



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.

CLERK GUNTHER: "It is my pleasure to call this meeting to order and welcome everyone to the 2026 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 November 12, 2025, and in the Atlantic City Press on November 13, 2025.

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 7, 2026, at 3:32 PM, Room 119, Ocean County Administration 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: "Now, I would like to ask Pastor Peter Hartney to come up to the microphone to give the Invocation. Pastor."

1. By Pastor Peter M. Hartney, Jr.

PASTOR PETER M. HARTNEY, JR.: "Let us pray. Almighty God, as we come before you at the beginning of a new year and as the Ocean County Board of Commissioners welcome two new members and begin a new year of service to the people of Ocean County, we ask that you go before them as a pillar of fire in lighting their way, guiding them in their work and comforting them in their rest, leading them to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with you oh God. Amen."

CLERK GUNTHER: "Thank you, Pastor Hartney. Everyone, you may please be seated."

C. STATEMENT OF DETERMINATION

CLERK GUNTHER: "The first order of business today is the Statement of Determination for the 2025 General Election which was held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, and I'd like to invite Deputy County Clerk, John Catalano, and Chairman of the Board of Canvassers, George Gilmore to come forward and present the certification."

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.

JOHN CATALANO, ACTING COUNTY CLERK: "So, on November 19, 2025, I went before the Board of Canvassers to certify the General Election of November 4, 2025, and this was one of our determinations. County of Ocean, Certificate of Election:

'The said Board of County Canvassers of Ocean County, New Jersey do determine that at the election held in the said county on 2025 in November in the year of our Lord, Sam Ellenbogen was duly elected Commissioner for a three-year term. And In Witness hereof I have set my seal, John Catalano, Acting County Clerk.' Commissioner, congratulations!"

SAM ELLENBOGEN: "Thank you, sir."

(applause)

GEORGE GILMORE: "John forgot to say that George Gilmore signed as Chairman. It's right there, John. (laughter) I want to say something about Sam. Listen, in a span of three years you have a totally new Board of Commissioners, and I think it's a tribute to the individuals sitting up there, the four, and Sam. Now, you're going to see a new vision for Ocean County, not that the old vision was bad, but bringing in new people with new ideas, ideas to expand and improve the services that are rendered to the people. These are five serious individuals that want to do what's right for the county. We may not always agree on what we think is the best course, but I can tell you in their hearts they want to do what's right for this county, what's right for the people of this county, and all the people of this county. And I'm proud of this guy, right here. He didn't want to get involved in politics, but we turned him."

(laughter)

(applause)

(pictures taken)

JOHN CATALANO: "Congratulations, Sam."

SAM ELLENBOGEN: "Thank you. Appreciate it, John. Thank you."

JOHN CATALANO: "Commissioner Gormley. So, at that same meeting, County of Ocean, Certificate of Election:

'The said Board of County Canvassers of Ocean County, New Jersey do determine that at the election held in the said county on the fourth day of November in the year of our Lord, 2025, Ray Gormley was duly elected Commissioner for a three-year term.' This certificate is signed by Chairman, George Gilmore and myself." (laughter) Ray, congratulations!"

(applause)

(pictures taken)

GEORGE GILMORE: "I have to say a few words, again. (laughter) Ray is from Little Egg Harbor. Sam is from Toms River. We've always tried to have a balance on the Board representing various sections of the county and I think we're fulfilling that again and again. This individual right here, 29 years, was it 30 years on the governing body?"

RAY GORMLEY: "26 working on ..."

GEORGE GILMORE: "Oh, 26. I made you a little older."

RAY GORMLEY: "No, that's okay. It's all good."

GEORGE GILMORE: "Good government in Little Egg Harbor and he's bringing it to the County of Ocean. Thank you."

RAY GORMLEY: "Thank you."

(applause)

JOHN CATALANO, ACTING COUNTY CLERK: "We have one more certificate. Where's the best Sheriff in New Jersey? Come on up here, young fellow."

MICHAEL G. MASTRONARDY, OCEAN COUNTY SHERIFF: "Hello, everybody."

JOHN CATALANO, ACTING COUNTY CLERK: "And Sheriff, at that same meeting County of Ocean, Certificate of Election:

'The said Board of County Canvassers of Ocean County, New Jersey do determine that at the election held in the said county on the fourth day of November in the year of our Lord 2025, Michael Mastronardy was duly elected Sheriff for a three-year term.' Again, signed by Chairman Gilmore and myself." (laughter)

(applause)

GEORGE GILMORE: "One thing I want to say about... you want us to turn. I'm sorry." (laughter)

(pictures taken)

GEORGE GILMORE: "Everybody knows sheriffs are there for law enforcement to enforce the laws and protect the public, but you got an extra with this sheriff right here. This is a guy who has a big heart that cares about everybody

and worries about everybody, that they have a place to sleep, that they have food to eat, that they have clothes. I'm telling you – dedicated individual. I'm so glad we have him. (applause) I'm sorry. I may not be here at the end of the meeting. After the event is over today, Villa Amalfi. We have a party to celebrate the victory, and we also have kosher food because we have a newly elected Commissioner who likes kosher food." (laughter)

D. OATHS OF OFFICE

1. As a Member of the Board of Commissioners, Administered to Sam Ellenbogen by the Honorable Francis R. Hodgson, Jr.

CLERK GUNTHER: "At this time I would like to invite the Honorable Francis R. Hodgson, Jr. to come up to give the ceremonial Oath of Office to Commissioner Sam Ellenbogen. And I'd like to note for the record that the official swearing in of Commissioner Ellenbogen was performed by the Honorable Francis R. Hodgson, Jr. on Friday, January 2, (2026)."

(pictures taken)

2. As a Member of the Board of Commissioners, Administered to Ray Gormley by Brian E. Rumpf, Esquire and Melanie A. Szuba, Esquire.

CLERK GUNTHER: "Next, I would like to invite Brian E. Rumpf, (Esquire) and Melanie A. Szuba, (Esquire) to come up to give the ceremonial Oath of Office to Ray Gormley. And I know for the record that the official swearing in of Commissioner Gormley was performed by Brian E. Rumpf and Melanie A. Szuba on Friday, January 2, (2026)."

(pictures taken)

E. CALL OF THE ROLL

CLERK GUNTHER: "It is my honor to call the roll of the Ocean County Board of Commissioners for the first time for the year 2026."

Commissioners Arace, Bacchione, Ellenbogen, Gormley and Sadeghi were all present at the call of the roll.

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

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #:
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
ABSENT:	N/A	
MOVE:	Robert S. Arace	
SECOND:	Jennifer Bacchione	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

CLERK GUNTHER: "At this time I'd like to ask for nominations for the election of the Director of the Board for 2026."

COMMISSIONER ARACE: "I nominate Commissioner, Frank Sadeghi for Board Director."

COMMISSIONER SADEGHI: "Thank you."

CLERK GUNTHER: "Do we have a second?"

COMMISSIONER BACCHIONE: "I'll second."

CLERK GUNTHER: "If there are no other nominations I'd like to ask for a motion to close the nominations for Director."

COMMISSIONER ARACE: "So moved."

CLERK GUNTHER: "Can I have a second?"

COMMISSIONER BACCHIONE: "Yes."

CLERK GUNTHER: "Thank you."

