

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CAUCUS MEETING
MARCH 16, 2021 - 12:00 PM
16th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
520 MARKET STREET, CAMDEN, NJ 08102**

Deputy Director McDonnell called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and the following Commissioners answered to their name:

PRESENT: AL DYER, MELINDA KANE, JEFFREY NASH, CARMEN RODRIGUEZ, JONATHAN YOUNG, SR., EDWARD McDONNELL

EXCUSED: LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR.

It is noted for the record that due to the Coronavirus pandemic, all Commissioners participated virtually, except for Deputy Director McDonnell.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the meeting was closed to the public attending in person. The public was availed the opportunity to participate via live streaming and to send in questions during and after the meeting.

The Deputy Director said this meeting has been properly advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Deputy Director presented a recognition from the U.S. Census Bureau to the Board of Commissioners for its work on the 2020 Census. Deputy Director thanked Jim Rhodes and all those who worked with him. The County accomplished the most complete census in 2020 that we ever have.

Deputy Director McDonnell then proceeded with the Agenda. He said we will have a First Reading of a Bond Ordinance and four (4) Public Hearings at Thursday's Commissioners meeting.

FIRST READING

Bond Ordinance of the County of Camden, New Jersey, in connection with various improvements for Camden County College, appropriating \$1,500,000 therefor, and providing for the issuance of \$1,500,000 in Bonds or Notes of the County to Finance such appropriation.

PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY ON APRIL 22, 2021 AT 12:00 NOON. The meeting will be closed to the public but will be streamed live via www.camdencounty.com/live. Members of the public are welcomed and encouraged to view and participate via the live feed.

PUBLIC HEARING #1

Bond Ordinance of the County of Camden, New Jersey appropriating \$1,000,000 in supplemental funding for the development and construction of athletic fields and related parks and recreational improvements at the former Campbell's Field site in the City of Camden and authorizing the issuance of \$950,000 Bonds or Notes of the County for financing part of such appropriation.

PUBLIC HEARING #2

Resolution of the County of Camden in the State of New Jersey authorizing a Guarantee by the County of the payment of the principal of and interest on the "County Guaranteed Loan Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021" to be issued by the Camden County Improvement Authority for the purposes of the refunding of all or a portion of the callable maturities of the Authority's outstanding County Guaranteed Loan Revenue Bonds (County Capital Program), Series 2011.

PUBLIC HEARING #3

Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Camden, New Jersey providing the County's consent to (I) the refunding of certain outstanding County Guaranteed Loan Revenue Bonds of the Camden County Improvement Authority originally issued to finance and/or refinance the acquisition, construction, renovation or installation of certain capital projects of the County; (II) the issuance by the Authority of a series of its "County Guaranteed Loan Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021" for the purposes of refunding such outstanding County Guaranteed Loan Revenue Bonds; (III) the Loan Agreement by and between the County and the Authority in connection with the refinancing authorized hereby; and (IV) certain other matters related thereto and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:37A-56.

PUBLIC HEARING #4

An Ordinance of the County of Camden authorizing and adopting an assessment on certain services furnished by hospitals located within the County's borders for the purpose of increasing funding to support the provision of necessary services by such hospitals to low-income citizens and provide new fiscal resources to the County of Camden.

The Deputy Director called upon each Commissioner individually to present his or her Resolutions.

Resolutions and discussion of proposed Resolutions by or on behalf of Commissioner Dyer

Commissioner Dyer read Resolutions 1 through 19 into the record and they were approved to be placed on the Agenda for adoption.

Resolutions and discussion of proposed Resolutions by or on behalf of Commissioner Kane

Commissioner Kane read Resolutions 20 through 28 into the record and they were approved to be placed on the Agenda for adoption.

Resolutions and discussion of proposed Resolutions by or on behalf of Commissioner Nash

Commissioner Nash read Resolutions 29 through 36 into the record and they were approved to be placed on the Agenda for adoption.

Resolutions and discussion of proposed Resolutions by or on behalf of Commissioner Rodriguez

Commissioner Rodriguez read Resolutions 37 through 48 into the record and they were approved to be placed on the Agenda for adoption.

Resolutions and discussion of proposed Resolutions by or on behalf of Commissioner Young

Commissioner Young read Resolutions 49 through 64 into the record and they were approved to be placed on the Agenda for adoption.

Resolutions and discussion of proposed Resolutions by or on behalf of Commissioner Deputy Director McDonnell

Deputy Director McDonnell read Resolutions 65 through 76 into the record and they were approved to be placed on the Agenda for adoption.

Resolutions and discussion of proposed Resolutions by or on behalf of Commissioner Director Cappelli

In the Director's absence, Deputy Director McDonnell read Resolutions 43 through 56 into the record and they were approved to be placed on the Agenda for adoption.

The Deputy Director opened the meeting to the public for discussion of the Resolutions and/or any other matters.

Seeing no members of the public wishing to comment, the Deputy Director asked for a motion to close the public portion. Commissioner Nash made a motion with a second by Commissioner Rodriguez. All Commissioners present voted aye.

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

The Director read the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the hereinafter-specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed:
 - A. **PERSONNEL**
 - Personnel Actions

It is anticipated at this time that the above subject matter will be made public when members of the Camden County Board of Commissioners have made final determination.

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The Director asked for a motion to adopt the Resolution and go into closed session to discuss the aforementioned matters. Commissioner Young made a motion with a second by Commissioner Rodriguez at 12:39 p.m.

The Commissioners returned from closed session with a motion made by Commissioner Young and a second by Commissioner Nash at 12:46 p.m.

There being no further discussion, the Director asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Dyer made a motion to adjourn with a second by Commissioner Nash at 12:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn Gilmore
Clerk of the Board