

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
FREEHOLDER MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2015- 7:00 PM
VOORHEES TOWN CENTER
2400 VOORHEES TOWN CENTER
VOORHEES, NEW JERSEY 08043**

The meeting was called to order by Director Louis Cappelli, Jr. at 7:00 P.M.

The clerk called the roll and the following Freeholders answered:

PRESENT: LEONARD, NASH, RODRIGUEZ, YOUNG, MCDONNELL,
CAPPPELLI
ABSENT: GENTEK-MAYER

The Director stated that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

The Director called upon Nyle Scott, Warren Harding, and Michael Rulbawsky of the Voorhees Township Police Department Junior Police Cadets to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the National Anthem, sung by Madeline Redfern and Mia Sundstrum, Freshmen of Eastern Regional High School. The Director said what a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem by Miss Redfern and Miss Sundstrum. The Director also thanked the Voorhees Township Police Cadets for leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Director said there are large print agendas available for those who are visually impaired. If you require the large print agenda, please see the clerk seated to my far right.

The Director welcomed everyone. He said Happy National Constitution Day. How many people knew that today is National Constitution Day. How fitting that we are here in Voorhees with so many people participating in a Democracy here in Camden County tonight on National Constitution Day - this is great. He said we are very pleased to be in Voorhees tonight. He said we are very proud to be here in the Town Center. He said it is the practice of the Board of Freeholders to hold our meeting each month in one of our municipalities outside of our County Seat of Camden so that all members of the public will have full access to the meeting of the Board.

The Director said as is our custom; we will begin tonight by asking Mayor Mike Mignogna, Deputy Mayors Mario DiNatale and Harry Platt to come forward. He asked Freeholder Rodriguez to come forward as well.

Director Cappelli said we are very proud to be here in Voorhees and very proud to call the governing body in Voorhees our partners in government. This governing body has done such a tremendous job in this wonderful community. He said if you look at the use of this Mall and the progress that has been made in this area, it shows how progressive they are and how aggressive they are in trying to maintain stability throughout the neighborhoods in Voorhees. Just a couple of years ago, the governing body in Voorhees decided to merge their police dispatch into our County 9-1-1 dispatch. That is saving the residents of Voorhees about half million dollars a year in property taxes. That was a great

decision by this Board. He said we have paved 561 in its entire length and right now we are redesigning the repaving of Kresson Road, the entire length. He said these fellows made sure we do that. He then called upon Freeholder Rodriguez for a presentation.

Freeholder Rodriguez said on behalf of the Board, I am pleased to present you with the CDBG check in the amount of \$38,100.00.

Mayor Mignogna introduced Deputy Mayor Harry Platt. The Mayor said as the Director said we have a wonderful partnership with the County - we have always had that and we hope to continue - we work well together to make sure our residents are kept safe and have a wonderful quality of life. We appreciate the efforts of the Freeholder Board. We are glad you are here this evening and thank you for coming. We hope to continue having a wonderful partnership.

COMMUNITY AWARD

Freeholder Young called upon Jeanette Schelberg to come forward. Freeholder Young said here in Camden County, we have a very special love for our Veterans. It seems that Jeanette has that same passion. He said she has done so many interesting things here in Voorhees. We would like to show our appreciation to you. He said Jeanette was a former Navy Wave and when she retired, she decided to give back to her town. She collected photos and brief notes on history of Voorhees residents from the U.S. Armed Forces and created the Voorhees Veterans Wall of Fame. The design took countless hours and pays homage to over 230 Veterans from Voorhees Township. The plaques were founded solely by herself and her husband, Rick. Jeanette's vision became a reality in 2014 when Jeanette and Rick and their friends gathered to hang up the plaques. The Wall stands proudly here in the Voorhees Town Center as you walk in the hallway. On October 19th, there are going to be 70 additional Veterans on the Town Hall of Fame to be recognized. Also, in Camden County, we have been trying to get a video project together of all of our World War II Veterans here in Camden County and Jeanette is also dedicating her time to do that as well. On behalf of the Freeholders, he said, we would like to present you with this Proclamation. The Freeholders also gave her a small donation for her organization.

SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

Freeholder Nash welcomed everyone. He said Camden County is very proud of its sustainability efforts. Very few people don't know that Camden County is the first County in the entire country to mandate recycling back in 1984. Camden County has since been a champion for environmental efforts but most importantly, Camden County is the only County in the State of New Jersey that has certified each of its 37 municipalities to be part of Sustainable New Jersey. He said that is a great accomplishment - we are very proud of all the communities, especially Voorhees Township, which is one of the leaders in the Community. Camden County would like to recognize the person who really has gone beyond the call of duty to devote their lives and commitment to issues of the environment and tonight, we are going to recognize one of the true champions of sustainability in Camden County. Freeholder Nash called upon Rhonda Urkowitz to come forward. The Freeholder said Rhonda is a long time champion of the environment ensuring a positive quality of life for the residents of Southern New Jersey. She spent time in the '80s and early '90s in the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, studying land-use growth, management, economic development in Southern New Jersey and Pennsylvania as a Senior Planning Analyst. She then moved to Cross County Connection where she has been a Program Director for more than two decades working tirelessly to improve the quality of life in our community for the transformation solution to programs that reduce traffic congestion

and improve air quality. Rhonda also serves on the Advisory Committee of the Voorhees Environmental Cultural Education Foundation and as a Green Team member of Sustainable Voorhees official sub-committee of the VECEF. Her hard work and dedication in Voorhees and the creation of an Environmental Park, a rare ground field to greenfield project to educate and inform residents of the principles of the ecological stewardship and environmental remediation and if that wasn't enough, she also assists Sustainable Voorhees in earning a Bronze Level of Certification of Sustainable New Jersey and in the development of a cohesive plan to strengthen the community through education outreach and advocacy. Freeholder Nash asked Mayor Mignogna to come forward because he has been such a community champion.

Mayor Mignogna said as Jeff said we are very proud of our environmental initiatives in Voorhees. He said you and your group have done such a wonderful job in such a passionate way that makes us very proud. Thank you very much - well deserved - congratulations!!!

Rhonda said I am very proud to accept this award and thank all the Freeholders. She said she is very grateful to be part of a group of great individuals. These groups are not only made up of residents who volunteer their time to work on sustainability initiatives in Voorhees but we are also extremely fortunate that we have the support, leadership and guidance of our governing body and professional staff of Voorhees Township. Without their leadership and support, we would not be able to accomplish all that we have done in Voorhees so far. She said if anyone would like to join our groups, just let us know, we will be happy to welcome you.

Freeholder Nash said I would just like to note that Michelle Gentek-Mayer is the liaison on the Freeholder Board to Sustainability in Camden County. She and her team are not here tonight because they were asked by the governing body of Connecticut to explain to that County how we do Sustainability here in Camden County. He said she was trying to get back to this meeting but couldn't make it.

PRESENTATIONS

Director Cappelli called upon Deputy Freeholder Director McDonnell to come forward along with special guests from the New Jersey Association of Counties Foundation Executive Director, John Donnadio, Esquire and Mike Coyle of PSE&G. He said Mike is the go-to guy when we need some work done in Camden County. This is a very special presentation tonight. He said I am going to turn it over to John Donnadio.

Mr. Donnadio thanked the Freeholders for allowing NJAC to be part of this presentation today. He said I also want to take a minute to thank PSE&G for their generosity and commitment to the communities in which they serve. He said I can say in the past three years, the NJAC Foundation has given away over \$140,000 to over 200 County Vocational-Technical School graduates who are continuing their education right here in New Jersey. Thank you PSE&G and thank you Investment Bank for being great corporate citizens.

Most importantly before we give the awards, I want to take this time to congratulate all of the students for their hard work, their commitment to their education, their parents and for a bright future. Deputy Freeholder Director McDonnell interjected and asked if we could bring up our Superintendent of our Vocational Technical Schools, Pat Fitzgerald.

Mr. Donnadio said the PSE&G Green Scholarship Program goes to Anthony Sosa of Camden County Technical School. He said the Green Scholarship Program is a partnership between PSE&G and the NJAC Foundation. He said this year alone PSE&G awarded NJAC a \$12,000.00 Grant. That is another great job and evidence of them being great corporate citizens. This year we are giving one

\$900.00 scholarship to each student where PSE&G has its service generated facility.

Mr. Donnadio said Anthony is a 2015 Graduate of Camden County Technical Schools in the Gloucester Township Campus and is this year's recipient of the PSE&G Green Program Scholarship. He has for the past four years worked in the schools rigorous engineering program and graduated 25th in his class of 310 with a 93.3 GPA. He said Anthony successfully completed 30 credits at Camden County College and plans to continue his studies at Camden County College and will major in Auto Engineering. Great job, Anthony, congratulations!

The Director then called upon Hector Melendez of Investors Bank along with MaryLynn Harkinson respectively of Voorhees and Cherry Hill branches.

Mr. Donnadio said again we have another check presentation from Investors Bank and this year they granted NJAC \$16,000.00. NJAC gave 100% of that money to Camden County Vocational Technical School graduates this year. This year there were two \$500.00 scholarships where Investors Bank conducts business. The first student this year is Kelly Quintanilla who graduated from CCTS, Gloucester Township Campus, and ranked 6th in her class with a GPA average of 96.2. She is a Cosmetology Student and is attending Stockton College in the Occupational Therapy Program. Congratulations!!

Mr. Donnadio said we have one more student and this is the favorite part of my job where I get to give away other people's money. The next award recipient of the Investor Bank is Karina Sanchez. Karina has an impressive resume. She came to the United States from Mexico in the second grade. Her strong will got her through the ESL Program in two years. Karina was a hard worker in and out of the classroom and is a graduate of CCTS' Pennsauken Campus. She plans on attending Rutgers University, Camden Campus as an Accounting Major.

Director Cappelli thanked Mr. Donnadio and PSE&G and Investors Bank.

The Director said the third young lady who received the scholarship who came from Mexico; maybe we should introduce her to Donald Trump!!!!

PROCLAMATION

Freeholder Rodriguez called upon David Dacanay, Jr. to come forward. The Freeholder said in Camden County we like to recognize our community residents who have been particularly exceptional and the gentleman that we have brought here before us is very nice. Freeholder Rodriguez said every year there is a National Publication that recognizes Nurses Excellence GEM award. She said exceptional nurses from all areas are honored and a regional winner nominated and selected by their nursing colleagues selected for each category. David is a Registered Nurse in the Acute Pulmonary Care Unit of Virtua Hospital, Voorhees, and was named the Philadelphia Tri-State winner for clinical nursing. Congratulations!! He is one of six winners chosen from thirty regional GEM's finalist. David will now go to the National phase where a National Nursing General Excellence Award Winner is chosen for each category. He was nominated for his dedication to nursing, compassion for patients and commitment to the best possible patient outcome. This is the kind of nurse I want to take care of me! David is Chairman of his Unit Shared Governance Counsel, a member of the Team Building Resource Committee, Patient Satisfaction Committee and Research Committee. In other words, he shares his talents and skills with others so we can all have nurses like David. He spearheaded the Silent Hospitals Help Healing Campaign to increase recuperation rates. David implements the STAR Card Recognition Award to improve employee engagement and work satisfaction. For this reason, the Board of Chosen Freeholders would like to take this moment to acknowledge your tremendous

success and wish you much more continued success as you continue in your profession and continue to share what you have learned.

David said it is a privilege to accept this award. Receiving the General Excellence Award is truly tremendous but being recognized on a County level is also amazing. Thank you so much to the Director and the Board of Freeholders. Thank you so much for this.

PROCLAMATION

Freeholder Rodriguez said our next Proclamation is recognizing National Recovery Month. Freeholder Rodriguez called forward Sandy Powell, along with John Pelicane. Freeholder Rodriguez said the Board of Chosen Freeholders takes recovery very seriously. I don't know if many of you are aware of our Addiction Task Force where we are trying to get the message out about addiction. She said the young lady we have standing right here is someone who is one of those rare individuals who has the foresight of knowing that something has to be done, and done fast and she did this 18 years ago. She has been there, she has been serving us. She has been part of our local Advisory Committee of Alcohol and Drug Abuse. For 18 years she has been advocating for people who need these services. For the past five years, Sandy has been the Chairperson of the LACADA, she has been instrumental in assisting the Borough of Collingswood and has been active for a long time. She has two sons. She has demonstrated an incredible dedication in ensuring the available funds for substance abuse services, prevention and education. The Freeholder then called upon John Pelicane to speak.

Mr. Pelicane said he has been working with Sandy for a little over three and one half years. Sandy, I really want to thank you because without the LACADA, a lot of the programs we have today wouldn't be there. He thanked the Freeholders for their efforts over the last few years to help us go above and beyond what we can do. He said going forward together down the road we can do better in the future. Thank you for your time and service - she is a volunteer - 18 years is a long time to volunteer. Thank you!

Sandy thanked the Freeholders for the opportunity to serve everybody throughout the County. She said it has been and will continue to be an honor to serve.

