

**CAMDEN COUNTY
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.
AUDUBON HIGH SCHOOL
350 EDGEWOOD AVENUE
AUDUBON, NEW JERSEY 08106**

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

The Director asked the Clerk to call the roll and the following Freeholders answered to their name:

PRESENT: GENTEK, LEONARD, NASH, RODRIGUEZ, MCDONNELL CAPPELLI
FREEHOLDER MCCRAY WAS SEATED AT 7:02 P.M.

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

The Director asked the Audubon Cub Scout Pack 131 and Boy Scout Troop 88 to come forward to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the Audubon High School Choir Ensemble to perform the National Anthem.

The Director thanked the Audubon Cub Scout Pack 131 and Boy Scout Troop 88 for their participation. He also thanked the Audubon High School Choir Ensemble for singing the National Anthem so beautifully.

Director Cappelli advised that large print agendas are available if requested for the visually impaired. If you require a large print agenda, please see the Clerk.

Director Cappelli advised that there are two public hearings during the course of tonight's meeting and said if you wish to speak during the public hearings, I ask that you go to the desk outside of the auditorium and sign up to speak. The Director noted that the first public hearing is for Resolutions that we will be acting upon tonight. He said the second public hearing is at the end of the meeting at which you can speak about any matter regarding Camden County.

Director Cappelli welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Camden County Board of Freeholders. He said we are very pleased to be in Audubon tonight. He said it is the practice of the Board of Freeholders to hold our meeting each month in one of our

community, a community that is continually involved in economic development under one of the biggest Black Horse Pike developments in recent history and there has been a great tradition of leadership here in Audubon. The Director said of this Mayor and Commissioners that tradition continues with this governing body. The Director then asked the Mayor to say a few words.

Mayor Ward said we are very happy to welcome you to Audubon and to welcome the Board of Freeholders to the Borough of Audubon and Audubon High School. He said we are excited to have this meeting here tonight and hopefully have good discussion. He said if you need anything, you can look us up here in Audubon through our website.

Commissioner Kurt Bicking said he runs the Public Works Department here in town. He said we are always happy to see our Freeholders in town. He said we work very closely with the Freeholders and are very appreciative for all the work they do for the Borough of Audubon. Thank you.

PRESENTATIONS

The Director called upon Freeholder Rodriguez. Freeholder Rodriguez presented the Mayor with their CDBG Municipal Funds in the amount of \$31,200.00 for various projects that the Borough has planned.

GIFT

The Director said as we go from town to town, we ask the Governing Body for the name of a non-profit in town worthy of a small donation from the Board of Freeholders who have distinguished themselves of their service to the municipality. He said Audubon has selected the community award to be awarded to the Audubon Celebration Committee. The Director called upon Terri Wallace, Jodi Clark and Lynda Stefano to come forward.

The Director said the ACC is an all-volunteer group of residents. He said they are committed to funding and coordinating the annual Fourth of July Parade and the day's related activities. He said during these days of tough economic times and very limited revenue for municipalities, it is very important to have groups like this to conduct the activities such as those that take place here on the Fourth of July. He said last year, thanks to this organization, not a single tax dollar was spent. He said this organization raised all funds necessary for the Fourth of July Celebration. He congratulated the group.

Ms. Wallace said on behalf of the Audubon Celebration

Mr. Reilly thanked Freeholder McCray for having him once again this year. He said we have been doing this program since 2000 now.

He said every year within our service territory we give out some thousands of smoke detectors that we give to the Fire Marshal to give out to the community, whoever needs them. He said we have regular smoke detectors and then we also have some detectors for the hearing impaired. Mr. Reilly said I am very fortunate to work for Atlantic City Electric, a company that does a lot for the community

He said this is particularly close to my heart because it speaks to the company's core value. He said we walk the walk and talk the talk about the value of safety. He said we talk about that all the time with our employees and this is just one way that we can show it. Mr. Reilly said since 2000, we have given out over 21,000 smoke detectors out to the community. It is a good thing!

Freeholder McCray thanked Atlantic City Electric. The Freeholder said I want to speak on a personal note - it is better to have smoke detectors and know that they work rather than not have them and need them. Freeholder McCray said personally almost nine months ago, my family and I were victims of a house fire about 1:30 a.m. in the morning. He said luckily the smoke detectors did alert my family. He said although we lost a lot of possessions, the most important things were saved. It was a true testament that smoke detectors do save lives. He said to Mr. Reilly, thank you for all your continued work. He said they will be put to good use.

Director Cappelli thanked Mr. Reilly and Atlantic City Electric.

PROCLAMATION

Freeholder Leonard welcomed everyone. Freeholder Leonard said tonight I have the honor of recognizing our Camden County Technical School for the career and technical education month throughout the country. He said Camden County joins the National Association for Career and Technical Education recognizing February as Career and Technical Education Month. He said our Technical Schools, Colleges and school districts support the National Association's efforts throughout the year. He said the goal of the Career and Technical Education is to educate and prepare students for high demand careers, both locally and throughout the State. He said this year's theme is Careers through Education. He said it helps to build successful partnerships between our schools and local businesses. He said this program has played a great role in the 37 career programs which produce skilled workers in our County. He said on a personal note, I have to say as a liaison to the County Technical Schools, what Tony, Superintendent Bell and others do is an amazing job. They prepare our students who you see before you today for a host of careers not just in the County but throughout the State

Tony thanked the Freeholder and thanked the entire Board for the recognition. He said on behalf of Mr. Bell, our Superintendent and Mr. Knapp, our School Board President, we really appreciate the recognition and the continued support that we not only get from the Freeholder Board but also from the County administration on a daily basis. He said we are one of the oldest Vocational Schools in the Country. We have been around for over 80 years. As most of you know, we have two campuses, one in Pennsauken and one in Gloucester Township. He said we have over 37 career programs, both in all the traditional areas that you know and a lot of new programs, academy programs and medical arts, pre-engineering, robotics, performing arts. He said starting next year, a new Academy of Law and Public Safety that will be opening at both of our campuses. We are really excited again about the support that we get from the Freeholders and our region. It is one of the largest workforce providers in the region and in Camden County. Again, thank you for this recognition on behalf of our students, staff and administration at Camden County Technical Schools. Thank you!

Director Cappelli acknowledged County Clerk Joseph Ripa, Surrogate Patricia Egan Jones and Sheriff Chuck Billingham.