Roll call vote was taken

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

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #:
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
ABSENT:	N/A	
MOVE:	Ray Gormley	
SECOND:	Sam Ellenbogen	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

CLERK GUNTHER: "Next, I'd like to ask for nominations for the election of the Deputy Director of the Board for 2026."

COMMISSIONER GORMLEY: "I'd like to nominate Jennifer Bacchione."

CLERK GUNTHER: "Do we have a second?"

COMMISSIONER ELLENBOGEN: "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 GORMLEY: "Motion closed."

COMMISSIONER ELLENBOGEN: "Second."

Roll call vote was taken

CLERK GUNTHER: "Congratulations, Director Sadeghi. I now turn the meeting over to you."

DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Thank you very much."

(applause)

H. COMMENTS FROM THE DIRECTOR

DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Thank you. Thank you everyone for coming out here to share with us this significant day as we swear in our newest Commissioners, long-time Little Egg Harbor Township Committeeman, Ray Gormley. I've known Ray for probably 30 years. He's done a lot of good things for Little Egg Harbor but also the southern part of Ocean County, and he's going to now have the opportunity to do more for the entire county community. And Mr. Sam Ellenbogen who makes history today as the Chairman indicated, as the first Orthodox Jewish member of the Board. Sam is an Oscar of the community and for the last, many years, ten years, maybe over that, he's been an advocate of his community but also the larger community and you'll see him in action. Sam and I talk about some of his plans and things, and I think the residents of Ocean County are going to be pleased by having Sam and Ray join us up here as Chairman Gilmore indicated, there's a turnover. And every now and then it's not a bad thing to have new people with new ideas, fresh eyes to come into, especially government, take a look at things and see if there's room for improvement. We know that this county has grown significantly in the last 20, 25 years and I think it's totally warranted to have new people, new ideas, fresh ideas. We're going to change the face and the mindset of Ocean County. I made that commitment two years ago when I stood before many of you, new to this Board...I am so gratified for the people. I never thought that I would be sitting up here as one of five Commissioners. I am so appreciative of the fact that they saw some talent, some new ideas in me, and entrusted me with their vote."

The important message I wanted them to hear was that Ocean County is changing. We should embrace that change and set the course for a better and brighter future for all next generations. We are at that crossroads. We are at that moment where we can make a significant difference. The foundation was set on all the things that we're doing here, 30 years ago, 40 years ago with Commissioners like Commissioner Mancini, (Commissioner) Bartlett, even before that, Joe Buckelew, and we've built on that foundation, on those foundations, but now we can set the course for the next 25 years in Ocean County. I am more convinced today about the future of Ocean County being bright than I've ever been. I think there is hope. I think there is...we have some big plans for Ocean County. And I think with hard work and the bold ideas innovation and a commitment to problem solving that we can and should embrace the changes that are occurring in the county and I see that as an opportunity to make this county even better.

But better...let me talk about some of things that we've accomplished just in the last couple of years and last year significantly with the addition of Commissioner Bacchione and Commissioner Arace, just under Vocational-Technical Schools aspect. We came to this arena and realized that there were approximately 700 students that were on the waiting list to enroll in various programs at the Ocean County Vocational Schools. At our center in Jackson a nearly 25,000 square feet addition will ultimately future four brand new state-of-the-art art shops and four modern classrooms with capacity for 192 students. The new space prepares students for high-demand careers in electrical, plumbing, welding, (and) medical assistants, giving them hands-on training and credentials that could lead directly to meaningful, good paying jobs. We also relocated our Academy of Law and Public Safety (ALPS) from its current Waretown location to the newly renovated Russell Building at Ocean County College. That's one of the, I think, magnificent things that we've accomplished in that, and again, the moment was right that we put the Vocational

School leadership and the Ocean County College leadership and we forced them to have a dialogue and now they're best friends and that's good for Ocean County residents. The move will allow for ALPS students to graduate with both a high school diploma and college credits receiving hands-on training in law enforcement, homeland security, and public safety, while building a strong academic foundation and future career pathway. And what can I say about the addition to the MATES (Marine Academy of Technology and Environmental Science) school. We actually had...these are the most talented, brightest, home-grown students in Ocean County that wanted to enroll in the MATES school, and we didn't have the capacity to accommodate them. Now with the addition of the MATES school, it will allow the brightest home-grown students to get the education they deserve right here at home, helping them to become the future scientists and leaders of our country.

Switching subjects, I see Bob Brice is in the audience. He called. He wanted to know if I was going to beat up on JCP&L and I said I'll take every opportunity to beat up on JCP&L (laughter) because you guys are easy to beat up on. But, having said that, we demanded and got the attention of energy executives at JCP&L/ FirstEnergy when I threatened an unprecedented \$1 billion lawsuit. That \$1 billion has actually increased to like \$2 billion by now, on behalf of county ratepayers. The result of that after years of power outages, and I know we still have power outages. I know we just had an issue in Manchester Township and Bob has assured us that the improvements that they're making to the substation in that area is going to be completed in a month or so, or a couple of months. Bob is not acknowledging."

BOB BRICE: "A few weeks."

DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "A few weeks."

BOB BRICE: "We'll update you with a municipal official on that."

DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Sounds good. But it caused a lot of...these outages caused frustration, inconvenience. JCP&L/FirstEnergy have acknowledged their failures and are now working with us to fund infrastructure upgrades and improvements that will enhance the lives of Ocean County residents. That's what our mission is as Commissioners up here. DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) rules. You probably have seen some of the information that we were sending out through our social media and other means. We are leading the state-wide charge against Governor Murphy's far-left, out of control, DEP. This Board engaged with and educated our residents and aggressively and publicly criticized the DEP's so-called, (REAL) rule which would force Jersey Shore homeowners to spend tens of thousands in new compliance costs, reduced property values, increase insurance costs, and destroy our tourism. Those are fighting words down here. Now, as a new administration takes office in Trenton, Ocean County is positioned at the forefront of this fight pushing back on far-left ideology. That's what it is and junk science. I don't want to get into it but we're going to have more sessions where we can sit down and dive into it and take a look at some of the models that was the base and their justification for making these changes.

Switching topics to the Improvement Authority. We're also on the verge of saving taxpayers millions of dollars through the creation of Ocean County Improvement Authority. The purpose of this authority is basically have the might, the financial might, of Ocean County behind improvements that municipalities at this point we just wanted to start with this municipalities. We might expand it in the future to Boards of Education and other entities but at this point the focus of the Improvement Authority is going to be to assist with...especially smaller municipalities if they want to build a new facility, a new town hall, borough hall, to be able to get much more favorable bonding rate. And that saving, obviously gets trickled down to the taxpayers, which is exactly what we want to do, make it more affordable for the people who live in Ocean County.

Let me talk about Miller Airpark, some of the improvements. I think we have a gem out there. I know Commissioner Arace and I have been involved. I know Commissioner Ellenbogen is interested in also participating. As aviation industry grows, as we have more affluent people moving to Ocean County we need to be mindful of improvements at the...not every county has this, by the way. But we are committed to building additional hangar space at the airport to address the increased aviation needs of our community while emphasizing the untapped future value of this great resource for our residents as the County of Ocean expands. I really think that there's room there. Again, we've talked about it with Commissioner Arace about this, there's a shortage of air traffic controllers. Why can't we manufacture air traffic controllers and train them right here? Those are good paying jobs. So, we're going to tap on that.

