

Ocean County Board of Commissioners

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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 6, 2025 - 3:30 PM
Location: Administration Building
Room 119
101 Hooper Avenue
Toms River, NJ 08754

A. STATEMENT Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

CLERK GUNTHER: "Good afternoon. It is my pleasure to call this meeting to order and welcome everyone to the 2025 Organization Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Commissioners. Happy New Year."

Michelle I. Gunther, Clerk of the Board, read the following statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act:

"In compliance with the provisions of the 'Open Public Meetings Act', notice of this Organization Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was advertised in the Asbury Park Press on December 11, 2024, and in the Atlantic City Press on December 12, 2024.

1. Call to Order - Michelle I. Gunther, Clerk of the Board

The Organization Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Ocean was called to order on January 6, 2025, at 3:30 PM, Room 119, Ocean County Administrator Building, 101 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey by the Temporary Chairwoman, Clerk of the Board, Michelle I. Gunther.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance

B. INVOCATION

CLERK GUNTHER: "At this time if everyone would please stay standing I would like to ask Pastor Peter Hartney, Jr. to come up to the microphone to give the Invocation."

1. By Pastor Peter M. Hartney, Jr.

PASTOR PETER HARTNEY, JR.: "Let us pray. Loving and gracious God of all creation of many peoples, we gather on this momentous day to begin a new year. We ask that your guiding hand be upon the leaders of this Board as they've been chosen by the people of Ocean County to care for them, to provide services and as they work through caring for the roads, the parks, the environment, our seniors and our veterans and all of those in many ways in which our commissioners lead us and the employees of the county fulfill that leadership, we ask that in all they do, they do it with justice, loving kindness and walking humbly in your name. Amen."

CLERK GUNTHER: "Thank you, Pastor Hartney. Please be seated."

C. STATEMENT OF DETERMINATION

CLERK GUNTHER: "The first order of business today is the Statement of Determination for the 2024 General Election which was held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, and I invite Acting Ocean County Clerk, John Catalano and Chairman of the Board of Canvassers George Gilmore to come forward to present the certification."

1. Statement of Determination for the 2024 General Election held on November 5, 2024 from Acting Ocean County Clerk, John Catalano and George R. Gilmore, Chairman of the Board of Canvassers.

JOHN CATALANO, ACTING OCEAN COUNTY CLERK: "As many of my State Assembly and Senator colleagues will attest it's always the greatest joy when you get to present a lot of proclamations, whether it's at council meetings, flood meetings, fundraisers, dinners for extraordinary folks, or even if you have the opportunity to do it on the assembly floor, but today is no exception. And on behalf... and as the Acting County Clerk, I am honored and privileged to present our certificate of election to Commissioner Rob Arace. Rob, congratulations."

(Applause)

Pictures taken

D. OATHS OF OFFICE

CLERK GUNTHER: "Before you begin, I'd just like to make a statement. Manchester Township Administrator, Carl W. Block is here to give the ceremonial Oath of Office to Robert S. Arace, and I'd note for the record that the official swearing in of Commissioner Arace was performed by Senator Amato on Friday, January 3rd (2025). Thank you."

Pictures taken

1. As a Member of the Board of Commissioners, Administered to Robert S. Arace by Carl W. Block, Manchester Township Administrator.

COMMISSIONER ARACE: "Alrighty. So, I suppose it's my turn to give remarks. This was supposed to be one page, but I failed so I apologize in advance. So, good afternoon and thank you all for being here. First, and foremost, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to my wife, Deanna. Your unwavering love, patience, and support have been the foundation of everything that I've achieved. From the very beginning you've been my rock sacrificing so much and standing by me through every challenge. Your belief in me has never wavered and I'm endlessly grateful for the joy, balance, and encouragement you bring to my life every day. To my mom, who traveled all the way here from Alabama. Thank you for being here and for being my biggest cheerleader. Your love and encouragement and the values you've instilled in me have shaped who I am today. Your sacrifices, both big and small, have been the foundation of my success.

I would also like to thank the Ocean County Republican Organization for its support. To every town organization and governing body that I've gotten to meet over the course of the past year, I am deeply thankful for you and your show of support for Jen (Bacchione) and me over the course of the last year. I especially want to thank Chairman, George Gilmore, who stood through several hard-fought mayoral campaigns in Manchester, and at the time he was one of the very few people in a small circle who believed I could win. Thank you for your unwavering support through it all and during this Commissioner race.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Manchester Regular Republican Organization and the residents of Manchester Township. Thank you for entrusting me with the responsibility of leading our community. Your trust and support have been instrumental in shaping my position in public service. I am honored to have had the opportunity to serve as Mayor and will continue to serve you in my new roll. To my family, friends, and residents of Ocean County, thank you for the confidence you've placed in me. I am deeply honored to stand here today as your County Commissioner. This is not just a personal milestone. It is a shared moment for all of us. A testament to the values and vision that we hold for our county's future. I pledge to be here for all members of our community, listening to your concerns, advocating for your needs, and working tirelessly to ensure a brighter future for everyone in Ocean County.

To my fellow Commissioners, I'm eager to work alongside each of you to tackle the challenges ahead and to build on the strengths that make Ocean County such an extraordinary place to live.

As I take this oath, I'm reminded of the responsibility I have to serve with integrity, transparency, and a steadfast commitment to the priorities that matter most to our residents – investing in our infrastructure to meet the demands of a growing county, preserving open space, to preserve the natural character and environmental integrity of our communities. Enhancing and expanding our trade schools to equip students with the skills and opportunities needed to thrive in today's workforce. Caring for our Veterans ensuring that they have access to comprehensive resources, quality healthcare, and unwavering community support. And support for our seniors providing them with essential services, opportunities for engagement, and the dignity they deserve in their golden years. These priorities are not just promises. They are commitments to action, but I cannot do it alone. The success of this county depends on collaboration and engagement. I invite every resident to share your concerns, ideas and feedback because leadership is about working together to achieve a common goal.

Thank you again for this incredible honor and I'm ready to get to work for you, and I look forward to all that we'll accomplish together. May God bless Ocean County, the State of New Jersey, and God bless the United States of America. Thank you very much."

(Applause)

2. As a Member of the Board of Commissioners, Administered to Jennifer Bacchione by former Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno.

JOHN CATALANO, ACTING OCEAN COUNTY CLERK: “Well, as I said, it’s always an honor and a privilege to present a proclamation, certificate to whoever and for whatever. It’s just a little honor that goes to people who go above and beyond. And, again, as the Acting Clerk, I am honored to present this certificate of election to one of our newest Commissioners, Jennifer Bacchione.”

(Applause)

CLERK GUNTHER: “At this time I would like to invite former Lieutenant Governor, Kim Guadagno, to come up and give the ceremonial Oath of Office to Commissioner Bacchione. And I know for the record that the official swearing in was performed by former Lieutenant Governor, Kim Guadagno on Friday, January 3rd also.”

Pictures taken

COMMISSIONER BACCHIONE: “Thank you. Good afternoon, everyone. It is my privilege to be sworn in today as a commissioner to represent all the residents in Ocean County to the best of my ability. There’s a political process one must go through to get the opportunity to be on the ballot and it requires a lot of work and dedication. A person cannot undertake this challenge and be successful alone. They need the support of their family, friends and political allies. I want to thank my husband, John. As Mayor of Berkeley Township, he’s very busy, however, he still offered his support in my decision to run for commissioner. I want to thank my children for their patience, love and support. All the time campaigning has given my girls the opportunity to practice becoming great cooks and making sure there’s always something to eat.

I want to thank the Berkeley Republican Organization for supporting my candidacy for commissioner particularly Senator Amato who asked me years ago to fill a seat on the Berkeley Board of Education and has supported me through this process.

I want to thank Chairman (George) Gilmore for his guidance and support and his wife, Joanne. During this process I have met with all the towns throughout the county. Thank you to all the mayors, council, committees, club presidents, municipal chairs who gave their support and thank you to our Ocean County Senators and Assemblymen as well. Most of all I want to thank the residents of Ocean County for voting for me and Rob Arace on Election Day. I promise we will not let you down. We will do everything possible to provide you with government you can respect and the government you deserve. I will work with my fellow commissioners to make county government more responsive and transparent to the needs of our residents including our seniors and veterans. I will work to improve our services to the public in a courteous and friendly manner. We are in government to serve people, and we will work for them. We need a solution for the homeless issue in Ocean County which has gotten worse over the past few years. We need to stand strong against the Trenton policies that have hurt Ocean County residents, taxpayers, and our children. Trenton has made devastating cuts to school aide in Ocean County while Governor Murphy’s sanctuary state has burdened the schools with tens of millions of dollars in extra costs resulting in reduced services and increased taxes. Ocean County schools need to be treated fairly and not punished because of our suburban character.

Finally, we need to support the opportunities for our children to have affordable education, find gainful employment and the ability to afford to live in Ocean County. Our great county is growing, and we need to work to grow with it and keep a place where people want to live, work and enjoy.

So, thank you for your support and I look forward to fulfilling everything we can along with my fellow commissioners.”

(Applause)

E. CALL OF THE ROLL

CLERK GUNTHER: “It is now my honor to call the roll of the Ocean County Board of Commissioners for the first time in the year 2025.”

Commissioners Arace, Bacchione, Haines and Sadeghi were all present at the call of the roll. Commissioner Kelly was not present.

CLERK GUNTHER: “I’d like to note for the record that Commissioner Kelly has advised the Board that he is unable to attend today’s meeting due to a personal matter.”

F. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD FOR 2025 BY THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #:
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
ABSENT:	John P. Kelly	
MOVE:	Virginia E. Haines	
SECOND:	Frank Sadeghi	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

CLERK GUNTHER: “At this time I’d like to move on to the next item on the agenda and ask for nominations for the election of the Director of the Board for 2025.”

COMMISSIONER SADEGHI: “I’ll nominate Jack Kelly to be the Director in 2025.”

COMMISSIONER HAINES: “Second.”

CLERK GUNTHER: “If there are no other nominations, I’d like to ask for a motion to close the nominations for Director.”

COMMISSIONER HAINES: “Make a motion.”

COMMISSIONER SADEGHI: “Second.”

Roll call taken.

G. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD FOR 2025

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #:
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
ABSENT:	John P. Kelly	
MOVE:	Virginia E. Haines	
SECOND:	Robert S. Arace	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

CLERK GUNTHER: “At this time I’d like to ask now for nominations for election of the Deputy Director for the Board for 2025.”

COMMISSIONER ARACE: “I’d like to nominate Frank Sadeghi for Deputy Director.”

COMMISSIONER HAINES: “Second.”

CLERK GUNTHER: “If there are no other nominations, I’d like to ask for a motion to close the nominations for Deputy Director.”

COMMISSIONER HAINES: “Motion to close.”

COMMISSIONER ARACE: “Second.”

Roll call taken.

CLERK GUNTHER: “Congratulations. I now turn the meeting over to you.”

(Applause)

H. COMMENTS FROM THE DIRECTOR

I. COMMENTS FROM THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

DEPUTY DIRECTOR SADEGHI: “Thank you very much. Jack Kelly, obviously wanted to be here, was planning on being here, but as you know the southern part of Ocean County has a lot more snow than we got up here, and Jack Kelly kind of lives in the woods in Eagleswood. (laughter) I think it takes like 45 minutes to get from the street to his house. The drive is two miles long, so I think he’s still out there shoveling snow. I wanted to see if Commissioner Haines had any comments.”

J. COMMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONER HAINES: “Oh yes, I would. Thank you. Good afternoon. I just want to welcome our new Commissioners, Jennifer Bacchione and Rob Arace to the Board. It is truly a privilege to serve for the residents of Ocean County. I look forward to working with you both as we continue to make Ocean County the best place to work

and retire. I want to congratulate Commissioner Kelly on being named the Board's Director for 2025 and Commissioner Frank Sadeghi for being named the Board's Deputy Director. I am sure both of you will do a fine job in these roles.

In looking back in 2024 the Board of Commissioners did great things for our residents. I'm especially proud of the work done in the Ocean County Department of Parks and Recreation as we created numerous all-inclusive park playgrounds so all of our children at all levels of development can enjoy recreational activities close to home. We also received our Pinelands Commission permit in order to move ahead with a new Regional Park in Manchester Township, finally. It took quite a long time to get that. We all look forward to the day when we can open this site to the public. I am happy to note that we also expanded the availability of pickleball courts to meet the growing interest in the sport. We also did great things with open space last year making certain we continue to preserve and protect our environment by purchasing open space that meets the criteria for the Ocean County Natural Lands Trust Fund. The program has a significant role in our environmental stewardship in the county and the quality of life in Ocean County.

