



Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders

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Board Meeting Agenda

Date: June 18, 2014 - 4:00 PM
Location: Administration Building
Room 119
101 Hooper Avenue
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Agenda: Accepting the recommendation of the OC Natural Lands Trust Fund Advisory Committee to participate in the acquisition of Block 50, Lots 5 & 9 and Block 51, Lot 10, Barnegat Township and Block 2, Lot 6, Stafford Township, in an amount not to exceed \$1,250,000.00.

Official Resolution#	2014000680						
Meeting Date	06/18/2014						
Introduced Date	06/18/2014						
Adopted Date	06/18/2014						
Agenda Item	c-1						
CAF #							
Purchase Req. #							
Result	Adopted						
FREEHOLDER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Vicari	✓				✓		
Bartlett	✓			✓	✓		
Kelly	✓		✓		✓		
Lacey	✓				✓		
Little	✓				✓		

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

Clerk Of The Board

RESOLUTION

June 18, 2014

WHEREAS, the voters of Ocean County authorized the Ocean County Natural Lands Trust Fund to provide funds for the acquisition and preservation of natural lands, open spaces and farmland; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Natural Lands Trust Fund Advisory Committee was established by the Board of Chosen Freeholders to review nominations to the program and forward recommendations for acquisition to the Board of Chosen Freeholders; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Lands Trust Fund Advisory Committee has received a nomination for the property identified as Block 50, Lots 5 & 9 and Block 51, Lot 10 in Barnegat Township and Block 2, Lot 6 in Stafford Township totaling approximately 272 acres; and

WHEREAS, the property is adjacent to and surrounded by Bass River State Forest and NJ Natural Lands Trust property and it is also within close proximity of the County-owned Cedar Bridge Tavern property; and

WHEREAS, the property contains environmentally sensitive lands and portions of the Wading River; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the property in Barnegat Township may satisfy the mitigation requirement of the preservation of approximately 17 acres imposed by the Pinelands Commission for projects at the County's Cedar Bridge Tavern; and

WHEREAS, two professional appraisals have been completed to establish the fair market value of the property; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Lands Trust Fund Advisory Committee has determined the property's attributes are consistent with the Ocean County Open Space Plan and Recreation Inventory; and

WHEREAS, the property lies within close proximity to an area of wildfire concern and near the Warren Grove Gunnery Range; and

WHEREAS, this property may be eligible for Department of Defense partnership funding through the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program; and

WHEREAS, all of this acquisition is adjacent to State-owned forest lands, the County reserves the right to sell or dedicate a portion or all of the purchase to the NJDEP for inclusion in the State lands systems in return for just compensation or lands of equal value consistent with the Natural Lands Trust Fund Program and for practical land management and stewardship of these lands; and

WHEREAS, the County of Ocean would acquire the property for an amount not to exceed \$1,250,000; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed acquisition was conducted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders on June 18, 2014 as required by PL 1997, c24.

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

1. It accepts the recommendation of the Ocean County Natural Lands Trust Fund Advisory Committee to participate in the acquisition property identified as Block 50, Lots 5 & 9 and Block 51, Lot 10 in Barnegat Township and Block 2, Lot 6 in Stafford Township totaling approximately 272 acres.

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2. It authorizes the expenditure not to exceed \$1,250,000 in acquisition funds from the Ocean County Natural Lands Trust Fund, Account Number 225-155-0151.
3. It authorizes the Freeholder Director to execute any and all agreements made available to provide additional funding for the acquisition of this property.
4. It authorizes the potential future sale or exchange of the property with the State of New Jersey provided that the property is managed consistent with the Natural Lands Trust Fund Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT

1. The proper officers of the Board are authorized and directed to sign all necessary documents in order to effectuate these purchases.
2. The purchase of the property is to be contingent upon the County's acquisition by purchase, deed or gift of the necessary rights-of-way along the County roads bordering the property as determined by the County Engineer.
3. The offices of Ocean County Counsel and County Administrative staff are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to consummate this transaction and have the fully executed Deeds or Easements recorded in the County Clerk's Office.
4. The Townships of Barnegat and Stafford will be asked to support the acquisition of the property prior to closing.
5. Copies of this Resolution shall be made available to the County Administrator; County Planning Director; County Finance Director; County Auditor; County Counsel; County Natural Lands Trust Fund Advisory Committee; the Township of Barnegat; the Township of Stafford; the United States Department of Defense; NJDEP Green Acres Program; and the landowner(s).