

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
CAUCUS MEETING
February 19, 2019 - 6:00 PM
FREEHOLDER CONFERENCE ROOM – 16TH FLOOR
520 MARKET STREET, CAMDEN, NJ 08102**

Freeholder Director Cappelli called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the following Freeholders answered to their name:

PRESENT: SUSAN SHIN ANGULO, WILLIAM MOEN, JR., JEFFREY NASH,
CARMEN RODRIGUEZ, JONATHAN YOUNG, SR., EDWARD
McDONNELL, LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR.

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

The Director asked for everyone to stand for a moment of silence and then asked everyone to remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Warden Taylor.

The Director introduced Lou Caracciolo of Amalthea Cellars who gave a brief presentation on the proposed Viticulture Program at the Camden County Sustainability Campus at Lakeland. Mr. Caracciolo said the goal of this project is to create a small “teaching” vineyard, approximately one acre, that would be a unique, multi-party partnership between Camden County, Camden County College, VineTech (the vendor acting as the vineyard operator), and Lou Caracciolo. Mr. Caracciolo said he will be acting on behalf of a yet-to-be-created non-profit that would manage the business aspects of the vineyard. VineTech and Amalthea Cellars were very impressed with the site. Mr. Caracciolo equated our location to a similar site in Walla Walla, Washington which went from 10 vineyards to over 120 vineyards on 2,800 acres and is internationally known for its wineries.

Chris Waldron commented that in addition to establishing a vineyard on the site, there is an interest and a need for experienced professionals in the field of viticulture. There are very few college-level programs for people interested in the process of growing grapes and operating a vineyard. Camden County College’s President, Don Borden, is in full support of developing either a certification and/or Associate’s Degree track in viticulture.

The initial cost to plant and maintain the vineyard is \$22,000 for the first year. After that, the goal would be to use the expertise of the Rutgers Master Gardeners and students in the Camden County College viticulture program to perform most of the maintenance and reduce the cost. It is expected that we would have small crop in the second growing season and a full crop in the third. Estimates are that the vineyard could produce approximately four tons of grapes at full harvest at a cost of \$7,000 per year.

Finally, with the support of Amalthea Cellars and Sharrott Wineries, the plan is to establish a non-profit to oversee the management of the vineyard, including grape harvesting

and processing, as well as the sale of vines or rows (Adopt-A-Vine or Adopt-A-Row) as another way to generate revenue.

The Director thanked Mr. Caracciolo for the presentation, as well as Jim Rhodes and Chris Waldron for all of their hard work.

Director Cappelli congratulated Freeholder Moen on the success of the recent Veteran's Dress Giveaway held at the Boathouse. Over 500 bridal gowns, special occasion dresses and bridal accessories were donated for veterans and their families. Brides to be had an opportunity to pick out that special dress and take it home with them free of charge as a thank you for their service to our country.

Director Cappelli also congratulated Freeholder Nash on being named one Camden County College's Presidential Impact Award Recipients. Freeholder Nash will be honored at the College's 2019 Gala on March 1st.

The Director then proceeded with the Caucus Agenda.

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

Resolutions and discussion of proposed Resolutions by or on behalf of Freeholder Shin Angulo

Resolutions 1 through 15 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption.

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

Resolutions 16 through 27 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption. In addition, Freeholder Moen had one addition to the Agenda, as follows:

Resolution authorizing a Lease Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) and TIER REIT, for the provision of office space at the Woodcrest Corporate Center in Cherry Hill, for the Camden County One Stop Resource Center and affiliated State agencies, for the period April 1, 2019 through May 31, 2022, in the total amount of \$2,901,360. Funding available in an amount to be determined. Balance of funding contingent upon passage of the 2019 Permanent Budget and the 2020, 2021 and 2022 Temporary and/or Permanent Budgets.

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

Resolutions 28 through 41 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption.

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

Resolutions 42 through 45 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption.

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

Resolutions 46 through 60 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption.

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

Resolutions 61 through 73 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption.

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

Resolutions 74 through 90 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption.

The Director opened the meeting to the public for discussion of the Resolutions.

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

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

The Director read the following Resolution:

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

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

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

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the hereinafter-specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed:
 - A. PRESENTATION
 - County Procurement of Solid Waste Disposal Under the McEnroe Act
 - B. PERSONNEL
 - Personnel Actions

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

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The Director asked for a Motion to adopt the Resolution and go into closed session to discuss the aforementioned matters. Freeholder Young made a motion with a second by Freeholder Rodriguez at 6:45 p.m.

The Freeholders returned from closed session with a motion made by Freeholder Rodriguez and a second by Freeholder Young at 7:25 p.m.

There being no further discussion, the Director asked for a motion to adjourn. Freeholder Shin Angulo made a motion to adjourn with a second by Freeholder Moen at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Karyn Gilmore
Clerk of the Board