



Ocean County Board of Commissioners

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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 7, 2026 - 3:30 PM
Location: Administration Building
Room 119
101 Hooper Avenue
Toms River, NJ 08754

A. STATEMENT Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

1. Call to Order - Michelle I. Gunther, Clerk of the Board
2. The Pledge of Allegiance

B. INVOCATION

1. By Pastor Peter M. Hartney, Jr.

C. STATEMENT OF DETERMINATION

1. Statement of Determination for the 2025 General Election held on November 4, 2025 from Ocean County Deputy Clerk, John Catalano and George R. Gilmore, Chairman of the Board of Canvassers.

D. OATHS OF OFFICE

1. As a Member of the Board of Commissioners, Administered to Sam Ellenbogen by the Honorable Francis R. Hodgson, Jr.
2. As a Member of the Board of Commissioners, Administered to Ray Gormley by Brian E. Rumpf, Esquire and Melanie A. Szuba, Esquire.

E. CALL OF THE ROLL

F. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD FOR 2026 BY THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

G. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD FOR 2026

H. COMMENTS FROM THE DIRECTOR

I. COMMENTS FROM THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

J. COMMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

K. PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

1. Appointing the Ocean County Board of Commissioners as Department Liaisons.
2. Appointing Commissioner Sadeghi and Commissioner Bacchione as Members of the Ocean County Planning Board.
3. Appointing Commissioner Ray Gormley as Representative and Commissioner Robert S. Arace and County Administrator Michael J. Fiure as Alternate Representatives of the New Jersey Association of Counties.
4. Appointing the following Members to the Boards of School Estimate: Commissioner Frank Sadeghi, Commissioner Robert S. Arace and Commissioner Ray Gormley to the Ocean County College Board of School Estimate; and Commissioner Frank Sadeghi, Commissioner Robert S. Arace and Commissioner Ray Gormley to the Ocean County Vocational-Technical Schools Board of School Estimate.
5. Appointing Commissioner Jennifer Bacchione as Representative and Commissioner Robert S. Arace as Alternate Representative of the Southern New Jersey County Commissioners Association.
6. Appointing Commissioner Jennifer Bacchione and Commissioner Robert S. Arace as Members of the Ocean County Board of Social Services.
7. Appointing Commissioner Jennifer Bacchione as an Ex-Officio Member of the Ocean County Advisory Commission on the Status of Women.
8. Appointing Commissioner Sam Ellenbogen as an Ex-Officio Member of the Ocean County Mental Health Board.

L. PRESENTATION OF APPOINTMENTS

1. Appointing Jerry W. Conaty, CPA, RMA, PSA of Holman Frenia Allison, P.C., as County Auditor for the year 2026. (QP2026-01)
2. Appointing Massimo F. Yezzi, Jr., A.I.A., t/a Yezzi Associates, LLC, as County Architect for the year 2026. (QP2026-02)

3. Appointing Commissioner Frank Sadeghi as First Voting Member and Mark F. Jehnke as First Alternate Member of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for the year 2026.
4. Appointing Jennifer L. Bowens as Public Agency Compliance Officer for the County of Ocean for the year 2026.
5. Appointing Sean M. Areia, John M. Imperiale and Alan W. Avery, Jr. as Alternate Members to the Ocean County Planning Board for the year 2026.
6. Appointing Frank Sadeghi as the Ocean County Representative and County Administrator Michael J. Fiure as the Alternate Representative to the New Jersey Counties Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund, for a term of three (3) years, effective 1/1/2026 through 12/31/2028.
7. Reappointing Sheriff Michael G. Mastronardi to the position of County Coordinator of Emergency Management, effective 1/6/2026 for a term of three (3) years, term to expire 1/5/2029.
8. Reappointing Christopher J. Freeman, Forked River; Darlene Genovese, Barnegat; and Matthew McKelvey, Toms River as Full-Time Fire Marshals effective 1/15/2026 for a term of three (3) years, term to expire 1/14/2029.