PROCLAMATION

Freeholder Leonard called upon Robert Weil, Linda Devlin and Commissioners from the Library to come forward. Freeholder Leonard said tonight we have the honor to recognize our immediate Past President of our Camden County Library Commission. He said somebody who I know first hand who has done an excellent job being at the Camden County Library Commission. The Freeholder said Robert Weil has been a member of the Camden County Library Commission since 2009. He is a hard worker. He has served on the Voorhees Township Board of Adjustment and is a Trustee for the Camden County Workforce Investment Board. The Freeholder said Bob has served as the President of the Camden County Library Commission this past year 2012, who was especially instrumental in the opening of the Camden County Library Branch of Rutgers Camden. He said I worked with Bob and Linda and I have to tell you that was one of the proudest moments that I have as being an elected official being able to open that Library, especially at the University. He said Bob also helped with the naming of the down-town branch which is the Nilsa Cruz Perez Branch. Freeholder Leonard said I can tell you this is someone in front of you who puts service before self. He is someone who really dedicated his time. The Freeholder said I have said this before to Linda and others and I was just reading an article the other day - what is the true meaning of the Library today - what do they really stand for in our communities. He said technology

Linda Devlin said I would like to echo the Freeholder's words. It is a real pleasure working with Bob. She said I have told him this on many occasions. She said he has been extremely dedicated and I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank him for taking his time. She said he is a volunteer who takes his time to serve the County Library and the Library Commission. He is very dedicated to what he does. He is extremely supportive in what we are doing with the libraries in Camden County. She said I know that he is just as proud of what we are doing at our eight branches with our new services. She said our newest branch that opened this year as is am. Thank you for everything that you have done and you continue to do. It has been a pleasure to work with you.

Mr. Weil thanked Freeholder Leonard and Library Director Linda Devlin. He said it has been a pleasure serving as the immediate past president and it is still a pleasure serving on the Board. He said when I was first appointed to the Library Commission I thought this is a great thing - books for everyone. He said I had no idea of what goes on behind the scenes and what goes into producing a first-class Library System. He said we do have one under the direction of Linda Devlin and our Assistant Director, David Lisa. He said there is really a first-class crew that really supports the citizens of Camden County with a great library service. Thank you very much, I do appreciate it. Mr. Weil said I would also like to thank Pat Abusi, our incoming President for arranging some of this as well. Thank you very much!

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Freeholder Nash welcomed everyone. Freeholder Nash said I have the honor tonight to present to the one person in Camden County among over 3,000 employees that are employed by either Camden County directly or through its agencies and college, library, vocational school. He said the one person who is going to be recognized this evening as The Camden County Employee of the Month. He said we are honored tonight to announce that Camden County Parks Employee, Millissa Mitchell has been selected as that person. Millissa came forward. The Director called upon Frank Moran, the Parks Department Director to join them. He said Frank was instrumental in making this selection. Freeholder Nash said you have to understand so many people in Camden County enjoy our amazing parks. He said there are actually 22 park systems stretching from Camden City through Audubon and into Winslow Township. He said the people who are behind the scenes, not only those who get up at 5:00 a.m. in the morning to clean the parks, make sure the baseball fields are ready for the game, mow the lawn, cut the hedges, make them as beautiful as possible. He said there are people, who are supporting the guys on the streets and that is Millissa's job. He said in a day when

everything that we need to run the Parks Department, equipment, supplies, etc. are paid. He said she does a phenomenal job at what she does and it certainly is a pleasure to work with her - I have known her for 15 years, she does a great job. Congratulations!

Millissa thanked Freeholder Nash and Frank Moran and everyone here this evening. She said I appreciate being honored as Employee of the Month and being recognized for the work that I do at the Parks Department. She said I truly like what I do, I work with a lot of great people, not only at the Parks Department but throughout Camden County and I want to thank everyone for their daily support and guidance because you do make my job a lot easier and I appreciate it. She then thanked her family for coming here tonight and sharing in this award. She also thanked her employees who came tonight as well and said they keep me going and I appreciate it.

Freeholder Nash said to express our appreciation of a very grateful County, we are giving you this quartz clock and a gift certificate. Thank you.

Director Cappelli congratulated Millissa also.

The Director then continued with the agenda.

- i. RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION - GREEN ACRES PROGRAM, PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C 7:36-25.3, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REMOVING PROPERTY INADVERTENTLY INCLUDED ON THE RECREATION OPEN SPACE INVENTORY (ROSI).

Director Cappelli said we had a Public Hearing on this Resolution at the Freeholder Caucus on Tuesday, January 15, 2013.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION i

The Director asked for a Motion to Adopt Resolution i. Freeholder Leonard made a motion to adopt, with a second by Freeholder Rodriguez and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

MINUTES

Director Cappelli said the next order of business is the Minutes of our previous meeting and asked for a motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion to adopt the Minutes with a second by Freeholder Nash and on roll call

AYE: LEONARD, MCCRAY, NASH, RODRIGUEZ, MCDONNELL,
CAPPELLI

Report with a second by Deputy Director McDonnell and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

Director Cappelli announced that the next portion of this meeting is open to the public for discussion on the Resolutions that the Freeholders are going to be acting upon this evening. He said there will be another public hearing later in the meeting, at which time the public can ask any questions they want regarding the business of Camden County. Director Cappelli said that he asks that this portion of the public hearing be limited to the Resolutions that the Freeholders are going to be voting on.

Director Cappelli said I have one request to speak on resolutions and that comes from Eddie Torres.

Rev. Eddie Torres of Camden, addressed the Freeholders and asked about Resolution 34, the Agreement with the South Jersey Port Corporation. He said I would like to know what property does the County own that the South Jersey Port Corporation is paying giving you a payment in lieu of taxes. He said we are trying to straighten out our budget in Camden with our deficit and finding out about these payments in lieu of taxes. He said these payments in lieu of taxes are supposed to go to the City that the South Jersey Port Corporation is using and I don't know any land that the County owns

Director Cappelli responded and said the Payment In Lieu of Taxes is not based on whether or not the County owns the land. Mr. Torres said you don't own the land but they just give you a payment in lieu of taxes - you are calling it that. Director Cappelli responded and said by State Law regarding any Payment in Lieu of Taxes, there is also a payment to the County as well as to the City

Mr. Torres asked how much money does that involve. The Director responded \$419,000.00. Mr. Torres asked if there was an additional payment that the County gets from the South Jersey Port Corporation - I thought it was near \$3 million. The Director responded, no. Mr. Torres said I know they have been dropping down Camden, I guess they dropped the County too.

