

**CAMDEN COUNTY  
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS MEETING  
NOVEMBER 17, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.  
CAMDEN COUNTY TECHNOLOGY CENTER  
LEARNING THEATER ROOM 210 A-B  
601 COOPER STREET  
CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY 08102**

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

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

Director Cappelli asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by LEAP Academy Students. The Director then called upon Ryan J. Bates to perform the National Anthem by playing the trumpet.

Director Cappelli thanked the LEAP Academy students and Mr. Bates.

Director Cappelli welcomed everyone. Director Cappelli said we are very pleased to be here in the City of Camden, the County seat.

**PRESENTATION**

Director Cappelli said as is our custom, we are going to call upon Mayor Redd and City Council Members to come forward. The Director said I know I speak on behalf of all the members of the Freeholder Board when I say that the folks behind me, who govern this City has perhaps one of the toughest jobs in America. He said the folks behind me, with the leadership of Mayor Redd, day in and day out find a way to make Camden City a better place to be, whether it's housing, whether it is infrastructure, whether it's economic development, education, or health - the folks behind me do a great job day in and day out on behalf of the residents of the City. He said we are proud to call them our partners in government. The Director then asked the Mayor to come forward to say a few words and to introduce the members of the governing body.

Mayor Redd welcomed everyone. The Mayor thanked the Freeholder Director for the warm and generous introduction. The Mayor said this evening I am joined by our Council President, Frank Moran and Councilwomen Dana Burley and Debra Person-Polk, partners in the progression of Camden. She said we certainly understand that there are challenges, which we all confront because of the downturn of the economy, we look for solutions and partnerships and one such partnership is that with the County of Camden. Because the partnership that we formed with the County of Camden, we are having our bridges and roads repaired. She said we have been able to move forward with the Camden County Library Branch on Ferry Avenue, with expanded services and access to technology. Mayor Redd said we look forward to continuing to explore shared service opportunities and also partnerships that will help us to improve and enhance the delivery of services to our residents. She said we will not give up on the City. The Mayor said just last week we were privileged and honored to break

ground on a new STEM Academy Charter School, which will be built right across the street. She said the young people that are the bright and shining stars of the City that led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The STEM Academy Charter School stands for Science Technology, Engineering and Math. She said it is a concentration preparing and developing our young people for the global economy and certainly for those careers in the health sciences. The Mayor said we also have a new Starbucks that opened downstairs in this building. To have Starbucks in Camden is phenomenal. Camden is on the cutting edge and Camden will continue to move forward, again to be the City Invincible that we know it can be. We want to thank our Freeholder Director and all the Camden County Board of Freeholders for working together in collaboration. The Mayor then called upon Council President Frank Moran to say a few words on behalf of the governing body.

Mr. Moran said just to echo on behalf of my colleagues and the other members that are not here. He said it certainly is an honor and a pleasure to have the Freeholder Board working with us. There are probably approximately \$22 million worth of road projects that are going to take place in this year and that is thanks to the Freeholders. He said it is truly a pleasure, it certainly is tough to be in the positions in which we are in but we have a strong leadership in our Mayor and Council and we thank you all who are here this evening for your continued support for all of us in the City of Camden. Thank you.

Director Cappelli called upon Chaplain Leona Ryan to come forward. Director Cappelli said as we go from municipality to municipality and have these meetings, we ask the governing body to give us the name of a non-profit, who is deserving of recognition and a small donation from the Board of Freeholders. He said in Camden, the governing body nominated the Way of Spirit Ministry Literacy Center and they are led by Chaplain Leona Ryan, who joins us tonight. The Director said Way of Spirit Ministries was established in 2002 as a Community Educational Organization with two distinct programs - a biblical literacy program and an adult basic education pre-GED class. He said with the literacy rate of just 40%, Camden City's growing population of under educated residents can be closely linked to the social and economic troubles of the City. He said Way of Spirit Ministry seeks to break the cycle of illiteracy by providing an adult education and family literacy center. It is a State-approved private vocational school with the New Jersey Workforce Readiness System addressing the individual needs of the City's residents. He said without organizations like spirit the Way of the Spirit Literacy Center, we cannot make the progress that we are making in Camden City. He commended Chaplain Ryan and thanked her on behalf of the Board of Freeholders.