The last thing I want to talk about is something new, something that I've been able to talk to the rest of the Commissioners about and that is an open space tax increase. As stewards of what those who came before us created, we must commit to balancing future growth with protection of the special charm, character equality of life that attracted so many of us to Ocean County in the first place. That is why today I'm proposing, and I think the Commissioners are on Board, that the Ocean County Board of Commissioners place a referendum on the ballot this November asking county voters to raise our county open tax by one cent allowing the county to more aggressively preserve open space and farmland to prevent overdevelopment. Enhance and modernize our county parks system. I think over the last, I think the 1.2 cent open space tax passed and was enacted roughly 30 years ago, and over the last 30 years, I think the Freeholders and the Commissioners have done a pretty outstanding job in preserving, I believe, 35,000 acres of land in Ocean County. But I think we need to step that up and if we can do that one of the things that we can do is now we can create the open spaces but also develop those open spaces for recreation purposes. As the county's population grows there's going to be more demand for recreation space. So, the justification for that is the cost to preserve land has gone up. As you know, the value of your homes has gone up over the last 5, 10, 25, 30 years. Land is more valuable, so it costs more to buy land. Here in Ocean County we're hopeful that our strong improvement record of fiscal conservatism and low taxes gives voters the confidence to trust us to responsibly

manage increased open space revenues as we strive to strike the right and necessary balance between preservation and growth while also updating our older county park's system. We need to spruce up, again, something that Commissioner Arace and I have been talking about, spruce up our existing facilities and recreation parks and such. For one, I personally look forward to speaking with residents and all of our municipalities educating them on the need of a yes vote and arm them with the information they need to make an informed decision about the future of our county. I think it's very important.

In closing, let me once again say thank you. I appreciate everyone. We have exchanges on a regular basis. I see so many faces that we see at the different events, and we talk about the direction that the county is going. And I hear good things. I hope that, that is the sentiment out there, that the county is going in the right direction. I want to thank you all. Happy New Year. God bless you, your families and this beautiful community of ours."

(applause)

DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Commissioner Bacchione."

I. COMMENTS FROM THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

DEPUTY DIRECTOR BACCHIONE: "Thank you. I want to begin by saying it's been a privilege this last year to work alongside our departments and directors and staff. The professionalism and collaboration and commitment to serving our residents truly make a difference every day and I'm grateful for their hard work and partnership. I'm also honored and thankful to have been selected as Deputy Director. I appreciate the confidence my colleagues have placed in me and take this responsibility seriously. I'd like to congratulate our new Commissioners, Ray (Gormley) and Sam (Ellenbogen) and welcome them to the Board. I look forward to working closely with them to serve our residents with integrity and a shared commitment to excellence."

Just a few things from last year. I want to thank the Sheriff for doing shared services with a few of his officers at our Ocean County Libraries to keep our residents and staff safe. Thank you, Sheriff. And throughout the year, we've done various resolutions on the board, pleading with the state to lower taxes, lower increases. They don't always listen but one resolution that ended up becoming very helpful...thank you to Senator Amato working together between the commissioners and the legislators is a bill now being passed so that for Island Beach State Park, which is here in Ocean County, that our residents in New Jersey get first pick. So, I do appreciate working together closely with our legislators and everyone in Ocean County. And as we begin 2026, I look forward to continuing this work and our departments as we build on the progress we've made together and just keep Ocean County moving forward. Thank you, all."

(applause)

DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Thank you. Thanks, Jennifer. Commissioner Arace."

J. COMMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONER ARACE: "Thank you. First and foremost, I'd like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and thank you for being here. I'd like to begin by congratulating Commissioner Ellenbogen and Commissioner Gormley. I'm incredibly excited to have you on the Board. I think what you'll find that the five of us are going to be really incredibly engaged in the community. We're motivated and excited and we're going to be on the ground listening to our residents ensuring that we're moving our county forward to continue progressing the way that we have been. I'd like to say thank you very much to the residents of Ocean County for entrusting us in this position. We know it's an important one and we do not take it lightly. And I want to thank our county employees. In 2025 you guys have really handled a lot of quick changes – a lot of differences from a newer, younger Board with fresh ideas. You've adapted incredibly and you've really just done tremendous work. I think every one of us can agree our Ocean County residents and our employees that there's something special about Ocean County. A variety of people move here, whether it be our seniors that come and retire and spend their golden years here, or young families that are working one, two, three jobs to stay in a home and really fighting for the American dream and having activities for their children and really living in an amazing world in a suburban county that is something that everybody wants to come to. One of my top priorities, or I think the priority of this Board, is to ensure that we continue to fight for that rural and suburban outlook of the county. I think we can all see that there is growth and it's exciting, but we can see some of the pains of that. We can see infrastructure pains, traffic, whether it be through the northern part of the county or the central part of the county. I think we can see that every single day and we've made a commitment to infrastructure investment to ensure that people can get to and from where they're going and quickly. And in addition to that to continue to preserve the rural and suburban character that we have made significant investments in open space. Really, to echo what Commissioner Sadeghi has said, but over 30,000 acres of open space is preserved, nearly 5,000 acres of parks. And these are parks that every single one of us enjoy whether it's going with our families and friends, or picnics or walks you can really see the true, beautiful nature of the county and that is something that we are still committed to and something that we'll accelerate in the coming years to ensure any future opportunities there are to continue to preserve space we'll take that."

Something that I would want to say to thank our EMS Academy. Brian Gabriel does tremendous work. Something that we, I think a lot of us feel that we can see, is that our EMT population, since post-Covid, has dropped significantly. Volunteer roles are extremely difficult. Those folks are typically young, are folks that have been doing it for a long time and now you have to, again, work a full-time job, become trained in volunteers. It's difficult and the pool of those EMT's actually have been shrinking. So, Brian Gabriel approached me early last year with what I think had turned out to be an incredible program in our EMS Academy where the county has now taken on, really, the obligation to train those EMT's, taking on the cost, working with local agencies to increase and bolster that pool to

keep our community safe. Something that's very important is that our seniors in Ocean County...we have the largest population of seniors in the state and it's incredibly important to continue to fight and advocate for them every single day, whether that be fighting with JCP&L to keep the power on. But just to say on the note of JCP&L. Again, you guys have been very responsive. I think that you've acknowledged the issues, but it is completely unacceptable that two Christmas Eves in a row that seniors had to sit in the dark and in the cold. Again, you've acknowledged it. I don't necessarily think that the folks in the room that it's your...falls on your shoulders necessarily, but it is completely unacceptable. I think talk is talk and I expect results. And come next Christmas Eve if there is a power outage again, we will no longer be sitting on the sidelines. Our veterans deserve the best care, the best resources in the world and with our seniors in transportation to get to and from medical appointments, shopping, hair appointments is incredibly important. A priority that we noted for OceanRide is how can we more efficiently provide this service to our seniors. What we've noticed is that there could be up to a 12 to 15 day wait time for reserve- a-ride and we've heard from many of our seniors that that's also just completely unacceptable. So, our OceanRide Director, Michelle Arnold, along with our admin staff have really highlighted key investments that we can make to shorten that time down significantly. So, if you need to go to a doctor appointment, or if you need to go buy groceries, we are going to make investments to bring that wait time, again, down very significantly, whether it be through new automated software for scheduling services but we believe that our seniors and our veterans deserve the absolute best. We'll continue working for you. We'll roll up our sleeves and get started today and I look forward to an extremely strong 2026 and thank you very much."