While the list of the Board's accomplishments are long I want to extend my appreciation to all the Department Heads and employees who diligently implement our programs and services. We sit up here. We make the decisions, and we vote, but it's really them who do the work and we just get all the accolades for all the great stuff that's being done in Ocean County. I look forward to continuing to work with all of you in the new year as we move forward and doing great things for our citizens. With that, I want to wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year and thank you for joining us today. God bless the United States of America. And, please, God bless our men and women serving in our United States Military. Thank you."

(Applause)

DEPUTY DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Thank you, Commissioner Haines. I just have a couple of words myself. First, I want to thank everyone for coming out and being here and participating in these proceedings. It's good to see friends, family members. We can always count on, once a year, seeing everybody here and it's a good thing. I want to congratulate Rob Arace and Jennifer Bacchione in their election to the Commissioner's Board and wish them luck in advancing the issues that face our residents. It's a difficult job. It's a difficult position. And some of us, I don't know what it is, that this does, running for office...I see a lot of officeholders in the audience. I think Senator Singer has been doing this for over 100 years. (laughter) And I don't know what it is, what aspect of our soul gets fulfilled with this but it's not an easy thing because no matter what decision you make, you're going to accommodate certain people and make certain people happy and make some people not so happy.

I want to thank all the Freeholders that have served the residents of Ocean County in the past. We saw Joe Buckelew who was a Freeholder back in 1972 to 1975, but those are the people, the officeholders that put the foundation in place, and that foundation is a sound foundation. The rest of it is not as difficult. You just have to lay the blocks and make sure that we don't go astray and build on that foundation.

Joe Vicari, I talked to him over the weekend. He wanted to be here, but I think he's heading south for the sunshine, but he wanted me to say that he's wishing everyone a Happy and Prosperous 2025. I want to thank Jim Lacey, Gerry Little and Jack Kelly for having been here for 33 years. Again, it's not a difficult thing. It's not an easy thing. The credit for good government also goes, predominately to the county employees. They're the ones, as Commissioner Haines indicated, that make us look good on a daily basis. They're out there plowing the snow, fixing the roads, educating our kids. I see the Ocean County College President is in the audience. Thank you, Dr. (Pamela) Monaco, for everything that you and your staff does. They maintain our parks, not Dr. Monaco, (laughter) and provide our seniors and veterans with the services they need every single day. We pledge our fierce commitment to our law enforcement community. We talk about the quality of life. A lot of us were attracted to Ocean County. I wasn't born and raised here. I think Commissioner Haines was. She was one of the lucky ones. But we came here back in the early 90's because...and I wanted to raise my family here because of the quality of life. You have the pristine beaches and the boardwalks and those charming downtowns and that's what attracted us, most of us to this county. But without the support of the law enforcement community...I don't know if the Sheriff is still in the audience. He's out here for everything. The Sheriff is 24/7. I don't think he sleeps. He'll call you at 3 o'clock in the morning, 'There was an accident on Route 70. Do you want to go?' And I'm like, 'You woke me up for this?' (laughter) But he's 24/7. We're lucky to have him and thank you. Thank you, all the sheriff's officers, police officers, for everything that you do to keep us safe and allowing us to enjoy those quality-of-life things that we enjoy in Ocean County.

Our mission for 2025 is to continue to build upon what we started last year. I really believe that Ocean County Vocational Schools, can be, and will be, the premier vocational training in the entire country. We started that initiative and some of that was started under the leadership of Commissioner Haines, and prior to that, Commissioner Vicari, renovations to the existing facilities at Ocean County College. Again, I can't thank President Monaco for being more supportive and forthcoming with making the facilities...I don't know if Jerry Dasti is here. He's the Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Ocean County College. We've had very productive meetings, brought the two sides together. They're communicating. They go over each other's houses now on weekends and have barbecues. They don't invite us but that's okay. We started a pre-nursing program. We're renovating some space at Ocean County College, and we were able to accommodate kids, students. I call everybody kids, in September of this year. The plans for the expansion of the MATES (Marine Academy of Technology and Environmental Science) School and I can't say enough about our County Architect, Massimo Yezzi, who's again, 24/7. I don't know...Mass, do you have any plans to retire at any point? Yeah, he's got the same mode that I'm in, you know, work until you die. But he's been diligently working on the plans for the expansion of the MATES School and that is going to be up in

operation, I believe, by September of 2026. The addition to the Jackson Training Center started this year and the completion will house the students as soon as this September, I believe. We're making good progress out there.

We plan to assist the Vo-Tech Schools to expand the Academy of Law and Public Safety, the ALPS program, for students pursuing careers in law enforcement, homeland security and public safety. We will assist the Vocational Schools. I know I'm committed. Commissioner Haines has been doing this. I know Rob Arace is very passionate about it and so is Jennifer Bacchione. New programs, innovative things that draws kids like artificial intelligence (AI), robotics. I wanted to say drones but let me qualify, (laughter) drones...yes, I got to be careful. Drone's sciences but also drones manufacturing and engineering programs.

Switching gears, JCP&L...I know we've had outages again in Lakewood Township, Manchester Township. It's unacceptable. We are being treated like stepchildren and I don't understand what that is. I think we've put JCP&L on notice that if they don't want this franchise, if they cannot accommodate this franchise and the people of Ocean County, we're going to hold them accountable. We're going to hold them accountable and responsible for all of the blackouts, all the power interruptions in all the municipalities that's under their franchise in Ocean County. JCP&L's incompetence and disruption to their... it is remarkable damage. It causes remarkable damage to the economic growth. We are so lucky today that we live in Ocean County because the economy of Ocean County...I look at the valuations of all the counties. The State of New Jersey publishes that information on a yearly basis. If you look at it, Bergen County, for all intents and purposes, is a suburb of New York City. The valuation of properties is much higher up there. Monmouth County is second and Ocean County is third now. And I think in 20 years when we reach that million people threshold, we're going to be number one. I am convinced of that. And JCP&L by interrupting this economic growth...I actually brought this up at the last meeting and probably at a couple of meetings before that, I really believe that the rest of the commissioners should join me. We have to get JCP&L's attention. Up to this point they reset up meetings. We talk about things, and nothing happens. I say that we immediately file a suit against JCP&L in the amount of \$1 billion. Now, Lauren Plump who's my checker, fact checker, says, 'Where did you come up with \$1 billion?' And some of it is quantifiable – the taxes that we can realize, the ratables that we can realize from all these office buildings that are sitting out there. They cannot complete these office buildings. If you've seen it in the vicinity of the growth up there is incredible in the vicinity of the ballpark in Lakewood. These buildings are...and there's probably another dozen buildings that are in the planning stages. JCP&L is telling them and these developers that we don't have power for you. At which point did they realize, or didn't realize, that Lakewood was in a huge growth pattern. That was pretty evident. I've talked to them about this. I don't know if it's...the incompetence comes from the fact that we don't have other options. You cannot just turn to PSE&G and say going forward I want you to be the power provider for me. But at this point I think we've had enough talks and enough nice meetings. I think we have to take action and that is going to be what I recommend to the rest of the commissioners.

One of the things that we're going to continue is we had meetings set up before the summer with the various towns, talked to the mayors and council people and administrators and stockholders in many towns and it was good. It was good to hear their issues, their grievances, their accolades about the county government, but it was also good to have, to create the forum where we could have them talk to one another. And we're going to continue to do that. Transparency and accountability in government...we started talking about implementing some ethic reform and that comes with...it's simple stuff. Who uses the vehicles. What's the circumstances. Who approves them. We talked about travel policy. We need to make sure that those programs are robust and protect the taxpayer and the taxpayers' money.

I could go on and on, but I want to save some of my remarks for the next meeting. So, at this point I'll turn the meeting back over to the Clerk of the Board."

CLERK GUNTHER: "Would the Board of Commissioners like to turn their nameplates up?"

(Applause)

K. PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

CLERK GUNTHER: "Commissioners, continuing with the agenda are the Presentation of Resolutions which I will read each one into the record, and those are items K-1 through K-8 if you're following along."

1. Appointing the Ocean County Board of Commissioners as Department Liaisons.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2025000001
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
ABSENT:	John P. Kelly	
MOVE:	Virginia E. Haines	
SECOND:	Jennifer Bacchione	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

2. Appointing Commissioner Kelly and Commissioner Sadeghi as Members and Commissioner Arace as an Alternate Member of the Ocean County Planning Board.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2025000002
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
ABSENT:	John P. Kelly	
MOVE:	Jennifer Bacchione	
SECOND:	Virginia E. Haines	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

3. Appointing Commissioner Kelly as Representative and Commissioner Haines and County Administrator Michael J. Fiure as two (2) Alternate Representatives of the New Jersey Association of Counties.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2025000003
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
ABSENT:	John P. Kelly	
MOVE:	Virginia E. Haines	
SECOND:	Jennifer Bacchione	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

4. Appointing the following Members to the Boards of School Estimate: Commissioner Kelly, Commissioner Sadeghi and Commissioner Arace to the Ocean County College Board of School Estimate; and Commissioner Kelly, Commissioner Sadeghi and Commissioner Arace to the Ocean County Vocational-Technical Schools Board of School Estimate.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2025000004
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
ABSENT:	John P. Kelly	
MOVE:	Jennifer Bacchione	
SECOND:	Virginia E. Haines	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

5. Appointing Commissioner Bacchione as Representative and Commissioner Haines as an Alternate Representative of the Southern New Jersey County Commissioners Association.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2025000005
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
ABSENT:	John P. Kelly	
MOVE:	Virginia E. Haines	
SECOND:	Robert S. Arace	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

6. Appointing Commissioner Haines and Commissioner Sadeghi as Members of the Ocean County Board of Social Services.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2025000006
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
ABSENT:	John P. Kelly	
MOVE:	Virginia E. Haines	
SECOND:	Jennifer Bacchione	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

7. Appointing Commissioner Haines as an Ex-Officio Member of the Ocean County Advisory Commission on the Status of Women.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2025000007
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
ABSENT:	John P. Kelly	
MOVE:	Virginia E. Haines	
SECOND:	Jennifer Bacchione	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

8. Appointing Commissioner Haines as an Ex-Officio Member of the Ocean County Mental Health Board.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2025000008
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
ABSENT:	John P. Kelly	
MOVE:	Virginia E. Haines	
SECOND:	Jennifer Bacchione	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

L. PRESENTATION OF APPOINTMENTS

CLERK GUNTHER: “The next items on the agenda are the Presentation of Appointments which I will again read each one into the record, and those are items L-1 through L-5.”

1. Appointing Robert W. Allison, CPA, RMA, PSA - Holman, Frenia, Allison, P.C. as County Auditor for the year 2025. (QP2025-01)

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2025000021
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
ABSENT:	John P. Kelly	
MOVE:	Virginia E. Haines	
SECOND:	Jennifer Bacchione	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

2. Appointing Commissioner Kelly as First Voting Member and Mark F. Jehnke as First Alternate Member of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for the year 2025.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2025000009
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
ABSENT:	John P. Kelly	
MOVE:	Jennifer Bacchione	
SECOND:	Robert S. Arace	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

3. Appointing Jennifer L. Bowens as Public Agency Compliance Officer for the County of Ocean for the year 2025.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2025000010
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
ABSENT:	John P. Kelly	
MOVE:	Virginia E. Haines	
SECOND:	Jennifer Bacchione	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

4. Appointing Alan W. Avery, Jr., Matthew Lotano and Sean M. Areia as Alternate Members to the Ocean County Planning Board for the year 2025.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2025000011
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
ABSENT:	John P. Kelly	
MOVE:	Jennifer Bacchione	
SECOND:	Virginia E. Haines	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

5. Reappointing Dennis M. Allen, Beachwood, to the position of County Fire Marshal for a term of three (3) years, term to expire 1/14/2028; reappointing the following as Assistant Full-Time Fire Marshals for a term of three (3) years, term to expire 1/14/2028: Nicholas A. Brescia, Beachwood; Kaitlyn Freeman, Little Egg Harbor; William A. Hollingsworth, Jr., Little Egg Harbor; Michael R. Marks, Little Egg Harbor; Brian C. Mount, Toms River; and Buddy M. Ott, Little Egg Harbor; reappointing the following as Part-Time Assistant Fire Marshals for a term of three (3) years, retroactive to 1/15/2024, term to expire 1/14/2027: Erik J. Batykefer, Ocean Gate; and Jennie Hollingsworth, Little Egg Harbor; and reappointing the following as Assistant Part-Time Fire Marshals, for a term of three years, term to expire 1/14/2028: Kenneth W. Balfrey, Island Heights; Brent W. Cunningham, Waretown; David J. Hansen, Stafford; Joseph J. Howell, Jr., Manchester; Shane T. Leaming, Waretown; Carl F. Schubauer, Forked River; Leonard S. Sonnenfeld, Pine Beach; and Michael Gomez, Manahawkin.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2025000012
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
ABSENT:	John P. Kelly	
MOVE:	Virginia E. Haines	
SECOND:	Robert S. Arace	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

M. Authorizing the Payment of Bills contained in Bill Committee Report No. 1.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2025000013
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
ABSENT:	John P. Kelly	
MOVE:	Virginia E. Haines	
SECOND:	Frank Sadeghi	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

CLERK GUNTHER: “The next item on the agenda is M, Authorizing the Payment of Bills contained in Bill Committee Report No. 1.”