Mr. Torres then asked about Resolution 38 regarding the start-up of the Camden County Police. Mr. Torres said you know that we have been arguing with the representatives - I am a Republican Committeeman in the City of Camden. He said I was always pushing for a residency requirement for our Camden Police officers. We wanted to push that. I think you agree 49% of our Camden Police Officers are going to stay with the County force, but we also want you to put that in there for the Special Police Officer Program or what you call - Police Aides. He said these special aides are 18 or 19 years old who get their experience with the Police Department and then they matriculate into the regular police department. He said

Mr. Torres said this whole argument about the Camden City Police Department is about Camden resident jobs and about our kids having jobs in the future in Camden - living and working in Camden with colored people. That is all I am asking that you put some kind of requirement for those Camden resident jobs to be set aside in that County Police Force. Thank you.

Seeing no other members of the public wishing to speak, the Director asked for a motion to close the public portion. Freeholder Nash made a motion to close the public portion with a second by Freeholder Rodriguez and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions 1 through 7 were adopted upon motion by Freeholder Leonard with a second by Freeholder Rodriguez and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

1. Resolution amending Agreement (Negotiated Bid A-6, 2nd Yr. Option), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) and Meridian Property Services for the provision of Facilities Management Services, to add Correctional Facility in the amount of \$63,351.32 - funds in the amount of \$16,000.00 - CAF#9900170207. Balance of funding is contingent upon the adoption of the County's 2013 Temporary and/or Permanent Budgets.

2. Resolution authorizing payment, pursuant to Resolution No. 67, adopted on March 15, 2012, to the Camden County Improvement Authority for upgrades and improvements to the lighting system at the Camden County Correctional Facility, in an amount not to exceed \$236,800.00 - CAF#9900170003.

3. Resolution authorizing payment, pursuant to Resolution No. 67, adopted March 15, 2012, to the Camden County Improvement Authority for the proposed renovations and improvements to the Camden County Emergency Operations Center (Department of Public Safety-Office of Emergency Management), in an amount not to exceed \$227,633.00 - CAF#9900170364.

4. Resolution amending an Agreement pursuant to a publicly

6. Resolution amending the Department of Public Works, Office of Permits Roadway Restoration Requirements.

7. Resolution directing payment, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:33-8.1, on behalf of the Camden County Library System to Ingram Library Services and Midwest Tape, for the purchase of Books, Periodicals and other Library Materials utilized by the Camden County Library System in 2013.

Resolution 8 was adopted upon motion by Deputy Director McDonnell with a second by Freeholder Leonard and on roll call:

8. Resolution Appointing/Reappointing Members to the College Board of Trustees of Camden County.

AYE: GENTEK, LEONARD, MCCRAY, NASH, RODRIGUEZ, McDONNELL

ABSTAIN: CAPPELLI

Resolutions 9 through 15 were adopted upon motion made by Freeholder Rodriguez with a second by Freeholder McCray and on roll, all Freeholders present voted aye.

9. Resolution approving personnel actions by or on behalf of Freeholder Leonard.

10. Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Corrections) and the State of New Jersey, Judiciary, Administrative Office of the Courts, for the provision of video court services, for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, in an amount not to exceed \$192,227.00 - funds in the amount of \$49,000.00 - CAF#9900170283. Balance of funding is contingent upon the adoption of the 2013 Temporary and/or Permanent Budgets.

11. Resolution authorizing Agreements, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Corrections) and various Judges for Judicial Services for Video Court, Municipal Division for Camden County Arraignments and Inmate Court for the period January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013, in an amount not to exceed \$95,500.00 , funds in the amount of \$23,875.00 - Various CAF#s. Balance of funding is contingent upon the availability and appropriation of funds in the 2013 Temporary and/or Permanent Budgets.

12. Resolution ratifying a Lease Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Office of the Prosecutor) and K.L. Holdings, LLC, for a one year extension of a lease at 800 Cooper Street, Camden, for the term of January 1 2013 through December 31 2013 in the

Agencies, Hospital-based EMS Providers and the Voorhees Police Department to transfer specific radio equipment purchased for the 700 MHz conversion.

15. Resolution establishing Fire Marshal Fee Schedule.

Resolution 16 was adopted upon motion made by Freeholder Rodriguez with a second by Freeholder Nash and on roll call:

16. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden and Rutgers University-Camden for a Field Experience Internship for the period January 2013 through May 2013.

AYE: GENTEK, MCCRAY, NASH, RODRIGUEZ, MCDONNELL, CAPPELLI
ABSTAIN: LEONARD

Resolutions 17 through 45 were adopted upon motion made by Deputy Director McDonnell, with a second by Freeholder Rodriguez and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

17. Resolution approving personnel actions by or on behalf of Freeholder McCray.

18. Resolution rejecting Bid A-50, Construction of Miracle Field at Challenge Grove Park, due to substantial revisions of bid specifications, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(d).

19. Resolution authorizing award of a Contract (State Contract #A-81420), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Parks) and Boyce Associates, for the purchase of trash receptacles for County Parks, in the amount of \$32,854.30 -CAF#9900170206.

20. Resolution authorizing award of a Contract, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Division of Environmental Affairs) and Thanks for Being Green, LLC and eRevival, LLC, for the recycling of electronic waste within the County of Camden.

21. Resolution Appointing/Reappointing Members to the Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority.

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

23. Resolution authorizing a Bond Substitution in the Capital Fund Budget for the purposes of providing for General Renovations to various Health Department Buildings in the amount of \$325,700.00

26. Resolution approving personnel actions by or on behalf of Freeholder Rodriguez.

27. Resolution amending the 2013 Temporary Budget.

28. Resolution authorizing budgetary transfers in the 2013 Reserve Fund.

29. Resolution authorizing award of a Contract, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Human Resources) and Safety Matters for web based on-line safety training services, in the amount of \$16,650.00 - CAF#9900170204.

30. Resolution authorizing the approval of various State contracts with various State vendors.

31. Resolution authorizing award of a Contract (Bid A-51 - 2nd Yr. Option), by and between the County of Camden (Division of Purchasing) and Office Basics, for the purchase of office supplies under the Camden County Cooperative Pricing System, ID#57-CCCPS.

32. Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Special Events) and Camden County College for the provision of Program Services for Seniors and Special Needs residents of the County and related County Special Events, in the amount of \$55,000.00, funds in the amount of \$13,750.00 - CAF#9900170194. Balance of funding contingent upon passage of the 2013 Temporary and/or Permanent Budgets.

