

MINUTES



6:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Call to Order

Salute to the Flag

Open Public Meetings Statement

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, I hereby announce that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided, as required by said Act, which notice was filed with the County Clerk, posted in the vestibule of the County Courthouse and sent to the Courier Post and South Jersey Times on January 7, 2023.

Roll Call

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

Changes to the Agenda

Approval of the **February 4, 2023** budget meeting minutes, the **February 11, 2023** budget meeting minutes and the **March 1, 2023** regular meeting minutes.

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel			X			
Deputy Director Simmons	X		X			
Commissioner Jefferson			X		March 1, 2023 meeting minutes	
Commissioner DeSilvio			X			
Commissioner Barnes		X	X			
Commissioner DiCarlo			X			
Director DiMarco			X			

Comments: N/A

PROCLAMATIONS

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

54416 RESOLUTION ELECTING N.J.S.A 40A:4-45.4 (the "1977 CAP") TO DETERMINE THE 2023 COUNTY TAX LEVY.

MOTION TO OPEN TO THE PUBIC

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

Comments: Charles Hughes of Woodbury asked a question regarding the 3 year budget freeze and the 2023 budget. Director DiMarco answered Mr. Hughes question.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION

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

Comments: N/A

MOTION TO ADOPT

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

Comments: N/A

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

54417 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

MOTION TO OPEN TO THE PUBIC

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

Comments: N/A

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION

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

Comments: N/A

MOTION TO ADOPT

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

Comments: N/A

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

54418 BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PIECES OF EQUIPMENT IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$16,352,988 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$7,320,750; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING.

Adoption of this Bond Ordinance authorizes the issuance of \$7,320,750 in bonds or bond anticipation notes to finance the acquisition of various capital equipment, and the completion of various capital improvements. This Bond Ordinance was introduced at the February 15, 2023 meeting.

MOTION TO OPEN TO THE PUBIC

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

Comments: N/A

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION

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

Comments: N/A

MOTION TO ADOPT

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

Comments: N/A

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

MOTION TO OPEN TO THE PUBIC

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

Comments: N/A

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION

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

Comments: N/A

RESOLUTIONS

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

DIRECTOR DIMARCO
DEPUTY DIRECTOR SIMMONS

54419 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE INTO THE 2023 COUNTY BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87.

54420 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2022 APPROPRIATION RESERVE BUDGET TRANSFERS.

54421 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BILL LISTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023.

54422 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GLOUCESTER COUNTY EMPLOYEE SALARY RANGES AND FIXING COMPENSATION WITH ASSOCIATED TITLES FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2023.

54423 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACTS WITH CLAYTON VETERINARY CENTER, LLC AND PITMAN ANIMAL HOSPITAL, LLC.

54424 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND CONFIRMING SETTLEMENT OF STATE TAX COURT TAX APPEALS.

54425 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH STEVEN W. BARTELT, MAI AND ROBERT M. SAPIO REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL & CONSULTING, LLC FROM APRIL 2, 2023 TO APRIL 1, 2024 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000.00 PER CONTRACT.

Motion to approve Resolutions 54420 through 54425 as read.

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel			X			
Deputy Director Simmons	X		X		<u>Bill list abstentions</u> 23-02012; 22-10362; 23-00905; 23-01578; 23-01914	
Commissioner Jefferson			X			
Commissioner DeSilvio			X			
Commissioner Barnes		X	X			
Commissioner DiCarlo			X		<u>Bill list abstentions</u> 23-01780; 22-01280; 22-01287; 23-01930; 23-02026; 23-01414; 22-09665; 23-00531; 23-00656; 23-01571; 23-01572; 23-01597; 23-01813; 23-01823; 23-01308; 23-01439; 23-01440; 23-01509; 23-01567; 23-01901;	
Director DiMarco			X			

Comments: N/A

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
PUBLIC WORKS & LAND

DEPUTY DIRECTOR SIMMONS
COMMISSIONER DICARLO

54426 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 01-FINAL TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT WITH R.E. PIERSON CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.

54427 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH PENNONI ASSOCIATES, INC.

54428 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH R.E. PIERSON CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.

54429 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE PROGRAM YEAR 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND APPROVING THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM –AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (HOME-ARP) ALLOCATION PLAN.

Motion to approve Resolutions 54426 through 54429 as read.