N. **RESOLUTIONS**

CLERK GUNTHER: “The next items on the agenda are Consent Resolutions, Items N-1 through N-7.”

1. Authorizing the 2025 Temporary Capital Budget.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2025000014
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
ABSENT:	John P. Kelly	
MOVE:	Virginia E. Haines	
SECOND:	Frank Sadeghi	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

2. Authorizing the 2025 Temporary County Budget.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2025000015
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
ABSENT:	John P. Kelly	
MOVE:	Virginia E. Haines	
SECOND:	Frank Sadeghi	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

3. Authorizing the Ocean County Chief Financial Officer to Invest Available Funds for the year 2025.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2025000016
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
ABSENT:	John P. Kelly	
MOVE:	Virginia E. Haines	
SECOND:	Frank Sadeghi	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

4. Authorizing Depositories for the County of Ocean for the year 2025.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2025000017
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
ABSENT:	John P. Kelly	
MOVE:	Virginia E. Haines	
SECOND:	Frank Sadeghi	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

5. Authorizing the re-establishment of the Approved Petty Cash Funds for the year 2025.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2025000018
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
ABSENT:	John P. Kelly	
MOVE:	Virginia E. Haines	
SECOND:	Frank Sadeghi	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

6. Authorizing the implementation of the 2025 Cash Management Plan.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2025000019
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
ABSENT:	John P. Kelly	
MOVE:	Virginia E. Haines	
SECOND:	Frank Sadeghi	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

7. Authorizing the County Purchasing Agent to purchase materials, supplies and equipment for the County of Ocean pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law and all New Jersey State Laws for the year 2025.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2025000020
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
ABSENT:	John P. Kelly	
MOVE:	Virginia E. Haines	
SECOND:	Frank Sadeghi	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Robert S. Arace, Jennifer Bacchione, Virginia E. Haines	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

O. INTRODUCTION OF DIGNITARIES

CLERK GUNTHER: "That concludes the business portion of the meeting. Deputy Director."

DEPUTY DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Do we have the list of...? Why do I get to do this?" (laughter)

COMMISSIONER HAINES: "You're the Deputy Director."

DEPUTY DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "I just want to point out that there are some dignitaries in the attendance. We appreciate you being here. It shows that you're supporting this Board of Commissioners."

Avi Schnall, Assemblyman from the 30th District is here. 9th District Senator, Carmen Amato is here. He's part of the family. 9th District Assemblyman, Brian Rumpf is here. Good to see you, Brian. 9th District Assemblyman, Greg Myhre is here. Good to see you, Greg.

George Gilmore...I can't say enough about George. Talk about people who are 24/7. This man doesn't sleep. I don't know what kind of diet he and the Sheriff are on, but I want to be on that diet because I could be a lot more productive. Thank you so much George for coming out and supporting us, always.

Jeff Sagnip, Representative, not from Andy Kim's office but Congressman Chris Smith, although I'm going to put in a good word for you with Andy Kim. (laughter)

Our good Senator from the 30th District, Bob Singer. What can I say about...Bob, you want to say a couple of words?"

SENATOR ROBERT SINGER: "Never ask a Senator to say a few words. (laughter) That's a big mistake. First of all, I just want to clarify one thing. I was not sitting in the first row, but Lauren (Plump) switched the Clergy sign. (laughter) Insisted I sit in the front with her. So, you're forgiven, Lauren. First of all, congratulations to Deputy Commissioner Sadeghi. I'm privileged to be part of that group you put together with our terrific President of the College, the Superintendent of the Vocational School, yourself, Ginny Haines, George Gilmore, members of the unions, that talk about how we can prepare our young people for jobs in the future, how we can encourage new programs for the College and Vocational School together. We meet once a month. It's produced some wonderful things. As you know we're putting a new school of hygienists in there because of that. Over a \$3 million commitment you've made with the college. It's exciting, something new, something different. I appreciate you and Commissioner Haines for moving forward on these issues and understanding the future of our children.

I'm absolutely thrilled that Jennifer Bacchione was elected. She's a dear friend. I have a close relationship with her husband, John, who's a mayor. And as she knows, and of course as Mayor Arace would know in the future, mayors have a bonding together. We understand and to me that's the hardest job there is in the world, being a mayor. They're the ones they call when the streetlights don't go on or the fire engines don't come fast enough. The police don't arrive. The ambulance doesn't come, and the streets aren't plowed.

So, again, I want to thank Commissioner Arace on his great job, his friendship. We like martinis together, thank you. And the fact is that Jennifer is always there and willing to help and add her advice.

Lastly, I want to say one thing. I'm here with Deputy Mayor Menashe Miller from Lakewood. We appreciate very, very much your comments about JCP&L. We have approximately 8 to 10 buildings that have been approved that we cannot build because there's no power. Not about the power going out. We're talking about no power and that is jobs, revenues for Lakewood Township, revenues for Ocean County, revenues for the State of New Jersey. I'm urging you to move forward in anything we can help you with as far as Lakewood is concerned as the economic engine of the state of Ocean County to help us in this plea. We have had the President of the Board of Public Utilities down. She understands the issue. Maybe because JCP&L is not based in New Jersey. It's based out of state. It's the reason why we desperately need your help. Two to six years is not acceptable. We need help now. And that goes along with a lot of things including the Route 9 corridor including other issues based in Lakewood Township. It is the fourth largest town in the State of New Jersey. It's over 150,000 people and growing. We desperately need help and guidance in that direction from you as the commissioners and I'm very glad to see that Deputy Commissioner Sadeghi makes that a major issue. So, on behalf of my district and the only town that myself, Avi (Schnall) and Sean Kean represent in Ocean County is Lakewood being the largest. We are very, very happy to see that you're committed to help us and we appreciate it greatly. I wish all of you the best health. Commissioner Haines and I go back a long time together. We worked together when I first was in the assembly. I worked with her when she was the Lottery Commissioner and then came on the assembly, of course as a commissioner and freeholder. So, I thank you all for your fine work and we appreciate the great job you do. Thank you."

DEPUTY DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Thank you, Senator."

(Applause)

DEPUTY DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "I see the Ocean County Surrogate, Jeff Moran is here. I have to pause and just say a couple of things about Jeff. When I wanted to run for Board of Education, I reached out to Chairman Gilmore and said, 'You know what? I'm an engineer. I have a good resume. I'm interested...' You know, my kids were smaller, younger. '...I want to run for Board of Education' and he said, 'Come in, let's talk about this.' Then he turned me over to Jeff Moran and I sat down with Jeff...I think it was in his house at the dining room table, and he said, 'Look, you want to know where the ducks are.' And I said, you know what? I think this guy's got the wrong guy. I don't know what he's talking about – ducks, but what he was talking about was the voters and who comes out and votes for you and I have to say it was incredible the amount of education that I got from Jeff, and I appreciate that.

Sheriff Mastronardy, I mentioned. I think he's still out there. Thank you, Sheriff. Deputy Clerk, John Catalano, good job up here, John. I know Mayor Cairns from Beachwood was here before. Beachwood Councilman, John Farro, Beachwood Councilman, Ed Zakar, Beachwood Councilman, Dan Santos, Beachwood Councilman, Thomas Prince. I think they're taking over.

Senator Singer mentioned Deputy Mayor Menashe Miller. I'm a big Menashe Miller fan. Thank you, Deputy Mayor, for showing up and showing your support. Island Heights Councilman, somebody who's in the family, Brian Gabriel is here. Thank you, Brian. One of the funniest mayors, Mayor Bill Curtis from Bay Head. He's funny. (laughter) That's a compliment.

Assemblyman, Rob Clifton is here. Thank you, Rob. Ocean County President, as I mentioned, Pamela Monaco. Thank you. Thank you for everything, educating our kids, our children. Jack Mallon – Jack has the best collection of ties. He's got the weirdest ties. I think he just gave them up and gave them back to the museum.

I see Berkeley Mayor, John Bacchione, a good friend. Thank you, John. Always good to see you. Toms River Mayor, Dan Rodrick, smart Mayor. Good to see you. Jack Ciattarelli is here. Is Jack here? Jack left but Bill Spadea is here. Bill, good to see you.

(Applause)

Ashley Fiore, Deputy Surrogate is here. Ned Thompson, former Assemblyman. Thank you, Ned, for coming out and showing your support. Serena DiMaso is here. Thank you. Good to see you, Serena. Toms River Councilman, Justin Lamb. Justin is in the house, yes. Thank you, Justin.

And the tallest assemblyman, Assemblyman Paul Kanitra is here. Youngest and tallest. He's working hard. Thank you, Paul. Good to see you."

P. COMMENTS

1. Comments from Elected Officials and Members of the Audience are invited at this time with a limit of five (5) minutes per speaker.

At 4:20 PM, Deputy Director Sadeghi received the following comments from members of the public:

DEPUTY DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Now, comments from the audience. Anybody who has anything to say. Only positive things today. This is our "reorg" (laughter) If you have anything bad you want to say, you know, hold it for next meeting."

GEORGE GILMORE, 15 CRANMOOR DRIVE, TOMS RIVER: "I just want to congratulate Rob and Jen. They ran a tremendous campaign. You can't do it by yourself. You have to do it with the support of your family and friends and they won by over 200...they won...I think you each got 217 and 210. You won by more than 100,000. Alright, we're going to have a recount, Rob, so we'll get it closer together. (laughter) But congratulations. Do a great job."

DEPUTY DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Thank you."

(Applause)

BILL SPADEA: "I'm Bill Spadea. Many of you know me from New Jersey 101.5 and I can tell you two things. Number one, as long as I have a mike, I cannot wait to talk about this JCP&L lawsuit. Go get him. It is absolutely outrageous. Congratulations, Rob. Congratulations Jennifer. You guys are joining an incredible Board from Commissioner Kelly to Deputy Director Sadeghi, to Commissioner Haines. This is such an outstanding Board, and I say this even though I am in Mercer County I've got the largest audience in the state, and I've been listening to people from Ocean County for ten years now, and every time I ask the question, are you digging in with me to stay in Jersey it is an overwhelming positive from Ocean County. And that is in no small part due to the incredible job that these commissioners have done over the years keeping taxes under control, making sure infrastructure works. And it's been said...Senator Singer talked about it; how hard it is to be a mayor. Well, it's equally hard to be a commissioner and know that you are the catch-all for things that happened in the county, and I can tell you that for the commissioners who have been serving this county faithfully you've got two great additions who are going to help keep this county as great as it has been. So, Happy New Year. Congratulations to all of you."

DEPUTY DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Thank you, Bill." (applause) Anyone else? Yes, sir."

GARY BLACK: "Hello. For the new kids on the block, I used to be a regular. That's something I'm going to be calling you guys is the new kids on the block. I used to come up to almost every meeting. I've had some personal issues and some medical issues that kept me away."

DEPUTY DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "What is your name, again?"

GARY BLACK: "Oh, Gary Black. That's right. I'm not used to you guys not knowing it. Okay, I'm an advocate for the Natural Lands Trust. I speak highly about that. Not only does it do a lot for the environment it also pays for itself because ratable growth is one thing, but you also got to think about especially when it comes to residential housing. With ratable growth comes expenses which sometimes over due the ratable growth you might get especially with our education taxes and now with New Jersey violating the New Jersey Constitution and not honoring its responsibility in paying for education. I don't know if you guys know or not, we're not a state constitution. The only thing we're supposed to be paying for is transportation extracurriculars. The state is supposed to be responsible for everything

else. That's why during a lot of Democratic administrations it's almost impossible to get a copy of the State Constitution. I've noticed that.

I would also like to say hello to our next governor. (looks over to Bill Spadea) (laughter) By the way, and I've always been one that a lot of people called me a lightning rod. I always speak what I want to say. I'm an active Republican for those of you who don't know. This is weird. I'm not used to facing new people up here. So, it's hard for me to. But now I'm no longer a government worker. I actually...I'm no longer on the Ocean County Committee and so I can say whatever the hell I want now. And I'm retired. So, it's party time. I grew up in Ocean County. By the way, I'm a native. I'm used to the Board doing this already but...yes. I remember Route 37 being a two-lane concrete highway with one bridge going over. That's how far back I go. I remember in Lacey Township when we moved from Lacey to Toms River there was only one streetlight, one traffic light and that was on the corner of Lacey Road and Route 9 where Hebrew's Bar used to be. So, I know the history.