33. Resolution authorizing Pay Increases for designated Unclassified and Classified Employees.

34. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden and South Jersey Port Corporation for Payment in Lieu of Taxes for the year 2013, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 12:11A-20.

35. Resolution Reappointing a Member to the Camden County Ethics Board.

36. Resolution authorizing award of a Contract (Bid A-54 - 2nd Yr. Option), by and between the County of Camden (Office of the County Clerk) and County Business Systems for software maintenance, upgrades, training and support relative to the NewVision Land Recording System, in the amount of \$77,450.00, funds in the amount of \$19,362.50 - CAF#9900170237. Balance of funding is contingent upon passage of the 2013 Permanent Budget.

40. Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Information Technology/Telecommunications) and Camden County College for the provision of various Information Technology/Telecommunications Services and support.

41. Resolution designating AL DIA as the Official Newspaper for advertising Election Notices in Spanish for the County of Camden.

42. Resolution authorizing the Approval and Execution of the Camden County Workforce New Jersey Area Contract Program Year 2012, Modification No. 1, to add Smart STEPS funds in the amount of \$12,840.00 and additional Workforce Learning Link (WFL) funds in the amount of \$56,000 for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

43. Resolution authorizing settlement of litigation entitled Krysta Widman v. County of Camden (Docket No. CAM-L-2675-11).

44. Resolution amending the 2013 County of Camden Table of Organization, adopted January 4, 2013.

45. Resolution approving personnel actions by or on behalf of Director Cappelli.

Resolution 46 - No motion made - Resolution fails.

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

The Director announced that the meeting is now open to the public for any topic the public would like to bring before the Board.

Dan Barone of Audubon addressed the Freeholders. Mr. Barone identified himself as representing Lakeland Aircraft Modelers and said I would just like to extend our appreciation and thanks for the use of the Lakeland facility that we have been enjoying for the last 23 years. He said I just wanted you, Freeholders, to know how much we appreciate it.

Director Cappelli thanked Mr. Barone.

Donna Kohler of Blackwood addressed the Freeholders. Ms. Kohler said I am here with the Nursing Managers of the Long-Term Care Facility of Camden County Health Services Center. She said we are representing the nursing staff and would like to express our concerns over the way the sale of the Center appears to be taking place with disregard for other options. She said each of us is very

facility offers a service that is essential for all of the families of Camden County. She said in the past year alone, we have had 105 patients in our Sub-acute Rehab Facility that were repeat customers

She said when other health issues arose they chose our care over all others. She said we have also gotten other patients from their referrals to families and friends. She said we offer a refuge of care that has been used by several dignitaries successfully when then needed us. She said our closure would greatly impact the option that these patients, their families and many of our residents would have. She said our 300 resident families who live and vote in Camden County would be impacted. They may no longer have affordable safe options. It not only impacts our residents but the staff. She said the sale would put hundreds of eligible voters who reside in Camden County out of work. She said we also know that some of our employees provide services to other facilities and they may no longer be available for your use. Ms. Kohler said to begin with at some point in time, you collectively as a Board recognized the need in our community or else we would not exist. She said at the April 19, 1996 dedication, Rob Andrews noted that this facility and I quote, is an obligation to the residents of Camden County. She said with the population growing and aging as it has, how has that need and obligation been erased. She said we know that you have visited us in the past, when was the last time, any of you have truly taken the time to come and walk through the units, seeing first-hand the quality of care being provided and truly saw those who will be affected the most and what impact our closing will have on the community. That aside, she said, the concern that we would like to express is what appears to be a sale that may happen without any consideration at reevaluating the way our business is handled and making changes to make it viable again. She said because we have not been approached for suggestions, we would like all of you to know that we are willing to make concessions to help the situation.

She said as a group we have discussed possible concessions that could be made. We feel that the following are some areas where we could all help. Our time-off benefits package is extremely generous. We would consider reviewing the available time and giving up some of that time by possibly spreading across State holidays, sick time, vacation, etc. She said we are also willing to take a look at wages and other paid benefits, like longevity and uniform reimbursements. She said although we speak for our nursing staff, we are sure that every department in our facility would be willing to reevaluate what they do and how they do it to come up with a way to decrease costs. Like concessions such as those, we are offering our spread throughout the facility - financial change can be effective. She said in the end, what we are asking for and would like to see would be for our Freeholders to sit down with each department, come up with a plan of attack against our expenses and give us a chance to turn the financial situation in our facility

feel if your family was in there and they were getting ready to be evicted, how would you feel? She said how would you feel if a police officer ran you over and you needed a place like that to be rehabilitated like one of the staff members, one of the security officers did. She said can you sleep tonight?

Thomas Lucarini of Sicklerville, addressed the Freeholders. Mr. Lucarini said I am a former employee of Camden County Health Services. He said I retired in 2009. He said I worked there for 40 years. He said I want to just go along with some of the things the ladies have already spoken to - the first lady, Donna, talked about the concessions the employees are willing to make. He said I also would take a look at the level of some of the waste that goes on in Camden County Health Services Center. He said we are extremely top-heavy, very top-heavy. He said the employees are willing to make concessions, what about the Board taking a look at the Board of Managers. He said I was there for 40 years and I went through the scenario before, however, even though I am not a current employee, I do feel that this situation is far more serious than it was back in 1988 when I believe, that was the time it was, I know the Board of Managers was created around 1988 or 1989 - Anthony Peters was our CEO and we became a premier facility - a Long-Term Care Facility and a Behavioral Health Facility but especially our Long-Term Care Facility. Mr. Lucarini said I know that the payment for Medicare and Medicaid has decreased but there are ways to save money. The employees are willing to do that. He said the family member talked about the residents are hearing this information that the place is going to close - we are a considerable workforce down there and we are a considerable voting block. He said I believe the employees of Camden County will remember this when it comes time for election and I really hope that the Board of Freeholders would take some time and talk to some of the people who work there and maybe you will get a better understanding of when I talk about waste. Thank you for your time.

Director Cappelli responded and said we are continuing to gather information and data regarding the Hospital. He said the financial situation is bleak - it is worse than it has ever been with the two percent cap - it is clearly not sustainable and that is the issue. The Director said we know that great care is provided there - it is something philosophically we all support and want to continue - we are looking for ways. We appreciate any offers or concessions and we will continue to talk and consider what information is provided to us. The Director noted that the shortfall this year is \$12 million. He said our County cap, the maximum amount that we are allowed to raise taxes is \$8 million.

Daniel Payne of Audubon addressed the Freeholders Mr. Payne

Director Cappelli said you can speak to this young lady from Constituent Services and she will take your name and contact information and we will send it to you.