Chaplain Ryan thanked the Mayor, Council and the Freeholders and all the residents of Camden City, for considering Way of the Spirit Ministries International and our Literacy Center that is located at 436 Spruce Street in Camden. She said we are trying to make a difference in the lives of people who need a second chance. With that said, there are going to be many new upcoming things that you will not only hear about but you will see. She said I am partnering with the Mayor and all of the City to help bring about change. That is what we are about - trying to bring about change. Chaplain Ryan thanked everyone for even considering us, Mayor, and all of City Council, thank you very much.

**COMMUNITY AWARD**

Freeholder McCray said every month in the towns where we have our meetings, we like to recognize a community hero, a person that is very active and dedicated to the neighbors and what that community is about and what the fabric of that community is about.

Freeholder McCray called upon Sheila Roberts to come forward with her family. Freeholder McCray said for those of you who don't know Sheila Roberts, she has been a lifelong resident of Camden. In that time, she has been very involved, not only in her own neighborhood of Cooper Plaza but throughout the City. She has helped us secure funding to plant over \$2 million worth of trees throughout the City. She spearheaded that effort. She is a dedicated Mother and Grandmother. She has three children and sixteen grandchildren! Freeholder McCray said Sheila has spread her arms and opened her doors up for years for foster children bringing them in and siblings alike. She is a warrior for community development. She has her handprints and footprints all over Cooper Plaza neighborhood - nothing gets passed her in that neighborhood. He said I am actually her neighbor and I got a chance to meet her about 10 years ago. Freeholder McCray thanked Sheila Roberts for all that she does for Camden. He said I am not going to read tonight's Proclamation but it just details all the things that she has done in Camden. He said we thank you and we love you.

Ms. Roberts introduced her daughter and some of her grandchildren. She said eleven of my sixteen grandchildren were adopted from the City of Camden right out of our neighborhood. She said they needed a place to live, they needed a safe home and my daughter here actually adopted eight of them and my other daughter adopted three and we opened our doors so that these children could remain in the City of Camden and have a safe environment in which to bring them up. We have two who are currently in College, one is in Temple and the other is at the University of the Arts. She said we have another one who is going to be a Senior next year and is hoping to go to College and another one who will finish next year also and we are looking forward to her going to College as well. She said we look forward to each and every one of these children to go to College. She said we want to break the cycle - we have to break the cycle in the City of Camden. These are wonderful children. They are awesome children. These children from the time they were three years old, when we found out we could plant trees in the City of Camden, I had them in a hole. They have been planting trees ever since. Each one of them are certified tree keepers because they have been doing it since they were three years old. I am humbled tonight in receiving this recognition.

Ms. Roberts said I am honored and also proud to be in your midst tonight to actually introduce and put a face to some of the children out of the community that need a safe place to live and let you know that there are good people in the City of Camden opening up their doors to take these children in. These children can be successful children. She said a lot of times people say that the children in the City of Camden are not worth anything. I am here to prove you wrong! We have awesome children and all of them are given the chance to be successful. Ms. Roberts thanked Mayor Redd for recommending her and she also thanked the Freeholders for bestowing this award on me. She said I would like to let you know that while I am accepting and receiving this honor, I am not a person that likes to be out in the open because I have stood on shoulders of people that have passed in my neighborhood that helped to mentor me. I have seniors and other residents in my neighborhood that continue to mentor me. These are people who for some reason don't want to be out in the front but they would like to use me as a vessel because their voices are silent and they need someone to be the voice for them. They pushed me forward, they inspired me, they give me the courage to

try to make a difference and affect change in our community to make it a better place to live. In their honor tonight, I accept this honor for them, not for me, I am accepting it for them. I will take it back to my community and I will share it with them. She said I am not a person to say "I". I am not an island all into my self. I have other people that I represent and other people that deserve this honor. She said I would be remiss if I did not say that to you and let you know that I am accepting this on behalf of the other residents in my neighborhood. Thank you!