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

N. RESOLUTIONS

1. Authorizing the 2026 Temporary Capital Budget.
2. Authorizing the 2026 Temporary County Budget.
3. Authorizing the Ocean County Chief Financial Officer to Invest Available Funds for the year 2026.
4. Authorizing Depositories for the County of Ocean for the year 2026.
5. Authorizing the re-establishment of the Approved Petty Cash Funds for the year 2026.
6. Authorizing the implementation of the 2026 Cash Management Plan.
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 2026.

O. INTRODUCTION OF DIGNITARIES

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.

Q. BENEDICTION

1. By Rabbi Moshe Bender, Beth Medrash Govoha.

R. ADJOURNMENT

**No Associated
Documents**

R E S O L U T I O N

January 7, 2026

BE IT RESOLVED by the **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** of the **COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY** that during the year **2026**, 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.

SCHEDULE A

ROBERT S. ARACE

JENNIFER BACCHIONE
(Deputy Director)

SAM ELLENBOGEN

RAY GORMLEY

FRANK SADEGHY
(Director)

COUNTY DEPARTMENTS	COUNTY DEPARTMENTS	COUNTY DEPARTMENTS	COUNTY DEPARTMENTS	COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
<i>Administrator</i> Consumer Affairs <i>Finance</i> Fire & First Aid Training Center Fire Marshal Information Technology Parks & Recreation <i>Printing & Graphic Arts</i> Public Affairs Purchasing Senior Services Transportation Services Vehicle Services	<i>Administrator</i> Clerk of the Board <i>Finance</i> Public Affairs Purchasing	<i>Administrator</i> Corrections <i>Finance</i> Human Services Juvenile Services Medical Examiner Public Affairs Purchasing Security	<i>Administrator</i> Bridges Corrections Engineering <i>Finance</i> Juvenile Services <i>Printing & Graphic Arts</i> Public Affairs Purchasing Roads Security	<i>Administrator</i> Bridges Buildings & Grounds Employee Relations Engineering <i>Finance</i> Planning Public Affairs Purchasing Roads
COUNTY DIVISIONS	COUNTY DIVISIONS	COUNTY DIVISIONS	COUNTY DIVISIONS	COUNTY DIVISIONS
<i>Airport</i> Cultural & Heritage Veterans Service Bureau Weights & Measures	Business Development & Tourism County Connection	<i>Airport</i>	---	<i>Airport</i> Insurance & Risk Management Solid Waste Management
BOARDS & COMMISSIONS	BOARDS & COMMISSIONS	BOARDS & COMMISSIONS	BOARDS & COMMISSIONS	BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Barnegat Bay Estuary/Pump Out Boats (*) Cape May Island County Park Advisory Council Cultural & Heritage Commission <i>Homelessness Trust Fund Task Force</i> <i>Homelessness Trust Fund Task Force</i> Natural Lands Trust Fund Advisory Committee OCC Board of School Estimate OCVTS Board of School Estimate Senior Services Advisory Council Slade Tree Advisory Commission Transportation Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens & Persons with Disabilities Veterans Advisory Committee	Advisory Commission on the Status of Women Film and Television Advisory Commission <i>Homelessness Trust Fund Task Force</i> Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Tourism Business Advisory Council Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee Workforce Development Board <i>Planning Board</i>	<i>Airpark Advisory Committee</i> Commission for Individuals with Disabilities <i>Construction Board of Appeals</i> <i>Emergency Management Council</i> Mosquito Extermination Commission OCC Board of School Estimate OCVTS Board of School Estimate Mental Health Board Opioid Advisory Council	Commission on Child Safety and Awareness <i>Emergency Management Council</i> Mosquito Extermination Commission OCC Board of School Estimate OCVTS Board of School Estimate Youth Services Commission	Agriculture Development Board <i>Airpark Advisory Committee</i> Community Development Block Grant Committee <i>Construction Board of Appeals</i> County Housing Advisory Committee Environmental Agency Insurance Fund Commission (Alternate) <i>Natural Lands Trust Fund Advisory Committee</i> OCC Board of School Estimate OCVTS Board of School Estimate <i>Planning Board</i> Solid Waste Advisory Council
CONSTITUTIONAL	CONSTITUTIONAL	CONSTITUTIONAL	CONSTITUTIONAL	CONSTITUTIONAL
---	County Clerk	<i>Sheriff</i>	Surrogate	<i>Sheriff</i>
QUASI-GOVERNMENT AGENCIES	QUASI-GOVERNMENT AGENCIES	QUASI-GOVERNMENT AGENCIES	QUASI-GOVERNMENT AGENCIES	QUASI-GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
<i>Board of Social Services</i> OC Vocational Technical School / Vocational Technical School Board	Board of Elections Board of Health <i>Board of Social Services</i> Ocean County College/OCC Board of Trustees Ocean County Library/Library Commission Rutgers Cooperative Extension Service	---	---	OC Utilities Authority OC Vocational Technical School/Vocational Technical School Board
STATE OFFICES	STATE OFFICES	STATE OFFICES	STATE OFFICES	STATE OFFICES
---	Superintendent of Schools	<i>Prosecutor</i>	Probation (Superior Court) Superior Court <i>Tax Board</i>	<i>Prosecutor</i> <i>Tax Board</i>
PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
<i>New Jersey Association of Counties (Alternate)</i> <i>Southern NJ County Commissioners Association (Alternate)</i>	<i>Southern NJ County Commissioners Association (Representative)</i>	---	<i>New Jersey Association of Counties (Representative)</i>	North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (1st Voting Member)