Director Cappelli thanked Sandy for all her great work. He said I have known Sandy for a long time and she has always been a tremendous asset to the Borough of Collingswood. Thank you, Sandy.

PROCLAMATION

Freeholder Leonard called upon Sarah Buffaloboy to come forward, along with Director Cappelli. He said Sarah is from Collingswood. Freeholder Leonard said tonight I have the privilege of recognizing Sarah Buffaloboy who was the 2015 American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation New Jersey Representative in Washington, D.C. He said there are only two of them from New Jersey. Since 1947, the American Legion Girls Nation began and has picked two representatives from States around the country. Each summer, the programs allow young women the opportunity to experience inner-workings of the United States Federal government first hand. Each year the American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation holds 49 State sessions throughout the country from each session - two outstanding citizens are selected from each State. Sarah is one of those individuals. Out of 400 New Jersey High School students, Collingswood's Sarah Buffaloboy was one of the two girls to represent the State of New Jersey at this year's conference in Washington, D.C. Sarah and other representatives were Senators and participated in mock Senate sessions and campaigned to be President and Vice President. Sarah had a tremendous experience because she got to meet the President in Washington, D.C. Congratulations!!

Director Cappelli said Sarah is a graduate of Collingswood High School and we are very proud of how you represented our High School, Collingswood and Camden County. Keep up the great work and best of luck to you in the future and please, stay in Camden County!

Sarah thanked the Freeholders - I am so honored. I can't believe that I was chosen from New Jersey to be a Senator. I am happy that I got to serve New Jersey at the American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation in D.C. Thank you!

The Director then proceeded with the Agenda.

FIRST READING - Resolution k

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(PUBLIC HEARING IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015, 7:00 P.M. AT THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOATHOUSE, 6050 N. PARK DRIVE, PENNSAUKEN, NEW JERSEY 08110)

MOTION TO ADOPT FIRST READING - RESOLUTION k

Director Cappelli asked for a motion to adopt Resolution k on First Reading. Deputy Freeholder Director McDonnell made a motion to adopt on First Reading with a second by Freeholder Nash and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

MINUTES

The Director asked for a motion to adopt the Minutes from the previous meeting as presented. Freeholder Nash made a motion to adopt with a second by Freeholder Young and on roll call:

AYE: NASH, YOUNG, CAPPELLI
ABSTAIN: LEONARD, RODRIGUEZ, MCDONNELL
ABSENT: GENTEK-MAYER

COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

The Director asked for a motion to adopt Comptroller's Report. Freeholder Leonard made a motion to adopt with a second by Freeholder Rodriguez and on roll call:

AYE: LEONARD, ASH, RODRIGUEZ, YOUNG, MCDONNELL, CAPPELLI
ABSENT: GENTEK-MAYER

CORRESPONDENCE

The Director asked if there was any correspondence. The Clerk said there is no correspondence.

The Director said the next portion of the meeting is open to the public for discussion of the resolutions to be acted upon tonight. There will be another public hearing later in the meeting

you can discuss any topics at all but this portion is limited to the discussions of the resolutions upon which we will vote.

The Director declared the public hearing open.

Amy Jesse of Washington, D.C. addressed the Freeholders and identified herself as being with the Humane Society of the United States. Ms. Jesse said I am testifying on the Resolution that would require pet shops to only obtain animals from shelters and rescues. On behalf of the HSUS, I apply to you for considering this Resolution. We have worked on Ordinances similar to this across the Country. Local Ordinances like this one are so important because Federal and State Laws do not protect dogs from extremely inhumane treatment in puppy mills. USDA standards are survival standards, they are not humane standards - the USDA admits this. She said the USDA also audits itself every couple of years and in those audits they always say we do a horrible jobs of enforcing these minimal standards. So, when pet stores say we only buy from USDA licensed facilities, this says absolutely nothing about the conditions that the animals are in in those facilities. State Laws, even disclosure laws are similarly weak and have similar enforcement issues. HSUS investigators find over and over again that pet stores lie about where they obtain their animals. They always say we do not buy animals from puppy mills but the truth is that they do. This is because puppy mills are the only place they can obtain animals from because responsible breeders do not sell their puppies to pet stores. Over 96 percent of National Breeders' Clubs say that breeders should not sell puppies to pet stores and that includes the New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs. So, these Ordinances also protect consumers from being misled into buying puppy mill dogs. A report from the Journal of Veterinarian Medicine concluded that people should not buy puppies from pet stores because they come with a wide range of undesirable behavioral characteristics, including aggressiveness. Dogs from pet stores are also likely to be sick. At HSUS we get a constant stream of complaints from people who have spent thousands of dollars in Veterinary costs trying to take care of their sick puppies. So, people that buy dogs from pet stores often have dogs that are sick and that have behavioral issues and because of that these dogs often end up in local shelters. As of last night, eighty-three local governments have laws similar to this one and these laws are strong!! (*Highly charged applause from the audience*) Ms. Jesse said these laws are strong for two main reasons. First of all, they have been upheld on constitutional grounds before Federal District Courts and have never been struck down. Second, we have data that shows cities and counties that pass these bans show a decrease in shelter intake and euthanasia rates and in some cities, this decrease is drastic. To be clear, the points of Ordinances like this, is not to put local pet shops out of business. We would much rather see pet stores convert to what we call a humane model where they are only obtaining dogs from shelters and rescues because they can become part of the solution of over-population instead of continuing to be part of the problem. I can tell you that stores can thrive on this model and I have a great local example. Pets Plus Natural has converted eight out of ten of its stores across New Jersey and Pennsylvania to this adoption only model. As of the end of August, they have adopted more than 1700 dogs obtained from shelters. Other pet stores throughout the country have had similar successes and HSUS is here to assist any Camden County Pet Store that would like to convert. We have a program dedicated just to that purpose. In conclusion, I urge you to vote "yes" on this Resolution - it is important, it will protect your local citizens, it will help your shelter animals find homes and it will cut off a really important supply chain of the cruel puppy mill industry. Thank you. (*Supporters cheered loudly*).

Alan Braslow of Cherry Hill addressed the Freeholders. Mr. Braslow said there is not a lot that you can say after what Amy said but I am going to try and educate a few people who don't know what a puppy mill is but I want to start with something and who do I hand this to - this is a Petition that is signed by over 2500 people in three weeks and I haven't had a chance to drop it off to Mayor Cahn yet but it says "Prohibit Puppy Stores in Cherry Hill from Selling Dogs that come from Breeders". He said Amy said better than I could that we are not looking to shut down businesses. I am a small business owner; I believe in small business and I want to see them survive, but I don't want to see greed and what I believe evil driving a business to survival. I equate that to money laundering when I see what happens and the more I have learned in the past months and years of where puppy mill dogs come from; how they get to where they are going. One of the things that we are committed to the residents of Cherry Hill and Voorhees and all over that have been out protesting the last three months is that we don't want to put the store out of business. We are prepared to help him and as Amy said changed the business model. He said I spent time in Media, Pennsylvania now with a store that had two years ago been a puppy mill store who has changed his model and under full disclosure showed me how he is making a profit. The store she talked about that has made the conversion just opened up in Gibbsboro. It was in the newspaper they changed their model, they are making a profit. A couple of things I want to share and then I would like another individual that is with us to share some information with you. Two things, we call this pet store double-speak. Pet stores tell you our puppies come from breeders not puppy mills. This comes from information I garnered from Best Friends Animal Sanctuary - the folks who took in all the Michael Vick dogs, which I am representing nationally today.

The Humane Society of the U.S.; the ASPCA; the Puppy Mill Project and it was interesting putting this all together because everyone tells me the same thing. The first thing they tell you is 99% of the dogs you find in a pet store come from a puppy mill. That is the statistics and they have the evidence to bring it up. They will also tell you the truly responsible breeders who are awesome individuals, reputable breeders, do not sell their puppies to pet stores because they want to meet the puppy buyers in person and they won't sell it to the first person who shows up with a credit card or cash in their hands and say "adios, I've got your money". Another double-speak that you hear, all of our puppies come from USDA inspected facilities so we know they are not from puppy mills.

Unfortunately, I have experienced when I was a volunteer with Pet Smart Charities going out to cities a little north of Columbus, Ohio, to help them with the logistics of closing down a puppy mill that there were 375 dogs there which the Veterinarians of the SPCA had to put down 10% of them because they were in such bad shape. What I saw made me sick and made me committed that we cannot allow this to happen. The other thing is that most USDA licensed breeders, which is the lowest level of regulation I have ever seen in my life. If you have a dog, a little Chihuahua that is very small, it is probably in a cage even smaller that is made out of chicken wire. It never touches the ground. It never gets touched by a human; it never gets groomed; it never gets medical care and all that happens is it gets bred three times a year and it becomes a machine. When it is done, because I have a neighbor who does small dog rescue, the breeder calls up and say get this dog or you will find a chain or a box at my gate - don't come in - don't call me or bring a camera because I am putting it down if you are not here in 24 hours. I had to pick up four of those and take them to a Vet for immediate care. It is horrible. The Office of Inspector General, back in 2010, this has been going on for some time, released a report that criticized the USDA's history of lax oversight of dog dealers under the Animal Welfare Act. Another one of these double-speaks is that we know our breeders are not puppy mills because we only deal with breeders we know. If you go into a

puppy store and ask them for documentation, they typically don't know the breeders, they can't tell you where it came from. They come from a distant state - the most recent one we heard was, and this was quoted to one of the newspaper reporters and I laugh at this one, "We deal with good Amish breeders but we can't take any pictures where the dogs come from because the Amish don't like their pictures being taken. He said this is interesting because I have a picture of one of the guys taken at a meeting promoting what he does. Our store's puppies are healthy - they come with a health certificate from a licensed Veterinarian. A health certificate is required. He said I told these two Vets I would talk about them. Two Vets got conned into being the Vet of choice for one puppy store are no longer dealing with them when he found out where the puppies were coming from - the health inspection is like going to the doctor for an annual physical, takes your blood pressure and says, yep you're alive, have a nice day! He said I've seen the contracts. Usually, they are good for about 14 days and if you do not identify the problem in the first 14 days, it is your problem.

They are required and the reason they say 14 days and why they give us a little guaranty is that the Law that is written in New Jersey, they are responsible for two and one-half times the bill - so if you buy a dog for \$900.00, they are responsible for up to two and one half times that. They want to protect themselves 14 days good you're done! Consumers know our puppies are from good breeders because they are registered and come with papers. Mr. Braslow said here is the embarrassing part - years ago, I really believed that the American Kennel Association; that the AKC certification meant something until I found out that it is nothing more than an organization that sells you certificates that say your puppy came from AKC sire or bitch and it is just so they can continue to raise money. I could go on but I won't because there are other speakers here. I want to thank Camden County's Freeholders for stepping up, for introducing this Ordinance, and I implore you to pass this. Thank you! (*Supporters clapped loudly in support of Mr. Braslow's statement*).

Cindy Knowles of Lebanon, New Jersey, addressed the Freeholders. Ms. Knowles said that she owns a Pet Boutique here in New Jersey. She said I understand our opponents may have filled your emails with misinformation about pet stores so I am here today to tell you who we are, but first I believe it is safe to say that by being here today, everyone in this room has reached some common ground. No one in this room wishes to see sub-standard breeders referred to as puppy mills remain in business. We may disagree how to achieve this common goal, we should celebrate this important step in this process. It is important that you know that a good pet store owner cares deeply about the pets in their care and where they come from. Our care extends well beyond the State or Federal requirements. We focus our care from the quality of our breeders to our in-store animal care programs and then to matching the right pet with the right family. We are passionate pet lovers who are dedicated to introducing the value and benefits of the human-animal bond to our customers. I may also note that my boutique here in New Jersey is a passion business. I started after my husband and I sold our successful technology business which I started 23 years ago. Selling the business has allowed me to do something that I truly love. What could be more rewarding than seeing a child's eyes light up when she holds her puppy for the first time? To be associated with supporting puppy mills by our opponents through baseless, emotional tactics defies logic, common sense and exhibits a lack of understanding in the reality of who we are. The Animal Rights Groups will probably do with outdated breeder inspection reports; show pictures from 20 years ago, but will never tell you that they have personally rated a single USDA breeder whom they are now dehumanizing. Not a single puppy mill has been shut down due to any of the pet store bans. You know that in the State of New Jersey, the law requires that yes, we only buy from USDA regulated

breeders, who happen to be 1700 of about 10,000 breeders in the United States. They can only have one direct or up to two direct/indirect non-compliance issues over a two year period. Have any of you ever been subjected to a USDA breeder inspection? Do you know the magnitude of them? It is significant. Further, we maintain individually a "do not buy" list of breeders who we have identified have not met our internal standards. Do you know how difficult and expensive for a pet store to care for the puppies? Do you know we engage a consulting licensed Veterinarian to examine our puppies upon arrival and each and every week after they are in our care. We received dozens of comments and mentions via social media form of our customers and how they support our store. Many of our guests are young pet owners who begin their lifelong love of pets. New Jersey pet stores are among the most regulated in the nation. We do not support sub-standard breeders, referred to as puppy mills. However, if you ban regulated inspected pet stores, consumers looking for pure bred puppies and there are plenty of them, will turn to unregulated sources such as the internet and flea markets to get their puppies. Take the example in southern California, where there was a recent pet store ban. Now you can find people on the side of the highway, holding out puppies to the cars passing by. Is this better than a regulated pet store, using regulated breeders? As well, a shelter rescue dog is not for everyone. While we want all dogs to get a loving home, a home of small children may not be the best place for such a dog and I am sure you've all heard stories in the news about how that can sometimes be dangerous. Before our local government exercises its policies power and forces a legal, local business to close, I hope that a decision is based on careful facts and not emotional rhetoric. We applaud the Commissioner's efforts to address the welfare of pets and we look forward to providing any further assistance as appropriate.