#### PROCLAMATION

Director Cappelli called upon Jack Connors, Director of Veterans Affairs Office, to come forward. The Director said it is with great honor that I ask Padre Peter Molnar to come forward. Director Cappelli said I am about to present a Proclamation to a very special person. Padre in 1963 was ordained in New York City and in 1964 enlisted in the Army and served in Vietnam until 1967. The Director said he didn't stop serving in 1967. He has remained with the Military since then and at a time, especially in the early '70's and the '80's when a lot of people were forgetting about veterans, Padre was serving veterans. He continues to serve veterans to this day. One of the great benefits of being a Freeholder is being able to go throughout this County and meet very special individuals - many great individuals. The man to my left is a great individual! He has served those people who have served our country in every way possible, people with courage, people with a sense of patriotism, that is hard to imagine and Father has always been there for them. The Director said he helped us very much here in Camden County in developing a Veterans Affairs Office, which is now one of the best in the State of New Jersey, thanks to his efforts and leadership. He started a veterans prayer breakfast service that we have every year in Camden County. He is a man who has never forgotten about not only his occupation but also other human beings - those who serve our country, those most in need, those most deserving of our service and attention. The Director said, Padre, on behalf of the Board of Freeholders, I would like to present you with this Proclamation and just say thank you for all your great years of service.

Jack Connors said the Director didn't leave much left to say. He said in the past week or two, Padre, as we call him, we have really gotten to know each other. He said when I arrived on the scene, he was good enough to host a luncheon for me. He actually sang to me! Mr. Connors said, in the end, your dedication to your family, the love of your family, and they are all here, this entire row and the love of the military, the love of his Church, the love of Camden County, the love of our Veterans that served across America but particularly here in Camden County and your service to the Veterans here in particular, chairing the Veterans Affairs Committee, was exceptional! He said in our opinion, you are just the greatest, you are the best and you deserve this honor and you deserve all the honors that come to you. Padre, we love you and thank you!

Padre Molnar said I never had a congregation this big before! He said when the Bishop gets my report, he will be amazed. He said, I came back from Vietnam at this little Church, St. Mary's in Clementon. He said I was looking for people to baptize, looking for people to get ready for Confirmation and burying people. He said our job is hatch, match and dispatch! He said I called the Bishop and asked if it was okay to get involved in some community stuff. He said it took you three weeks to call - get out there! He said we had a Mayor in Clementon and he said do you want to get on the Mental Health Board. He said I was Mental Health Administrator, first one in Camden County, for seventeen years.