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

Comments: Deputy Director Simmons thanked the Director for his leadership in putting together a budget that holds the line on expenditures and taxes.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY & VETERANS AFFAIRS

**COMMISSIONER DICARLO
DEPUTY DIRECTOR SIMMONS**

54430 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND CECIL FIRE DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE OPERATION OF A FOAM TENDER.

54431 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY22 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT PROGRAM FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, PHMSA, FROM OCTOBER 1, 2022 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2023, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$35,700.00.

54432 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE RELATED TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REGIONALIZATION FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON.

Motion to approve Resolutions 54430 through 54432 as read.

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

Comments: N/A

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

**COMMISSIONER JEFFERSON
COMMISSIONER BARNES**

54433 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CERTIFICATION OF DEBARMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF CY 2023 SNAP AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$83,913.20.

54434 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY JUDICIARY, CUMBERLAND/GLOUCESTER/SALEM VICINAGE TO REFLECT ALLOCATED FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,800.00 FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023.

54435 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE DMHAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP GRANT FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE THROUGH THE DHS/DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 FOR \$37,977.00.

Motion to approve Resolutions 54433 through 54435 as read.

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

Comments: N/A

DEPARTMENT OF LAW & JUSTICE

**COMMISSIONER DESILVIO
COMMISSIONER KONAWEL**

54436 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FOR THE FFY22 STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) GRANT FROM JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024 FOR \$32,129.00 WITH AN IN-KIND MATCH OF \$236,958.00 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$269,087.00.

54437 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS RELATIVE TO THE FFY21 VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT FROM JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024 FOR \$428,052.00 WITH AN IN-KIND MATCH OF \$613,326.00 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,041,378.00.

Motion to approve Resolutions 54436 and 54437 as read.

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

Comments: N/A

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & PROPERTY

**COMMISSIONER BARNES
COMMISSIONER JEFFERSON**

54438 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACTS WITH COOPER FRIEDMAN ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO., INC. AND US. ELECTRICAL SERVICES, INC. FROM MARCH 15, 2023 TO MARCH 14, 2025 IN AN AMOUNT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00 EACH PER YEAR.

54439 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH AP PLUMBING & HEATING SUPPLY, LLC AND HARRY’S SUPPLY, INC. FROM MARCH 4, 2023 TO MARCH 3, 2025 IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$160,000.00.

54440 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION TO THE CONTRACT WITH J.C. MAGEE SECURITY SOLUTIONS FROM APRIL 6, 2023 TO APRIL 5, 2025 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000.00 PER YEAR.

Motion to approve Resolutions 54438 through 54440 as read.

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

Comments: Commissioner Barnes thanked administration and team on putting together another great budget year after year as well as his fellow Commissioners for agreeing to agree to the budget and passing same without any political antics.

DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES

**COMMISSIONER KONAWEL
COMMISSIONER DESILVIO**

54441 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT WITH ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, LLC, FROM MARCH 15, 2023 TO MARCH 14, 2024, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$21,040.00.

Motion to approve Resolution 54441 as read.

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

Comments: Commissioner Konawel thanked everyone for the budget.

Old Business

New Business

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

MOTION TO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

Comments: Maureen McConnell read a statement on the record regarding her concerns with separating the GCIT and GCSSSD boards and the impact it would have on the students, facility and community. Commissioner DeSilvio questioned Maureen McConnell regarding the hiring of the superintendent or an interim superintendent. He also inquired about who was doing the interviewing. Ms. McConnell answered Commissioner DeSilvio’s questions. Commissioner Barnes clarified that Ms. McConnell was a member of the SSSD Board and was at the meeting as a member of the public not as a representative of the Board.

Danielle Davis an employee of the Special School District as well as the President of the Education Association. Ms. Davis invited everyone to the Miracle League of Gloucester County on Saturday, April 1, 2023 as well as discussed her concerns regarding the negotiation process between the Association and the BOE/Superintendent. Commissioner Barnes advised Ms. Davis that this was not the forum to be discussing contract negotiations and informed Ms. Davis that he would be willing to sit down with them to help navigate the negotiations.

Heather Joyce, Paulsboro and is a teacher at Bankbridge. Ms. Joyce invited everyone to the 2023 A Pirate’s Tale BBR’s 40th Show on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 10 am. and 12:15 p.m.

Charles Hughes, Woodbury – made a statement regarding the GCL.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION

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

Comments: N/A

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Comments: N/A

Time: 6:44 p.m.