Freeholder Nash responded and said first I want to thank you for being here and expressing this point of view. I am sure it took a lot of courage and I do appreciate your doing that. Let me talk to you about a Chihuahua that was sold in a Camden County store that came from Fredericksburg, Ohio, at a facility. The Chihuahua was sold on July 25th of this year to a Cherry Hill resident. Let me read to you a report that we have from the facility from which this Chihuahua, born on July 16, 2015, where that dog had come from and this is an official report. Freeholder Nash read, "It is a four hour trip each way. We arrived there at 8:30 a.m. and were greeted by Tessa Miller who took us into the basement and the puppies were in a small crate stacked on top of each other. Some puppies were in puppy play pens and were standing and laying in their own feces and urine. It was dark in there and she explained the house didn't have any electricity. There were approximately 12 or more puppies in the basement. We took three puppies outside to see then run around. One of the puppies went to the bathroom and it was running feces. She said John is treating them with yogurt. We asked to see the adults, the Mom and Dad and we were told to leave our children outside because the dogs might get wound up. I found that strange because English bulldogs of any size love children and attention. We walked into the barn area and into another room and there were approximately six dogs in that area, again standing and sitting in their own feces and urine. Most of the females were recovering from many births as their bodies showed sign of it. The father of the puppy we purchased just stood there and didn't really acknowledge we were there - kind of in a trance. They had recently purchased a younger male and he had feces all over his coat. He was white and brindle but very dirty. There were females at the end that had as Tessa Miller called it through her coat, she was covered in sores, most of her hair was gone and she looked horrible. All the animals in this area looked dirty and seemed very sad. One female never moved - just sat there with her head down. That is from where this Chihuahua came from - not in Camden County. Ms. Knowles said I

don't have any breeders from Ohio. I don't know who that breeder is; I don't know the statistics of that breeder. I will tell you that if you go into my shop, there is a breeder book on the front counter with all the documentation by law that needs to be put into place. I have never used that breeder you are describing - I don't know who they are or who uses them. I don't know if they are USDA.

I know nothing about it but you will not find one Ohio breeder in my breeder book. Most of my breeders are in the Midwest and they are all USDA breeders. Ms. Knowles said of course they are from the Midwest because the Midwest is where all the USDA's zero violation breeders are - I can't buy from a breeder in New Jersey or New York or Pennsylvania because there are not USDA breeders that meet the standards that I am required to by law.

Freeholder Nash thanked Ms. Knowles.

Steven Ware of Millville addressed the Freeholders. Mr. Ware said I am going to represent the third faction in this discussion.

I am an AKC Breeder of Merit, which is recognized by the American Kennel Club for producing numerous titled dogs as well as doing all the required health testing as recommended by the parent club for each individual breed. I personally breed three different breeds of dogs and I meet the health requirements for all three breeds and as a breeder and as a member of the American Kennel Club, I think this is probably one of the best pieces of legislation that I have seen yet. The two things that I would like to touch on unfortunately, we are being stricken in this Country which is known as retail rescue. There are people out there that are posing as rescues, buying from the puppy mills, buying from the Amish and buying from the people in Missouri and they have all the proper documentation. I have no idea how we are going to address that yet but that is one thing that we really need to watch out for. The second point that we stand behind as responsible breeders is impulse buying. It is the worst thing that could ever happen to a dog. I don't care who it is, what kind of dog it is, any dog should not be bought on impulse because I felt sorry for it or because my kid is screaming louder than anybody. He said many years ago I was looking at an Australian Cattle Dog in a pet store that they wanted \$2,250.00 for and I had just purchased from a reputable breeder an Australian Cattle puppy for \$1,000.00. He said that was the number 2 Australian Cattle puppy in this country in competition. Where are you going to spend your money? Thank you very much for this legislation!!

Director Cappelli asked Mr. Ware if he is permitted to sell his dogs to Ms. Knowles. Mr. Ware responded and said, no sir. He said by American Kennel Club standards and by my parent club standards, I am not allowed to sell puppies to retail.

Ms. Knowles commented and said he may not want to sell - he is one of those reputable breeders those activists talk about that don't want to sell to a pet store. She said I could give you a list of breeders just like him that breed 2, 5 pups at a time that sell to my store and they are reputable. Mr. Ware replied - not a Breeder of Merit. Mr. Ware said by my parent club, I cannot sell to a pet store and by the AKC Breeder of Merit, I cannot.

Janice Fisher of Manasquan addressed the Freeholders. Ms. Fisher said I coordinate the puppy mill awareness campaign for Friends of Animals United, better known as FAUN NJ. She said we are a New Jersey based group and we've been out for years at local pet stores. She said I have one question - I can't speak to Ms. Knowles' pet store because I am not going to - I don't know her breeders but I would ask her and her group of pet stores, why they do not provide breeder information to their customers prior to sale. We were able to get legislation passed - the Disclosure Law, which will now force the pet stores to do that. We spoke to the New Jersey legislature, which by the way passed this law unanimously this past year. She said I said it doesn't make sense to me if I live in New Jersey and I want to buy an automobile. I

am able to find out who the manufacturer is but if I want to buy a pet store puppy, when I go into the pet store, nine times out of ten and we've been in almost all of them over the last five years, they will tell you either we can't give you that information, it is against the law or you don't get that information until you buy. She said the only conclusion I can come to is they have a lot to hide. She said if they believed in their breeders and they believed they were doing the right thing, they should be proud to tell New Jersey consumers - this is where this pet store puppy was sourced from. On the contrary, this disclosure law that forces them to now provide this information took effect on June 1, 2015. I can tell you with certainty that the vast majority of these pet stores are not complying. So much so that the prime sponsor of the bill Senator Jim Holsaffol had to contact the acting director of the Division of Consumer Affairs. She said I repeat if they are buying from these reputable breeders and they are proud of where these puppies are being sourced from why they are not volunteering this information, why they are not abiding by the law. Ms. Fisher said what I have found and I have a booklet over the years is that we would get a contract from a consumer, we would look up the breeder because at that point in time you get a last name and a State and what we've found is that these dogs at best were living in facilities where they never had an owner that loved them, that would give them a belly rub, a bone to chew or a soft bed to sleep in and more often than not, they were living in misery in what I call a canine concentration camp. Caged 24 hours a day for the sole purpose of producing litter after litter for pet store profit. That is what I saw so they lack basic care and nutrition, protection from the heat and cold - so many things until they were no longer useful to the breeder and then they were casually or inhumanely destroyed. This is what I found and I have visited as I said almost every pet store and have been able to get contracts from customers - there are almost 30 pet stores in New Jersey. I would be glad to have Ms. Knowles come back up and explain why these pet stores to date are not willing to give information that should be provided to the consumer. There must be something to hide that is all I can say.

Jeffrey Morton of Union, New Jersey addressed the Freeholders. Mr. Morton said I own two pet stores in New Jersey that I have had for 25 years. I am also President of the Shake-a-Paw Center for Rescue and Adoption Center, a 501C3, licensed animal shelter that I have run since 2012. Mr. Morton said I am certified by the State as an Animal Control Officer and Cruelty Investigator. I am also an AKC breeder of French Bulldogs and previously St. Bernard's. Yes, I can sell my dogs to a pet store. There is no law that prohibits any breeder in America from choosing where they want to sell their dogs to. I found out about this hearing quite last minute so I didn't come here with anything prepared for you, Ladies and Gentlemen. I will tell you that the legislators in New Jersey and the Senate recently passed the most stringent law in the United States to provide consumers in New Jersey with protection from buying sick puppies from a pet store. This bill was championed by members of FAUN NJ and HSUS who are here today. They were instrumental in crafting this law as was I. It is the law in New Jersey that every dog that is for sale must have 28 fields of information. This is a law that already exists whether or not it is enforced by the local Division of Consumer Affairs or the health official in that town is another discussion and it should be. Some of the accusations that are here today of non-disclosure, if non-disclosure is true than that pet store is simply not following the law. The law states that the pet store must have the breeder's name, their address, contact information and their USDA number - also the transporter's name, their address, their USDA number - the Kennel's name, address, USDA number as well as all the pertinent information for the animal (date of birth, sex, existing medical conditions) so it is 28 different fields of information. New

Jersey has the strongest laws in place which is twice the purchase price not two and one-half times, of liability should a dog become sicker or develop a medical problem. It is true 14 days for general health, six months for anything that is hereditary or congenital. Animal Shelters offer nothing -cash and carry - there is no refund, there is no warranty. So, I would argue that the safest and best place for a consumer to purchase a health puppy with recourse is going to be your local pet store. With that said, I would like to just address one other issue and it seems to me that I am not sure which draft of the Resolution that I read but it really looks like a sourcing issue to me is where is the pet store going to get these puppies from? The Animal Rights people say they don't want to put the pet store out of business but we don't want him to get his dogs from A, B, C, D or E, where should we get them?

The audience called out "From a Shelter". Mr. Morton said where does the shelter get their dogs from? Mr. Morton said I happen to know the answer to that question because I own an Animal Shelter. He said Animal Shelters get their dogs from a variety of different places and it is a long list because they are unregulated - there are not regulations to say where an Animal Shelter can get their dogs. As Alan said previously he went to a puppy mill rescued dogs, brought them back to his shelter. Is the pet store supposed to go to that shelter and get those same animals? That is a rhetorical questions because that is what you guys are proposing with this new legislation. It is sourcing. Yes, there is public shelters that take in from the public and that is a traditional shelter model. That model is broken - that model barely exists these days. In Camden County it is a very urban shelter and there are lots and lots of intakes. The report that you read, Mr. Nash, about that Chihuahua breeder, that same report could have come out of the Newark Animal Shelter as was documented by the Department of Health several years ago, littered with dead animals, stacked on top of each other in the State's largest animal shelter. That is not a place where I want to go to get a dog for my pet store. So, if you want to talk about where dogs can come from, let's regulate everyone. Regulate the pet store, which is fine, we are so full of regulations, it is very difficult to do business but let's also regulate where that animal shelter gets their dogs from. We have public shelters and we have private shelters, i.e., retail rescue.

In New Jersey right now there are only thirty pet stores that sell puppies. That is a very small number. There are over 300 animal shelters, rescues, rehabilitators in the State. Now, all those shelters, they really are unregulated. A pet store is required to have a veterinarian every 14 days. An animal shelter once a year - that is State law - once a year supervisory. I am sure you gentlemen have read about the closing of the Hunterdon Animal Shelter in Hunterdon County. The Director said, I have not. Freeholder Nash interjected. He said I again appreciate your being here and expressing this point of view - you are obviously passionate about your position. Here is our problem. He said we have a responsibility to maintain a shelter, it is a very difficult business. I wish we did not have to maintain the Camden County Animal Shelter as we do. In fact, we just spent an extraordinary amount of money to expand it to enhance the conditions within that facility and to handle the hundreds of thousands of animals that come through our doors that is our responsibility in government. Freeholder Nash said we have pet stores in Camden County that despite these New Jersey State laws and I applaud the lawmakers in the State for grappling with this issue. It is not doing its job.

He said I have reports and this is quickly research it, three animals that are being sold in Camden County, a little Maltese being sold for \$800.00, it comes from a USDA certified facility in Ohio and it says including the Boston Terrier with cloudy left eye, red rim with watering squinting which indicates pain - the USDA Inspector also noted a thick layer of feces on the surfaces and that was not the first time this kennel was cited. That is where this Maltese came from being sold in Camden County. The Freeholder

held up pictures. He then said here is a dog that was up for sale for \$900.00. This dog came from a puppy mill that was listed on the Humane Society's worst 100 list - it goes on to say both dogs have respiratory infections and they are not being treated - possible him dysplasia - this dog, this dash hound also being sold in Camden County for \$1,000.00 comes from a USDA certified breeder that says that in one year 2014, they had 85 violations. What are we supposed to do with this information? People are selling the animals that are sick, that are suffering and it is our responsibility to stop that slaughter!! He said I appreciate the law, I really do, I believe the legislators did what they could but we are not going to allow, we have to maintain the shelter and we really try hard to maintain humane conditions in our shelters and pray that these animals get adopted. Next weekend, we have this great adoption program planned - we need to do that. What we can do is stop the puppy mills and stop being a feeder for those facilities.