Going back, real quick, for the Natural Lands Trust, for every land that's preserved we don't have to provide services for it. So, by not providing those services, that pays for what we pay for the land. So, not only is it an economical benefit it's a financial benefit for our county too. I'm not a biggy on growth. I grew up during the 60's with the whole ratable chase nonsense. But everybody forgot with ratables comes expenses. Commercial ratables is a good bang for the buck. Industrials even better. Residential is almost a negative, so, just think these things through. I know your predecessors had that down. They understood because they saw it in their own townships, and they dealt with it."

DEPUTY DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Alright, Gary. Everybody is getting antsy because we're going to have a party. There's going to be food. They want to eat."

GARY BLACK: "Alright. I'll be seeing you there. Alright. I'm sorry. I was about to close."

DEPUTY DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Come back to the next meeting."

GARY BLACK: "Alright. And good meeting."

(Applause)

DEPUTY DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Thank you. Anyone else?"

SHAWN DENNING, 92 MOREY PLACE, WARETOWN: "I'm the President of the Ocean County Young Republicans and I just wanted to say congratulations to Jen and Rob. It makes us, as the President of the Young Republicans so proud to see a young Republican up on the dais here. We look forward to working with you guys, and helping you any way that we can, and all the success that this year brings. So, congratulations again, guys. Thank you so much."

(Applause)

DEPUTY DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Thank you."

COMMISSIONER BACCHIONE: "I just wanted to mention, also in attendance... because it's so packed in here, the Mayor of Barnegat, and pretty much all of the Council is here too, so thank you guys for coming."

(Applause)

DEPUTY DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Barnegat is in the house. Anyone else? Mark Jehnke, nothing? He's the County Engineer, by the way. If you have any issues with your roads or whatever, you want to see him. We'll announce his cell phone number later. (laughter)

MARK F. JEHNKE, COUNTY ENGINEER: "Thank you, Commissioner."

DEPUTY DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Oh, Roxy. (Roxanne Conniff) (applause) Everybody knows Roxy. Roxy's a Councilwoman from Manchester."

COMMISSIONER ARACE: "And Councilwoman (Michele) Zolezi is here as well from Manchester."

DEPUTY DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Oh, okay, yes. Hi. (applause) Thanks for coming out. Thank you."

ANONYMOUS: "Assemblyman Alex Sauickie is here also."

DEPUTY DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Who is it?"

ANONYMOUS: "Alex Sauickie."

DEPUTY DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Alex. I don't know if I have the worst last name, or you have the worst last name, but Alex Sauickie is here. Thank you, Assemblyman Sauickie, for being here. Anyone else? Julie, (Tarrant) you want to say anything? Anybody that needs money, Julie Tarrant is our CFO, so go see her. Is Rabbi Heinemann here?"

COMMISSIONER HAINES: "Yes, he is."

JACK SAHRADNIK, COUNTY COUNSEL: "Deputy Commissioner. I'm sorry. I'll talk to you after the Rabbi does the..."

DEPUTY DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Rabbi Heinemann. Good to see you, sir. Happy New Year. You want to come up here and do the Benediction?"

Q. BENEDICTION

1. By Rabbi Yosef Heinemann, CEO, Beth Medrash Govoha.

RABBI YOSEF HEINEMANN, CEO, BETH MEDRASH GOVOHA: "Good afternoon. As we stand together today united by our shared responsibility to serve the people of Ocean County, and I respectfully invite the honorable participants of this Organizational Meeting of Ocean County Government to join me in prayer. May God open my mouth and heart that our prayer reaches heaven favorably. May it be favorable in God's eyes those here today, those that have accepted a higher calling. A calling that only few have the inner strength to carry. May God give you the strength and courage as you seek peace and harmony for our county and may all stumbling blocks be removed from before you. May God protect you from all evil and shield you from any who may wish you ill. May God bestow upon you, understanding, wisdom and intellect that you are continuously guided by the values of integrity, fairness and transparency, always keeping the needs of our county at the forefront of your hearts and minds. As you face challenges may you find the courage to persevere and as you celebrate successes may you do so with humility. May God grant you and your loved one's health, success and prosperity in all your endeavors and that all your decisions bring further blessing to the people. Most importantly, may God grant you with the tranquility and peace of mind at all times. Tranquility that will allow you to enjoy and eternalize all the blessings we are so fortunate to have as a nation. And in conclusion Almighty God we pray to you that you will keep the United States in your protection and that you will incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of unity united under our government, entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States of America at large. Let us say together, Amen."

DEPUTY DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Thank you so much, Rabbi. Thank you. That reminds me... actually I remember coming here for years and years at these reorgs, and Rabbi Yisroel Schenkolewski used to show up and we knew that was the moment that the business of the government of Ocean County started. We miss him. He passed away a few months ago. So, let him rest in peace. It's my understanding that the County Counsel has an announcement to make prior to calling for a ..."

JACK SAHRADNIK, COUNTY COUNSEL: "I apologize for the prior interruption but on behalf of the Ocean County Republican Organization I've been asked to invite everyone here today to a reception immediately following this meeting at the Villa Amalfi, 1006 Route 166 in Toms River, in honor of the swearing in and election of Rob Arace and Jennifer Bacchione."

DEPUTY DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Thank you, Jack. Appreciate that. Is there anything else to...? Any other items to discuss? Or is there a motion to adjourn?"

R. ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional comments received, Deputy Director Sadeghi called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:32 PM.

ROLL CALL: (Offered by Commissioner Haines, seconded by Commissioner Arace)

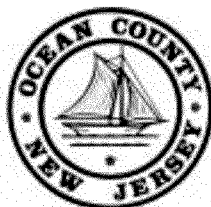
Ayes: Mr. Sadeghi, Ms. Haines, Mr. Arace, Ms. Bacchione

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Kelly

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle I. Gunther
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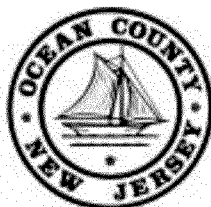
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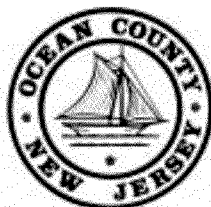
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Agenda: Appointing the Ocean County Board of Commissioners as Department Liaisons.

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Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Arace	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓			✓	✓		
Haines	✓		✓		✓		

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS DOCUMENT IS A TRUE, COMPLETE AND ACCURATE COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION, ADOPTED BY OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, NJ AT THE MEETING REFERENCED THEREON

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RESOLUTION

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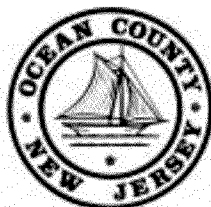
BE IT RESOLVED by the **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** of the **COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY** that during the year **2025**, the Directors of the Departments of County Government, as constituted on Schedule A attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately and that a certified copy shall be made available to the County Administrator, Department of Employee Relations, Department of Public Information and to each member of the Board of Commissioners.

2025 Department Liaisons

John P. Kelly	Virginia E. Haines	Frank Sadeghi	Robert S. Arace	Jennifer Bacchione
Administrator Auditor (50%) Bridge Department (50%) County Connection (50%) Engineering Department (50%) Finance Department (50%) Juvenile Services Department Management & Budget Department (50%) OC Jail / Department of Corrections OC Superior Court Printing & Graphics Art Department (50%) Probation Division Prosecutor's Office Public Information Division Risk Management Division (50%) Road Department (50%) Security Department Sheriff's Office Tax Board (50%) Advisory Commission on Child Safety and Awareness Emergency Management Council New Jersey Association of Counties (Representative) North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (First Voting Member) OC College Board of School Estimate (Member) OC Vocational Technical Schools Board of School Estimate (Member) Planning Board (Member) (50%) Youth Services Commission	Adjuster's Office Board of Social Services Clerk of the Board Human Services Department Medical Examiner Rutgers Cooperative Extension Service Surrogate's Court Advisory Commission on the Status of Women (Ex-Officio Member) Board of Social Services (Member) Commission for Individuals with Disabilities Homelessness Trust Fund Human Services Advisory Council Mental Health Board (Ex-Officio Member) New Jersey Association of Counties (Alternate Representative) Opioid Advisory Council Southern New Jersey County Commissioners Association (Alternate Representative) Workforce Development Board	Auditor (50%) Bridge Department (50%) Building & Grounds Department County Counsel Employee Relations Department Engineering Department (50%) Finance Department (50%) Management & Budget Department (50%) OC Airport (50%) OC Vocational Technical Schools (50%) Planning Department Risk Management Division (50%) Road Department (50%) Solid Waste Management Department Tax Board (50%) Agriculture Development Board Airpark Advisory Committee (50%) Board of Social Services (Member) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Committee Construction Board of Appeals (50%) County Housing Advisory Committee (CHAC) Environmental Agency Insurance Fund Commission (Alternate) Mosquito Extermination Commission (Member) Natural Lands Trust Fund Advisory Committee (50%) OC College Board of School Estimate (Member) OC Utilities Authority OC Vocational Technical Schools Board of School Estimate (Member) Planning Board (Member) (50%) Solid Waste Advisory Council	Barnegat Bay Estuary Program / Pump Out Boats Consumer Affairs Department / Weights & Measures Division Office of the Fire Marshal Fire & First Aid Training Center Office of Information Technology Parks & Recreation Department Printing & Graphics Art Department (50%) OC Airport (50%) OC Vocational Technical Schools (50%) Ocean Ride / Transportation Services Department Office of Senior Services Vehicle Services Department Veterans Service Bureau Airpark Advisory Committee (50%) Cattus Island County Park Advisory Council Construction Board of Appeals (50%) Cultural and Heritage Commission Natural Lands Trust Fund Advisory Committee (50%) Ocean County College Board of School Estimate (Member) OC Vocational Technical Schools Board of School Estimate (Member) Planning Board (Alternate Member) Senior Services Advisory Council Shade Tree Advisory Commission Transportation Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities Veterans Advisory Board	Board of Elections Board of Health Business Development & Tourism Division County Clerk County Connection (50%) Superintendent of Schools Film and Television Advisory Commission Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse (LACADA) Library Commission OC College Board of Trustees Southern New Jersey County Commissioners Association (Representative) Tourism Business Advisory Council Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee

Introduced on: January 6, 2025
 Adopted on: January 6, 2025
 Official Resolution#: 2025000001



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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 6, 2025 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
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Agenda: Appointing Commissioner Kelly and Commissioner Sadeghi as Members and Commissioner Arace as an Alternate Member of the Ocean County Planning Board.

Official Resolution#		2025000002					
Meeting Date		01/06/2025					
Introduced Date		01/06/2025					
Adopted Date		01/06/2025					
Agenda Item		k-2					
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Purchase Req. #							
Result		Adopted					
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Kelly		✓					
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Arace	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓		✓		✓		
Haines	✓			✓	✓		

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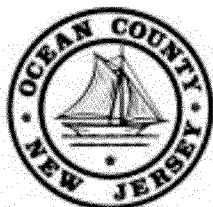
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January 6, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED by the **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** of the **COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY** that **COMMISSIONER JOHN P. KELLY** and **COMMISSIONER FRANK SADEGHI**, members of this Board, are hereby appointed as members of the **OCEAN COUNTY PLANNING BOARD** for the year **2025**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that **COMMISSIONER ROBERT S. ARACE**, a member of this Board, is hereby appointed as an alternate member of the **OCEAN COUNTY PLANNING BOARD** for the year **2025**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be made available to the Ocean County Planning Board, Ocean County Clerk and to each appointee.



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Date: January 6, 2025 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
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Agenda: Appointing Commissioner Kelly as Representative and Commissioner Haines and County Administrator Michael J. Fiure as two (2) Alternate Representatives of the New Jersey Association of Counties.

Official Resolution#		2025000003					
Meeting Date		01/06/2025					
Introduced Date		01/06/2025					
Adopted Date		01/06/2025					
Agenda Item		k-3					
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Result		Adopted					
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Kelly		✓					
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Arace	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓			✓	✓		
Haines	✓		✓		✓		

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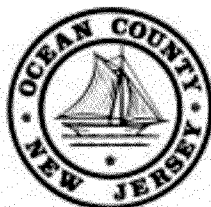
January 6, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED by the **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** of the **COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY** that:

1. For the year **2025**, **JOHN P. KELLY**, a member of this Board, is hereby elected and designated to serve as this Board's representative at all meetings and conventions of the **NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**.

2. For the year **2025**, **VIRGINIA E. HAINES**, a member of this Board, and **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR MICHAEL J. FIURE** are hereby elected and designated to serve as this Board's alternate representatives at meetings and conventions of the **NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES** when Commissioner Kelly is unable to attend.

3. The Clerk of this Board shall make a certified copy of this resolution available to the New Jersey Association of Counties, Ocean County Clerk and Commissioners Kelly and Haines, and County Administrator Michael J. Fiure.



