



Ocean County Board of Commissioners

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Board Meeting Agenda

Date: February 5, 2025 - 4:00 PM

Location: Administration Building
Room 119
101 Hooper Avenue
Toms River, NJ 08754

Agenda: Appointing Joseph M. Valenti to the position of Jail Warden-Department of Corrections, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 30:8-20, for a term of five (5) years.

Official Resolution#	2025000119						
Meeting Date	02/05/2025						
Introduced Date	02/05/2025						
Adopted Date	02/05/2025						
Agenda Item	I-1						
CAF #							
Purchase Req. #							
Result	Adopted						
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Kelly	<				<		
Sadeghi	<			<	<		
Arace	<				<		
Bacchione	<				<		
Haines	<		<		<		

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

Michelle I. Gunther

Clerk Of The Board

RESOLUTION

February 5, 2025

WHEREAS, the current Warden of the Ocean County Jail, Joseph M. Valenti, had been promoted to Warden of the Ocean County Jail on January 1, 2022, pursuant to the provisions of Title 11 of the New Jersey Statutes regarding Civil Service; and

WHEREAS, Joseph M. Valenti, is required to retire pursuant to the provisions of the Police and Firemen Retirement's System as of January 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:8-20, the Board of Commissioners has selected Joseph M. Valenti to succeed himself in the position of Warden of the Ocean County Jail, effective February 6, 2025, for a term of five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, Joseph M. Valenti is duly qualified to serve as Warden and has received the appropriate bond required under N.J.S.A. 30:8-20.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY that Joseph M. Valenti is hereby appointed to the position of Warden as provided for in N.J.S.A. 30:8-20.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director and the Clerk of the Board are hereby authorized to execute an Employment Agreement with Joseph M. Valenti, setting forth the terms and conditions of employment, which will apply during this five (5) year period, effective from February 6, 2025 until February 5, 2030.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution shall be made available to the Ocean County Administrator, Director of Employee Relations, Risk Management Division, Ocean County Clerk and Joseph M. Valenti.

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made this 5th day of February, 2025, between the **OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, P.O. Box 2191, Toms River, New Jersey 08754 (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") and **JOSEPH M. VALENTI** (hereinafter referred to as "Warden").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the members of the Ocean County Board of Commissioners are the duly elected representatives for the County of Ocean, a political subdivision of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:8-20, the Board has appointed **JOSEPH M. VALENTI** to the position of Ocean County Jail Warden; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Resolution adopted by the Board on February 5, 2025, the Board has appointed **JOSEPH M. VALENTI** and authorized the execution of this Employment Agreement between the parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed between the Board and the Warden as follows:

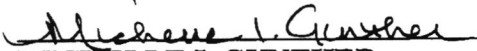
1. **Duration of Employment.** The term of this agreement shall five (5) years from February 6, 2025 through February 5, 2030, subject the terms and conditions set forth herein.
2. **Salary.** Effective February 6, 2025 the Warden salary shall be \$195,003.00. The Warden salary may be increased by an amount determined appropriate by the Board with the understanding that it may not be reduced below the level previously established. In addition to this base salary, the Warden shall receive such other employee benefits including, but not limited to, vacation leave, sick leave and longevity pay as adopted by the Board and incorporated in the Ocean County Personnel Handbook, as the same may be amended from time to time. The parties acknowledge that the annual employment anniversary date of the Warden is January 1 of each calendar year.

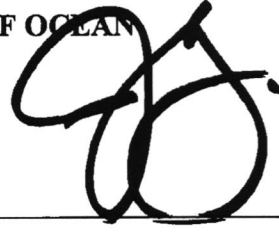
3. **Use of County Vehicle.** When necessary, the Board shall provide the Warden use of a County owned vehicle, when needed, during the performance of his official duties and functions on behalf of the Board.
4. **Hours of Work.** The minimum regular hours of employment of the Warden shall be forty (40) hours per week, Monday through Friday, plus an unpaid lunch break. However, the Warden shall devote his full attention to the OC Jail business. It is specifically understood that the Warden shall not be entitled to overtime salary compensation.
5. **Performance of Duties.** The Warden shall perform all the customary duties and functions of the position, which shall include taking the lead in labor relations.
6. **Additional Benefits.** The Warden shall be entitled to such other employee benefits as are contained in the Ocean County Personnel Handbook. Said benefits shall include similar procedural rights as those provided to employees in classified service.
7. **Modifications.** No modifications or amendments to this Employment Agreement and no waiver of any provisions or conditions of this Agreement shall be valid unless in writing and signed by the Board Director and the Warden.
8. **Duplicate Originals.** This Agreement has been executed in two (2) counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original and binding upon the parties hereto, their respective heirs, executors, administrators and successors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement the day and
year first above written.

ATTEST:

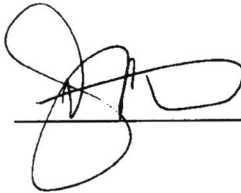
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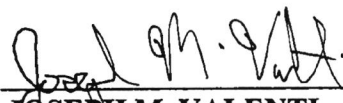

MICHELLE I. GUNTHER
Clerk of the Board 2/11/2025

By: 
Frank Sadeghi, Deputy Director

WITNESS:

OCEAN COUNTY JAIL WARDEN



By: 
JOSEPH M. VALENTI