

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
CAUCUS MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2020 - 12:00 PM
FREEHOLDER CONFERENCE ROOM – 16TH FLOOR
520 MARKET STREET, CAMDEN, NJ 08102**

Freeholder Director Cappelli called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and the following Freeholders answered to their name:

PRESENT: BARBARA HOLCOMB, MELINDA KANE, JEFFREY NASH,
CARMEN RODRIGUEZ, JONATHAN YOUNG, SR., EDWARD
McDONNELL, LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR.

It is noted for the record that due to the Coronavirus pandemic, all Freeholders participated via conference call.

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

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Director proceeded with the Caucus Agenda.

The Director began by reading the following First Reading of a Bond Ordinance

FIRST READING

Bond Ordinance amending a Bond Ordinance finally adopted April 16, 2020 by the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, in order to provide for a change in the improvements authorized by such Ordinance.

PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY ON DECEMBER 17, 2020 AT 12:00 NOON. The general public is excluded from attending the Public Hearing in person. The meeting will be streamed live via <https://www.camdencounty.com/live>. Questions and comments regarding the Bond Ordinance may be submitted by clicking on the Questions form contained within the live stream link.

The Director then called upon each Freeholder individually to present his or her Resolutions.

Resolutions and discussion of proposed Resolutions by or on behalf of Freeholder Holcomb

Resolutions 1 through 29 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption.

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

Resolutions 30 through 41 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption.

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

Resolutions 42 through 50 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption.

County Counsel, Christopher Orlando, addressed the Board regarding Resolution No. 43 authorizing an award of Contract (Bid A-48/2018 - 1st One Year Option), by and between the County of Camden and Camden County Energy Recovery Associates, L.P., for Solid Waste Disposal, under the Camden County Cooperative Pricing System, ID#57-CCCPS and Resolution No. rejecting Bid A-42/2020 for Solid Waste Disposal Services, as bids received substantially exceeded the budget for this purpose. Mr. Orlando said the County is in a cooperative with multiple municipalities throughout Camden County. The County went out for the Solid Waste Bid this year. We have been under contract with Covanta for a two-year contract with two one-year options. Our two-year contract was expiring so we decided to go out to see if we could get better pricing. The pricing came in higher than we anticipated and higher than we have seen other municipalities and other counties throughout the State receive. With that, our recommendation to the Board was to reject the new contract, exercise the one-year option and in consultation with a number of municipalities, we will be issuing an RFP to model alternative waste disposal throughout the County. One of the issues we ran into was capacity issues with some of the surrounding trash depositories. We are looking at doing the solid waste bid by zone, as opposed to all at once. We may be able to generate more competition which should help with better pricing. We want to make sure that we give every opportunity to create competition and we believe by having this type of model makes the most sense and provides us with enough time so no municipality is left out in the cold with regards to solid waste by exercising the one year option on the contract but it doesn't tie us into a long-term contract.

Freeholder Nash added that they were able to coordinate a call with all the public works departments both within and outside of the consortium to make sure that that towns were onboard with our rejection of the new bid and accepting the old bid's one year option. All the towns seemed to be on board.

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

Resolutions 51 through 64 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption.

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

Resolutions 65 through 79 and 81 through 83 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption. Resolution No. 80 was pulled.

Resolutions and discussion of proposed Resolutions by or on behalf of Freeholder Director McDonnell

Resolutions 84 through 91 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption.

Deputy Director McDonnell congratulated David McPeak and his team as well as Ross Angilella for once again having a clean audit.

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

Resolutions 92 through 128 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption.

The Director had the following three (3) additions for the agenda:

Resolution inserting Chapter 159 Funds into the Budget from the Center for Tech and Civic Life, for the COVID-19 Response Grant (Office of the County Clerk), in the amount of \$203,128.75.

Resolution ratifying the submission of a Grant Application, by the County of Camden (Office of the County Clerk) to the Center for Tech and Civic Life, for the COVID-19 Response Grant, authorizing the acceptance of the Grant and execution of the Grant Agreement, in the amount of \$203,128.75. Execution of the Grant Agreement contingent upon passage of the Chapter 159 Resolution.

Resolution amending Personnel Policy No. 144.0, Voucher Payment Process – Purchase Order Vouchers; No. 144.1, Voucher in Excess of Purchase Order; No. 145, Voucher Payment Process – Direct Vouchers.

The 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 Director asked for a motion to close the public portion. Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion with a second by Freeholder Holcomb. All Freeholders 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 Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders, 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. **MISCELLANEOUS**
 - Proposed Medicaid Hospital Tax
 - B. **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 Chosen Freeholders have made final determination.

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The Director then asked for a Motion to adopt the Resolution and go into closed session to discuss the aforementioned matters. Freeholder Nash made a motion with a second by Freeholder Young at 12:43 p.m.

The Freeholders returned from closed session with a motion made by Freeholder Holcomb and a second by Freeholder Young at 1:20 p.m.

Mr. Angilella asked the Clerk of the Board to make note of the change to Gabe Rodriguez's salary under Director Cappelli's Personnel Actions.

There being no further discussion, the Director asked for a motion to adjourn. Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion to adjourn with a second by Freeholder Holcomb at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn Gilmore
Clerk of the Board