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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 6, 2025 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
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Agenda: Appointing the following Members to the Boards of School Estimate: Commissioner Kelly, Commissioner Sadeghi and Commissioner Arace to the Ocean County College Board of School Estimate; and Commissioner Kelly, Commissioner Sadeghi and Commissioner Arace to the Ocean County Vocational-Technical Schools Board of School Estimate.

Official Resolution#		2025000004					
Meeting Date		01/06/2025					
Introduced Date		01/06/2025					
Adopted Date		01/06/2025					
Agenda Item		k-4					
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Result		Adopted					
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Kelly		✓					
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Arace	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓		✓		✓		
Haines	✓			✓	✓		

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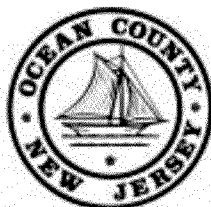
January 6, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED by the **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** of the **COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY** that it hereby appoints the following members to the Boards of School Estimate for the year **2025**, as follows:

1. **Ocean County College Board** – Commissioner John P. Kelly, Commissioner Frank Sadeghi and Commissioner, Robert S. Arace.

2. **Ocean County Vocational-Technical Schools Board** - Commissioner John P. Kelly, Commissioner Frank Sadeghi and Commissioner Robert S. Arace.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be made available to Commissioners Kelly, Sadeghi, and Arace, Ocean County Vocational-Technical Schools, Ocean County College Board of Trustees and the Ocean County Clerk.



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Date: January 6, 2025 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
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Agenda: Appointing Commissioner Bacchione as Representative and Commissioner Haines as an Alternate Representative of the Southern New Jersey County Commissioners Association.

Official Resolution#		2025000005					
Meeting Date		01/06/2025					
Introduced Date		01/06/2025					
Adopted Date		01/06/2025					
Agenda Item		k-5					
CAF #							
Purchase Req. #							
Result		Adopted					
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Kelly		✓					
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Arace	✓			✓	✓		
Bacchione	✓				✓		
Haines	✓		✓		✓		

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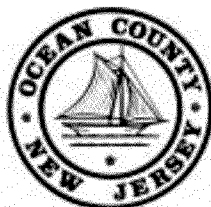
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RESOLUTION

January 6, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED by the **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** of the **COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**, that **COMMISSIONER JENNIFER BACCHIONE** is hereby designated as the Ocean County representative to the **SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION** for the year **2025**, with **COMMISSIONER VIRGINIA E. HAINES** serving as an alternate representative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be made available to Commissioners Bacchione and Haines; Ocean County Clerk, and the Southern New Jersey Commissioners Association.



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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 6, 2025 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
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Agenda: Appointing Commissioner Haines and Commissioner Sadeghi as Members of the Ocean County Board of Social Services.

Official Resolution#		2025000006					
Meeting Date		01/06/2025					
Introduced Date		01/06/2025					
Adopted Date		01/06/2025					
Agenda Item		k-6					
CAF #							
Purchase Req. #							
Result		Adopted					
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Kelly		✓					
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Arace	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓			✓	✓		
Haines	✓		✓		✓		

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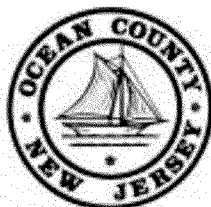
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RESOLUTION

January 6, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED by the **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** of the **COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY** that **COMMISSIONER VIRGINIA E. HAINES** and **COMMISSIONER FRANK SADEGHI** are hereby appointed members of the **OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES** for the year **2025**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be made available to Commissioners Haines and Sadeghi, Ocean County Clerk and to the Board of Social Services.



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Date: January 6, 2025 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
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Agenda: Appointing Commissioner Haines as an Ex-Officio Member of the Ocean County Advisory Commission on the Status of Women.

Official Resolution#	202500007						
Meeting Date	01/06/2025						
Introduced Date	01/06/2025						
Adopted Date	01/06/2025						
Agenda Item	k-7						
CAF #							
Purchase Req. #							
Result	Adopted						
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Kelly		✓					
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Arace	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓			✓	✓		
Haines	✓		✓		✓		

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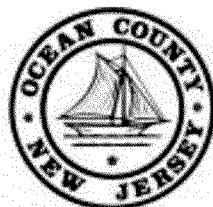
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RESOLUTION

January 6, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED by the **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** of the **COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY** that **COMMISSIONER VIRGINIA E. HAINES** is hereby appointed to serve as an **EX-OFFICIO MEMBER** of the **OCEAN COUNTY ADVISORY COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN**, to serve without salary or other compensation, during the year **2025**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be made available to the Ocean County Advisory Commission on the Status of Women, Ocean County Clerk and to Commissioner Haines.



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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 6, 2025 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
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Agenda: Appointing Commissioner Haines as an Ex-Officio Member of the Ocean County Mental Health Board.

Official Resolution#		2025000008					
Meeting Date		01/06/2025					
Introduced Date		01/06/2025					
Adopted Date		01/06/2025					
Agenda Item		k-8					
CAF #							
Purchase Req. #							
Result		Adopted					
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Kelly		✓					
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Arace	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓			✓	✓		
Haines	✓		✓		✓		

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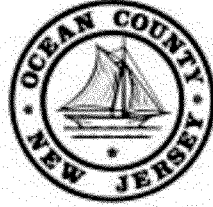
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RESOLUTION

January 6, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED by the **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** of the **COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY** that **COMMISSIONER VIRGINIA E. HAINES** is hereby appointed to serve as an **EX-OFFICIO MEMBER** of the **OCEAN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**, to serve without salary or other compensation, during the year **2025**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be made available to the Ocean County Mental Health Board, Ocean County Clerk and to Commissioner Haines.



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 Location: Administration Building
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Agenda: Appointing Robert W. Allison, CPA, RMA, PSA - Holman, Frenia, Allison, P.C. as County Auditor for the year 2025. (QP2025-01)

Official Resolution#	202500021						
Meeting Date	01/06/2025						
Introduced Date	01/06/2025						
Adopted Date	01/06/2025						
Agenda Item	I-1						
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Result	Adopted						
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Kelly		✓					
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Arace	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓			✓	✓		
Haines	✓		✓		✓		

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RESOLUTION

January 6, 2025

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a County Auditor to complete the County Audit for 2025 and to audit the records for the County of Ocean in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4; and

WHEREAS, such audit services can be provided only by a Licensed Registered Municipal Auditor; and

WHEREAS, the County of Ocean has publicly solicited Request for Qualifications for the provision of audit services for the County of Ocean in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the qualifications were received and reviewed by the Ocean County Department of Finance in accordance with the criteria set forth in the Request for Qualifications; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Consultant Selection Review Committee has recommended the award of a Professional Service Agreement for auditing services to Robert W. Allison, CPA, RMA, PSA, on the basis of his qualifications; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded as a professional service in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5, as the services to be performed are specialized and qualitative in nature and will be performed under the supervision of a licensed accountant; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded in compliance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the New Jersey "Pay-to-Play" Law; and

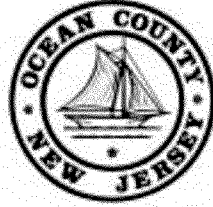
WHEREAS, funds will be made available upon adoption of the County Budget under the following appropriations: Department of Finance O.E., Audit, O.E., Single Audit O.E., Departmental Operating Expenses or Departmental Trust Funds as indicated in the contract; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the contract is not to exceed \$311,700.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:

1. The Director and Clerk of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to execute a Professional Service Agreement for auditing services with Robert W. Allison, CPA, RMA, PSA.

2. A copy of this Agreement shall be kept on file and available for public inspection at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, Ocean County Administration Building, 101 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, New Jersey.
3. This contract is awarded as a "Professional Services" in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a), as the services required in connection with this Agreement shall be provided by licensed accountants and constitute professional services as defined therein.
4. A notice of this action shall be published once as required by law.
5. The contractor shall include the contract number on all papers, documents, invoices and vouchers pertaining to said contract.
6. Certified copies of this resolution shall be made available to Ocean County Department of Finance and the County Auditor.



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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 6, 2025 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
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Agenda: Appointing Commissioner Kelly as First Voting Member and Mark F. Jehnke as First Alternate Member of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for the year 2025.

Official Resolution#		2025000009					
Meeting Date		01/06/2025					
Introduced Date		01/06/2025					
Adopted Date		01/06/2025					
Agenda Item		I-2					
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COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Kelly		✓					
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Arace	✓			✓	✓		
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Haines	✓				✓		

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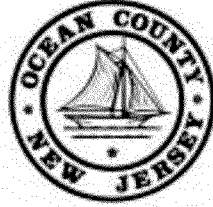
January 6, 2025

WHEREAS, the County of Ocean is a voting member of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, which acts as a decision-making forum for major transportation investments and planning activities in the northern New Jersey region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** of the **COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY** that it hereby appoints the following individuals to represent Ocean County on the **NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY** for the calendar year **2025**:

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| 1. | John P. Kelly | - | Eagleswood, first voting member. |
| 2. | Mark F. Jehnke | - | Beachwood, first alternate member. |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be made available to the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Ocean County Clerk and to each appointee.



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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 6, 2025 - 3:30 PM
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Agenda: Appointing Jennifer L. Bowens as Public Agency Compliance Officer for the County of Ocean for the year 2025.

Official Resolution#	2025000010						
Meeting Date	01/06/2025						
Introduced Date	01/06/2025						
Adopted Date	01/06/2025						
Agenda Item	I-3						
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Result	Adopted						
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Kelly		✓					
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Arace	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓			✓	✓		
Haines	✓		✓		✓		

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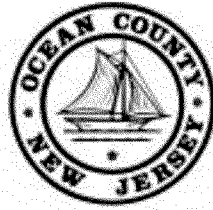
RESOLUTION

January 6, 2025

WHEREAS, in accordance with the State of New Jersey P.L. 1975, C. 127 (NJAC 17:27) each County shall forward the State Affirmative Action Office, the name, title, business, address, telephone and fax numbers of the County Public Agency Compliance Officer by January 10th of every year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**, that it hereby designates and appoints **JENNIFER L. BOWENS** as the **OCEAN COUNTY PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER** for the year 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution shall be made available to the State of New Jersey Affirmative Action Office, the Ocean County Employee Relations Director and to the appointee.



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Agenda: Appointing Alan W. Avery, Jr., Matthew Lotano and Sean M. Areia as Alternate Members to the Ocean County Planning Board for the year 2025.

Official Resolution#		202500011					
Meeting Date		01/06/2025					
Introduced Date		01/06/2025					
Adopted Date		01/06/2025					
Agenda Item		I-4					
CAF #							
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COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Kelly		✓					
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Arace	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓		✓		✓		
Haines	✓			✓	✓		

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS DOCUMENT IS A TRUE, COMPLETE AND ACCURATE COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION, ADOPTED BY OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, NJ AT THE MEETING REFERENCED THEREON

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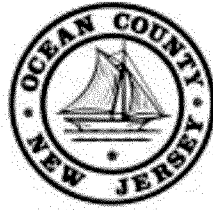
RESOLUTION

January 6, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED by the **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** of the **COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**, that the following individuals are hereby appointed to the **OCEAN COUNTY PLANNING BOARD** for a term of one (1) year, term to expire December 31, 2025:

SEAN M. AREIA, Toms River	Engineer Alternate
MATTHEW LOTANO, Toms River	Citizen Alternate No. 1
ALAN W. AVERY, JR., Toms River	Citizen Alternate No. 2

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be made available to the Ocean County Planning Board, Ocean County Clerk and to the appointees.



Ocean County Board of Commissioners

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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 6, 2025 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
 Room 119
 101 Hooper Avenue
 Toms River, NJ 08754

Agenda: Reappointing Dennis M. Allen, Beachwood, to the position of County Fire Marshal for a term of three (3) years, term to expire 1/14/2028; reappointing the following as Assistant Full-Time Fire Marshals for a term of three (3) years, term to expire 1/14/2028: Nicholas A. Brescia, Beachwood; Kaitlyn Freeman, Little Egg Harbor; William A. Hollingsworth, Jr., Little Egg Harbor; Michael R. Marks, Little Egg Harbor; Brian C. Mount, Toms River; and Buddy M. Ott, Little Egg Harbor; reappointing the follo ...