(applause)

DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Thank you. Thank you, Rob. Commissioner Gormley."

COMMISSIONER GORMLEY: "Thank you and good afternoon, everyone. It's certainly an honor and a pleasure to be sitting up here with these fine folks. They really have the county's heart at best, believe me when I tell you. First of all, I'd like to thank my wife, Dayna and my son Ryan for being here, thank you. And also, my fellow committeemen from Little Egg Harbor. Why don't you guys stand up so everybody knows who you are. (applause) Stand up guys. Stand up. I know I might be a little biased, but you won't find a better, harder working crew than the crew that I have in Little Egg Harbor and those guys deserve a lot of credit. They're really hard working for the communities, so thanks for all you do guys. Certainly, as I look around the room there are so many of you that started with me from the beginning, whether you're fellow colleagues and now personal friends, I just can't thank you enough for all the help and support that you've given me over the years. So many of you have become from colleagues to personal friends and you guys all know who you are. So, and I greatly appreciate that and will never, ever be forgotten. Believe me when I tell you. So, I'm just looking forward to, you know, getting to meet all the departments and wow, I thought Little Egg had a lot of buildings, but there's over 130 county buildings and it's going to take me some time to get to know everybody but I promise I will be there to meet and sit down with you and try to figure out the best way to continue keeping our county moving forward and I thank you and appreciate the opportunity. Thank you."

(applause)

DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Commissioner Ellenbogen."

COMMISSIONER ELLENBOGEN: "Thank you, Director. Congratulations on your new position and congratulations Commissioner Bacchione on your Deputy position. Good afternoon, everyone and thank you all for being here. I begin by thanking God, Almighty for his many blessings and for bringing us together in this remarkable county and in this great country whose unique and sacred freedoms allow us all to be here and share in the future filled with promise. Most importantly, I want to thank my family. Thank you, guys. Because public service is never an individual effort. To my incredible wife, Mimi. Thank you. Thank you for being my steady support, my sounding board and my source of strength. Your encouragement makes it possible for me to serve with confidence and purpose. To my children, Archie, Rosie and Lea. A day off from school. You remind me every day why this work matters. You remind me that the decisions we make here affect real families and real futures. My goal is to help ensure that Ocean County remains a place where our children can grow up safely, affordably, and with opportunity. I'd also like to acknowledge and thank all the elected officials, past and present, as well as Chairman George Gilmore, republican leadership, community leaders, and the many fellow citizens who took the time out to be here today. It means a lot to us. Thank you very much. (applause)

There are also individuals who have been instrumental in helping me reach this moment both personally and professionally. You know who you are. Your friendship, mentorship, guidance and encouragement have meant more to me than I can adequately express. I would not be here today without you. Thank you. As I prepare for this day, the responsibility of being one of just five people elected to represent nearly 700,000 Ocean County residents weighed on me greatly, as did the honor of being the first member of my community elected to a county-wide office in Ocean County's long history. While I'm incredibly proud of that milestone, I'm mindful of two things. First, I did not get here on my own. Not by a long shot. Second, I don't see myself as special nor do I want to focus on what makes me different. Instead, I hope to govern guided by the words of Psalm 133, 'Behold, how good and how pleasant is it for brethren to dwell together in unity.' Because even amid our differences we are strongest when we stand united. As we begin this new year, I'm excited to bring a fresh perspective to the Board of Commissioners. I come to this role with a unique combination of experience in both government and in business. From business, I bring a focus on efficiency, accountability and results. From government, I bring an understanding of public service, collaboration, and responsibility to the public we serve. I look forward to working constructively with my colleagues on this Board. In the year ahead I'll focus on the few clear priorities, responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars, public safety, infrastructure, promoting smart growth by preserving open land and ensuring balanced, responsible development,

protecting our beaches, our beautiful bays, and our waterways, and caring for our seniors and veterans. Across all of these priorities, I'm committed to transparency, accessibility and accountability because trust in government is earned, not assumed. I want to thank my fellow Commissioners, the County Administrator, our Department Heads, and all of our dedicated county employees. You are the backbone of this county. I look forward to working together as we serve the residents of Ocean County. I'm grateful for this opportunity to serve. I pledge to approach this role with humility, hard work and an open mind always remembering that this position is not about me, but about serving the people of Ocean County with honesty, respect, and dedication. Thank you. God bless you, and God bless Ocean County. Let's get to work."

(applause)

DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Thank you. Thank you for those comments. I can turn the meeting over to the Clerk of the Board."

K. PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

CLERK GUNTHER: "Thank you, Director. Commissioners, continuing with the agenda are the Presentation of Resolutions and I will read each one into the record."

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

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2026000001
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
ABSENT:	N/A	
MOVE:	Jennifer Bacchione	
SECOND:	Robert S. Arace	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

2. Appointing Commissioner Sadeghi and Commissioner Bacchione as Members of the Ocean County Planning Board.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2026000002
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
ABSENT:	N/A	
MOVE:	Robert S. Arace	
SECOND:	Jennifer Bacchione	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

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.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2026000003
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
ABSENT:	N/A	
MOVE:	Jennifer Bacchione	
SECOND:	Ray Gormley	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

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.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2026000004
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
ABSENT:	N/A	
MOVE:	Jennifer Bacchione	
SECOND:	Sam Ellenbogen	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

5. Appointing Commissioner Jennifer Bacchione as Representative and Commissioner Robert S. Arace as Alternate Representative of the Southern New Jersey County Commissioners Association.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2026000005
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
ABSENT:	N/A	
MOVE:	Ray Gormley	
SECOND:	Sam Ellenbogen	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

6. Appointing Commissioner Jennifer Bacchione and Commissioner Robert S. Arace as Members of the Ocean County Board of Social Services.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2026000006
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
ABSENT:	N/A	
MOVE:	Ray Gormley	
SECOND:	Sam Ellenbogen	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

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

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2026000007
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
ABSENT:	N/A	
MOVE:	Sam Ellenbogen	
SECOND:	Robert S. Arace	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

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

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2026000008
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
ABSENT:	N/A	
MOVE:	Ray Gormley	
SECOND:	Robert S. Arace	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
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."