Mr. Payne said the last thing I have is when you say there is a \$12 million deficit coming up. The Director responded we were talking about the Hospital. Mr. Payne said okay because Audubon is a great place to live. He said you said that when you started here but if the taxes keep going up and up and up like they are going to, no one is going to be able to afford to live here unless you are making \$100,000.00 a year or more. He said with this new thing that I have been reading in the paper about this Police Department - what's the plan with that, are you passing all this on to the taxpayers of Camden County to pay for something that should be paid for by the City of Camden? Director said, no, the Police Department is being paid for by the City of Camden. Mr. Payne said Camden can't pay for themselves. The Director said they get help from the State of New Jersey. Mr. Payne said who says they are not going to pay for it any more. The Director said that is not what they are telling us, Sir. Mr. Payne said I just read that in the paper the other day. The Director said you must have read a different paper than I read. Mr. Payne said I can see why people don't want to come to these meetings. I am asking a legitimate question here. The Director said, I answered your question and you didn't like my answer. Mr. Payne said could you be a little more professional? The Director said you asked a question, I answered and you didn't like my answer - we disagree. Mr. Payne said we can agree on this, Monmouth County has more people, more land and they only have five Freeholders there - why do we have seven. Maybe you need to do more with less. He said really, maybe it is time for you to do more with less. It is that simple.

Carlette Southern-Robert of Camden addressed the Freeholders. Ms. Southern-Robert said I would like to wish you a Happy New Year. The Director wished her the same. She said I didn't see you since last year. Ms. Southern-Robert said a few days ago was Martin Luther King's birthday and also we are going to be honoring him throughout next week. She said one of the things that Martin Luther King, Jr. said was, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy". She said we are dealing with a lot of controversy over a number of issues. This gentleman who I don't know at all but he brought up the issue of the Metro Police Department. She said I know that we have had some conversations about that in the past and we've had some differences of opinion. She said I am not a professional speaker but I do have a point of view and my point of view, as I stated before, that the Metro Police Department is really a mistake and for a number of reasons. She

accordingly. She said okay and could you tell me how you intend to do that? The Director said first of all the State is going to continue to pay as well you understand that. Ms. Southern-Robert responded for a short period of time. The Director responded and said just so we are clear because I think there might be a misunderstanding. He said the State is providing two different sources of funding. One are the start-up costs of this organization, the State is providing to us \$10.5 million to start the Metro Division. Secondly, he said, on a yearly budgetary basis, they will be entering into an agreement with us and with the City of Camden to cover the costs of the Department. He said that is the way it is going to work. He said that is how we do not have to pass the costs of this Department onto other municipalities in Camden County unless they become a part of the Department. Ms. Southern-Robert said that is a whole other question that I have but first let's continue to deal with this issue about the budget. She said first of all there has not been any budget presented to the public.

She said my understanding of how the public process is to work is for something as significant as this, we should have the ability to look at the budget numbers and see exactly how this is being penciled out. She said I am sure the citizens of the rest of the State are going to be paying for this would also like to see that. She said and then there is the issue of the Governor stating that the State is running out of money. She said we are relying on the fact that forever they are going be able to pay this and that is how the taxpayers have gotten in trouble in the past both in Camden County and New Jersey where we have made commitments to do these big projects and then there is no money to pay for them. She said the taxpayers really deserve knowing exactly how this is going to be funded. She said the second point is what you just touched on is the other municipalities. She said my understanding is this is a metro police department. The Director said your time is up, if you don't mind, let someone else speak and I will call you back up. She said I don't mind, I appreciate that.

Ulysis Delgado of Camden addressed the Freeholders. Mr. Delgado said I am really concerned about this Metro Police Department. He said there is no need to hire 400 cops in the City of Camden. He said our people in the City of Camden we need jobs, we don't need cops. He said our famous leader in the City of Camden has failed to represent the needs of the Camden City residents. He said I have continued to protect myself in our neighborhood because it is getting worse. More drug activities in the City and now with this Metro coming, our taxes are going to go high. He said my taxes went up tremendously high. He said if my taxes go up one more time, I am going to be homeless, Mr. Cappelli. He said I know you don't have any feelings for the Camden residents for the poor people in the City of Camden just like our 800 lb gorilla Governor we have in

Nancy Webster of Camden addressed the Freeholder Board. The Director asked if Ms. Webster moved to Camden. Ms. Webster said no, I just gave my work address. The Director said you still live in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. She said, yes, I do.

Ms. Webster said I would like to tell you about the numbers that we are talking about here for the Metro plan. She said in 2012, the Metro Police Force cost the City \$29 million and we said we couldn't afford that. She said now the Camden County Police Plan just for Camden is budgeted for \$65 million. She said the reason you did this was because it was supposed to be cost effective. She asked how is \$65 million more cost effective than the \$29 million? The Director asked what the \$29 million is. Ms. Webster said \$29 million was what Mayor Redd had budgeted for the police department in Camden for 2012. The Director said that is not the case at all.

The Director said the Mayor budgeted about \$62 million and we are going to budget about the same for this. Ms. Webster disagreed. The Director said I am telling you it cost \$62 million to run the Camden Police Department. Ms. Webster said you know why it probably increased in price because as you know we are asking for an investigation into the Police Chief because routinely during the summer and the documents that are on Philly.com, the Police Chief was assigning over 100 police officers throughout the summer to be at the Concert Area at Susquehanna at 7:00 a.m. when the concert didn't start until 7:00 p.m. She said we are asking for an investigation - we are supporting City Councilman Bryen Coleman. He is asking what Susquehanna ordered, what did they receive and what did the City pay for because it would end up costing the City taxpayers or whatever taxpayers pay it - \$1.7 million in police overtime over a 10 week period. She said \$1.7 million in a 10 week period. She said if there is nobody in the parking lot at Susquehanna at 7:00 a.m. until noon, and the police chief ordered 100 officers to come in at overtime to stand there that is a big red flag. At the same time, he is assigning nine officers, more officers than are assigned here tonight - nine officers to cover the entire 9 square miles of the most dangerous City in America. She said that doesn't make sense to me. So when people wonder how the numbers went up so high, I think that is a big red flag. Ms. Webster said this Police Chief who has taken over the City when he took over in 2008, Camden rated number 5 on the Nation's Most Dangerous Cities of America. She said when he took over in 2008, it jumped up to number 2. She said it stayed up number 1 or number 2 and preferably number 1 for the last five years so obviously, he is not capable of operating the City of Camden Police and you already pre-selected him to handle the Metro Division of this Plan and you are going to have a \$65 million budget. She said you are removing all the experienced officers, I know you are in negotiations, but your original Plan is to fire the entire police force and replace them with new officers who don't know Camden. She said as one

April, then all of the \$65 million is going to be on their backs. She said I don't think that is fair, they have the right to have a vote for something like that. Thank you.