Official Resolution#		2025000012					
Meeting Date		01/06/2025					
Introduced Date		01/06/2025					
Adopted Date		01/06/2025					
Agenda Item		I-5					
CAF #							
Purchase Req. #							
Result		Adopted					
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Kelly		✓					
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RESOLUTION

January 6, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED by the **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** of the **COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY** that, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-1, **DENNIS M. ALLEN** is hereby reappointed as **Fire Marshal** for the County of Ocean for a term of three (3) years, term to expire January 14, 2028.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-1, the following individuals are hereby appointed as **Assistant Fire Marshals** for a term of three (3) years, retroactive to January 15, 2024, term to expire January 14, 2027, at their present salaries:

Part -Time:

**ERIK J. BATYKEFER
JENNIE HOLLINGSWORTH**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in accordance with N.J.S.A 40A:14-1, the following individuals are hereby reappointed as **Assistant Fire Marshals** for a term of three (3) years, effective January 14, 2025, term to expire January 14, 2028, at their present salaries:

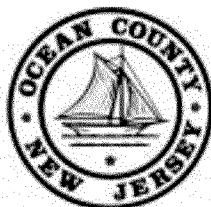
Full- Time

**NICHOLAS A. BRESCIA
KAITLYN FREEMAN
WILLIAM A. HOLLINGSWORTH, JR.
MICHAEL R. MARKS
BRIAN C. MOUNT
BUDDY M. OTT**

Part-Time

**KENNETH W. BALFREY
BRENT W. CUNNINGHAM
MICHAEL GOMEZ
DAVID J. HANSEN
JOSEPH J. HOWELL, JR.
SHANE T. LEAMING
CARL F. SCHUBAUER
LEONARD S. SONNENFELD**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be made available to the Ocean County Department of Emergency Services, Department of Employee Relations, Department of Finance, County Fire Marshal and to each appointee.



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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 6, 2025 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
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Agenda: Authorizing the Payment of Bills contained in Bill Committee Report No. 1.

Official Resolution#		2025000013					
Meeting Date		01/06/2025					
Introduced Date		01/06/2025					
Adopted Date		01/06/2025					
Agenda Item		m					
CAF #							
Purchase Req. #							
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Sadeghi	v			v	v		
Arace	v				v		
Bacchione	v				v		
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BILL COMMITTEE REPORT
COUNTY OF OCEAN
SUMMARY OF VOUCHERS

SUMMARY OF BILLS

CERTIFICATE #01

MASTER VOUCHER-CERTIFICATE FOR CERTIFICATION OF PAYMENT

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
HAVE EXAMINED THE VOUCHERS SUBMITTED HERE WITHIN FOR THE PURPOSE
OF RECOMMENDING TO THE OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PAYMENT THEREOF ON 01/06/2025

I, HEREBY CERTIFY THESE VOUCHERS, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$3,687,565.57
WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE ATTACHED REPORT, TO BE VALID CLAIMS, AND I
RECOMMEND APPROVAL AND PAYMENT THEREOF.

FRANK SADEGHI
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

APPROVED

ROBERT S. ARACE
COMMISSIONER

JOHN P. KELLY
DIRECTOR

JENNIFER BACCHIONE
COMMISSIONER

ORDERED PAID

VIRGINIA E. HAINES
COMMISSIONER

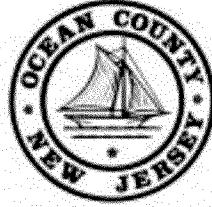
MICHELLE I. GUNTHER
CLERK OF THE BOARD
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

R E S O L U T I O N

JANUARY 6, 2025

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF OCEAN THAT THE DIRECTOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND INSTRUCTED TO EXECUTE MASTER VOUCHER-CERTIFICATE #01 FOR CERTIFICATION OF SAID MASTER VOUCHER CONSISTING OF 2 PAGES WITH VOUCHERS TOTALING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,687,565.57 WHICH ARE DEEMED TO BE VALID CLAIMS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE COMPTROLLER OF THE COUNTY OF OCEAN IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO PAY EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THE AFORESAID BILLS ATTACHED TO THIS MASTER VOUCHER-CERTIFICATE AND, UPON EXECUTION OF SAME BY SAID DIRECTOR, IF AND WHEN FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE.



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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 6, 2025 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
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Agenda: Authorizing the 2025 Temporary Capital Budget.

Official Resolution#	2025000014						
Meeting Date	01/06/2025						
Introduced Date	01/06/2025						
Adopted Date	01/06/2025						
Agenda Item	n-1						
CAF #							
Purchase Req. #							
Result	Adopted						
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Kelly		✓					
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TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET

COUNTY OF OCEAN

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services requires the adoption of a Local Capital Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Local Capital Budget for the year 2025 has not been adopted, and

WHEREAS, it is desired to adopt a Temporary Capital Budget for the year 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, County of Ocean,
that the following capital appropriations be made:

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RECORDED VOTE	AYES (NAYS ((
	((ABSENT	(
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**COUNTY OF OCEAN
2025 TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET (CURRENT YEAR ACTION)**

1 PROJECT TITLE	2 PROJECT NUMBER	3 ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	4 AMOUNTS RESERVED IN PRIOR YEARS	PLANNED FUNDING SERVICES FOR CURRENT YEAR-2025					6 TO BE FUNDED IN FUTURE YEARS
				5a 2025 Budget Appropriation	5b Capital Improvement Fund	5c Capital Surplus	5d Grants-in-Aid and Other Funds	5e Debt Authorized	
ENGINEERS:									
Reconstruction & Resurfacing of Certain County Roads	2025-1	6,000,000				300,000			5,700,000
Reconstruction & Resurfacing of Certain County Roads - Design	2025-2	7,000,000				350,000			6,650,000
Engineering, Roads & Bridges	2025-3	6,000,000				300,000			5,700,000
Reconstruction & Widening of Cross Street, Lakewood Township	2025-09	11,000,000				550,000			10,450,000
Totals		\$30,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$28,500,000	\$0

Introduced on: January 6, 2025
 Adopted on: January 6, 2025
 Official Resolution#: 2025000014

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above items will be provided for in the 2025 Capital Budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services.

It is hereby certified that this is a true copy of a resolution adopting a Temporary Capital Budget by the governing body on the 6th day of January 2025.

Certified by:

_____ (Date)

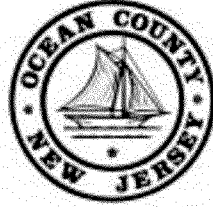
Michelle I. Gunther, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

TRENTON, NEW JERSEY

APPROVED _____, 2025

DIRECTOR OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Introduced on: January 6, 2025
Adopted on: January 6, 2025
Official Resolution#: 2025000014



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Agenda: Authorizing the 2025 Temporary County Budget.

Official Resolution#	2025000015						
Meeting Date	01/06/2025						
Introduced Date	01/06/2025						
Adopted Date	01/06/2025						
Agenda Item	n-2						
CAF #							
Purchase Req. #							
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Resolution

January 6, 2025

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2025 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and the time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the date of this Resolution is within the first thirty days of January 2025; and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the 2024 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt assistance in said 2024 budget, is the sum of \$137,096,180 . This sum, including the required appropriations for the above mentioned line items may not exceed \$172,211,450 for the total 2025 Temporary Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** of the **COUNTY OF OCEAN**, that the following temporary appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for her records:

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4002 Board of Commissioners	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 180,000
Other Expenses	2,000
4004 County Administrator	
Salaries & Wages	520,000
Other Expenses	34,000
4005 Management & Budget	
Salaries & Wages	200,000
Other Expenses	31,000
4006 Wireless Technologies Division	
Other Expenses	360,000
4010 County Counsel	
Other Expenses	187,500
4012 County Adjusters Office	
Salaries & Wages	130,000
Other Expenses	22,000
4013 Department of Finance	
Salaries & Wages	560,000
Other Expenses	62,000
4014 Clerk of the Board	
Salaries & Wages	360,000
Other Expenses	19,000
4015 Tourism & Economic Development	
Other Expenses	161,000
4016 Employee Relations	
Salaries & Wages	420,000
Other Expenses	4,700
4017 Personnel Training Program	82,825
4018 Labor Relations Consultant	53,000
4019 County Connection	
Other Expenses	4,200
4020 Public Information/Outreach	
Other Expenses	125,000
4022 County Clerk	
Salaries & Wages	1,050,000
Other Expenses	105,200
4023 Prosecutor's Programs	
Other Expenses	25,000
4024 Prosecutor's Office	
Salaries & Wages	5,500,000
Other Expenses	205,000
4026 Purchasing Department	
Salaries & Wages	220,000
Other Expenses	4,000
4029 Warehouse	
Salaries & Wages	130,000
Other Expenses	1,060

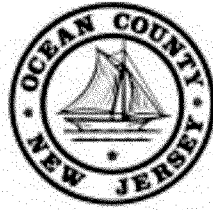
<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4030 Buildings & Grounds	
Salaries & Wages	2,600,000
Other Expenses	1,000,000
4031 Gang Violence Initiative	
Salaries & Wages	220,000
4032 Custodian Svcs OC Res Center	
Other Expenses	100,000
4033 Security	
Salaries & Wages	1,600,000
Other Expenses	26,000
4034 Group Insurance Plans for Employees	20,000,000
4035 Employee Physicals & Policy	
Other Expenses	35,000
4036 Health Benefits Waiver	7,000
4040 Insurance Consultant	
Other Expenses	225,000
4042 Stationery, Printing & Advertising	
Other Expenses	4,500
4044 Postage	
Other Expenses	150,000
4046 Office of Information Technology	
Salaries & Wages	1,300,000
Other Expenses	1,400,000
4054 Printing & Graphic Arts	
Salaries & Wages	170,000
Other Expenses	65,000
4069 Ocean County Insurance Commission	
Other Expenses	4,900,000
4205 Indigent Cost	
Other Expenses	6,250
4210 Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	
Other Expenses	45,000
4218 Surrogate	
Salaries & Wages	400,000
Other Expenses	11,900
4224 Sheriff-Judicial Function	
Other Expenses	21,000
4402 Office of the Sheriff	
Salaries & Wages	7,200,000
Other Expenses	225,000
4403 Sheriff's - 911 System	
Salaries & Wages	1,500,000
Other Expenses	350,000
4404 Sheriff-Communications & Operations Division	
Other Expenses	54,000
4405 Sheriff-Criminal Division	
Other Expenses	106,000
4406 Police Academy	
Other Expenses	11,000
4409 Office of Fire Marshal	
Salaries & Wages	320,000
4410 Board of Taxation	
Salaries & Wages	220,000
Other Expenses	4,350
4414 Medical Examiner	
Salaries & Wages	330,000
Other Expenses	600,000
4416 Shade Tree Commission	
Salaries & Wages	45,000
Other Expenses	9,300
4420 Election Expense	
Salaries & Wages	90,000
Other Expenses	360,000
4421 Election Board	
Salaries & Wages	900,000
4422 Rent of Polling Places	
Other Expenses	24,125

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4424 District Election Board Members	
Other Expenses	200,000
4426 Other Election Expenses-County Clerk's Office	
Other Expenses	377,500
4433 Sheriff's Emergency Services Division	
Other Expenses	21,000
4436 County Planning Board (RS40:27-3)	
Salaries & Wages	320,000
Other Expenses	31,000
4438 Consumer Affairs	
Salaries & Wages	315,000
Other Expenses	1,200
4446 Construction Board of Appeals	
Other Expenses	160
4449 Clean Vessel Act	
Other Expenses	120,000
4604 County Funds - Roads	
Salaries & Wages	3,600,000
Other Expenses	1,370,000
4605 Vehicle Services	
Salaries & Wages	1,400,000
Other Expenses	70,500
4608 Bridges	
Salaries & Wages	420,000
Other Expenses	20,000
4614 Engineering Department	
Salaries & Wages	2,000,000
Other Expenses	175,000
4615 Engineering/Hazard Tree Removal	
Other Expenses	25,000
4618 Beach Erosion	168,750
4620 Transportation Services	
Salaries & Wages	1,100,000
Other Expenses	100,000
4634 Maintenance of Pumping Facility	
Other Expenses	64,875
4635 Schedule "C" Vehicle Services	
Other Expenses	456,000
4802 Department of Corrections	
Salaries & Wages	8,000,000
Other Expenses	350,000
4803 Corrections - Healthcare Services	
Other Expenses	1,350,000
4806 Corrections - Food	
Other Expenses	800,000
5011 Aid/Visiting Homemakers Service	
Other Expenses	22,149
5015 Code Blue Plan	
Other Expenses	60,000
5016 Department of Human Services	
Salaries & Wages	260,000
Other Expenses	220,000
5018 Mental Health Programs	
Other Expenses	444,808
5023 Fire & First Aid Training Center	
Salaries & Wages	150,000
Other Expenses	43,000
5026 Mosquito Extermination Commission	
Other Expenses	1,208,844
5033 Maint. of Patients in Other Than State Institutions	
Other Expenses	27,500
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<u>County Board of Social Services</u>	
5040 Administration	
Other Expenses	7,500,000
5041 Services Account	
Other Expenses	1,750,000
5046 Supplemental Security Income	
Other Expenses	800,000
5048 B.O.S.S./Emergency Shelter Aid	
Other Expenses	50,000