1. Appointing Jerry W. Conaty, CPA, RMA, PSA of Holman Frenia Allison, P.C., as County Auditor for the year 2026. (QP2026-01)

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2026000023
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
ABSENT:	N/A	
MOVE:	Sam Ellenbogen	
SECOND:	Robert S. Arace	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

COMMISSIONER BACCHIONE: "He's praying he gets home safely from Aruba." (laughter)

2. Appointing Massimo F. Yezzi, Jr., A.I.A., t/a Yezzi Associates, LLC, as County Architect for the year 2026. (QP2026-02)

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2026000024
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
ABSENT:	N/A	
MOVE:	Ray Gormley	
SECOND:	Sam Ellenbogen	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

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.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2026000009
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
ABSENT:	N/A	
MOVE:	Robert S. Arace	
SECOND:	Jennifer Bacchione	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

4. Appointing Jennifer L. Bowens as Public Agency Compliance Officer for the County of Ocean for the year 2026.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2026000010
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
ABSENT:	N/A	
MOVE:	Robert S. Arace	
SECOND:	Ray Gormley	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

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.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2026000011
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
ABSENT:	N/A	
MOVE:	Jennifer Bacchione	
SECOND:	Robert S. Arace	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

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.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2026000012
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
ABSENT:	N/A	
MOVE:	Robert S. Arace	
SECOND:	Jennifer Bacchione	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

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.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2026000013
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
ABSENT:	N/A	
MOVE:	Sam Ellenbogen	
SECOND:	Robert S. Arace	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

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.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2026000014
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
ABSENT:	N/A	
MOVE:	Robert S. Arace	
SECOND:	Jennifer Bacchione	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

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

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2026000015
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
ABSENT:	N/A	
MOVE:	Jennifer Bacchione	
SECOND:	Robert S. Arace	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

CLERK GUNTHER: "The next item on today's agenda is Item 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."

Roll call vote was taken

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

1. Authorizing the 2026 Temporary Capital Budget.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2026000016
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
ABSENT:	N/A	
MOVE:	Jennifer Bacchione	
SECOND:	Robert S. Arace	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

2. Authorizing the 2026 Temporary County Budget.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2026000017
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
ABSENT:	N/A	
MOVE:	Jennifer Bacchione	
SECOND:	Robert S. Arace	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

3. Authorizing the Ocean County Chief Financial Officer to Invest Available Funds for the year 2026.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2026000018
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
ABSENT:	N/A	
MOVE:	Jennifer Bacchione	
SECOND:	Robert S. Arace	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

4. Authorizing Depositories for the County of Ocean for the year 2026.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2026000019
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
ABSENT:	N/A	
MOVE:	Jennifer Bacchione	
SECOND:	Robert S. Arace	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

5. Authorizing the re-establishment of the Approved Petty Cash Funds for the year 2026.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2026000020
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
ABSENT:	N/A	
MOVE:	Jennifer Bacchione	
SECOND:	Robert S. Arace	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

6. Authorizing the implementation of the 2026 Cash Management Plan.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2026000021
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
ABSENT:	N/A	
MOVE:	Jennifer Bacchione	
SECOND:	Robert S. Arace	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
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 2026.

RESULT	ADOPTED	Official Resolution #: 2026000022
PRESENT:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
ABSENT:	N/A	
MOVE:	Jennifer Bacchione	
SECOND:	Robert S. Arace	
AYE:	Frank Sadeghi, Jennifer Bacchione, Robert S. Arace, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley	
NAY:	N/A	
ABSTAINED:	N/A	

O. INTRODUCTION OF DIGNITARIES

DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Thank you. Thank you, Madam Clerk. We have a lot of notable people in the audience. Some elected officials. I didn't want to make the announcement as far as who's here, who's not, because I don't want to take the blame if I miss someone, so I asked our Administrator to do that (laughter) and he's going to go through the list."

MICHAEL J. FIURE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: "Thank you, Director. He asked me 30 seconds before I sat down. (laughter) So, I'd like to welcome all the dignitaries today. From Legislative District #9, we have Senator Carmen Amato, Assemblyman, Brian Rumpf and Assemblyman, Greg Myhre. Thank you for coming today. From Legislative District #30, we have Senator Bob Singer. From Congressman, Chris Smith's office, Mary Noonan. Mary, are you here today? Thank you, Mary. We have Deputy County Clerk, John Catalano, who I believe is out in the lobby. And we have newly appointed Deputy County Clerk, Ashley Lamb. County Prosecutor, Brad Billhimer. We have County Sheriff, Michael Mastronardy. We have our County Surrogate, Jeff Moran. And here's where I'm going to get myself in trouble. I apologize ahead of time. From Little Egg Harbor we have the entire committee, Kenneth Laney, Dan Maxwell, John Kehm and Blaise Scibetta. I hope I pronounced those all correctly."

(applause)

We have Mayor, John Imperiale from Harvey Cedars. I believe I have seen Committeeman, Meir Lichtenstein walk in. Thank you from Lakewood. Lacey Mayor, Peter Curatolo. I believe I saw Jackson Mayor, Jennifer Kuhn. I knew she is here somewhere. Committeeman, Mordy Burnstein from Jackson Township. Brian Gabriel, Councilman, Island Heights, and we also have from the Prosecutor's Office, Mike Nolan, our First Assistant Prosecutor, and Casey Long, our Chief of Detectives who was just sworn in a few months ago. (applause) If I missed anyone, would you please raise your hand or stand up so we can acknowledge your service to your communities. That's a record."

DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Is Chairman Gilmore still in the audience? I know he had to run out. Okay. Senator Singer, you wanted to say a few words?"

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.

SENATOR ROBERT W. SINGER: "Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Congratulations. First, I'd like to say before I say a few brief words you asked me to say, I want to thank Sheriff Mike (Mastronardy). I can tell you that Lakewood is safer because of him. I thank him for what he did down the shore with Tommy Boyd this summer in Point Pleasant. You did a great job. We're so proud of our Sheriff. Thank you so much, Sheriff. (inaudible) (applause) I would like to mention Meir Lichtenstein (inaudible) governing body, Mayor. He's a little shy. (applause) Commissioner Director, Sadeghi, thank you. I have to tell you make me proud because I know you and I consider you a friend. We've talked about many issues. I talked about the fact that there's no hygienists program south of the Raritan. You took action. You allocated and gave the college \$3.5M. We will have a program coming up where young people can be trained in Ocean County with a two-year degree and work anywhere in the country and starting salary is 80, \$85,000, thanks to you. I want to thank you about the Improvement Authority. You talked about this. You made it happen. It is a tremendous benefit to Ocean County. It can expand, not just the municipalities, but the school boards and again to nonprofits. It's a terrific thing. I thank you so much. Your direction, your concern about the people of Ocean County is amazing. I'm really very excited. You're the Commissioner this year, Director, and hopefully, again, you're up for re-election. I hope you'll let me be your campaign manager. (laughter)

Let me just say about Jennifer Bacchione, the youngest member of the Board, and Rob Arace. (laughter) I had the pleasure of spending time in Milwaukee with George (Gilmore) at a convention and Joanne (Gilmore) was there too. We just had a ball. And we enjoyed ourselves. We did the work of the people, and I got to know them, and they do a terrific job. I look at Rob, who is a former mayor. And anybody who's been a mayor will tell you the toughest job there is a mayor. I appreciate that from him. And Jennifer was on the school board. The second toughest job in the world. And she also is our liaison for the Board of Health and does a terrific job. So, they make us proud. They're very, very impressive and I'm glad they're on the Board.

To the two new members, you know, Ray (Gormley) and I are drivers. If you don't know (inaudible) drivers. I had the opportunity of him and his lovely wife in Saratoga. We share our horse stories together. We lost some money. We had fun. (laughter) You know what I'm impressed about with Ray most importantly. He's a local businessman. He understands what it is to make a payroll. I can tell you one thing from governing, understand what it is to make a payroll makes a great elected official. He understands the concerns of the people. He understands what makes things work. Thank you, Ray. Thank you for your expertise. I know you're going to help the Board out with that. You're really a great add to that. To my dear friend, Sam (Ellenbogen). You know, Sam, again, is a businessman. I'm impressed with businesspeople. They bring a new look to the Board. He travels around the country on business. He sees what other areas are doing. He brings that back to Ocean County. What a tremendous thing that is. And I have to tell you something that, that moving of new ideas and new concepts that the Commissioner talked about, Sam is one of those leaders in that. We have a lot of hope in him and a lot of good hope for Ocean County so thank you Sam and thank you for what you're doing today.