Mr. Morton responded and said I am not here to talk about breeders, bad breeders and puppy mill and sick dogs. I am here to say (a) we are already highly regulated and those regulations should be enforced. I can't buy from a breeder with 85 regulations who wants that liability, who wants to have protesters in front of their stores. Anyone who is in an animal business or animal welfare business is not for that so please don't think that I'm standing up for the puppy mill because I am not. I agree with you but if you want to regulate sourcing of dogs, regulate everybody, regulate the rescues. Where are they getting their dogs from? The puppy pipeline from Georgia, is it from the Pet Smart Charity wagon bringing them up from South Carolina? The Director interrupted and advised Mr. Morton his 5 minutes was up but invited him to come back up after someone else had a chance to speak.

Christopher DiFrancia of Tuckerton addressed the Freeholders. Mr. DiFrancia said that he is with the firm of DiFrancia and Price of Tuckerton, New Jersey. He said we are down in Southern Ocean County. Mr. DiFrancia said he is representing Pat Humans, the owner of Pat's Pups. He said I would like to start by just saying that personally I think that there are several people - a couple of different groups in this room - there are people that want to help animals and they want to see them be taken care of humanely. I am a part of that group, my client is a part of that group. In fact, probably everybody in this room is a part of that group. I can't imagine anybody out there standing up and saying, "Hey, I own the puppy mill" - nobody's going to do that. There is nobody out there who support these things and there is nobody who benefits from ending it as much as pet store owners. You might say, what do you mean, Chris? Well, let's think about this. Where do we pay higher price - do we pay higher prices at Aldi's or at Wegmans? Why do we pay so much as Wegman's - why? I like organic food, I like grass-fed beef. I like things that are taken care of and the food that is produced in an ethical manner. I buy those things and I pay extra for those things. So, why wouldn't pet store owners also want to produce pets that are taken care of ethically? From a common sense perspective, that is where this industry is going. There are some people that they just don't want animals to be kept at all. If you don't believe it - I didn't know it either until I started researching. Last week, I wasn't so much aware of all of the regulations that there are out there but now I stand here today and I realize there are people that don't want animals kept as pets. If you look on the PETA website, for example, they don't want them kept as pets - not for entertainment so we have to close down the Aquarium - they don't want them used as clothing - take off the leather shoes, bring back the leather wallet. Your couches at home - they better not be leather! So, that is a very small minority - maybe there are five people in this room who believe that - most of the people - probably have pets, in fact, I have two dogs, three cats and a grandmother with dementia and four boys

under the age of 18 so I am kind of like a zookeeper myself at home sometimes. The fact of the matter is though is that people want pets. People want to own pets. How are they going to get them? Are they going to get them from the shelter? As Mr. Nash mentioned, there are problems out there but we don't typically stand for labelling and generalization. It is a logical fallacy to go from the general to the specific - take one case and say everybody's that way. Do we tolerate that? I don't think so - not in most areas of law. It is a rhetorical device, right, to say, is it a kennel or is it a puppy mill? It is a label - it is a shortcut - it's a slander - it is an ad-homonym argument. Is it a puppy mill or is it a Kennel? He said there are places out there that are unethical - they should be shut down but to just throw a label out there - kennel or puppy mill? How about hobby breeder - that sounds nice, right? I like hobbies, I golf, and some build birdhouses or something. What about backyard breeder? Hum, I don't want those people around. That is next - that is the next target - that is how it is going. First, we shut down the pet stores, then we go after the hobby breeders. Why, because quite frankly, they don't want to take on the AKC, we know that. That is where it is going - how do I know. Last night, I drove up to my breeder's house, one of my dogs came from a breeder, and one came from a rescue. I like rescuing, I think it is great. I went up to my breeder, I asked him, I figured he was going to say, "Well good", like the one fellow here - shut him down! You know what he said to me, he said, "Chris, I have been doing it forty years - they are not going to be happy until they shut it down altogether - they don't want people owning pets". I said, John, that doesn't make any sense but then I started looking at it - just look at the website - that's their position - that is what they say. They don't believe it - animals are supposed to have rights. Animals are supposed to have the same rights as humans. You know what, they are allowed to have that position. I have friends of mine who are vegetarians - I eat hamburgers. I hope that I can still go to the store and buy hamburgers. I hope they are not going to shut down Five Guys! What's going on here is a regulation. Now, my client wasn't brought to the table for this regulation - he wasn't asked to give some input. Director Cappelli noted that Mr. DiFrancia's five minutes were up and he could come back after everyone has had a chance to speak.

Freeholder Nash interjected and said I would like to say to Mr. DiFrancia - I have to say I am impressed. When I was a young attorney, I was a public defender and when you are a public defender, you take on every case. I actually believe that one of my clients may have been guilty!!! Freeholder Nash said my only hope and my job was to vigorously represent all of my clients and I hope that I had the passion for all of my clients like you have for your client because sometimes you just crawl in bed with the devil!

Mr. DiFrancia thanked Freeholder Nash and he said you are aware that some people believe that the devil was a prosecutor and the devil is in the detail.

Mr. Ware interjected and said I would like to make one clarifying point. The AKC does not stop me from selling to pet stores. The Breeder of Merit Program had a breeder's code of ethics for all three of the parent clubs that I belong to keep me from selling puppies to pet stores.

Ms. Knowles interjected and said I have two points to make. Janice Patterson Fisher came to my store to protest and tell everybody about the new consumer laws and on her signs was, "Make sure your pet store is showing all the breeder information". With that said, and I take offense, Janice, when you were up here, I showed you my breeder book and I showed all of the documentation in my store, compliant ahead of time with all the New Jersey laws. I took it out when you were outside - I walked over with it - I

opened it up and I showed you all my documentation. It is right there for everybody to see. Secondly, as far as Breeders of Merit, I have many breeders of merit that supply my pet store and I would be happy to share that information with anybody.

Mr. DiFrancia returned and said he went to Law School at Rutgers- Camden and helped in the Fairview Development Project. Mr. DiFrancia said if I may approach - and distributed photographs of pet stores. He said Pat does comply with the Division of Consumer Affairs regulations which are extensive. He said I looked at them - they are unbelievable. I don't know how anybody can comply with them. His store is beautiful - he does comply with those regulations. The best way is to work with Federal and State regulations. The Federal regulations are strict - ten years ago, they were non-existent. Today, it is a whole different league. You can put in a USDA License number - you can research it. You can take a look on the USDA website. The State regulations now are very strict and they require USDA licenses to be posted. They require the breeder to be posted. What we are doing here at this point is great except, it is not doing what we really want to do. What we are doing is that we are pushing the market underground to unregulated, unlicensed people. Everybody who can sell dogs after this in Camden County is unlicensed and unregulated. We say, okay, we are going to label them, without any factual support, and are going to say they are all great - the home breeders, they are not backyard breeders, they are hobby breeders. The rescues, they are great - every one of them are great. Well, he said, West Palm Beach Florida has a big problem, why - because they are importing.

Rescue operations are importing dogs from overseas and other states. So, is every rescue operation great? Is that really what we want? As one person mentioned, why not regulate them all - why not say everyone has to have USDA License Numbers. Everyone has to be inspected - every one of them has to be subject to Federal and State regulations. The Federal government went through a lot of work passing regulations. The State went through a lot of work passing those regulations and now we are saying we are going to throw all that work out the window. How does that make sense? I don't understand it. Is there any other industry where we say, we don't want the State or Federal regulated industry participants to participate in the market. We only want the unregulated people. Would restaurants and day care centers - don't we regulate day care centers now or is it better to have it at a small unregulated home?

This is a great effort, it just needs to be honed. I think more information needs to be coming in - more people need to be brought to the table. You heard from a lot of great people here. You heard from pet shop store owners, you heard from AKC pet breeders, you heard from the people who are here to try to get this passed but the question is, do you want to rush into it or do you want to do it right? How long did it take the Federal Government to pass the Law regulating the abuse of animals? A long time - how long did it take the State of New Jersey - a long time - it is extensive. Extensive laws, I have read through them, they are very detailed. If you look at those pictures of Pat's Pups, he is doing his best to comply with this. Does that look like a puppy mill - no? Does that look inhumane, is there anybody up there who wants to take a look at these pictures and say that look inhumane? Should we just put a label on it and say, you know, he's a bad guy, he's a pet store owner - must be getting them from puppy mills. Isn't there another way to do this - other than shutting them down?

Can't we be a little more creative with how we develop a Resolution - a solution to this other than you say, okay, we are just going to abandon it. Is that the only answer - we have to either force someone to do it or we ban them from doing it. Those are the only two answers. There has to be another way. There are tons of regulations out there. Look at the Federal regulations and I don't know how many hundreds of pages there are - look at the State regulations - I am sure all of some of you already have.

They are extensive. How about increased enforcement? What are we going to do about the backyard breeders? I know the Resolution says, there are hobby breeders but are they all perfect? Are they all wonderful? Talk about rescue operations - are they all perfect? My thought is a little bit more time and maybe just a little bit more inclusiveness on the committee in soliciting some information - doing a little research. My guy is all for the regulation - he wants regulation because he is a consumer too. He is a consumer of pets. If he can get the regulation then he doesn't have to worry, is he getting a pet that has come from some place where later on he finds there is an enforcement violation and they come from a terrible place. He wants to know that they are coming from a good place. I think that a little bit more time. I am sure the Freeholders have spent a lot of time and energy on this already but my client is more than willing to sit down with everybody at the table, which he wasn't invited to - he would like to sit down and discuss anything possible to make this work. We ask for a little bit more time and attention and an invitation to be at the table. Thank you.

Judy Ware of Millville, NJ addressed the Freeholders. She said in addition to her husband Steven Ware, I am also a Breeder of Merit. She said I think the thing that is being totally missed here is that we are looking at these dogs as a product. Legally, they are a product. They are regulated as a product but the thing that is happening here is when you buy a dog and you take it home, it is interacting with your family. It is sleeping with your children. It is romping in the backyard with your grandchildren. It is interacting with your family. What's missing from these wonderful USDA facilities is early socialization, early imprinting, and early handling. When I have a litter of puppies, they are born in my bedroom. Momma sleeps on my bed while she is pregnant - I feel the puppies moving. I talk to them in very much the same way that humans handle their own pregnancies. These puppies know me before they are born. They are born into my hands. I spend hours upon hours upon hours in the next 9 weeks with these puppies. I handled them, I clip their nails. I start clipping nails at 2 days old. How many of you guys have puppies, dogs that the nail clipping is a major process. We start this at two days old. My puppies are handled, their ears are handled, and their mouths are handled. They are handled constantly. People start to come to visit them. I evaluate each puppy with each prospective buyer. We use a five page contract. I have taken dogs back that are 12 years old because their families can no longer keep them. My contract states and I don't care why, if for any reason at any point in your life, you can't keep your dog, you call me. It comes back to me. We are about to make the trek from New Jersey to Oklahoma to pick up a dog because the family is having marital problems. That dog is coming back to us. It is not going anywhere else. It is not getting dumped in a shelter. It is not getting dumped at a rescue.

It's coming to us. Then, we will decide whether it is going to eventually go back to them if they sort things out or whether we will re-home it. That is what responsible breeders do. I don't think the pet stores do that. He said I was contacted by the President of the American Kennel Club and asked to start rescue for German Short Hair Pointers. I said sure German Short Hair Pointers are not that popular - how many can there be. In the first year, we rescued 180 German Short Hair Pointers in New Jersey. I know the problems that come along with rescue dogs. I have also seen rescue billed from being a wonderful organization in many cases to what we call retail rescue. So, yes, that was one of the reasons my husband and I came tonight because we were concerned about that clause in your resolution. Yes, there are wonderful rescues out there - awesome rescues and there are some really bad ones too. There is a rescue in Pennsylvania that is buying from puppy mills.

It is a 501C3 Corporation and it is buying from puppy mills and fronting itself as a rescue. That is one of the ways that these

puppy mills are going to get around these regulations as they start to pop up so that is something that as you consider this - you need to think about. I just want you to seriously consider the fact that the socialization is a really important part and when these puppies come in to these pet stores, they are sitting in these cages and they may be healthy puppies and they may meet all their regulations but those puppies do not get the interaction that a responsible breeder is giving them until they go to their new home.

Ms. Knowles said I would be happy to show at any time similar pictures of my breeders with their puppies at hand in their bedrooms and I would be happy to show those to you and be happy to have you talk to some of these breeders and also too, if anybody has been to my shop but I do not have any cages in my shop. My puppies are socialized at all times.

Director Cappelli said I think we have heard every side of this argument. Does anyone want to be heard?

Michelle Allen of South Hampton, NJ addressed the Freeholders.