*Program, not Department, Division or Board
Italized denotes shared Liaisons

R E S O L U T I O N

January 7, 2026

BE IT RESOLVED by the **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** of the **COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY** that **COMMISSIONER FRANK SADEGHI** and **COMMISSIONER JENNIFER BACCHIONE** members of this Board, are hereby appointed as members of the **OCEAN COUNTY PLANNING BOARD** for the year **2026**.

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.

R E S O L U T I O N

January 7, 2026

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

1. For the year **2026**, **RAY GORMLEY**, 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 **2026**, **ROBERT S. ARACE**, 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 Gormley 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 Gormley and Arace, and County Administrator Michael J. Fiure.

R E S O L U T I O N

January 7, 2026

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 **2026**, as follows:

1. **Ocean County College Board** – Commissioner Frank Sadeghi, Commissioner Robert S. Arace and Commissioner Ray Gormley.
2. **Ocean County Vocational-Technical Schools Board** - Commissioner Frank Sadeghi, Commissioner Robert S. Arace and Commissioner Ray Gormley.

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

R E S O L U T I O N

January 7, 2026

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 **2026**, with **COMMISSIONER ROBERT S. ARACE** serving as an Alternate Representative.

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

R E S O L U T I O N

January 7, 2026

BE IT RESOLVED by the **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** of the **COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY** that **COMMISSIONER JENNIFER BACCHIONE** and **COMMISSIONER ROBERT S. ARACE** are hereby appointed members of the **OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES** for the year **2026**.

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

R E S O L U T I O N

January 7, 2026

BE IT RESOLVED by the **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** of the **COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY** that **COMMISSIONER JENNIFER BACCHIONE** 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 **2026**.

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 Bacchione.

R E S O L U T I O N

January 7, 2026

BE IT RESOLVED by the **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** of the **COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY** that **COMMISSIONER SAM ELLENBOGEN** 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 **2026**.

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 Ellenbogen.

**No Associated
Documents**

R E S O L U T I O N

January 7, 2026

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a County Auditor to complete the County Audit for 2026 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 Jerry W. Conaty, 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 \$320,880.00.

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 Jerry W. Conaty, 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.

