



Ocean County Board of Commissioners

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Board Meeting Agenda

Date: March 25, 2026 - 4:00 PM
Location: Administration Building
Room 119
101 Hooper Avenue
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Agenda: Awarding a Professional Services Contract to James W. Casey dba Branch of Jesse LLC, to serve as Correctional Chaplain, for the period of 4/5/2026 through 4/4/2027, in an amount not to exceed \$41,500.00, contingent upon adoption of the 2026 County Budget. (QP2026-51)

Official Resolution#	2026000423
Meeting Date	03/25/2026
Introduced Date	03/25/2026
Adopted Date	03/25/2026
Agenda Item	p-4
CAF #	
Purchase Req. #	QP2026-51
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

RESOLUTION

March 25, 2026

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Department of Corrections requires the services of a Jail Chaplain; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to enter into a "Professional Services" contract with Pastor James W. Casey who is doing Business as the Branch of Jesse L.L.C. to serve as the Ocean County Jail Chaplain.

WHEREAS, Pastor James W. Casey has been providing inter-denominational chaplaincy services for the Ocean County Jail for the last 9 years. Pastor James W. Casey is knowledgeable concerning the Jail's security operations and the restrictions of providing services within a correctional setting; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Department of Corrections has publicly solicited qualifications for such work in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4; and

WHEREAS, upon recommendation made by the Department Director, the Consultant Selection Review Committee affirms and recommends that an agreement be awarded to Pastor James W. Casey doing business as the Branch of Jesse LLC to serve as the Ocean County Jail Chaplain; and

WHEREAS, the awarded funds for this agreement in the amount of \$41,500.00 are available under account line number 016-200-4802, upon adoption of the 2026 budget. Term of agreement shall be for one (1) year starting April 5, 2026, and ending April 4, 2027.

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 this Board shall execute a "Professional Services" contract with James W. Casey doing business as the Branch of Jesse LLC, located at 310 South Hope Chapel Road in Jackson, New Jersey 08527. A copy of said contract is on file and available for inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.
2. This Contract is awarded as a professional service in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law, as the services provided are specialized and qualitative in nature and constitute professional services.
3. This contract is awarded in compliance with the provisions of N.J.S.A 19A44A-20.4 et seq., the New Jersey "Pay - To - Play" Law.
3. The Contract number must be placed on all papers, documents, invoices and vouchers pertaining to said contract.
4. A notice of this action shall be published once as required by law.
5. Certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Pastor James W. Casey, the Director of Finance, the County Auditor, and the Ocean County Jail Warden.