Ms. Allen said we heard about these puppy mill dogs living in cages. She said the attorney would like you to go slower on your decision. I work with a rescue that take these puppy mill Moms when they no longer can get pregnant and we are told they are not worth anything and we go and get them. If we need to delay and think more, when a dog lives in a cage for 10 years, the nails grow into the pads, it is painful, it's bloody, it is infected, and it smells bad. Their ears are infected. If you can imagine having an ear ache for 10 or 12 years, you shake your head, you lose your hearing. I am not going to give you all the horror stories but I will come back with some vet records from our rescue and some other rescues of the dogs that come from the puppy mills and we take them right to the vet. If he wants to drag this out and increase his income that is great but those of us in rescue are going to keep on fighting this.

Jill North of Washington Township addressed the Freeholders.

Ms. North said someone asked where are all the puppies coming from - she said I just want you to know there are going to be ignorant people out there leaving pregnant dogs off and they will be just breeding them getting pregnant by a dog that is not the right breed, which is where I got my dog from. She said I foster dogs and my Blanca is my third dog I got from them. When you do go to the shelter and the rescues to adopt, you could adopt a child easier, I am sure. You have to pass a home inspection, you have to give up friends, names and addresses and phone numbers - they come to check your fence that there are no holes. They go through the house, they really make sure that the dog is going to a good home forever. That that dog is never leaving your home. They call your Vet and make sure all your animals are up to date on all of their shots. They take them there at least once a year. She said that doesn't happen when you go to the pet store. As long as you have the money, the dog is pretty much yours. I just also wanted to say that with the older dogs and having the pet stores sell the shelter dogs, there's a real benefit that I feel they should have to put out there and advertise to people. I had adopted Feebe a Chinese rescue - she was about 8 years old and she came to me - there is something to be said about adopting these older dogs. Everybody wants a puppy - but when you adopt an older dog, they come to you - their personalities are already developed and you know what you are getting. When you adopt a puppy, you don't know, they are going to chew your shoes, they are going to chew your sofa but getting a dog that is a little bit older, there are some real benefits for that. Maybe instead of pushing these puppies that they get that they really don't know where they are coming from - an older dog should really be considered. Thank you.

Laura of Cherry Hill addressed the Freeholders. She said I wrote to Mayor Cahn and said I was surprised that he would allow a store like this in this day and age. It is pretty easy if you just do a little research to get enough information on this topic. She said when I see it it reminds me of sex slavery - it is gross. I just want to remind a recent crash on the PA Turnpike this past June 17th. She said that van had 78 puppies crammed into the van from Ohio being transported to New Jersey and Pennsylvania. She said it crashed and the puppies are running around the Turnpike and the Firefighters had to wrangle them up and most of them were in the van in their cages but some were on the highway. She said two perished. The SPCA responded so, thank God, many of them were rescued by the SPCA but 12 had to be released to the Puppy Hut Pet Store in New Jersey and I am sure they were sold for \$1,000.00. Thank you.

Ms. Knowles returned and said I don't know if you saw the news article about that tragic accident. She said the actual SPCA said that the puppies were beautiful puppies, well groomed, well taken care of and they did not seem like they came from puppy mills.

The Director said seeing no other members of the public wishing to speak, Deputy Freeholder Director McDonnell made a motion to close the public hearing with a second by Freeholder Nash and all Freeholders present voted aye.

The Director closed the Public Hearing. The Director thanked everyone for coming out to participate in the Public Hearing. Certainly, everyone gave us a very passionate pleas and I am sure everyone has good intentions on what they stated.

The Director said at our Caucus Meeting Tuesday evening, The Board of Freeholders reviewed the Resolutions to be acted upon tonight. It was at that time the Board discussed the items to be voted upon. He said we will be voting on Resolutions in blocks based on the unanimous consent of the Freeholders.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTIONS 1 THROUGH 23

The Director asked for a motion to adopt Resolutions 1 through 23. Freeholder Rodriguez made a motion to adopt with a second by Freeholder Young and on roll call:

AYE: LEONARD, NASH, RODRIGUEZ, YOUNG, MCDONNELL,
CAPPELLI
ABSENT: GENTEK-MAYER

1. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 Funds into the Budget for the Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) Grant from the New Jersey State Police to provide training to First Responders in Camden County for the period of 1/1/15 to 9/30/15, in the amount of \$46,163.62.
2. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotations, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Corrections) and Metrasens, Inc., for the purchase of three (3) Cellsense Contraband Detection Units and on-site training, in the amount of \$32,085.00 - CAF#9900188290.
3. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotations, by and between the

County of Camden (Office of the Sheriff) and This & That Uniforms, LLC, for the purchase of various police supplies, in the amount of \$24,923.04 - CAF#9900187854.

4. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (State Contract #A-82102), by and between the County of Camden (Office of the Sheriff) and Atlantic Tactical of New Jersey, for the purchase of various duty holsters, in the amount of \$21,132.00 - CAF#9900187855.
5. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (State Contract #A-81296), by and between the County of Camden (Office of the Sheriff) and Eagle Point Gun t/a /T.J. Morris and Son, for the purchase of ammunition, in the amount of \$28,731.38 - CAF#9900187559.
6. Resolution ratifying a Grant Application by the County of Camden (Office of the Sheriff) to The New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development, for cost reimbursement for Title IV-D Enforcement for Child Support and Paternity Matters, in the amount of \$47,853.00.
7. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotations, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety) and ASG Security, for the purchase of upgrades to the security system at the Communications Building, in the amount of \$27,462.00 - Funding contingent upon passage of the substitution resolution.
8. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (State Contract #A-83909), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety) and Motorola Solutions, Inc., to install a simulcast transmitter at the Irish Hill Telecommunications Tower, in the amount of \$21,288.00- CAF#9900187715.
9. Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden(Department of Public Safety) and the Borough of Bellmawr (Department of Public Works), for specialized vehicle repairs on an "as needed" basis.
10. Resolution authorizing a License Agreement by and between the County of Camden(Department of Public Safety) and Live Nation Worldwide Inc., for a Remote Command Center at the Susquehanna Bank Center for the period of September 24, 2015 through September 27, 2015.
11. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, by and between the County of Camden(Department of Public Safety) and Atlantic City Electric, for the purpose of converting the electric HPS Flood Lights to LED Lights at the Lindenwold Complex, in the amount of \$31,372.24 - CAF#9900188016.
12. Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding, by and between the County of Camden (Office of Emergency Management) and the Camden City Fire

Department, to transfer the County Foam Unit to the Camden City Fire Department to be used for firefighting purposes.

13. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety) and Best Buy Stores, L.P., for computer equipment, in the amount of \$179.94 - CAF#9900188161.
14. Resolution approving personnel actions requested by or on behalf of Freeholder Gentek-Mayer.
15. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotations, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Potters Industries, LLC, for glass beads for road marking, in the amount of \$14,080.00 - CAF#9900187918.
16. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotations, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Renwick and Associates, for appraisal services for Block 1470, Lot 9, City of Camden, for the purchase of Right of Way for access improvements, relative to Haddon Avenue, in the amount of \$1,500.00 - CAF#9900187984.
17. Resolution amending an Agreement, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and T&M Associates, for additional closely related Design Engineering Services for the Realignment of South Broadway(CR551), City of Camden, for an increase in the amount of \$429,551.15 - CAF#9900187984.
18. Resolution amending an Agreement, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, for additional closely related Design Engineering Services for the Bridge Replacement, Clementon-Berlin Road (CR534) over North Branch of Timber Creek, Clementon Borough, for an increase in the amount of \$12,843.00 - CAF#9900187989.
19. Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 2 and Final (Bid B-13/2014), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and South State, Inc. for Roadway and Drainage Improvements along Jarvis Road (CR687) Prospect Avenue to Williamstown Erial Road, in the Township of Gloucester, in the amount of \$13,769.20 - CAF#9900187990.
20. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (Bid B-13/2015), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc., for Priority One Bridge Scour Repairs at Cropwell (CR675) Bridge over North Branch Cooper River, Township of Cherry Hill; Cuthbert Boulevard (CR636) Bridge over Newton Creek, Haddon Township; and Park Avenue (CR696) Bridge over North Branch Timber Creek, Borough of Lindenwold, in the amount of \$592,891.81 - CAF#9900188361.

21. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, (Bid B-17/2015), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Charles Marandino, LLC, for Runnemede Island Reconstruction, Evesham Road (CR544) and Clements Bridge Road, in the Borough of Runnemede, in the amount of \$69,340.75 - CAF#9900188280.
22. Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and the Borough of Runnemede for construction of handicapped ramps, driveway aprons and sidewalk between 2nd Avenue and Irish Hill, Clements Bridge Road (CR573).
23. Resolution authorizing a Right-of-Entry Agreement and Release (Block 12.01, Lot 6) by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Haddon Township for Priority One Scour Repairs to Cuthbert Boulevard Bridge over Newton Creek in Haddon Township.

RESOLUTION 24

The Director asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 24. Freeholder Leonard made a motion to adopt with a second by Freeholder Rodriguez and on roll call:

AYE: LEONARD, RODRIGUEZ, YOUNG, MCDONNELL, CAPPELLI
ABSTAIN: NASH
ABSENT: GENTEK-MAYER

24. Resolution ratifying a Right-of-Entry Permit, Indemnification and Maintenance Agreement, by and among the County of Camden (Department of Public Works), the Delaware River Port Authority, and the City of Camden for the Pearl Street Bulkhead Rebuilding/Replacement Project.

RESOLUTIONS 25 THROUGH 33

The Director asked for a motion to adopt Resolutions 25 through 33. Deputy Freeholder Director McDonnell made a motion to adopt with a second by Freeholder Leonard and on roll call:

AYE: LEONARD, NASH, RODRIGUEZ, YOUNG, MCDONNELL, CAPPELLI
ABSENT: GENTEK-MAYER

25. Resolution authorizing a Reimbursement Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and the City of Camden, relative to the Haddon Avenue Transit Village Roadway Improvement Project, Phase II, in the amount of \$880,000.00.
26. Resolution ratifying the submission of a Grant Application by the County of Camden to Cross County Connection for the Transportation Demand Management Reimbursement Grant Program for two (2) PATCO Freedom Cards, in the total amount of \$500.00.
27. Resolution rejecting Bid A-50/2015), purchase of a Front End Loader for the Camden County Department of Public Works, as bids received were non-compliant with the bid specifications.

28. Resolution approving personnel actions requested by or on behalf of Freeholder Leonard.
29. Resolution authorizing a Bond Substitution for additional general Park Improvements, in the amount of \$770,000.00.
30. Resolution authorizing a Bond Substitution for additional general Park Improvements, in the amount of \$770,000.00.30. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Parks) and Cairone & Kaupp, Inc., for Gateway Signage improvements at various County Park locations, in the total amount of \$110,000.00 - CAF#9900188192.
31. Resolution rejecting Bid A-48/2015, Portable Ice Skating Rink at Cooper River Park for the Camden County Department of Parks as the one bid received was non-compliant with the bid specifications.
32. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (Bid A-49/2015), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Parks) and Gibson Electrical & General Contractors, Inc., for Gateway Signage Lighting Project at various Camden County Parks, in an amount not to exceed \$267,580.91 - CAF#9900188276.
33. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Parks) and Haddonfield Board of Education, for the short term off-premises use of the Cooper River Rowing Docks.

RESOLUTION 34

The Director asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 34. Deputy Freeholder Director McDonnell made a motion to adopt with a second by Freeholder Young and on roll call:

AYE: LEONARD, NASH, RODRIGUEZ, YOUNG, MCDONNELL
ABSTAIN: CAPPELLI
ABSENT: GENTEK-MAYER

34. Resolution authorizing the approval of recommendation of the Open Space Preservation Trust Fund Advisory Committee, relative to Round 15 Historic Preservation Projects.

RESOLUTIONS 35 and 36

The Director asked for a Motion to adopt Resolutions 35 and 36. Freeholder Leonard made a motion with a second by Freeholder Young and on roll call:

AYE: LEONARD, NASH, RODRIGUEZ, YOUNG, MCDONNELL, CAPPELLI
ABSENT: GENTEK-MAYER

35. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotations, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Parks) and Ion Electrical Construction Services, LLC, for Fountain Repairs at Newton Lake Park, in the amount of \$16,514.00 - CAF#9900188099.
36. Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Division of

Environmental Affairs) and the Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority for joint participation in the County's 2015 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program in the amount of \$50,000.00.

RESOLUTION 37

Director Cappelli said we are now going to vote on Resolution 37 which is "Norman's Law" - the restriction of the sale of dogs and cats.