R E S O L U T I O N

January 7, 2026

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the appointment of an Architect for the County of Ocean; and

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

WHEREAS, the nineteen (19) responses received by the County of Ocean were reviewed by the Ocean County Consultant Selection Review Committee in accordance with the criteria approved by the Ocean County Board of Commissioners for the evaluation of the same; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Consultant Selection Review Committee has recommended the award of a Professional Services Agreement for architectural services to Massimo F. Yezzi, Jr. for calendar year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the costs for such services rendered shall not exceed \$1,250,000.00; and

WHEREAS, funds for these services shall be available within the following funding sources:

1. 2026 Temporary and 2026 Adopted County Budget – Administrator O.E., Management & Budget O.E., Parks O.E. and Special Projects O.E.
2. Capital Ordinances
3. Natural Lands Trust Fund Account No. 225-155-0151
4. Buildings & Grounds O.E. Account No. 016-070-4030; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement 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 require expertise, extensive training and a proven reputation in this field of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement 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.

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 enter into and execute an Agreement with **Massimo F. Yezzi, Jr., A.I.A., t/a Yezzi Associates, LLC, 18 Washington Street, P. O. Box 1638, Toms River, New Jersey 08754**, effective January 1, 2026, for a term of one (1) year in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Professional Service Agreement attached hereto.

2. This Agreement is awarded in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law which recognizes that architectural services, such as those required in connection with this Agreement, constitute professional services as defined therein.
3. This Agreement is awarded in compliance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.
4. A notice of this action shall be published once as required by law.
5. The contract number must be placed on all documents pertaining to this Agreement.
6. A certified copy of this Resolution, together with a copy of the Agreement executed by the parties, shall remain on file and be available for public inspection at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Ocean County Counsel, County Auditor, County Comptroller; and Massimo F. Yezzi, Jr., Architect.

R E S O L U T I O N

January 7, 2026

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 **2026**:

1. Frank Sadeghi	-	Island Heights, first voting member.
2. Mark F. Jehnke	-	Little Egg Harbor, 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.

R E S O L U T I O N

January 7, 2026

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 2026.

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.

R E S O L U T I O N

January 7, 2026

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, 2026:

SEAN M. AREIA, Toms River	Engineer Alternate
JOHN M. IMPERIALE, Harvey Cedars	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.

RESOLUTION

January 7, 2026

WHEREAS, by way of initial Resolution dated May 21, 2014, the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders authorized the County of Ocean to join the New Jersey Counties Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund (the "Fund") as permitted by N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36, subject to approval by the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the by-laws of the Fund indicate that the County shall designate a Representative and Alternate Representative to the Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, OF THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY that Commissioner Frank Sadeghi is hereby designated as Ocean County's Representative to the Fund and Michael J. Fiure is hereby designated as Ocean County's Alternate Representative to the Fund, for a term of three (3) years, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028.

R E S O L U T I O N

January 7, 2026

BE IT RESOLVED by the **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** of the **COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY** that Michael G. Mastronardi is hereby reappointed to serve as the County Coordinator of Emergency Management, pursuant to Section 12 of P.L. 1953, c. 438 (c.App.A:9-42.1), for a term of three (3) years, effective January 6, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED he shall be compensated with an annual stipend of \$25,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution shall be made available to the Ocean County Administrator, Department of Finance, Department of Employee Relations, New Jersey State Police, and to the appointee.

R E S O L U T I O N

January 7, 2026

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, the following individuals are hereby reappointed as Assistant Fire Marshals effective January 15, 2026 for a term of three (3) years, term to expire January 14, 2029, at their present salaries:

Full- Time:

**CHRISTOPHER J. FREEMAN
DARLENE GENOVESE
MATTHEW MCKELVEY**

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

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 01/07/2026.

I, HEREBY CERTIFY THESE VOUCHERS, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$3,493,235.03
WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE ATTACHED REPORT, TO BE VALID CLAIMS, AND I
RECOMMEND APPROVAL AND PAYMENT THEREOF.