Mike Heller of Audubon addressed the Freeholders. Mr. Heller said I just have a few questions as far as the County Police goes. He said is it 331 or 313 - how many are they hiring. The Director said our goal is to get up to 401 officers. Mr. Heller said about or 8 years ago, Camden had that amount of officers, correct. The Director said there was a time when they did, yes. Mr. Heller said it didn't work then, correct. The Director said there were a couple of good years actually when the new Policing Plan was implemented in 2008 and 2009 or 2009 and 2010. He said there were necessary resources. He said it worked very well. He said I think it is the same Plan we are about to implement. Mr. Heller said when the Eagles had Andy Reed as the Coach, it didn't work for how long? The Director said that is good to compare NFL football to people's lives. Mr. Heller said when the leader is not working out and you are going to try to hire him again - is Chief Thomson hired? The Director responded in the negative. The Director said as of tonight there will be three members hired. Mr. Heller asked who that is - the Director responded, Sgt. Williams, Patrolman Camacho and Mr. Lynch. Mr. Heller asked what their titles were. The Director said Deputy Chief, Lieutenant and Lieutenant. Mr. Heller said that is on this evening and asked if that is in the notes. The Director said it is somewhere here.

Mr. Heller said everybody in this room, I assume they live within the State of New Jersey. The Director said actually the one lady who spoke before you, she lives in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Mr. Heller said she is allowed to speak, correct. The Director said, absolutely! Mr. Heller said we already pay for the City of Camden because it can't support itself. The Director responded that is correct. Mr. Heller said so Chris Christie came in and said he was going to cut the funding. Mr. Heller asked how is the money secured? The Director responded, not for this effort. Mr. Heller asked how long is the money secured? The Director said it will be secured on a yearly basis. Mr. Heller said but you could end up cutting the funding. The Director said we have protections in our agreement to deal with that issue. Once it is signed, we will make it public. Mr. Heller said we already pay two tax bills for sewer. He said you paid one for the CCMUA which is a Regional Sewerage Authority. Mr. Heller said how many counties in the State pay that. The Director said you asked me a question about sewer, I am still on that, do you want me to answer that or not? Mr. Heller responded, please. He said you pay two bills, you pay the CCMUA which was established in the 1980's under the Federal Clean Water Act and mandated by the Federal government in order to keep

31st. The Director said they can apply after that but they are going to lose their credit for the years of service. Mr. Heller said you said 400 but how many are actually armed police officers. The Director said 401. He said 313 will be assigned to the streets of Camden City. Mr. Heller said where are the others going? The Director said they will be mainly administrative. Mr. Heller said they are armed Police Officers? The Director responded that they were. Mr. Heller said they plan on saving money with this plan. Is it about savings? The Director said it is not about savings, it is about making the City safer. Mr. Heller said you said that in the newspaper. The Director said no, that is not exactly what I said, Sir. He said when Mr. Payne spoke earlier, you said something about the newspaper. What newspaper was that? The Director said it has been reported in the New York Times, Philadelphia Inquirer, the Courier Post, Star Ledger. Mr. Heller said it is not about saving at this point, correct? The Director said it is about saving enough money to put more officers on the street. The Director said the savings are being applied to hire new officers to take back the streets of Camden City. That is exactly what happened. Thank you.

Gary Frazier of Camden addressed the Freeholders. Mr. Frazier asked the Director how many people actually signed on to this Metro Plan. How many applications do you have? The Director said between 850 and 900. Mr. Frazier said is that right? He said according to the newspaper, it says you are not getting the numbers that you had hoped for to sign on to it. He said it is also my understanding too that as it stands right now information was given to our Camden City Police that the 49 percent that were supposed to come onto it - I want to know if you can elaborate on that. The Director said what is your question? Mr. Frazier said I wanted to know how many of those officers do you intend to hire from those applications. You said that there are 800 applications. Mr. Frazier said you don't have 800 applications. Director Cappelli called upon Director of Police Services, Ed Fanelle to stand. The Director said Mr. Fanelle is responsible for collecting applications. The Director asked Mr. Fanelle how many applications do you have so far? Mr. Fanelle responded and said we have 942. The Director said I was short. The Director said it was 850 as of yesterday. Mr. Frazier said it is obvious that the County continues to think that it doesn't have to listen to the residents in the City of Camden. Director Cappelli, your days are numbered, as usual, I'm here, no differently than I am at the last time. It is my understanding that you said you wished certain individuals who hadn't left the last time were here because you had a statement that you wanted to make. Mr. Frazier said, I'm here, if there is something that you feel as though you want to get across to me. You or one of your collective body up there. He said to Freeholders Ian Leonard and Scot McCray, when I visited your office the last time and we spoke about the job initiatives that

Freeholder McCray said instead of you coming and allowing us to go through the process, now you are trying to intimidate us and asking about jobs. Freeholder McCray said I am going to tell you where we are and where I am. He said I have taken the stand this year, I am about poverty. He said I believe poverty breeds crime. He said I have looked at all the programs in the County and realized that maybe we have some that aren't as pertinent as they need to be but that is a process. The Freeholder said just like the resident from Camden said, we do need jobs but in the same breath they said the schools don't work, the Charter Schools don't work. All these options that we had, have not worked. He said sooner or later we have to start making some changes. He said what I am trying to say is that for you to come up here and come at me and say I am not doing anything, I take offense to that. Mr. Frazier said you are talking while my time is running so I am hoping that I will be able to respond back to that. The Freeholder said go ahead - Mr. Frazier said, no, I want to hear what you have to say. Freeholder McCray said our entire stance is and I say, regardless of whether the County takes over this Board tonight, the argument now is what if the Governor and/or the State does not fund this. He said let's say nothing happens. Camden can't raise enough tax revenues, Camden is dangerous - people in Camden obviously people think don't care about themselves and/or can't find jobs. He said let's say the Governor continues to tighten the boot straps - where are we - where are we then? Freeholder McCray said we would be in the same position as we are now. Your argument is at the end of the day, if this is not funded, where are we. Freeholder McCray said if we totally step away from this whole thing and we allow the Camden Police to continue to operate like they are, we are right in the same position. He said we are in the same position today that we would be three, four or five years down the road. He said what I am always saying is as much as people have concentrated on what the impact is to their livelihood, I get it. What the impact is to the rest of the community - I get it, I know how you feel. He said you are slighted because you wanted a vote, but until we come together as residents and start talking about what the parallel track is - we dance around all these other social issues - education, jobs, poverty - all one and the same. He said we have had one or two conversations face to face and talk that was needed. He said this is a process. What I am trying to say is you have to believe in my word that I am on that. You asked me where we are and I told you where we were.