But lastly, I'd just like to say one thing about my colleague, Carmen Amato. Carmen and I last night had the opportunity to talk to the new governor. We had an hour with her. And you know, Carmen led the way with two important things. He talked about the Anchor Program, what it means to our people and having better communication

and she listened to him. And then he was very, very concerned about our senior citizen community. He talked about our veterans. He said we need more services being the largest veteran county in the entire State of New Jersey and that being in this district the largest portion. So, let me tell you one thing. As a youth member of the senate, from the (inaudible) he makes us proud. He brings about the issues that affect Ocean County, his district. It's terrific being with him and I can tell you the new governor told him and me that she's going to work with us in Ocean County to help us accomplish things we need to do. So, Commissioner Director, thank you. We thank you for the great job you're doing. You make us feel very, very proud. God bless you."

(applause)

DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Thank you, Senator. Roxi (Conniff), you can just keep the microphone there. I'm going to ask Senator Amato to say a few words."

SENATOR CARMEN F. AMATO, JR: "What is there left to say after that?"

DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "We just want to hear positive things about the Commissioners." (laughter)

SENATOR CARMEN F. AMATO, JR.: "First of all, Happy New Year, everybody. Happy New Year, everybody. Congratulations, Sam and Ray. You're going to do outstanding. Commissioners, in addition to yourself, Mr. Director, congratulations. Deputy Director, and of course, Commissioner Arace, the five of you, as previously mentioned, a whole new uptake here in Ocean County. It's a very exciting time. Very exciting time because we're a growing county that was previously mentioned, especially in the southern part as well as the northern part. So, on behalf of our 9th District Delegation we look forward to working with each and every one of you to help our seniors, to help our veterans to do what we can on the state level to make Ocean County the greatest place to live, work, raise a family, and of course, retire. Happy New Year, everybody. Thank you."

(applause)

DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Thank you, Senator Amato. Anyone else who would like to come up and say something positive about the Board of Commissioners? (laughter) Okay. Before I ask Rabbi Heinemann to come up this is someone who maybe is not on the political radar but I can tell you this, and every opportunity that I get I say is what is going on in Lakewood Township has put Ocean County on the radar on a fast track to be a hub of activity. There is so much going on in Ocean County, and a lot of it goes back to the work that's being done at BMG (Beth Medrash Govoha). Rabbi Heinemann is essentially the CEO of BMG, rabbinical schools. I think the second largest in the world. If you haven't had the opportunity to go through that school, do so. You will be amazed. Over 9,000 students. There's a wait list for students to get involved and enroll. It has really put Ocean County on the radar. Rabbi Heinemann, come on up."

Q. BENEDICTION

1. By Rabbi Moshe Bender, Beth Medrash Govoha.

RABBI YOSEF HEINEMANN, CEO, BETH MEDRASH GOVOHA: "Thank you, Director, and congratulations. Good afternoon. May I respectfully invite the honorable participants of this organizational meeting of Ocean County Government to join me in prayer. Let us begin by giving thanks to the Almighty for the opportunity to serve, to serve the residents of Ocean County, residents of our community, and the shared good of Ocean County. You recognize that public service is both a responsibility and a privilege. One that calls for wisdom, patience, and integrity. Almighty God, we pray to you that you will keep the United States in your protection, that you will incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of unity, united under our government, and to attain a brotherly affection, and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States of America at large. For those here today, let it be the beginning of renewed energy that they serve in collaboration and a heart deeply rooted in servicing the public. May it be favorable in God's eyes. And 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 to continue in your illustrious paths and that all stumbling blocks be removed from in front of you. May he watch over you, safeguard you, and bless you as you see growth, peace, and harmony for our county. May God protect you from all evil, and those, who God forbid, seek to harm you. May God bestow upon you divine understanding, wisdom and intellect to guide you through your days and that all your decisions be a future blessing to the people of Ocean County. Most importantly may God grant you with tranquility and peace of mind at all times. Tranquility that will allow you to enjoy and internalize all the blessings we are so fortunate to have as a nation. May God allow you to be a leading light to mankind and grant you and your loved one's health, success, and prosperity in all your endeavors. Let us all say together, Amen. Thank you."

DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Thank you, Rabbi. I think there was an announcement. I think George (Gilmore) said it sort of quickly about an event after this at... you want to just...?"

JACK C. SAHRADNIK, COUNTY COUNSEL: "Everyone here is invited to a reception at the Villa Amalfi following this event in honor of the election of Commissioners Gormley and..."

DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Ellenbogen."

JACK C. SAHRADNIK, COUNTY COUNSEL: "Ellenbogen. It's like Sahradnik. There's too many vowels and not enough consonants." (laughter)

COMMISSIONER ELLENBOGEN: "I'm used to it."

DIRECTOR SADEGHI: "Nobody has easy name like Sadeghi anymore. (laughter) Thank you, Jack. If there's no more further items to discuss is there a motion to adjourn?"

R. ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional comments received, Director Sadeghi called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:36 PM.

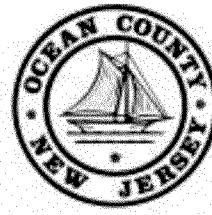
ROLL CALL: (Offered by Commissioner Gormley, seconded by Commissioner Arace)

Ayes: Mr. Sadeghi, Ms. Bacchione, Mr. Arace, Mr. Gormley, Mr. Ellenbogen

Nays: None

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle I. Gunther
Clerk of the Board



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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 7, 2026 - 3:30 PM
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Agenda: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD FOR 2026 BY THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓			✓	✓		
Arace	✓		✓		✓		
Ellenbogen	✓				✓		
Gormley	✓				✓		

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Agenda: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD FOR 2026

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓				✓		
Arace	✓				✓		
Ellenbogen	✓			✓	✓		
Gormley	✓		✓		✓		

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Ocean County Board of Commissioners

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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 7, 2026 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
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Agenda: Appointing the Ocean County Board of Commissioners as Department Liaisons.

Official Resolution#	2026000001					
Meeting Date	01/07/2026					
Introduced Date	01/07/2026					
Adopted Date	01/07/2026					
Agenda Item	k-1					
CAF #						
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Result	Adopted					

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓		✓		✓		
Arace	✓			✓	✓		
Ellenbogen	✓				✓		
Gormley	✓				✓		

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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

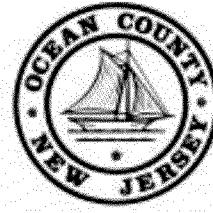
RAY GORMLEY

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 <i>Juvenile Services</i> Medical Examiner Public Affairs Purchasing Security	<i>Administrator</i> Bridges Corrections Engineering <i>Finance</i> <i>Juvenile Services</i> <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 (*) Cattus Island County Park Advisory Council Cultural & Heritage Commission <i>Homelessness Trust Fund Task Force</i> <i>Natural Lands Trust Fund Advisory Committee</i> <i>OCC Board of School Estimate</i> <i>OCVTS Board of School Estimate</i> Senior Services Advisory Council Shade 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> Human Services Advisory Council Mental Health Board Opioid Advisory Council	Commission on Child Safety and Awareness <i>Emergency Management Council</i> Mosquito Extermination Commission <i>OCC Board of School Estimate</i> <i>OCVTS Board of School Estimate</i> 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> <i>OCC Board of School Estimate</i> <i>OCVTS Board of School Estimate</i> <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> <i>OC Vocational Technical School / Vocational Technical School Board</i>	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 <i>OC Vocational Technical School/Vocational Technical School Board</i>
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

Introduced on: January 7, 2026
Adopted on: January 7, 2026
Official Resolution#: 2026000001



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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 7, 2026 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
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Agenda: Appointing Commissioner Sadeghi and Commissioner Bacchione as Members of the Ocean County Planning Board.