The Director asked for a Motion to adopt Resolutions 37. Freeholder Nash made a motion with a second by Freeholder Young and on roll call:

Freeholder Nash interjected and said want to address this for a second. I wanted to express and publicly recognize Cherry Hill resident, Alan Braslow. (*The audience cheered loudly*) Freeholder Nash said he seems pretty popular tonight because he has worked along with his wife and many of the residents who have organized with great passion to educate our community on this very important issue. I also want to recognize two people of Camden County. First, County Counsel Chris Orlando and his team but in particular, Emmie Arzon, and they have done a great job in crafting the Ordinance that we have discussed here today. Of course, I would be remiss if I did not give a huge thank you to my wife, Krista, who is here tonight. Not only does Krista work, go to school and take care of me, which is a full-time job but she is also a very dedicated volunteer for the Humane Society. She is one of those people who get up at the crack of dawn and serves underprivileged areas and spay and neuter projects. She said it is an amazing task. In many ways, she is my inspiration. Today, I am very proud to stand with my friends and colleagues in Camden County and with local officials within our County to call for an absolute ban on the commercial sale of dogs bred under the most inhumane conditions and facilities widely known as puppy mills. I want to make this very clear and I do appreciate the arguments back and forth. Upon passage of this Ordinance in Camden County, there will be no commercial sale of dogs or cats that come from these atrocious facilities period! It is the intent of this legislation to do two important policy initiatives in our community. One it discourages and, in fact, prevents the sale of animals brought into our community under the most horrific circumstances that no community should ever condone. It is not about the condition of the puppies necessarily, it is about the dogs that produce the puppies. (*The Audience cheered loudly in agreement*) Freeholder Nash said I appreciate that people may care for their dogs extremely well and I do appreciate that those who may be involved in the sale of these puppies may care for the animals deeply. I understand and appreciate that but if you carve back and peel back the problem - you see that the suffering doesn't necessarily start in Camden County, it starts in Ohio and in Pennsylvania and we, as a community, cannot allow that - we have to say no to that at the feeder. Number 2 this encourages the adoption of loving rescues from our shelters. We don't want to have shelters - I wish we lived in a world that did not need a shelter but we have the shelters and we need to encourage our residents to adopt these animals. I have called this Law, Norman's Law because my dog, Norman, happens to be a puppy that was adopted from the Camden County Animal Shelter and he is a wonderful dog. Everyone should have a Norman in their house! This Law is truly dedicated to the thousands of unnamed animals who suffer at the hands of these evil breeding mills. To celebrate the adoption and rescue of so many soon to be named animals from our shelters by a great and caring County - my vote is yes!! (*Audience cheered and gave a standing ovation*)

The Clerk continued to call the roll:

Deputy Freeholder Director before casting his vote said, what Jeff left out is that wonderful Norman has actually chewed up every one of Jeff's left shoes!!!

AYE: LEONARD, NASH, RODRIGUEZ, YOUNG, MCDONNELL,
CAPPELLI
ABSENT: GENTEK-MAYER

37. Resolution restricting Sales of Dogs and Cats at Pet Shops, encouraging Municipalities to adopt Ordinances to do the same, and authorizing Enforcement of such Ordinances by The Department of Health and Human Services.

PRESENTATION BY FREEHOLDER NASH

Freeholder Nash said, Ladies and Gentlemen, congratulations, we have passed the Resolution!! (A standing ovation!!)

Freeholder Nash called upon Alan Braslow to come forward. Freeholder Nash said this is a little bit out of order but you know it was no more than 30 or 45 days ago that many of us in Camden County would drive by Route 70 and see these people waving signs and Krista would tell me every time she saw them she would honk to support them. I did reach out to Alan and I wanted to find out about the issue. The issue was articulated by Alan better than anyone else could ever do. He educated me on this issue and it was because of that discussion and Alan's passion and, of course, the amazing Humane Society which stepped up and so many others. He asked Alan's wife to come up. As Krista will tell you behind every great man is a great woman! Freeholder Nash said we had framed the actual Resolution certified by Camden County and we wanted to present this to both of you.

Mr. Braslow said I want to thank Camden County Freeholders. It is amazing how government can work when you have dedicated conscientious, educated individuals who will research an issue, look at it from both sides and then make a viable decision. I also want to thank all of you that are out there, who have been involved in this and everybody else!! The President of the Animal Orphanage which guarantees their dogs, checks them out, introduces them and the rescues - thank you!! Also, just to share with you, we are not against reputable breeders. Reputable breeders like this gentleman are God's gift - they are awesome! Thanks very much!

RESOLUTIONS 38 THROUGH 61

The Director asked for a Motion to adopt Resolutions 38 through 61. Freeholder Leonard made a motion with a second by Deputy Freeholder-Director McDonnell and on roll call:

AYE: LEONARD, NASH, RODRIGUEZ, YOUNG, MCDONNELL,
CAPPELLI
ABSENT: GENTEK-MAYER

38. Resolution approving personnel actions requested by or on behalf of Freeholder Nash.

39. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 Funds into the Budget for the 2016 Special Child Health Case Management Grant, in the amount of \$295,587.00.

40. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 Funds into the Budget for the 2015-2016 Sexually Transmitted Disease Grant, in the amount of \$105,319.00.
41. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 Funds into the Budget for the 2014-2015 State Health Insurance Program, in the amount of \$9,500.00.
42. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 Funds into the Budget for expenses incurred for Ebola Disease Active/Direct Active Monitoring in the amount of \$18,900.00.
43. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotations, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Health & Human Services) and Strategic Billing Enterprise in conjunction with Rowan University School of Business/Incubator, for the purpose of insurance billing services for the Camden County Seasonal Flu Program.
44. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (State Contract #A-83558), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Health & Human Services/Weights & Measures Unit) and Chas. S. Winner, Inc., d/b/a Winner Ford, for the provision of one (1) 2016 Ford Cab Pick-Up Truck, in the amount of \$31,049.00 - CAF#9900187988.
45. Resolution authorizing the submission of a Grant Application, by the County of Camden (Department of Health & Human Services) to the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, in the amount of \$1,483,475.00.
46. Resolution authorizing the submission of a Grant Application, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Health & Human Services - Division of Senior & Disabled Services) for the 2016 Area Plan Grant, in the amount of \$3,601,340.00.
47. Resolution authorizing a payment in equity, by the County of Camden (Department of Health & Human Services) to Community Planning and Advocacy Council (CPAC), for the provision of management of various human services for the period of January 1, 2015 to July 31, 2015, in the amount of \$145,262.00.
48. Resolution amending Resolution No. 53, adopted June 18, 2015, to reallocate funding for Senior Citizen In-Home Services to Contact Community Helplines in the amount of \$13,175.43 and decreasing same amount to Senior Citizen Community Services, Inc.
49. Resolution amending Resolution No. 63, adopted July 16, 2015, to correct terms of appointments to the College Board of Trustees of Camden County.
50. Resolution approving personnel actions requested by or on behalf of Freeholder Rodriguez.
51. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotations, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) and

Haddon Locksmith, for the purchase of locks for various Courthouse Facilities, in the amount of \$2,380.00 - various CAF#s.

52. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotations, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) and Grid Plex Networks, LLC, for preparation and construction oversight for consulting and systems integration services to design an innovative lighting illumination system for the Camden County Courthouse/City Hall Building, in the amount of \$26,850.00 - CAF#9900187908.
53. Resolution ratifying an award of Contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotations, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) and Digital Fire and Security, LLC, for Central Station Monitoring for Fire Alarm at the CAP/YES Building from 7/16/15 to 7/15/16 and Service Call at the Administration Building on 7/30/15, in the amount of \$1,444.40 - CAF#s 9900187425 and 9900187483.
54. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotations, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) and Eastern Generator Sales and Service, Inc., to provide labor and material for generators at various Camden County facilities, in the amount of \$2,776.15 - various CAF#s.
55. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1) (dd), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) and Tyco Integrated Security, LLC, for the installation of cameras for security upgrades at the Hall of Justice, in the amount of \$9,190.78 - CAF#9900187487.
56. Resolution amending Budgetary Transfer Resolution Number G, dated March 17, 2015 to correct amounts.
57. Resolution amending Resolution Number 76, dated April 16, 2015 to add detail required by the State of New Jersey.
58. Resolution ratifying a Contract (State Contract #A-81714), by and between the County of Camden (Office of the Superintendent of Elections) and County Business Systems, Inc., for Election Bag Work Stations, in the amount of \$19,292.00 - CAF#9900187610.
59. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, by and between the County of Camden (Office of the Superintendent of Elections) and Color Source, LLC, for Voter ID Cards in the amount of \$750.00 - CAF#9900188222.
60. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotations, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Events and Community Outreach) and McFadden's Transport Catering , for the Addiction Awareness Task Force Operation SAL luncheon on October 7, 2015, in the amount of \$4,400.00 - CAF#9900188178.
61. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotations, by and between the County of

Camden (Department of Events and Community Outreach) and Rowan& Associates, LLC, d/b/a Identity Gear, for marketing items for various County events, in the amount of \$6.788.00 - CAF#9900188224.

RESOLUTION 62

The Director asked for a Motion to adopt Resolution 62. Freeholder Leonard made a motion with a second made by Freeholder Rodriguez and on roll call:

AYE: LEONARD, NASH, RODRIGUEZ, YOUNG, MCDONNELL
ABSTAIN: CAPPELLI
ABSENT: GENTEK-MAYER

62. Resolution amending an Agreement by and between the County of Camden (Department of Events and Community Outreach) and Cooper's Ferry Partnership, relative to the 2015 Camden Waterfront Freedom Festival in the amount of \$60,000.00 - CAF#9900187939.

RESOLUTIONS 63 THROUGH 91

The Director asked for a Motion to adopt Resolutions 63 through 91. Freeholder Nash made a motion with a second by Freeholder Gentek-Mayer and on roll call:

AYE: LEONARD, NASH, RODRIGUEZ, YOUNG, MCDONNELL,
CAPPELLI
ABSENT: GENTEK-MAYER

63. Resolution authorizing a payment in equity by the County of Camden (Department of Events and Community Outreach) to Bellia Office Products, for posters and decals, in the amount of \$759.28 - CAF#9900188249.

64. Resolution approving personnel actions requested by or on behalf of Freeholder Deputy Director McDonnell.

65. Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Camden, New Jersey providing the County's consent to (i) (a) the financing of the acquisition and installation of certain capital equipment and the construction of certain capital infrastructure improvements, in, by and for the County, (b) the current refunding of certain prior County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds of the Camden County Improvement Authority issued to advance refund County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds of the Authority originally issued to finance the acquisition, construction, renovation or installation of certain capital projects of the County; (ii) the issuance by the Authority of a series of its tax-exempt "County Guaranteed Loan Revenue Bonds (County Capital Program), Series A of 2015" and a series of its tax-exempt "County Guaranteed Loan Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series B of 2015" for the purposes of (a) financing the County Project authorized hereby and (b) currently refunding certain prior County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds of the Authority issued to advance refund of County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds of the Authority originally issued to finance the acquisition, construction, renovation or installation of certain Capital Projects of the County; (iii) the Loan Agreement by and between the County and the Authority in connection with the financing and refinancing authorized

hereby; and (iv) certain other matters related thereto and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:37A-56.

66. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 Funds into the Budget from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for 2015 Click It or Ticket 2015 Statewide Seat Belt Mobilization, in the amount of \$4,000.00.
67. Resolution authorizing an award of contract, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(dd), by and between the County of Camden (Office of the Prosecutor) and Cellebrite USA, Inc., for the provision of a maintenance agreement for the high technology crimes forensic system for a three year period in the total amount of \$27,982.24 - CAF#9900188076
68. Resolution authorizing the submission of a Grant Application by the County of Camden (Office of the Prosecutor) to State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, for the Body Worn Cameras Assistance Program, in the amount of \$125,000.00.
69. Resolution authorizing the County of Camden (Office of the Prosecutor) to auction specific forfeited items on GovDeals.com.
70. Resolution authorizing the transfer of one (1) Television, no longer needed by the County of Camden (Office of the Prosecutor) to the Haddon Heights Police Department.
71. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation by the County of Camden (Office of the Prosecutor) from the Federal Bureau of Investigation for one (1) bucket truck.
72. Resolution Appointing Members to the Workforce Investment Board.
73. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotations, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and Lawmen Supply Company of New Jersey, Inc., for name plates, in the amount of \$218.50 - CAF#990018030.
74. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract pursuant to solicitation of quotations, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and Richard N. Best Associates, Inc., for the purchase of a visitor management system, in the amount of \$34,404.72- CAF#9900188214.
75. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A 11-6.1, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and Service Works, Inc. for one(1) Access Control Door, in the amount of \$4,300.00 - CAF#9900188254.
76. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotations, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and Executive Screen Printing& Embroidery for White Flexi Flyers with imprint and pencil cases, in the amount of \$1,665.79- various CAFs.

77. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotations, by and between the County of Camden (Office of the Surrogate) and Kofile Preservation, Inc., for the preservation and restoration of various books and records, in the amount of \$28,225.45 - CAF#9900188096.
78. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (State Contract #A-87722), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and Tech X Tend, for the purchase of network switches and related equipment, in an amount not to exceed \$30,208.00 -CAF#9900188259.
79. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (State Contract #A-81351), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and Lawmen Supply Company of New Jersey, Inc., for the purchase of vests, outer carriers and embroidered badges, in an amount not to exceed \$28,198.00 - CAF#9900188029.
80. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (WSCA#70256), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and Dell Computer Corp. for the purchase of UPS, rack and related equipment in an amount not to exceed \$22,536.48 - CAF#9900188260.
81. Resolution authorizing a Reimbursement Agreement by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and the Camden County Improvement Authority relative to security services in the Camden Business District.
82. Resolution ratifying the submission of a Grant Application, by the County of Camden(Department of Police Services) to Lowe's Community Partners Grant, for the period 1/1/16 to1/1/17, in the amount of \$70,000.00.
83. Resolution accepting a donation by the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) from Wawa, Inc., for various items in the amount of \$500.00.
84. Resolution accepting a donation by the County of Camden (Department of Police Services)from the United States War Dogs Association, Inc., for various K-9 equipment in the amount of\$1,552.47.
85. Resolution authorizing a Lease Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (One Stop) and Live Nation Worldwide, Inc., for use of the Susquehanna Bank Center, for the Job Fair to be held on October 27, 2015 and October 28, 2015.
86. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1) (dd), by and between the County of Camden (One Stop) and Data Recognition Corporation/CTB, for Testing Software and Support Services, in the amount of \$57,402.00 - CAF#9900188086.
87. Resolution authorizing Approval and Execution of the Camden County Workforce New Jersey Area Contract, Program

Year 2015 Funds covering the period 7/1/15 to 6/30/16 in the total amount of \$9,641,180.00.

88. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Office of County Counsel) and McCarter & English, LLP, for the provision of General Bond Counsel Services.
89. Resolution ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement, by and between the County of Camden and CWA Local 1014 Large Unit.
90. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, by and between the County of Camden (Office of County Counsel) and Gann Law Books, for the purchase of law books and materials, in the amount of \$512.50 - CAF#9900187901.
91. Resolution approving personnel actions requested by or on behalf of Freeholder Director Cappelli.

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92. Resolution acknowledging personnel actions by or on behalf of constitutional or statutory row offices.

The Director said at this time the meeting is open to any member of the public who wishes to address the Board of Freeholders. He declared the public hearing open.

Ed Kelleher of Voorhees addressed the Freeholders. Mr. Kelleher said I want to be considerate of everybody. I had 5 minutes earlier, does anyone care to hear anything about Kirkwood Lake. Mr. Kelleher said I don't want to rehash everything. I believe most of the Freeholders were proximate if not prior to the formal meeting. It is just hard to convey all of the sensibilities. I have lived on that Lake for 35 years. I am not a real estate speculator. I brought my baby home from the hospital - she is now 36 years old. I am now 73 years old. I lived through 35 years of delays, recalcitrant - it's time for action - the time is now. I heard you, Jeff, if it were up to you we would dredge the Lake now, is that what I heard. Freeholder Nash said, yes, if it were up to me. Mr. Kelleher said that is good enough for me. The time is now. The remediation of the residential properties is next up - that may occur in about a two-year timeframe. With all those trucks and all that mess, how about we will dredge Kirkwood Lake and at the same time we do that remediation and hold Sherwin Williams property accountable and will give people like myself and all of my neighbors relief and restore which really is a Camden County treasure - Kirkwood Lake. Generations of Camden County residents can tell you all kinds of stories. It's time - dredge Kirkwood Lake now!!! Thank you!

Alice Johnston of Voorhees addressed the Freeholders. She said I want to make it very brief. My family has lived on Kirkwood Lake for four generations now. It has been a source of pleasure for many, many people, not just people from Voorhees Township. People from all over New Jersey and actually other states come to use Kirkwood Lake. There were two gentlemen a few months ago who were in the Lake on Kayaks, they were having a great time and they waved and said, "Hello" and I said where are you from - are you from this area? They said, no, we are here from Georgia, we are working in the area - we saw this Lake and we are delighted. It is

a beautiful Lake. The Park that adjoins the Lake is part of the Camden County Park System. It is a treasure trove of plants, and wildlife. She said the eco system there is amazing. Unfortunately, the Lake is dying. It is dying because it is part of a larger superfund site and the County has not had the ability to maintain it properly, because it is under the auspices of EPA. For 35 years, we have been waiting for our Lake to be cleaned up. Folks, we live on a superfund site - our Lake is dying. Not only is the Lake dying but the residents are exposed on a daily basis to very heavy metals and all sorts of toxic materials. This is not right. It really is not right. Freeholder Nash has been working with us for the past two years to try to, in some way, move this project forward. I think we have been successful to some degree, I understand that personnel have been added to the EPA - they've increased their amount of personnel to try to give more resources to this. Sherwin Williams, of course, wants nothing to do with this unless they absolutely have to - they would rather save their money until the last minute when they absolutely by Law have to dredge this Lake and clean it. It is not acceptable to expect Camden County residents to live like this. The Lake is deplorable, it is getting worse by the year and the efforts the County has made to decrease the amount of spatterdock has helped somewhat but the Lake has become very shallow, it is nasty, it smells. I am very concerned about the wildlife and what's going to happen with that.

We have marvelous wildlife back there. We have Blue Heron, a bald eagle that comes by and fishes in the Lake, we have lots of very special wildlife. Please help us to get this Lake dredged and please support Freeholder Nash and his efforts to work with Sherwin Williams to get this done. I appreciate your time and I appreciate your efforts. Thank you, Freeholder Nash.

Freeholder Nash thanked Ms. Johnston. He said I don't know if my colleagues but we have been working closely on this issue together as the Park liaison. He said you are an outstanding community advocate! (Loud applause from supporters). He said you have motivated a community to take action and it has really resulted in positive change. It is very frustrating because we are saddled and handcuffed by the EPA but you really have made a significant difference. I feel like we have become friends over the last couple of years and I appreciate and value that friendship. He said this is something that Frank Moran, John Wollick and Camden County has made an absolute priority. We will fix this - we will fight until this is done. It is going to be sooner rather than later. I really believe that - I really believe that the momentum is on our side and the addition of Andy Kricun to help us with this, I think is enormous. We have that study in hand, I believe we have the power to go out and dredge this Lake and have the EPA clean up after the superfund site is completed. I hope against hope. You have done a great job, Alice!!

Ms. Johnston thanked Freeholder Nash and everyone.

Vanessa Maria Graber of Pennsauken addressed the Freeholders and said she did not anticipate going first. She said good evening and thank you for being here. Ms. Graber said I am the Director of the East Coast Cannabis Coalition and I also served on the Board of Directors of the Coalition for Medical Marijuana in New Jersey. She said in that role, we are here to advocate the legalization of Cannabis in New Jersey and safe access for our patients who are utilizing the medical marijuana program here in the State. Ms. Graber said Ricardo and I are here today to begin a conversation with the Freeholders to introduce a Resolution or some type of measure to legalize or decriminalize small amount of Cannabis in Camden County. I previously organized in the City of Philadelphia and we successfully worked with Councilman Kenney to pass a decriminalization bill that was modeled after the District of Columbia to decriminalize cannabis for one ounce and under. It is now a \$25.00 ticket for possession and \$100.00 fine for public smoking. Ms. Graber said being that we have a medical marijuana

program here, it does not make sense to me as a resident of Camden County, I live in Pennsauken, that when I commute to work in Philadelphia, it is decriminalized but when I come back over the Bridge, people like myself, risk arrest for having cannabis in their possession. One of the biggest problems with the medical marijuana program here in the State of New Jersey is that it is very restrictive, expensive and inaccessible. We have three dispensaries - just three for a population of 9 million. One of the closest dispensaries is all the way in Egg Harbor Township. She said as you are aware, in the City of Camden, especially, many of the residents there face many serious chronic health issues and would be qualified people to get medical marijuana card through the program. However, it is a financial burden for many of them who are struggling just to pay their rent to pay the \$200.00 fee to get a card and then to purchase marijuana at the high cost of \$525.00 an ounce. For that reason, many people use cannabis for medicinal use resort to the black market and are then at risk of getting arrested and facing consequences. Just to give you some idea of the amount of what happened here nationally, every 42 second someone is arrested for cannabis in the United States. In New Jersey, over 22,000 people are arrested a year. We spend \$127 million on just marijuana possession in the State of New Jersey. She said marijuana possession offenses account for 43% of all drug arrests in New Jersey. In Camden County, we have about 1,600 arrests annually. If we were to decriminalize or legalize cannabis possession, we could save our taxpayers a lot of money, it hasn't even been a full year in Philadelphia since the decriminalization bill has been passed and already arrests are down by 77% and they have saved the City of Philadelphia \$1.5 million. We believe that using cannabis as medicine should not be a criminal act and in a recent New Jersey poll from Fairleigh-Dickinson University, 49 percent of residents of New Jersey favor legalizing marijuana for personal use. When people are arrested for cannabis especially possession there are a number of negative consequences that they face. Their employment status is affected - child custody, immigration, their housing - they risk violating parole or probation - they are not eligible for student loans and they incur an immense financial burden going through the Court system. For all of those reasons, we are here to advocate that Camden County take similar action as the City of Philadelphia and also the City of Asbury Park which recently adopted a Resolution to legalize cannabis. Right now, our advocates throughout the State are working in the City of Trenton to adopt a similar measure and also in the City of Newark. She said we would like to begin that process of providing you information and resources to make that a reality here in Camden County. We believe the current approaches towards marijuana prohibition have negatively affected our residents and we are happy to work with the Freeholders to connect you with people who have been impacted by these unjust laws and patients who have benefitted from use of the program. We would like to thank you for listening to us and we look further meeting and negotiating with you on this front.

Director Cappelli thanked Ms. Graber.

Ricardo Rivera of Oaklyn addressed the Freeholders. Mr. Rivera said my daughter is a medical cannabis patient here in the State of New Jersey. She went from over 300 seizures per day down to one seizure every two to three weeks. It is because of cannabis my daughter is still alive at this point. Her severe condition is basically one of the most severe conditions you can have for epilepsy. As a father, I've been fighting for my daughter from the second she was born. Her birth was incredibly difficult for us and her whole life has been difficult for my whole family. As you guys have known, it has been a long road. In order just to get the cannabis for my daughter, it costs me thousands of dollars to do it legally. The reason why I went legally is because I risked going to jail at the time in order to get my daughter properly medicated.

It is not fair - no one should go through that. No one should fear going to jail in order to save their child's life period. I don't care who you are and I don't care what class you are, what race you are, it doesn't matter. My daughter is all I have. It is not only all about my daughter but there are many other residents as well that are suffering because they have no access because of the prices. Five hundred twenty five dollars, just for medication that won't even last them an entire month is absurd - no one should pay that in order to survive. I have here proof, research, scientific studies that show that cannabis can save people from over 700 conditions. They are all right here - I want you to really research it yourselves and really understand where I am coming from as a father and also for our grandparents that suffer from dementia, HIV, which has been controlled but you can still get relief from cannabis. Alcohol abuse, withdraw from heroin - I also have proof on that even those anecdotal because it is still considered illegal. My sister suffered from a heroin overdose recently back in August. She was actually receiving relief from cannabis illegally. She feared going to jail because of cannabis - it helped her with her withdraw symptoms - she wasn't able to get the proper treatment that she needed but cannabis did help her with her flu-like symptoms. Right here, I know it always comes down to money and I just want to point out the fact that Colorado has pulled in \$70 million from tax revenue alone. That can go to the schools that can go for other things - whatever it is we need. \$76 million is a lot of money. Why continue throwing people into jail and making them pay outrageous fees to be arrested - wasting the prosecutor's time - wasting police time. I have police officers that can also say that it is a complete waste of time for them to be throwing people into jail for cannabis. We have to catch up with the times. My Governor of my State has gotten tired of hearing from me. It has gotten to the point where I can't even go to a town hall meeting anymore. I should not be deprived of going to any public meeting or to put my point across about how much this has saved my daughter's life and other children's as well. Mr. Rivera showed pictures of his daughter before cannabis and after cannabis. If that isn't proof that it is not medicine than I don't know what does. He said on straight up pharmaceutical medications that were killing her right there on cannabis alone, she is better.

Please review the information and come up with a resolution to help me and my family. I shouldn't have to be paying \$535.00 - I should be allow to have access to it for my daughter a lot longer than that. Thank you!

Director Cappelli thanked Mr. Rivera for coming forward. We wish you and your daughter the best.

Tom Turcich of Haddon Township addressed the Freeholders. He said I am here about the Bridge on the Cooper River but first of all I would like to thank you people for stepping up about your daughter. Mr. Turcich said you Freeholders have spent a lot of money improving it. It is a great Park, it is getting better every day. Frank Moran is doing a great job and we have this petition on facebook. I have only had a couple of weeks to try to do this - this is my first thing on facebook and it will probably be my last.