Mr. Frazier said you asked me where we were but you also made a statement that I came in a form of intimidation. Mr. Frazier said let me recant what I said - if you took it in that manner. However, when you try to equate the poverty that is going on to our City and talking about securing our City to make it a lot safer, you have to

me you guys can't put a resolution together and say hey, I have 30 Camden residents that I can hire that could help clean up some of that area over there at Cooper Hospital. It is just the little things that count - we had at least four temporary services in the City of Camden that you could contract with to get some of our residents in Camden working. He said you are not looking at the big picture of what's happening in Camden. You know our district is being flipped upside down - we can't vote on our school board, we can't vote on our public safety. Where are we at as residents? Do we not exist? He said we come up here for a reason because we have passion and we care about what is about to happen in our City. It is important that you understand this - these new officers that will come into our City have to be able to differentiate the law abiding citizens away from those that are the offenders. All the drug dealers you have in the City of Camden and if they do not have a direct connection with the community, it is going to fail and possibly blow back up in our face and we do not want to put our residents at that type of risk which we are asking for a vote on it.

We are asking for a direct referendum question - I am not understanding why this collective body is choosing to make the decisions for us. He said this is driven strictly right here - this is about our residents in the City of Camden, protecting our residents. You can't tell me an officer that has a ton of experience outside of Camden come into our City. He said if I didn't have on these shoes and a nice shirt - a new officer in the City of Camden would think I was a drug dealer. This is the point I am trying to make to you. We all dress alike, we look, alike - that doesn't make us all criminals. He said just because we might fit the description, doesn't mean it is us. He said if we are going to have situations where we have these officers come into our City, start patrolling places like Mt. Ephraim Avenue, downtown Broadway, out port side along Haddon Avenue - are we going to have those types of officers patrolling in those areas when we have residents that look like this or look like somebody with "Jesus" shirts on - he said we had a situation where officers are jumping out of their vehicles and frisking these guys or have a move along process with our residents. This is something serious that you guys have not taken into account. He said all it takes is one time for those officers to make one mistake. He said at least we know our officers that are in the City of Camden can relate and they can identify us - they know who the drug dealers are - they know where all the heat-seeking spots are at in the City of Camden. He said they know but bringing in these officers who are not trained to do this - who cannot identify the residents like that will hurt our residents. He said it can cause a blood bath in our City. We are trying to stop it from happening because we have the work connection in our community - we are on those streets everyday with our residents talking to them - trying to come up with better preventive measures

Carlette Southern-Robert returned to address the Freeholders. She said when I asked the question, is there a budget, is it public. The Director said there is a budget and we will make it public. The Director said we have been fine-tuning it - we will put it up on our website. Ms. Southern-Robert asked if he had an idea when. The Director said very shortly because it is part of our negotiations and discussions with the State that is why we have not made it public yet so the State has been holding us up but we will make that public shortly. She asked by the end of the month? County Counsel Sherri Schweitzer responded and said I can't commit to a time. Ms. Southern-Robert asked if the Director has any idea of how much money has been spent on this Plan to date. The Director responded and said, yes, we do. County Counsel interjected and said she will get back to her on that number. The Director said there is a full accounting on time that County employees have spent on this plan and we will be reimbursed fully by the State for that time. Ms. Southern-Robert said that would be consultant contracts as well? The Director said that is correct. She said one concern earlier and those folks may have left, there was the issue of funding for the Health Services Center - she said I know it is separate, but as I shared with you before, I worked in government for 15 years. I know money can be moved around. If money is being taken from miscellaneous funds or from whatever funds, we would like to know not only how much money has been spent but where their money has come from. She said I understand you are saying it is being reimbursed but perhaps in terms of what we are talking about, that frees up money for some other things. She said I know it is complicated. I am not asking you to agree to that but the issue is that there is only so much money in the pot. Our concern is we really need to look at this issue and decide how this money can be spent most effectively. She said we were told that we were getting 400 officers - boots on the ground, now you are saying a big chunk of them are administrative. The Director said, no, if I said that I misspoke. He said there will be a total of 401 officers - of the 401 officers, 313 will be assigned to the streets which are very lean as far as the upper echelon of the force and officers. It is very lean compared to most standards. He said we will be the most lean police department in the State of New Jersey with regard to Superior Officers. Ms. Southern-Robert asked how many civilian positions? The Director said there is a total of 100 civilian positions - of them fifty- something are special officers. She said some of them will be sent out on calls. The Director said not exactly on calls - Special Officers are officers in training in many ways but they are certified by the State of New Jersey to assist with the police functions. He said you see them in many shore towns, for example, they live in Collingswood, the Special Officers help with traffic on busy nights on Haddon Avenue. He said what that does is it allows more officers to patrol the streets. Ms. Southern-Robert said yes.

not happening next month or tomorrow but the overall plan is to take all of the services that provide the kinds of things like ambulance, police, fire and so on will all be under the County's jurisdiction under this Metro Plan. The Director said that is not the Plan. He said I am not sure where you had that - she said from a staff person. The Director said as far as police goes, we are making the service available to any municipality that voluntarily wants to become a part of it, if they don't we understand that is fine. He said with regard to Audubon, they actually already share services with Haddon Township. He said so many municipalities on their own are starting to go for Shared Services. He said there is nothing that we are going to force them to do. She said my understanding, I will give you an example, it was mentioned the Sterling District, which is Blackwood, Gloucester Township along the Black Horse Pike. That is already a named district theoretically. The Director said we have carved out theoretical districts in every municipality that wanted to join. The Director said Commissioner Timony did that - he set forth what the districts would be. Ms. Southern-Robert said he actually had a contract with you. She said I know back in August 2011, it was published in the paper. She said is there a copy of what he presented to you which has never been made public. The Director responded, yes. The Director said he was paid at the very beginning to determine what policing model would be best for Camden County if there was a County Police Department - just a general model, what model would work - no details or particulars. Ms. Southern-Robert said when we get the report, his fees along with all these other costs will be included, in terms of what Camden County has paid, and you are saying that the State is going to reimburse you - that is already agreed to? The Director said, yes, that is already agreed to. Ms. Southern-Robert said another thing I would touch on in terms of money, I understand that the money for Hurricane Sandy is being used to free up - again the Governor has stated that there was no money, no money. She said I am not saying the money is coming directly to Camden County for this purpose but some of that money that is coming to the State through Sandy, through the Federal Government, is allowing money to be freed up that is going to come for this project. Do you know anything about that? The Director said I have not heard anything like that. She said again I have a lot of contacts in the State Government and people who work in previous Governor administrations so I am just putting that out to you because it is my understanding that that is where some of that money - what is it \$10.5 million in seed money - that is the money that was stated. The Director said none of that is Sandy money. He said no way is it Sandy money. Ms. Southern-Robert said we will look into that deeper. Thank you very much.