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
5051 School Nutrition Program Expense	
Other Expenses	40,000
5052 Juvenile Services - Educational Program	
Other Expenses	174,582
5053 Juvenile Gang Initiative	
Other Expenses	5,626
5055 Juvenile Services - State Housing	
Other Expenses	8,000
5056 Juvenile Services	
Salaries & Wages	1,300,000
Other Expenses	73,000
5057 Juvenile Services/Non-Secure Program	
Other Expenses	60,000
5058 Office of Senior Services	
Salaries & Wages	450,000
Other Expenses	1,820,000
5062 War Veterans Burial & Grave Decoration	
Other Expenses	58,500
5064 Ocean County Environmental Agency	
Other Expenses	460
5070 Workforce Investment Board	
Other Expenses	9,000
5087 Hazardous Household Waste	
Other Expenses	257,501
5088 Solid Waste Management	
Salaries & Wages	1,000,000
Other Expenses	220,000
5093 Handicapped Commission	
Other Expenses	300
5095 Ocean Co Bd of Social Services	
Other Expenses	32,408
5097 Division on Aging - S.D.C. Reimbursement	
Other Expenses	37,500
5202 Superintendent of Schools	
Salaries & Wages	100,000
Other Expenses	4,400
5208 County Extension Service	
Salaries & Wages	145,000
Other Expenses	7,445
5209 Rutgers Co-op Extension	
Other Expenses	271,662
5212 Reimbursement for Out of County Students	
Other Expenses	82,000
5216 Cultural & Heritage Commission	
Other Expenses	150,000
5402 County Parks & Recreation	
Salaries & Wages	2,400,000
Other Expenses	175,000
5404 County Parks/Non-Profit	
Other Expenses	50,000
5406 Forge Pond Recreation Complex	
Other Expenses	100,000
5408 Atlantis Complex	
Other Expenses	185,000
5410 Purchase/Rent/Lease Equipment	
Other Expenses	175,750
5412 Atlantis/Pro-Shop	
Other Expenses	19,000
5414 Forge Pond/Pro-Shop	
Other Expenses	14,000
5608 County Air Park	
Salaries & Wages	35,000
Other Expenses	2,600

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
5625 Repair & Maintenance of County Vehicles	
Other Expenses	850,000
5626 Environmental	
Other Expenses	187,501
5627 Physical Damage Vehicle	26,700
5628 Rental/Lease Office Premises	
Other Expenses	600,000
5638 Ocean County Public Transportation Program	
Other Expenses	375
5646 Purchase, Replacement, Repairs & Rentals of Equipment	
Other Expenses	92,500
5654 Veterans' Service Bureau	
Salaries & Wages	200,000
Other Expenses	55,750
5665 Association of Counties	
Other Expenses	29,655
<u>Utilities</u>	
5667 Gasoline	995,000
5669 Telephone/Data Transmission	1,000,000
5670 Natural Gas	475,000
5671 Heating Oil	15,000
5672 Recycling	500,000
5673 Water	109,550
5675 Sewer	175,000
5676 Trash Disposal	97,750
5677 Electricity	900,000
5679 Special Projects	440,000
<u>Capital Improvements</u>	
6002 Capital Improvement Fund	10,375,000
6010 Timekeeping Software & Equipment	100,000
6026 Road Overlay & Construction-Roads	1,000,000
6027 Road Overlay & Construction-Engineering	450,000
6028 Purchase of Communications Equipment	125,000
6036 Purchase of Office Equipment & Furniture	837,500
6038 Purchase of Trucks	1,125,000
6040 Building Repairs	1,300,000
6042 Data Processing Equipment	2,300,000
6050 Engineering Projects - Design	100,000
6053 Barnegat Branch Trail Upgrades	100,000
6054 Airpark Upgrades	25,000
6055 Roof upgrades and alterations	200,000
6058 OCC Capital Equipment Upgrades	1,000,000
<u>County Debt Service</u>	
6650 Interest on Bonds	5,806,439
6652 Int: College Bonds State Aid	71,425
6655 NJEIT - Fund Loan	40,637
6657 NJEIT Trust Loan	9,269
<u>Statutory Expenditures - Contributions To:</u>	
6833 Defined Contrib Retire Plan	50,000
6834 Other Pension Liabilities	50,000
6840 Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	4,300,000
6843 NJ-DOL-Catastrophic Illness Fund Right to Know	3,000
6844 New Jersey Temporary Disability Insurance	122,500
<u>State and Federal Grants</u>	
7044 Aid to Families with Dependent Children	100,000
AC47 Victims of Crime Act FY24	529,109
AC54 State Body Armor FY24 Corr	13,656
AC55 State Body Armor FY24 Pros	5,065
AC56 State Body Armor FY24 Sheriff	10,569
AC71 State Homeland Security FY24	223,705
AD00 Area Plan III E State FY25	106,942
AD01 Safe Housing & Transport FY25	84,189
AD03 Adult Protective Svc FY25	451,670
AD04 Ocean Area Plan Grant FY25	2,688,590
AD05 Ocean Area Comprehensive FY25	240,592
AD06 Ocean Area Plan State FY25	120,292
AD07 DCA: Home Delivered Meals FY25	72,171

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
AD09 CMQA FY25	23,810
AD17 Sr Citizen/ Persons w/ Disab FY25	3,159,063
AD23 Council of the Arts FY25	264,500
AD28 Supp Aging Supportive Svcs 25	232,634
AD29 Area Plan III-E Admin FY25	10,613
AD31 Family Court Services FY25	338,792
AD36 State Cola Senior Svcs FY25	387,495
AD38 Medicaid Match FY25	74,243
AD51 DHS Emerg Food & Shelter FY25	999,780
AD65 NJ Co History Partnership FY25	134,329
AD69 NJDOT/Mill Creek Trail Ph II	730,000
AD77 AAA NJSNAP FY25	368,699
AD84 Program Service Fund FY25	562,994
AD85 Program Management Fund FY25	90,000
AD96 USDA FY25	158,075
BC47 Local: Victims of Crime FY24	132,277
BD07 Local: DCA Home Delv Meal FY25	18,043
BD28 Local: Supp Aging Supp Svc 25	58,159
Total 2025 Temporary Budget	\$ <u>150,880,537</u>



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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 6, 2025 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
 Room 119
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 Toms River, NJ 08754

Agenda: Authorizing the Ocean County Chief Financial Officer to Invest Available Funds for the year 2025.

Official Resolution#	2025000016						
Meeting Date	01/06/2025						
Introduced Date	01/06/2025						
Adopted Date	01/06/2025						
Agenda Item	n-3						
CAF #							
Purchase Req. #							
Result	Adopted						
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Kelly		v					
Sadeghi	v			v	v		
Arace	v				v		
Bacchione	v				v		
Haines	v		v		v		

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Michelle I. Gunther

Clerk Of The Board

RESOLUTION

January 6, 2025

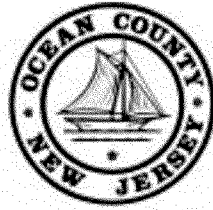
WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary to designate a County employee authorized to invest County idle funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners have appointed a Chief Financial Officer in accordance with P.L. 1993, c 87 et seq. (C 40A:9-28 et seq.).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of the COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:

1. The County Chief Financial Officer and/or her designee are hereby authorized to invest available funds during the calendar year 2025, said funds only being invested in permitted securities/investments approved by New Jersey State Law. Funds may also be invested with financial institutions listed as authorized designated depositories.
2. The Chief Financial Officer and/or her designees will report to this Board on a monthly basis.
3. Any securities purchased must be maintained by said depositories in safekeeping.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be made available to the County Auditor and the Department of Finance.



Ocean County Board of Commissioners

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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 6, 2025 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
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Agenda: Authorizing Depositories for the County of Ocean for the year 2025.

Official Resolution#	2025000017						
Meeting Date	01/06/2025						
Introduced Date	01/06/2025						
Adopted Date	01/06/2025						
Agenda Item	n-4						
CAF #							
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WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 requires that a local unit designate depository (ies) for County funds; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the County of Ocean to comply with such statute.

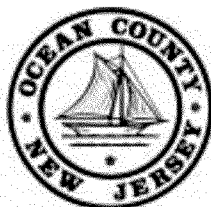
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** of the **COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY** that the following financial institutions are designated as the Depositories of the County of Ocean for the year 2025:

Amboy Bank, Old Bridge, New Jersey
 Apple Bank for Savings, New York, New York
 Bank of America, Toms River, New Jersey
 Bank of New York Mellon, West Patterson, New Jersey
 Blue Foundry Bank, Rutherford, New Jersey
 Bogota Savings Bank, Teaneck, New Jersey
 Brunswick Bank & Trust, Monmouth Junction, New Jersey
 Capital One, N.A., Fairfield, New Jersey
 Cenlar Federal Savings Bank, Trenton, New Jersey
 Century Savings Bank, Vineland, New Jersey
 Citibank, N.A., Toms River, New Jersey
 Citizens Bank N.A., Toms River, New Jersey
 Columbia Bank, Fair Lawn, New Jersey
 Connectone Bank, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey
 Crest Savings Bank, Wildwood, New Jersey
 Crown Bank National, Brick, New Jersey
 First Bank, Hamilton, New Jersey
 First Commerce Bank, Lakewood, New Jersey
 First National Bank of Absecon, Absecon, New Jersey
 Firstrust Savings Bank, Conshohocken, Pennsylvania
 Flagstar Bank, Toms River, New Jersey
 Franklin Bank, Pilesgrove, New Jersey
 Freedom Bank, Maywood, New Jersey
 Freehold Bank, Freehold, New Jersey
 Haddon Savings Bank, Haddon Heights, New Jersey
 Haven Savings Bank, Hoboken, New Jersey
 J P Morgan Chase Bank, Toms River, New Jersey
 Kearny Bank, Toms River, New Jersey
 Liberty Bell Bank, Marlton, New Jersey
 Lusitania Savings Bank, Newark, New Jersey
 Magyar Bank, New Brunswick, New Jersey
 Manasquan Savings Bank, Manasquan, New Jersey
 Millville Savings and Loan Association, Millville, New Jersey
 Monroe Savings Bank, Williamstown, New Jersey
 M&T Bank, Toms River, New Jersey
 New Jersey Asset & Rebate Management Program (NJ/ARM)
 New Millennium Bank, New Brunswick, New Jersey
 New York Community Bank, Toms River, New Jersey
 Northfield Bank, Avenel, New Jersey
 NVE Bank, Englewood, New Jersey
 Ocean First Bank, Toms River, New Jersey
 Poplar Bank, Elizabeth, New Jersey
 Provident Bank, Toms River, New Jersey
 PNC Bank, Toms River, New Jersey
 Republic Bank, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Santander Bank, Toms River, New Jersey
State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund
Schuyler Savings Bank, Kearny, New Jersey
Somerset Savings Bank, SLA, Bound Brook, New Jersey
Spencer Savings Bank, SLA, Elmwood Park, New Jersey
Sturdy Savings Bank, Cape May Court House, New Jersey
TD Bank, Toms River, New Jersey
The Bank of Princeton, Princeton, New Jersey
The Depository Trust Company
Union County Savings Bank, Elizabeth, New Jersey
Unity Bank, Highland Park, New Jersey
U.S. Bancorp Asset Management, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota
Valley National Bank, Wayne, New Jersey
Wells Fargo, N.A., Toms River, New Jersey

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the authorized County Officials are hereby directed and approved to execute any necessary related documents required by said depositories in order to perform their fiduciary responsibility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be made available to each institution named above, Conner Strong Company, Inc., County Auditor and the Department of Finance.



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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 6, 2025 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
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Agenda: Authorizing the re-establishment of the Approved Petty Cash Funds for the year 2025.

Official Resolution#		2025000018					
Meeting Date		01/06/2025					
Introduced Date		01/06/2025					
Adopted Date		01/06/2025					
Agenda Item		n-5					
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RESOLUTION

January 6, 2025

WHEREAS, the County of Ocean previously received approval from the State of New Jersey Division of Local Government Services, for various petty cash funds; and

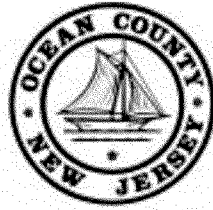
WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 requires each petty cash fund be re-authorized annually; and

WHEREAS, the following County departments have a State approved petty cash fund:

Clerk of the Board
Parks and Recreation
Prosecutor's Office – Emergencies
Prosecutor – Confidential Investigations
Sheriff's Department
Transportation Services Department
Vehicle Services Department

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ocean County Board of Commissioners, State of New Jersey, that the petty cash funds approved by the State of New Jersey are hereby re-authorized for the year 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be made available to the Finance Department and to the County Auditor.