Official Resolution#	2026000002					
Meeting Date	01/07/2026					
Introduced Date	01/07/2026					
Adopted Date	01/07/2026					
Agenda Item	k-2					
CAF #						
Purchase Req. #						
Result	Adopted					

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓			✓	✓		
Arace	✓		✓		✓		
Ellenbogen	✓				✓		
Gormley	✓				✓		

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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.



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Date: January 7, 2026 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
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Agenda: 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.

Official Resolution#	2026000003
Meeting Date	01/07/2026
Introduced Date	01/07/2026
Adopted Date	01/07/2026
Agenda Item	k-3
CAF #	
Purchase Req. #	
Result	Adopted

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓		✓		✓		
Arace	✓				✓		
Ellenbogen	✓				✓		
Gormley	✓			✓	✓		

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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.



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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 7, 2026 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
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Agenda: 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.

Official Resolution#	2026000004
Meeting Date	01/07/2026
Introduced Date	01/07/2026
Adopted Date	01/07/2026
Agenda Item	k-4
CAF #	
Purchase Req. #	
Result	Adopted

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓		✓		✓		
Arace	✓				✓		
Ellenbogen	✓			✓	✓		
Gormley	✓				✓		

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R E S O L U T I O N

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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.



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Date: January 7, 2026 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
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Agenda: Appointing Commissioner Jennifer Bacchione as Representative and Commissioner Robert S. Arace as Alternate Representative of the Southern New Jersey County Commissioners Association.

Official Resolution#	2026000005					
Meeting Date	01/07/2026					
Introduced Date	01/07/2026					
Adopted Date	01/07/2026					
Agenda Item	k-5					
CAF #						
Purchase Req. #						
Result	Adopted					

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓				✓		
Arace	✓				✓		
Ellenbogen	✓			✓	✓		
Gormley	✓		✓		✓		

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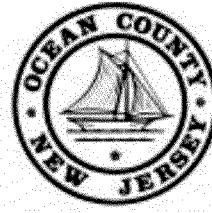
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R E S O L U T I O N

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.



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Date: January 7, 2026 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
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Agenda: Appointing Commissioner Jennifer Bacchione and Commissioner Robert S. Arace as Members of the Ocean County Board of Social Services.

Official Resolution#	2026000006					
Meeting Date	01/07/2026					
Introduced Date	01/07/2026					
Adopted Date	01/07/2026					
Agenda Item	k-6					
CAF #						
Purchase Req. #						
Result	Adopted					

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓				✓		
Arace	✓				✓		
Ellenbogen	✓			✓	✓		
Gormley	✓		✓		✓		

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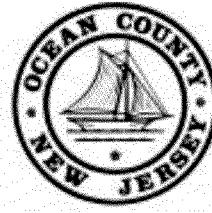
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R E S O L U T I O N

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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.



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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 7, 2026 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
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Agenda: Appointing Commissioner Jennifer Bacchione as an Ex-Officio Member of the Ocean County Advisory Commission on the Status of Women.

Official Resolution#	2026000007					
Meeting Date	01/07/2026					
Introduced Date	01/07/2026					
Adopted Date	01/07/2026					
Agenda Item	k-7					
CAF #						
Purchase Req. #						
Result	Adopted					

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓				✓		
Arace	✓			✓	✓		
Ellenbogen	✓		✓		✓		
Gormley	✓				✓		

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R E S O L U T I O N

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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.



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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 7, 2026 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
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Agenda: Appointing Commissioner Sam Ellenbogen as an Ex-Officio Member of the Ocean County Mental Health Board.

Official Resolution#	2026000008						
Meeting Date	01/07/2026						
Introduced Date	01/07/2026						
Adopted Date	01/07/2026						
Agenda Item	k-8						
CAF #							
Purchase Req. #							
Result	Adopted						

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓				✓		
Arace	✓			✓	✓		
Ellenbogen	✓				✓		
Gormley	✓		✓		✓		

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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.



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Date: January 7, 2026 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
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Agenda: Appointing Jerry W. Conaty, CPA, RMA, PSA of Holman Frenia Allison, P.C., as County Auditor for the year 2026. (QP2026-01)

Official Resolution#	2026000023
Meeting Date	01/07/2026
Introduced Date	01/07/2026
Adopted Date	01/07/2026
Agenda Item	I-1
CAF #	
Purchase Req. #	QP2025-01
Result	Adopted

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓				✓		
Arace	✓			✓	✓		
Ellenbogen	✓		✓		✓		
Gormley	✓				✓		

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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

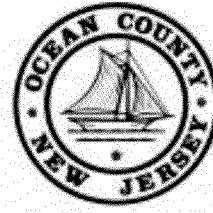
WHEREAS, funds will be made available upon adoption of the County Budget under the following appropriations: Department of Finance O.E., Audit, O.E., Single Audit O.E., Departmental Operating Expenses or Departmental Trust Funds as indicated in the contract; and

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.



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Date: January 7, 2026 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
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Agenda: Appointing Massimo F. Yezzi, Jr., A.I.A., t/a Yezzi Associates, LLC, as County Architect for the year 2026. (QP2026-02)

Official Resolution#	2026000024
Meeting Date	01/07/2026
Introduced Date	01/07/2026
Adopted Date	01/07/2026
Agenda Item	I-2
CAF #	
Purchase Req. #	QP2026-02
Result	Adopted

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓				✓		
Arace	✓				✓		
Ellenbogen	✓			✓	✓		
Gormley	✓		✓		✓		

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RESOLUTION

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

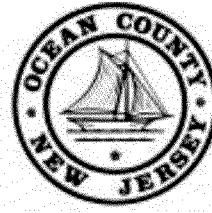
WHEREAS, this Agreement is awarded in compliance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the New Jersey “Pay-to-Play” law.

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.



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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 7, 2026 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
 Room 119
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Agenda: 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.

Official Resolution#	2026000009					
Meeting Date	01/07/2026					
Introduced Date	01/07/2026					
Adopted Date	01/07/2026					
Agenda Item	I-3					
CAF #						
Purchase Req. #						
Result	Adopted					

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓			✓	✓		
Arace	✓		✓		✓		
Ellenbogen	✓				✓		
Gormley	✓				✓		

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Michelle L. Gunther

Clerk Of The Board

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.



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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 7, 2026 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
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Agenda: Appointing Jennifer L. Bowens as Public Agency Compliance Officer for the County of Ocean for the year 2026.