APPROVED

JENNIFER BACCHIONE
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

ROBERT S. ARACE
COMMISSIONER

FRANK SADEGHI
DIRECTOR

SAM ELLENBOGEN
COMMISSIONER

ORDERED PAID

RAY GORMLEY
COMMISSIONER

MICHELLE I. GUNTHER
CLERK OF THE BOARD
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

R E S O L U T I O N

JANUARY 07, 2026

**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 4 PAGES WITH VOUCHERS TOTALING IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$3,493,235.03 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.**

**No Associated
Documents**

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 2026 has not been adopted, and

WHEREAS, it is desired to adopt a Temporary Capital Budget for the year 2026.

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

RECORDED VOTE	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN

COUNTY OF OCEAN
2026 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 2026 Budget Appropriation	5b Capital Improvement Fund	5c Capital Surplus	5d Grants-in-Aid and Other Funds	5e Debt Authorized	
ENGINEERS:									
Bridge Rehabilitation and Management	2026-1	5,500,000			275,000			5,225,000	
New and Upgrade Traffic Control Devices	2026-5	5,500,000			275,000			5,225,000	
PARKS:									
Development and Construction - Manchester Park	2026-12	3,000,000			3,000,000				
Totals		\$14,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,550,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,450,000	\$0

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above items will be provided for in the 2026 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 7th day of January 2026.

Certified by:

(Date)

Michelle I. Gunther, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

TRENTON, NEW JERSEY

APPROVED _____, 2026

DIRECTOR OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Resolution

January 7, 2026

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 2026 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 2026; and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the 2025 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt assistance in said 2025 budget, is the sum of \$119,986,111. This sum, including the required appropriations for the above mentioned line items may not exceed \$155,661,608 for the total 2026 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	\$ 200,025
Other Expenses	2,250
4004 County Administrator	
Salaries & Wages	375,000
Other Expenses	34,000
4006 Wireless Technologies Division	
Other Expenses	400,000
4009 Special Accounting Service	
Other Expenses	7,500
4010 County Counsel	
Other Expenses	187,500
4012 County Adjusters Office	
Other Expenses	22,000
4013 Department of Finance	
Salaries & Wages	600,000
Other Expenses	62,000
4014 Clerk of the Board	
Salaries & Wages	360,000
Other Expenses	15,000
4015 Tourism & Economic Development	
Other Expenses	161,000
4016 Employee Relations	
Salaries & Wages	510,000
Other Expenses	11,000
4017 Personnel Training Program	115,000
4018 Labor Relations Consultant	53,000
4019 County Connection	
Other Expenses	23,000
4020 Public Affairs	
Salaries & Wages	484,500
Other Expenses	160,000
4022 County Clerk	
Salaries & Wages	1,050,000
Other Expenses	110,000
4023 Prosecutor's Programs	
Other Expenses	25,000
4024 Prosecutor's Office	
Salaries & Wages	5,600,000
Other Expenses	205,000
4026 Purchasing Department	
Salaries & Wages	220,000
Other Expenses	30,000
4029 Warehouse	
Salaries & Wages	130,000
Other Expenses	1,060
4030 Buildings & Grounds	
Salaries & Wages	2,600,000
Other Expenses	1,000,000
4031 Gang Violence Initiative	
Salaries & Wages	220,000

