECTION 5311), FOR \$153,117.00 FROM JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023.**

**54063 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH CME ASSOCIATES.**

**Motion to approve Resolutions 54061 through 54063 as read.**

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel			X			
Deputy Director Simmons		X	X			
Commissioner Jefferson						X
Commissioner DeSilvio			X			
Commissioner Barnes	X		X			
Commissioner DiCarlo			X			
Director DiMarco			X			

Comments: N/A

DEPARTMENT OF LAW & JUSTICE

COMMISSIONER DESILVIO  
COMMISSIONER KONAWEL

**54064 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE FROM SOFTWARE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL CORP. VIA STATE CONTRACT FROM JUNE 22, 2022 TO JUNE 21, 2023 FOR \$20,004.77.**

**Motion to approve Resolutions 54064 as read.**

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel		X	X			
Deputy Director Simmons			X			
Commissioner Jefferson						X
Commissioner DeSilvio	X		X			
Commissioner Barnes			X			
Commissioner DiCarlo			X			
Director DiMarco			X			

Comments: N/A

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, LAND & PROPERTY

COMMISSIONER BARNES  
COMMISSIONER JEFFERSON

**54065 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THINK PAVERS HARDSCAPING, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000.00.**

**54066 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT WITH PSX, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,660.00.**

**54067 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS EASEMENT FOR FARM PROPERTY OWNED BY EDWARD EIVICH AND SUSAN EIVICH FOR \$187,241.25.**

**Motion to approve Resolutions 54065 through 54067 as read.**

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel			X			
Deputy Director Simmons		X	X			
Commissioner Jefferson						X
Commissioner DeSilvio			X			
Commissioner Barnes	X		X			
Commissioner DiCarlo			X			
Director DiMarco			X			

Comments: N/A

DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES

COMMISSIONER KONAWEL  
COMMISSIONER DESILVIO

Old Business

New Business

**Public Portion (time limit of five (5) minutes per person)****OPEN**

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel			X			
Deputy Director Simmons			X			
Commissioner Jefferson						X
Commissioner DeSilvio			X			
Commissioner Barnes			X			
Commissioner DiCarlo			X			
Director DiMarco			X			

Comments:

**Michael Blaszczyk, CWA President** – commented on CWA negotiations with the Gloucester County Library System.

**Ed Munion, Glassboro** – concerned about a tax sale on one of Commissioner Konawel's business properties in Glassboro, NJ. Commissioner Konawel stated that the property he was referring to was being sold and under lawyer negotiations. He also stated that he does not own the property that a family member owns it. Commissioner Konawel also stated that he had the receipt in his car.

**John Trimble, Monroe Twp.** - commented on the daycare center, the deputy administrator and the administrator. He also commented on the incident surrounding K-9 Officer Ember. County Counsel Campo advised that were not discussing personnel matters and reminded Mr. Trimble that the K-9 Officer Ember incident was under review and as an attorney; he should know the matter cannot be discussed.

**Deputy Director Simmons** – stated that there was no one that wants to know what happened more than we do, not just the seven commissioners but all of us and that we owe it to the Prosecutor's office to take the time that they need to review every aspect of this incident before anyone jumps to conclusions and makes accusations.

**Maureen McCabe, Woodbury Heights** – read a statement regarding the K-9 Ember incident and the GCL.

**Deputy Director Simmons** – commented on the disparaging remarks being made about the former Senate President Steve Sweeney and expressed her support for him.

**Steve McEntee, Mantua** – embarrassed by the people of this town and the attacks on the officials of this town. Expressed his concerns towards the attacks on Shawn Layton and his family and stated that he felt they were political.

**Bill Gigliotti, West Deptford** - commented and thanked Shawn Layton for his compassion.

**Mary Behm, Washington Township** – commented on the K-9 Ember incident and no memorial to honor her.

**Charles Hughes, Woodbury** – commented on the GCL and questioned if the GC Prosecutor's Office was operating under the Attorney General's Office. County Counsel Campo stated that this was not a new situation and that the Acting Prosecutor who is a Deputy Attorney General has been there for some time now.

**Deputy Director Simmons** – responded to Mr. Hughes comments on the GCL project.

**Mary Portner, Woodbury Heights** – commented on the GCL project, asked why the AG's office assigned a temporary prosecutor to the County. County Counsel Campo stated that it was when the previous prosecutor resigned approximately 2 years ago. Ms. Portner also commented on the Senior Picnic.

**Eric Fisher, Director of Senior Services** - advised Ms. Portner that after the meeting he would be more than happy to answer any questions she may have concerning the Senior Picnic event.

**Carol Rhodes, Mantua** – commented on the staff at the Gloucester County Library as well as the Gloucester County Today.

**Peter Scirrotto, Mantua** - commented and thanked Shawn Layton for his compassion.

**Justine Evans, Woodbury** – commented on the K-9 Ember incident.

**Anthony Alverio, Woodbury** – commented on the GCL project and quite zones.

**Deputy Director Simmons** – responded to Mr. Alverio's concerns regarding the GCL project and the quite zones.

**Steve Sweeney, West Deptford** – commented on the GCL project and the K-9 Ember incident and the negative comments surrounding Shawn Layton.

**Lisa Ballistreri, Deptford Township** – read a statement on the K-9 Ember investigation.

**Jacci Vigilante, Harrison Township** – commented on the K-9 Ember investigation.

**Mike Ford, Deptford Township** – thanked the County for all they do in addition he commented on the K-9 Ember investigation.

**Joe Hetzel, Mantua Township** - commented on the GCL project and the K-9 Ember investigation.

**Cindy Gellenthin, Woodbury** – commented on the GCL project.

**Anna Janda, Mantua Township** – commented on the K-9 Ember investigation and the GCL project.

**John Gardiner, Franklin Township** – commented on the K-9 Ember investigation.

**CLOSE**

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel			X			
Deputy Director Simmons	X		X			
Commissioner Jefferson						X
Commissioner DeSilvio			X			
Commissioner Barnes		X	X			
Commissioner DiCarlo			X			
Director DiMarco			X			

Comments: N/A

**Administrator Bruner** – read a statement of fact regarding his residency onto the record in addition to clarifying that the boards that he serves on in addition to being County Administrator are not paying positions.

**Adjournment**

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel			X			
Deputy Director Simmons	X		X			
Commissioner Jefferson						X
Commissioner DeSilvio			X			
Commissioner Barnes		X	X			
Commissioner DiCarlo			X			
Director DiMarco			X			

Comments: N/A

Time: 7:35 p.m.