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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 6, 2025 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
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Agenda: Authorizing the implementation of the 2025 Cash Management Plan.

Official Resolution#	2025000019						
Meeting Date	01/06/2025						
Introduced Date	01/06/2025						
Adopted Date	01/06/2025						
Agenda Item	n-6						
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Purchase Req. #							
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RESOLUTION

January 6, 2025

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 requires that a local unit annually adopt a Cash Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the County of Ocean to comply with such statute.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** of the **COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY** that the attached Cash Management Plan of the County of Ocean shall serve as the 2025 Cash Management Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the authorized County Officials are hereby directed and approved to execute any necessary related documents required to implement the 2025 Cash Management Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be made available to the County Auditor and the Department of Finance.

CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Introduced on: January 6, 2025
Adopted on: January 6, 2025
Official Resolution#: 2025000019

RESOLUTION

FEBRUARY 4, 1998

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 of the Local Fiscal Affairs Law as amended by P.L. 1997, c. 148 on June 30, 1997 requires that every local unit shall adopt a "Cash Management Plan"; and

WHEREAS, The Cash Management Plan is required to list the GUDPA approved depository banks, any broker/dealers, and the approved investment instruments selected by the local unit's governing body; and

WHEREAS, The Local unit is required to adopt by resolution its Cash Management Plan on an annual basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the **BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS** of the **COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**, that the attached Cash Management Plan, known as Form FIN 1-98 be adopted as the Cash Management Plan for the County of Ocean in compliance to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 as modified by P.L. 1997, c.148.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Clerk of the Board, the Department of Finance and the County Auditor.



COUNTY OF OCEAN

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INTRODUCTION

The New Jersey "Local Fiscal Affairs Law", specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14, as amended by P.L. 1997, c.148 on June 30, 1997, requires that every local unit shall adopt a "Cash Management Plan." This plan lists the GUDPA approved depository banks, any broker/dealers, and the approved investment instruments selected by the local unit's governing body.

In addition, the cash management plan is to be adopted by resolution, usually at the reorganization meeting, or the first meeting of the year and will guide the investment of a local unit's idle cash during periods that it is not needed to meet obligations.

The County of Ocean has a formal Cash Management Plan which was initially adopted on July 6, 1983 and revised on February 4, 1998.

The purpose of the current revision is to modify the procedures currently followed under the current Cash Management Plan to comply with the provisions of P.L. 1997, c.148 as enacted on June 30, 1997.

This new act revises and expands the responsibility of the governing body and the role of the Chief Financial Officer in cash management as well as expanding the range of the allowed investment vehicles used by a local unit to invest its idle cash.

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I. GENERAL AUTHORITY

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Ocean authorizes the Chief Financial Officer of the County of Ocean to administer the Cash Management Plan in order to deposit and invest the County of Ocean's idle cash pursuant to the stipulations contained in the Cash Management Plan.

II. ELIGIBLE DEPOSITORIES FOR PUBLIC FUNDS

Eligible depositories for County funds are New Jersey banks or savings and loans specifically approved by the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance under the Government Unit Depository Protection Act (GUDPA) and maintain a banking presence in the County of Ocean. Deposits of County funds in institutions other than those covered by GUDPA are prohibited by law.

As part of the County's Cash Management Plan, annually The Board of Commissioners shall adopt a list of the approved depositories for the County (ATTACHMENT A).

RFP – Request for Proposal

While P.L. 1997, c.148 formally exempts banking services and investment purchases from the bidding provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11, all investment and banking services for the County of Ocean may be selected through a Request For Proposal (RFP) process.

When the need for banking and investment services exists, the County Chief Financial Officer may solicit RFP's from the eligible banking and investment institutions.

Upon receipt of the RFP's, the County Chief Financial Officer will then review each proposal. After the review, the County Chief Financial Officer will make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners. If necessary, the County Auditor may be asked to aid in the review process.

Once an investment or banking institution has been selected, the County's Cash Management Plan will be revised and adopted by resolution by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Ocean.

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III. CASH MANAGEMENT POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Ocean to adopt the Cash Management Plan by resolution at the annual reorganization meeting or during the year as deemed necessary to reflect changes in laws, depositories, investments or funds.

The Chief Financial Officer for the County of Ocean is directed to invest and deposit funds pursuant to the cash management plan as adopted by resolution of The Board of Commissioners of the County of Ocean.

It is the objective of the Cash Management Policy to maximize the investment and interest income earned on idle County funds while providing adequate liquidity to meet the obligations of the County.

Timely Deposit of all County Funds:

As required by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15, all monies collected or received from any source by or on behalf of the County or any board or Department thereof shall be paid to the "Treasurer, County of Ocean", who shall deposit all such funds within 48 hours after receipt, to the credit of the County of Ocean in one of the designated legal depositories.

All deposits forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer of the County of Ocean shall be accompanied by a revenue transmittal form listing cash and individual checks and will include a revenue account to which funds will be credited upon deposit.

Deposits to Interest Bearing Accounts:

It is the explicit policy of the County of Ocean that all funds be deposited into interest bearing accounts except as noted below.

All Departments and/or agencies of the County who collect monies for the County in the normal course of its activities must deposit said monies in an interest bearing account until such time as these monies are turned over to the County Treasurer or designee.

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Exceptions to Interest Bearing Account Requirements:

The following types of funds are not required to be placed in Interest Bearing Accounts:

1. Petty Cash and Change Funds under \$5,000.00
2. Cash drawn from a Federal agency under a letter of credit, which cash is to be paid out within 5 working days to a vendor.
3. Amounts derived from the sale of bonds or notes, only to the extent that a specific written opinion of counsel states that the earning of (full) interest would result in the bonds or notes being classified as an arbitrage (not federally tax-exempt) issue pursuant to Federal regulations. To the extent that some interest is allowable, it shall be deposited at such a rate if such a rate is obtainable.

Treasurer's Report:

It shall be the responsibility of the County Treasurer to provide to the Board of Commissioners a Treasurer's Report on a monthly basis which shall detail the following information as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14.e. as amended by P.L. 1997, c.148 on June 30, 1997:

1. All investments made or redeemed over the past month;
2. Each financial institution holding local unit funds;
3. The amount of securities purchased or sold, class or type of securities purchased, book value, earned income, fees incurred, and market value of all investments as of the report date and;
4. Other information that may be required by the Board of Commissioners or deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer.

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Cash Flow Analysis:

An important part of establishing the County investment program includes detailed study of "cash flow" – when money comes in, when it goes out, and how much cash lies available for how long. Such an analysis provides the information needed to plan a viable investment procedure, including the projected length of time that funds can be invested in order to take full advantage of maturity periods with the highest yields.

Analysis of cash flow will alert the Treasurer to possible rescheduling of payments that will result in extending the life of short term investments. The Treasurer's calendar, compiled by the Division of Local Government Services and the Division of Taxation is an excellent source of specific dates regarding the above information. ⁽¹⁾

Reconciliation of Cash Deposits:

On a monthly basis, the Chief Financial Officer or designee shall forward revenue reports to all departments and agencies of the County of Ocean who collect monies for the County detailing cash deposits made to their revenue accounts.

The individual departments and agencies are required to then reconcile the County's reports to the records maintained by the departments.

A form provided by the Chief Financial Officer will be returned by the department or agency either agreeing with the County's records, or listing any discrepancies to be researched by the Chief Financial Officer or designee.

Bank Reconciliations:

It is the policy of the County of Ocean that all bank statements be reconciled to the County's records when received or within a reasonable time thereafter.

⁽¹⁾Adapted from Municipal Finance Administration in New Jersey (New Brunswick; Rutgers University Bureau of Government Research, 1975, pg. 132).

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IV. INVESTMENT POLICY

The investment objectives of the County of Ocean, listed in order of importance from greatest to least, are as follows:

1. The ability of the investment instrument to provide for the security and safety of County funds.
2. Liquidity of the investment instrument necessary to provide for County operations and obligations.
3. Yield or return on the investment instrument (only after the first two considerations are met).
4. Investments requiring the payment of a premium should not be purchased without the written consent of the Chief Financial Officer.

Therefore, with these objectives in mind and in compliance with the allowable investments detailed in N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 as modified by P.L. 1997, c.148, the County Chief Financial Officer will decide on the investment vehicles to be included as approved in the County's Cash Management Plan adopted by resolution by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Ocean and reflected in ATTACHMENT B.

Additionally, the County Chief Financial Officer will select approved investment vehicles to achieve the maximum rate of return while minimizing costs and fees and providing for investment portfolio diversification by spreading idle County funds among a number of these approved investments as listed in ATTACHMENT B.

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ATTACHMENT A

APPROVED COUNTY DEPOSITORIES

See Attachment A - Resolution dated January 6, 2025

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ATTACHMENT B**Approved Investment Vehicles**

Any investment instruments in which the security is not physically held by the County of Ocean shall be covered by a third party custodial agreement which shall provide for the designation of such investment in the name of the County of Ocean and prevent unauthorized use of such investments.

Any investment not purchased and redeemed directly from the issuer, government money market mutual fund, local government investment fund, or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund, shall be purchased and redeemed through the use of a national or State bank located within the State of New Jersey or through a broker dealer, which, at the time of purchase or redemption, has been registered continuously for a period of at least two years pursuant to section 9 of P.L. 1967, c.93 (C.49:3-5) and has at least \$25 million in capital stock (or equivalent capitalization if not a corporation), surplus reserves for contingencies and undivided profits, or through a securities dealer who makes primary markets in U.S. Government securities and reports daily to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York its position in and borrowing on such U.S. Government securities.

Securities which may be purchased by the County include:

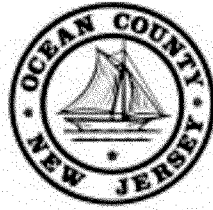
1. Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America. This includes instruments such as Treasury bills, notes and bonds.
2. Any federal agency or instrumentality obligation authorized by Congress that matures within 397 days from the date of purchase, and has a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or external factors.
3. Bonds, notes or other obligations of New Jersey municipalities, local authorities, including fire districts and school districts of which the County is a part.
4. Any other bonds, notes or obligations with maturities not exceeding 397 days, as permitted by the Division of Investments. This includes Certificates of Deposit.
5. Local government investment pools, such as New Jersey CLASS, and the New Jersey Asset and Rebate Management Program:

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6. State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund
7. Government money market mutual funds in compliance with the following conditions:
 - A. Registered as a mutual fund with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and operated in accordance with 17 CFR sec. 270.2a7 (2a7).
 - B. Be rated by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization, i.e. Standard & Poors.
 - C. Have their portfolio limited to U.S. government securities as defined in 17 CFR sec. 270.2a7 and repurchase agreements collateralized by such U.S. securities
8. Repurchase agreements , 30 day maximum term, (repos) of fully collateralized securities, subject to conditions discussed in detail below:
 - A. Repurchase Agreements collateralized by U.S. Government Obligations, as described in Sections 1 and 2 above.
 - B. Custody of the collateral is transferred to a third party. This means the bank must contract with a trusted third party to hold the collateral to insure that it is not pledged against other investments.
 - C. The maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days.
 - D. Underlying securities are purchased through a GUDPA bank.
 - E. A master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed.

Note: At no time shall investments contrary to the intent of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15, et sequential be allowed.



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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 6, 2025 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
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Agenda: Authorizing the County Purchasing Agent to purchase materials, supplies and equipment for the County of Ocean pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law and all New Jersey State Laws for the year 2025.

Official Resolution#	2025000020						
Meeting Date	01/06/2025						
Introduced Date	01/06/2025						
Adopted Date	01/06/2025						
Agenda Item	n-7						
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Michelle I. Gunther

Clerk Of The Board

RESOLUTION

January 6, 2025

WHEREAS, Jennifer L. Bowens has been appointed Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:11-9 authorizes the Purchasing Agent to award contracts and administer competitive contracts and institutes a 15 percent of the bid limit quotation threshold.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**, as follows:

1. Jennifer L. Bowens, as a Qualified Purchasing Agent is authorized to exercise the duties of a purchasing agent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(30), with specified relevance to the authority, responsibility, and accountability of the purchasing activity of the contracting unit.
2. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.4, the County's bid threshold is \$44,000.
3. The County Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to purchase materials, supplies and equipment for the County of Ocean through Bids, Contracts, Window Contracts, Quotations, State Contracts and Proprietary Goods and Services in accordance with State Law.
4. The County Purchasing Agent is authorized to administer competitive contracting, (40A:11-4.1 et seq).
5. The County Purchasing Agent is authorized to award contracts that are in the aggregate less than 15 percent of the bid threshold without soliciting competitive quotations (40A:11-6.1).
6. Such purchases shall be made in accordance with the approved, annual budget of this Board.
7. Copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the County Management & Budget Department, Department of Finance and Auditor.