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
4032	Custodian Svcs OC Res Center Other Expenses	100,000
4033	Security Salaries & Wages Other Expenses	1,600,000 28,000
4034	Group Insurance Plans for Employees	18,100,000
4035	Employee Physicals & Policy Other Expenses	40,000
4036	Health Benefits Waiver	5,000
4040	Insurance Consultant Other Expenses	250,000
4042	Stationery, Printing & Advertising Other Expenses	4,500
4044	Postage Other Expenses	150,000
4046	Office of Information Technology Salaries & Wages Other Expenses	1,400,000 2,250,000
4054	Printing & Graphic Arts Salaries & Wages Other Expenses	170,000 65,000
4069	Ocean County Insurance Commission Other Expenses	5,600,000
4205	Indigent Cost Other Expenses	6,250
4210	Uniform Interstate Family Support Act Other Expenses	45,000
4218	Surrogate Salaries & Wages Other Expenses	410,000 11,900
4402	Office of the Sheriff Salaries & Wages Other Expenses	8,000,000 450,000
4403	Sheriffs - 911 System Salaries & Wages Other Expenses	2,000,000 350,000
4409	Office of Fire Marshal Salaries & Wages	600,000
4410	Board of Taxation Salaries & Wages Other Expenses	220,000 4,350
4414	Medical Examiner Salaries & Wages Other Expenses	350,000 600,000
4416	Shade Tree Commission Salaries & Wages Other Expenses	25,000 9,500
4420	Election Expense Salaries & Wages Other Expenses	90,000 475,000
4421	Election Board Salaries & Wages	1,500,000
4422	Rent of Polling Places Other Expenses	24,125
4424	District Election Board Members Other Expenses	225,000
4426	Other Election Expenses-County Clerk's Office Other Expenses	457,500
4436	County Planning Board (RS40:27-3) Salaries & Wages Other Expenses	320,000 31,000
4438	Consumer Affairs Salaries & Wages Other Expenses	335,000 11,375
4446	Construction Board of Appeals Other Expenses	160
4449	Clean Vessel Act Other Expenses	120,000
4604	County Funds - Roads Salaries & Wages Other Expenses	3,600,000 1,500,000

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
4605	Vehicle Services	
	Salaries & Wages	1,400,000
	Other Expenses	75,000
4608	Bridges	
	Salaries & Wages	450,000
	Other Expenses	47,500
4614	Engineering Department	
	Salaries & Wages	2,000,000
	Other Expenses	190,000
4615	Engineering/Hazard Tree Removal	
	Other Expenses	25,000
4618	Beach Erosion	168,750
4620	Transportation Services	
	Salaries & Wages	1,200,000
	Other Expenses	105,000
4634	Maintenance of Pumping Facility	
	Other Expenses	64,875
4635	Schedule "C" Vehicle Services	
	Other Expenses	484,680
4802	Department of Corrections	
	Salaries & Wages	9,500,000
	Other Expenses	350,000
4803	Corrections - Healthcare Services	
	Other Expenses	1,500,000
4806	Corrections - Food	
	Other Expenses	850,000
5011	Aid/Visiting Homemakers Service	
	Other Expenses	22,149
5015	Code Blue Plan	
	Other Expenses	65,000
5016	Department of Human Services	
	Salaries & Wages	575,000
	Other Expenses	220,000
5018	Mental Health Programs	
	Other Expenses	585,000
5019	Child & Adult Disability Svcs	
	Other Expenses	66,875
5020	Priority Population Fund	
	Other Expenses	100,000
5023	Fire & First Aid Training Center	
	Salaries & Wages	225,000
	Other Expenses	56,000
5026	Mosquito Extermination Commission	
	Other Expenses	1,233,021
5033	Maint. of Patients in Other Than State Institutions	
	Other Expenses	57,500

<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
5051	School Nutrition Program Expense	
	Other Expenses	40,000
5052	Juvenile Services - Educational Program	
	Other Expenses	175,000
5053	Juvenile Gang Initiative	
	Other Expenses	5,626
5055	Juvenile Services - State Housing	
	Other Expenses	8,000
5056	Juvenile Services	
	Salaries & Wages	1,325,000
	Other Expenses	73,000
5057	Juvenile Services/Non-Secure Program	
	Other Expenses	60,000
5058	Office of Senior Services	
	Salaries & Wages	475,000
	Other Expenses	1,980,000