Official Resolution#	2026000010					
Meeting Date	01/07/2026					
Introduced Date	01/07/2026					
Adopted Date	01/07/2026					
Agenda Item	I-4					
CAF #						
Purchase Req. #						
Result	Adopted					

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓				✓		
Arace	✓		✓		✓		
Ellenbogen	✓				✓		
Gormley	✓			✓	✓		

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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.



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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 7, 2026 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
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Agenda: 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.

Official Resolution#	2026000011						
Meeting Date	01/07/2026						
Introduced Date	01/07/2026						
Adopted Date	01/07/2026						
Agenda Item	I-5						
CAF #							
Purchase Req. #							
Result	Adopted						

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓		✓		✓		
Arace	✓			✓	✓		
Ellenbogen	✓				✓		
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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.



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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 7, 2026 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
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Agenda: 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.

Official Resolution#	2026000012
Meeting Date	01/07/2026
Introduced Date	01/07/2026
Adopted Date	01/07/2026
Agenda Item	I-6
CAF #	
Purchase Req. #	
Result	Adopted

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓			✓	✓		
Arace	✓		✓		✓		
Ellenbogen	✓				✓		
Gormley	✓				✓		

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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.



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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 7, 2026 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
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Agenda: 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.

Official Resolution#	2026000013
Meeting Date	01/07/2026
Introduced Date	01/07/2026
Adopted Date	01/07/2026
Agenda Item	I-7
CAF #	
Purchase Req. #	
Result	Adopted

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓				✓		
Arace	✓			✓	✓		
Ellenbogen	✓		✓		✓		
Gormley	✓				✓		

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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.



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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 7, 2026 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
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Agenda: 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.

Official Resolution#	2026000014
Meeting Date	01/07/2026
Introduced Date	01/07/2026
Adopted Date	01/07/2026
Agenda Item	I-8
CAF #	
Purchase Req. #	
Result	Adopted

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓			✓	✓		
Arace	✓		✓		✓		
Ellenbogen	✓				✓		
Gormley	✓				✓		

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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.



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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 7, 2026 - 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#	2026000015
Meeting Date	01/07/2026
Introduced Date	01/07/2026
Adopted Date	01/07/2026
Agenda Item	m
CAF #	
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Result	Adopted

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Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓		✓		✓		
Arace	✓			✓	✓		
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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 01/07/2026.

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

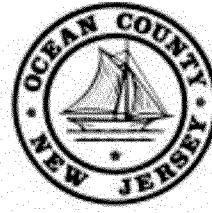
MICHELLE I. GUNTHER
CLERK OF THE BOARD
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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.**



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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 7, 2026 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
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Agenda: Authorizing the 2026 Temporary Capital Budget.

Official Resolution#	2026000016
Meeting Date	01/07/2026
Introduced Date	01/07/2026
Adopted Date	01/07/2026
Agenda Item	n-1
CAF #	
Purchase Req. #	
Result	Adopted

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓		✓		✓		
Arace	✓			✓	✓		
Ellenbogen	✓				✓		
Gormley	✓				✓		

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Clerk Of The Board

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 (
ABSENT (

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)

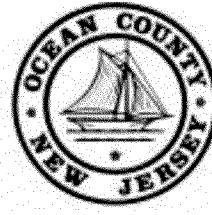
Michelle I. Gunther, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

TRENTON, NEW JERSEY

APPROVED _____, 2026

DIRECTOR OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Introduced on: January 7, 2026
Adopted on: January 7, 2026
Official Resolution#: 2026000016



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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 7, 2026 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
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Agenda: Authorizing the 2026 Temporary County Budget.

Official Resolution#	2026000017
Meeting Date	01/07/2026
Introduced Date	01/07/2026
Adopted Date	01/07/2026
Agenda Item	n-2
CAF #	
Purchase Req. #	
Result	Adopted

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓		✓		✓		
Arace	✓			✓	✓		
Ellenbogen	✓				✓		
Gormley	✓				✓		

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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	Sheriff's - 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>
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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	\$ <u>155,094,315</u>



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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

Agenda: Authorizing the Ocean County Chief Financial Officer to Invest Available Funds for the year 2026.

Official Resolution#	2026000018
Meeting Date	01/07/2026
Introduced Date	01/07/2026
Adopted Date	01/07/2026
Agenda Item	n-3
CAF #	
Purchase Req. #	
Result	Adopted

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓		✓		✓		
Arace	✓			✓	✓		
Ellenbogen	✓				✓		
Gormley	✓				✓		

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

Michelle L. Gunther

Clerk Of The Board

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.



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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 7, 2026 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
 Room 119
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Agenda: Authorizing Depositories for the County of Ocean for the year 2026.

Official Resolution#	2026000019						
Meeting Date	01/07/2026						
Introduced Date	01/07/2026						
Adopted Date	01/07/2026						
Agenda Item	n-4						
CAF #							
Purchase Req. #							
Result	Adopted						

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓		✓		✓		
Arace	✓			✓	✓		
Ellenbogen	✓				✓		
Gormley	✓				✓		

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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.



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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

Agenda: Authorizing the re-establishment of the Approved Petty Cash Funds for the year 2026.

Official Resolution#	2026000020
Meeting Date	01/07/2026
Introduced Date	01/07/2026
Adopted Date	01/07/2026
Agenda Item	n-5
CAF #	
Purchase Req. #	
Result	Adopted

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓		✓		✓		
Arace	✓			✓	✓		
Ellenbogen	✓				✓		
Gormley	✓				✓		

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Clerk Of The Board

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

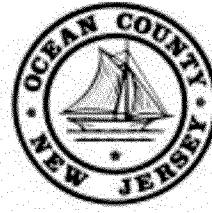
WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 requires each petty cash fund be re-authorized annually; and

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.



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Organization Meeting Agenda

Date: January 7, 2026 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Administration Building
 Room 119
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Agenda: Authorizing the implementation of the 2026 Cash Management Plan.

Official Resolution#	2026000021
Meeting Date	01/07/2026
Introduced Date	01/07/2026
Adopted Date	01/07/2026
Agenda Item	n-6
CAF #	
Purchase Req. #	
Result	Adopted

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓		✓		✓		
Arace	✓			✓	✓		
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Clerk Of The Board

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

POLICY

FIN 2026



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Introduced on: January 7, 2026
Adopted on: January 7, 2026
Official Resolution#: 2026000021

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

POLICY

		FORM FIN 2026
SUBJECT: CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN	EFFECTIVE DATE 1/01/2026	APPROVAL

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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POLICY

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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:

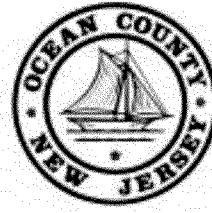
1. Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America. This includes instruments such as Treasury bills, notes and bonds.
2. Any federal agency or instrumentality obligation authorized by Congress that matures within 397 days from the 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.



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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

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 2026.

Official Resolution#	2026000022
Meeting Date	01/07/2026
Introduced Date	01/07/2026
Adopted Date	01/07/2026
Agenda Item	n-7
CAF #	
Purchase Req. #	
Result	Adopted

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓		✓		✓		
Arace	✓			✓	✓		
Ellenbogen	✓				✓		
Gormley	✓				✓		

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

Michelle I. Gunther

Clerk Of The Board

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.