He said my friend and I walk the river almost every day and three years ago this dumb bridge was put up - nobody ever thought about it - we used to walk on the highway, now we are walking on this bridge that is just over the water -no traffic - no noise - no pollution and it has improved the Park a number of times just talking to the hundreds of people that we talked to in the last couple of weeks. Ladies were stopping 6:00 a.m. walking by themselves - and they are saying what do you mean I have to go back on Route 130 - all I got were cat calls and people yelling and traffic speeding by. What I am asking you to do is there is this gentleman in charge of the DOT and I would like you to talk to him because he is the only one who is going to do it and save this bridge. Talk to Mr. Fox and get him to agree to keep this bridge

there - they have already taken down some of the entrance ways to it just to get it ready for destruction and hundreds of people on my website are complaining about the dangers of what they are going to replace it with. He said on Route 130 they have a 12 foot wide sidewalk with 65 mile an hour traffic and ladies pushing their kids in strolling and little kids on bikes and you have traffic closer than we are here doing 60 miles an hour. The DOT has made a hundred excuses. The Director asked what they were. Mr., Turcich said the first one was the bridge was not built structurally for permanent use - the problem there is the bridge company gave it a 30 year warranty. When you have a 30 year warranty that means the company that put the bridge in went out and inspected and said that their insurance company will cover that bridge for 30 years. It is three years old - that was number one. He said number two their excuse was that the construction company they weren't sure if they wanted to get rid of it or keep it for themselves. The construction company, I can tell you, they talked to me on the side and they want to sell the bridge - they have already been in negotiations with the State. The State tells me they are not in negotiations with them. They just keep spinning it. He said the third thing was they say that their engineers have made a safe passage and my comment to that was your engineers couldn't pass a third grade exam for safety because nobody would put people on the side of the highway when you put a walkway and a barrier. He said now what we have when people go 65 miles an hour - you are up there with your kids and your family - when you are walking alongside the road, the car can take out your whole family. These guys are telling me it is a safety factor but the bigger safety factor here is that the bridge that they replaced is totally unsafe and their design is just totally bad.

Deputy Freeholder Director McDonnell interjected and said we are aware what you think we should do there - we think it is a great idea but it is strictly a DOT project. He said just yesterday Jeff, Frank and I thought we could do this - but we found out that DOT will not allow that. He asked Frank Moran to update Mr. Turcich.

Mr. Moran said I have been in conversation with Tom as well as the State DOT and the engineers. Mr. Moran said when the plan was put together to do that 130 bridge there was a consideration to build a pedestrian bridge and the pedestrian bridge was built for a temporary purpose - temporary design - temporary build - temporary permit from DEP. He said we had a meeting three weeks ago with the whole entire team. Green Acres, DEP, engineers, landscapers, etc. and they made it crystal clear that they cannot certify that this bridge would have a life span of x. I as the Director of the Department protecting the Freeholder Board and I made it crystal clear to Tom, we can't assume liability of this bridge if there is no engineering report that states that this bridge is built this way and it will last, the scouring of the tide, etc. With that being said, they would not provide us that - with that being said, I won't encourage us to accept that. It is a bridge that is chain link fence and wood that is buckling, has no roof. If they would have thought it out right - built sort of a covered bridge and may be become permanent, it would have been an asset to the Park because the constituents and the park users have really enjoyed walking over it. I was out there before I came to the meeting, they've removed the approach to the bridge and I believe they are going to be doing something in the next week. He said I will call the State again - I don't know if there is anything that can be done at this time to save it but we do recognize that the individuals for the last three years really enjoyed walking not on Route 130 but walking over this bridge.

Freeholder Nash said Freeholder McDonnell had a very good point and Tom raises it tonight - it is dangerous on 130. The cars are whizzing by there and it could cause an issue. Mr. Moran said I agree with you. The only barrier that is there and I agree - we didn't design it or approve it - it is a State project. You have

the curb - any vehicle can jump the curb. He said although the walkway is much wider with a shoulder. Director Cappelli interjected and said the traffic is now going faster. Mr. Moran agreed and said at that meeting Emmie from the Law Department was there with us - we had mentioned what if anything came up to put up a barrier and at that point, they said there isn't anything we can do right now. With that being said, they have already started to remove the bridge but maybe we can stay after them to kind of create some sort of barrier that will have to do some digging up on the bridge. He said it was a \$26 million project. The Director said have the engineers looked at the sidewalk and the danger. Mr. Moran said I have consulted with Kevin Becica and Sam Martello on our end. It was designed according to DOT standards and it was built. He said I wasn't part of the initial design when it was done. If that was not a temporary bridge at the time, some more thought might have been given to making it permanent. He said at the end of the day DOT authorized a temporary permit for a temporary bridge. Mr. Turcich said one of the other issues was the DEP that I have and I can't say when or what or who - I have inside information that the DEP could really care less about that bridge one way or the other. They have more concern about taking it down and taking out the foundations than leaving it. Their whole thing is zero - it is not affecting it one bit. Director Cappelli said we will reach out to Commissioner Fox tomorrow and see if there is anything we can do to stop this. Mr. Turcich said the only other thing I would ask you to do and that is one of the reasons I came tonight is in the future and also in our petition - in the petition I ask to save that bridge and also the other one at Cuthbert. Mr. Moran said listen I spoke with my Freeholder, Jeff Nash and Deputy Freeholder Director Ed McDonnell extensively about this. I visited a park in Burlington County and the Park has a floating bridge. There is always a concern on the Cuthbert side of individuals getting over or getting to the Saganau side. We will be hiring an engineering firm to do a study and to determine whether or not it is feasible for us to do a floating bridge along hugging the bottom of the bridge to get you to the other side. We are considering it and we will let you know what happens. Mr. Turcich said the only thing I would ask in the future is maybe we can have some kind of law or resolution that when we say replace the Cooper River or Cuthbert Bridge that we don't have this dumb State barrier - this official safety sidewalk put in. We need Freeholder protection. Thank you.

Karl Walko, President of CWA Local 1014 addressed the Freeholders regarding Resolution 89. He said it was the approval of the Contract between Local 1014 and the County for the Large Unit. He said there were two other contracts that were ratified today and I am asking the status so I can answer members about what happened with those. Mr. Walko explained there are two supervisory contracts and a mosquito commission contract which were ratified today. Mr. Orlando said we were waiting for final confirmation. The Resolution was already drafted - Mr. Orlando said the Resolution was completed by the time we found out about the ratification. The Freeholders are going to vote on it shortly - we have no problem with it. Mr. Walko said I will tell my members and the supervisory unit - Mr. Orlando said it was a printing issue more than anything. Mr. Orlando said we can amend tonight's resolution to include them.

Director Cappelli said just so we are clear, we are amending to ratify the contracts in Resolution 89 to include the supervisory unit and the mosquito commission. He said I assumed you approved the mosquito commission contract even though that is a separate appointed authority that happened last time. He said the supervisory unit is yours too. Mr. Orlando agreed.

Director Cappelli asked for a motion to amend Resolution 89. Freeholder Leonard made a motion to amend Resolution 89 with a

second by Freeholder Young and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

Mr. Walko thanked the Freeholders.

Jonathan Jaffe of Voorhees addressed the Freeholders. He said I am not sure if this is an appropriate forum and I apologize if it is not. My concern is this - I live in a development called Sturbridge Lakes. We have five lakes in Voorhees. We are very proud of the quality of the Lakes - the swimming lake that we have there. He said we have an extreme problem with the growth of vegetation. We have very high nutrient levels. So many of the neighbors that I try to speak to about Governor Christie's 2011 new laws for Barnegat Bay Water Protection restricting fertilizer use, restricting no phosphorous unless you are planting new lawn. I don't want to bore everyone with specifics but there are very strict regulations that we have now - so many people, so many of my neighbors are completely unaware of this and applying fertilizer to their lawns ride up to the Lake. Is there any way that Camden County can initiate an education program of this new law to help make more of our citizens aware of the laws that are now in place?

Freeholder Nash said actually we have had that problem in every water system in Camden County and Frank Moran is the world's expert on Lake vegetation. Freeholder Nash agreed and said it is a very serious problem. If it is not already on the County's website or on our Sustainability website, we should absolutely include that kind of information to communicate it to your residents. It is really a township issue it is not a County issue but in terms of education, I do agree that it gets on the website.

Mr. Jaffe thanked the Freeholders.

Carol Schemp of Magnolia addressed the Freeholders. She said as long as I am here, I would like to address the issue of Evesham Avenue as it approaches Burnt Mill Road going under the Ashland Speedline station. It is laned as a one lane road. Have any of you ever traveled and seen it? Director Cappelli said I did tonight. She said was it one lane? The Director said no. She said there is a box at the entrance to the parking that is no longer there. The paint is gone. If I try to drive as a citizen, stay in the lane and stop before the block, people come around me, go past me, gesture at me or honk at me. If it is wide enough to be used as a two-lane road, every day, every morning, every afternoon, if there is some entity that could look at that. She said when I called the Freeholder's office and was directed to the roads department, I was told that it was Cherry Hill's problem to enforce the traffic pattern. I called Cherry Hill Police and they said we will put it on the list. Director Cappelli said is your issue with enforcement or the fact that it is one lane. She said yes, both! Ms. Schemp said it is supposed to be one lane, let's enforce it as one lane. She said I was told Cherry Hill was responsible for painting it even though it is a County road and that Cherry Hill is responsible for enforcement.

The Director called upon Sam Martello, Director of the County Public Works Department. Mr. Martello said I am on that road all the time. He said it is an issue - the box is the responsibility of the town. He said it is the Township's responsibility to enforce it. Mr. Martello said he will call the Township and request they enforce it. Ms. Schemp asked if the County would be the one to rename it to two lanes. Mr. Martello said that is a separate issue. He said that is a whole study. He said they will look into it.

Seeing no one else wishing to comment, the Director asked for a motion to close the public portion. Freeholder Leonard made a motion to close, with a second by Freeholder Young all Freeholders voted aye to close the public portion.

The Director said at this time I will open the floor to the Freeholder Board for their comment.

Freeholder Nash said I want to thank my colleagues for their support and dedication to Norman's Law. I really want to thank Ross and Ed and Administration for resolving the Union Contracts. It was a very significant factor. Great job, guys.

Freeholder Leonard congratulated Jeff Nash on the great night. This is something that I know firsthand. He said when I was a kid we owned a puppy mill dog who was very sick over a six year period. He said people said I want to adopt a dog from a shelter - they are just as good as a dog from a pet store or a breeder or anyone else.

I want to thank everyone who came out to express concern that is what government is about is being able to share your ideas - hopefully come together to what you think is right - we did that tonight. I also want to thank Ed and Ross what they did with the contract and Chris as well and all the others. I think it is not only fair to the employees but for the taxpayers as well in Camden County. I will leave you on one final note that I remember as a child and I will say it again and I said it many times in the words of Bob Barker - don't forget to spay and neuter your pets. A lot of people forget that. Have a good night and thank you.

Freeholder Young congratulated Freeholder Nash on a job well done. Things that have happened here tonight and things that I have seen over the last couple of weeks with Ed and Ross handling the contract very well and Jeff putting out an awesome resolution for a great cause just goes to show you the reason why I believe in this Board and that we continuously do the right thing for the citizens and the resident of Camden County. Again, I say it time and time again, I am the rookie - the reason why I am so proud to be a member of this Board and the things that you guys do on a daily basis for the resident of this County.

Freeholder Rodriguez said I definitely would like to concur with everything that has been said. It is amazing legislation that you set forth. You shouldn't have pets being put in that type of situation ever. As you specifically said, no one should be selling pets from puppy mills. She congratulated Freeholder Nash on an excellent job. The public understands your passion and commitment for our residents in this County. She congratulated our administration on the Council 10 negotiations. I am ecstatic that we do have contracts. I definitely as a union employee myself with my other hat, I feel that it is very important to have a contract where you can work by rules that you can follow - rules that are firm and set. It is good for us, it is good for the employees. Congratulations - I know it was an enormous task and one that still continues in other areas. Richard Rivera, thank you, it is always nice to see you and nice to hear from you. I love to hear all the stories with Tuffie and the fact that you do continue. Our Governor may not appreciate what you are doing but speaking for myself, I do appreciate the work that you are doing for our children.

Deputy Freeholder Director McDonnell thanked Vanessa and Ricardo for coming. He said we have a medical marijuana law in New Jersey but the regulations are purposely so difficult to make it almost impossible to take advantage of it. It is an absolute outrage. I wish you well with that. He said on another front I am also in that battle - I wish you well. He thanked everyone for coming.

Freeholder Director Cappelli said I do want to thank Jeff for his passion and outstanding effort with Norman's Law for so many

reasons it was the right thing to do and we had a great result tonight. I thought Norman was going to be here!! He said as I mentioned on Tuesday night, I just want to commend Ed and Ross for the great work on the contract and the members of our labor team over the past negotiations, we have made so much progress in making these contracts fair to both employees and to the government and to the taxpayers. I know it took a lot of time and energy - thank you. The Director thanked all the County employees for all the hard work they do day in and day out on behalf of our residents.

The Director asked for a motion to adjourn. Freeholder Young made a motion with a second by Deputy Freeholder Director McDonnell and all freeholders present voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne DiPiero
Clerk of the Board