Reverend Eddie Torres of Camden returned to address the Freeholders. He said I served in the military myself and I fought

in putting a resolution that is going to be on the ballot in November 2013 whether we want to have partisan or non-partisan elections now. He said we put that resolution through and they did the work so we could have that question in our November ballot and our City Council just decided to pass a Resolution two days past the deadline for them to have the question on the ballot. It is unbelievable. He said the same thing what the Judge said about with us with the Metro Police, Mayor Redd said that the reason is that they were saving money and that is why it was a legislative move and then the Judge should approve that legislative move and stop our Petition. He said you say to us it is not about money it is about public safety. He said the Mayor was explaining how the Chief is blowing out our budget to make Camden that much greater. He said when Camden negotiated with the police department, there was only an \$8 million difference, maybe \$12 million. He said I always said if we had more money from the South Jersey Port Corporation, from the Delaware River Port Authority, Camden would not be the public safety problem that we have now. Mr. Torres said to Freeholders McCray and Leonard, our new Camden residents. Freeholder McCray interjected and said I was born and raised in the City. Mr. Torres said when I started working in government, my father was involved in the community for progress, he was a City Councilman and on the Board of Education. He said I was raised in government. Mr. Torres said I came to Camden to start an apprentice in training facility when the State took over with \$175 million when the State took over the City of Camden and we were working in a training facility. He said we were hoping to get \$35 million of that money to get jobs for Camden. He said we worked for six months, we had 120 different organizations. We were backed by City Council and by the Mayor and when the time for the funding came, we had City Councilman Ali Sloan-El that was working with us during the whole process and he told us one phone call from George Norcross, changed the whole thing - stopped the funding for our training facility, for our people so we could be part of that million dollar construction that started during that State take-over - one phone call from that gentleman. Mr. Torres said I am a Republican in Camden - none of us are tea party but I really do want to throw a tea party and throw George and Donald Norcross both in the Delaware River for what they have done to our people in Camden. He said it is so blatant - even Mr. Cappelli said he had a meeting with Ali Sloan-El, who you have called a convicted felon, in an office with Ali Sloan-El, Lou Cappelli and George Norcross discussing the Metro Police Department. The Director interrupted Mr. Torres and said, Oh No - no I never did and I was never part of such a meeting - never, no! Mr. Torres said you admitted that at a meeting with Ali Sloan-El about the Metro Police. Mr. Torres said I would like to say I am leaving with your Constituent Services a copy of a Petition Drive that I am going to be posting through the State and I would like your members to see

ago when I had my first Freeholder meeting, I was in this auditorium and we went to 1:00 a.m. in the morning! He said I also want to congratulate Freeholder Rodriguez and the entire Health Department for dealing with what is a flu epidemic in our community. I am sure everyone knows someone who has been taken by this terrible bug. He said, for example, in Cherry Hill yesterday over 500 people came out for their flu shot. He thanked Freeholder Rodriguez and to the Administration for stepping up and supplementing our flu shot program. To Ann Biondi, he said you did a great job, thank you. The Freeholder said I just want to remind everybody that January 21st is the day of service, it is the day that President Obama will be inaugurated for a second term and we are very excited about that but more importantly in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, it is a day of service and we recommend that all residents participate. Thank you very much.

Freeholder Leonard thanked Mayor and Commissioners for having us here tonight. He said I also would like to thank Carmen and the Health Department. He welcomed Michelle tonight at her first Freeholder meeting. He said I know she will do a great job and has a lot of ideas and I look forward to working with her. He thanked Robert Weil for his service as our immediate past president of the Library Commission and he welcomed Pat Abusi as our new president of the Library Commission. He thanked the County employees for the work they do day in and day out. He wished everyone a good evening

Freeholder Rodriguez thanked Mayor and Commissioners of Audubon and the residents for their warm reception. She congratulated Michelle Gentek as the new Freeholder. She thanked all the County employees, in particular the Health Department who has done a phenomenal job. She said with the severity of the flu season, they jumped right on it, they were very proactive in addressing it. She said with that I just want to share with everyone that if you still haven't gotten your flu shot yet, you still have opportunities - January 18th in the Gloucester Township Municipal Building, January 23rd in the Stratford Senior Community Center, January 28th at the Bellmawr Regional Health Center and that is for anyone above the age of 9. She said if you have anyone who is below the age of 9 and have to be vaccinated and you do not have health insurance, you can go to the Bellmawr Health Center - get an appointment or go to Camcare in Camden City to get their shots. The Freeholder said I just want everyone to please have a healthy rest of the evening and the rest of the month and see you next month.

Freeholder Gentek thanked everyone for coming out. She said I am looking forward to working with the Freeholders. She thanked the Mayor and Council and the School for hosting us. She thanked the Cub Scouts for coming out - they did a great job. She said the

detectors again this year. He said I just ask you that you continue to come out and support us and always hold us accountable as we go through this process of governing and trying to make provisions for our residents throughout Camden County. He wished everyone a good evening.

Deputy Director McDonnell thanked everyone for coming. He said it is good to be back at Audubon High School where I used to supervise a study hall in this room many years ago when I was a teacher here. The Deputy Director welcomed Michelle and said also to join in congratulating Carmen Rodriguez for really jumping in and helping us through this flu epidemic. You have done a great job with the extra flu clinics. Thank you.

Director Cappelli said to Freeholder Rodriguez, you and your department have done a great job of serving the residents of our County. The Director said I too want to thank all the County employees for the hard work they do day in and day out on behalf of the residents of Camden County.

There being no further business, Director Cappelli asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Freeholder Leonard made a motion to adjourn with a second by Freeholder Rodriguez at 8:30 p.m. and all Freeholders present voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

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