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
5062 War Veterans Burial & Grave Decoration Other Expenses	58,500
5064 Ocean County Environmental Agency Other Expenses	460
5070 Workforce Investment Board Other Expenses	16,500
5087 Hazardous Household Waste Other Expenses	257,501
5088 Solid Waste Management Salaries & Wages	1,050,000
Other Expenses	222,000
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	125,000
Other Expenses	4,400
5208 County Extension Service Salaries & Wages	165,000
Other Expenses	7,500
5209 Rutgers Co-op Extension Other Expenses	281,405
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	65,000
5406 Forge Pond Recreation Complex Other Expenses	100,000
5408 Atlantis Complex Other Expenses	185,000
5410 Purchase/Rent/Lease Equipment Other Expenses	170,000
5412 Atlantis/Pro-Shop Other Expenses	21,000
5414 Forge Pond/Pro-Shop Other Expenses	15,500
5608 County Air Park Salaries & Wages	35,000
Other Expenses	2,600
5625 Repair & Maintenance of County Vehicles Other Expenses	926,000
5626 Environmental Other Expenses	187,500
5627 Physical Damage Vehicle	26,900
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 Other Expenses	55,750
5665 Association of Counties Other Expenses	30,162
<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	1,050,000
5679 Special Projects	440,000

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>Capital Improvements</u>	
6002 Capital Improvement Fund	10,375,000
6010 Timekeeping Software & Equipment	125,000
6026 Road Overlay & Construction-Roads	1,000,000
6027 Road Overlay & Construction-Engineering	450,000
6028 Purchase of Communications Equipment	1,000,000
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	125,000
6054 Airpark Upgrades	25,000
6055 Roof upgrades and alterations	200,000
<u>County Debt Service</u>	
6650 Interest on Bonds	6,446,623
6652 Int: College Bonds State Aid	73,609
6655 NJEIT - Fund Loan	35,396
6657 NJEIT Trust Loan	7,369
<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	150,000
<u>State and Federal Grants</u>	
7044 Aid to Families with Dependent Children	100,000
9157 HUD CDBG PROGRAM INCOME FY26	29,475
AE23 COUNCIL OF THE ARTS FY26	264,500
AE65 NJ CO HISTORY PARTNERSHIP FY26	147,000
AE31 FAMILY COURT SERVICES FY26	338,792
AE84 PROGRAM SERVICE FUND FY26	562,994
AE85 PROGRAM MANAGEMENT FUND FY26	90,000
AE17 SR CITIZEN/ PERSONS W/ DISAB FY26	3,423,549
AE00 AREA PLAN III E STATE FY26	108,140
AE01 SAFE HOUSING & TRANSPORT FY26	85,178
AE03 ADULT PROTECTIVE SVC FY26	451,670
AE04 OCEAN AREA PLAN GRANT FY26	2,746,849
AE05 OCEAN AREA COMPREHENSIVE FY26	168,000
AE06 OCEAN AREA PLAN STATE FY26	121,752
AE07 DCA: HOME DELIVERED MEALS FY26	73,036
BE07 LOCAL: DCA HOME DELV MEAL FY26	18,259
AE09 CMQA FY26	23,810
AE28 SUPP AGING SUPPORTIVE SVCS 26	232,634
BE28 LOCAL: SUPP AGING SUPP SVC 26	58,159
AE29 AREA PLAN III-E ADMIN FY26	30,000
AE36 STATE COLA SENIOR SVCS FY26	392,138
AE38 MEDICAID MATCH FY26	74,243
AE96 USDA FY26	141,718
AE49 DHS EMERG FOOD & SHELTER FY26	532,390
Total 2026 Temporary Budget	\$ 155,094,315

R E S O L U T I O N

January 7, 2026

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 2026, 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.

R E S O L U T I O N

January 7, 2026

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 2026:

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
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
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.

RESOLUTION

January 7, 2026

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 2026.

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

R E S O L U T I O N

January 7, 2026

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 2026 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 2026 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

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.



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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 DEPOSITORYES 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 \$20,000.00
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 DEPOSITORYIES

See Attachment A - Resolution dated January 7, 2026

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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 seq. be allowed.

R E S O L U T I O N

January 7, 2026

WHEREAS, Jennifer L. Bowens has been appointed as Ocean County's 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 \$53,000.
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 Purchasing Department, Department of Finance and Auditor.

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