He said then we switched things around a little bit and I became an Assistant Hospital Administrator at Lakeland and a Medical Social Worker. He said every night my heart went out to our Veterans. As the Director told you, it was a bad time. He said when I went to the Mall with the kids, they hoped I didn't see anybody in a camouflage jacket because if I saw somebody I would run and see what they needed. It was just so important to me. The Bishop gave me good advice, he said help everybody you can. That is all we ever tried to do. Father Molnar said you had a Freeholder here named Frank Spencer, a good man and a good union man. He taught everybody an awful lot about sticking to your guns. Father Molnar said to him, Frank, I love to work at Lakeland but I only have a few years left with the County before I retire, see what you can do. Two weeks later I was working full time as a social worker with the Veterans Affairs Office, under such greats at Mildred DeFante and Norm Suey who was my Mentor. He taught me a great thing - no crisis occurs until five minutes after you hang up the phone on Friday afternoon. We have low employment for everybody. He said I am so happy to hear that the City of Camden is coming alive - that is wonderful! He said twelve percent of the unemployed in New Jersey are veterans. The boys are coming home, we can't put them all in Darwin, Australia as I heard on the radio this morning. He said only 2500 Marines over a three year period are going to go there. He said we are going to be swamped again, again, and again. Help the Veterans! They gave us a wonderful way of life; they are willing to do it over and over again. Let's help them. It is the largest sub-sector in our community, the Veterans Community. There is not one of you here that doesn't have an Uncle, an Aunt, Father or Grandfather, someone who has served. They are very kind and told you all that we have my family here. He said my son and daughter-in-law just flew in from Denver with five children. My other family is here, my military family is here. These guys are the real heroes. They put me as a figure head so they could yell and scream at each other so if they got in trouble, I could bury them!! He said we did well. I was the first person in New Jersey to write a letter to the Department of Defense. Pat Jones will be very happy to hear this to ask that we get the Battleship New Jersey. He said it is the very first one and it is on record with the Department of the Navy. We got it here under Bob Jonas, who is a great leader here and in Gloucester County. We got some beautiful monuments, we got the island, under now Senator Beach and the Freeholder Director, we got the Veterans Island. He said the Parks Department does a wonderful job keeping that beautiful for us and for our events. We have other monuments. The reason we do all of this is really two-fold. One is we cannot forget. The second we want everybody else to remember. Here again, if I helped one veteran, it was worth it! If we all helped a lot of veterans, it was worth it. Colonel Raleigh and these guys smell the veterans and they start yelling, welcome home, welcome home. That is what you have to do. We Vietnam Veterans, we were not welcomed home. I was spat upon in my Uniform when I came home from Vietnam in the San Francisco airport. Father Molnar said I am absolutely honored by this, it has been a fun ride and remember our Veterans. The one other thing we have now and Bob Jonas did a wonderful job in Gloucester County, we have a Veterans Cemetery now over at Harleigh Cemetery. We have a whole place dedicated. He thanked Deputy Director McDonnell, they found the money for us to get this place renovated. God bless you all and may He keep this country strong, this City and our County. Thank you.

Colonel Raleigh said myself and Al Bancroft worked with this man for a long time. We respect what he did for us. I am not running for anything but Camden County led the charge through the whole State for the Veterans. I still think we are number one and that is never going to change. We learned a lot. He has the

sense of humor with his health problems, he is one of the best. I thank Camden County for going all out for us!

Lt. Colonel Al Bancroft said I know the Padre and I didn't know whether to call him, Sir, since he outranked me or Padre and I liked the name Padre so I have been calling him Padre for years. He is the best friend I ever had.

Another Veteran said Padre, we met in Gloucester City twenty five years ago doing a Candlelight Service for POW's and MIA's and for twenty-five years, Padre has been there every year for me being my Minister, doing invocation and benediction. Father Pete, I couldn't have done it without you. He said we are going to do it again this year on December 3 at the Lindenwold Moose Hall on the White Horse Pike at 7:00. It is open to the public and everybody is invited. Come out and Father Pete will be there again. Thank you!

One thing Father Pete likes to end everything with, "For those that have served, for those that are serving and those that will serve, may they always be in God's good graces and out of harms way!"

#### PROCLAMATION

Freeholder Leonard said to Padre Molnar I have been in the Military for fourteen years and still in the Reserves and if I looked as good as you did all these years in Uniform, I don't think I would have gotten in any trouble. You looked amazing. I will have to get some tips from you before my next drill weekend!

Freeholder Leonard called upon Arlysha Sumpster to come forward along with John DiNadio and Dr. Kelly. Freeholder Leonard introduced Freeholder Rodriguez to come forward as well.

Freeholder Leonard welcomed everyone and said I am joined tonight by Dr. Kelly from the Camden County Technical School, Jobs Placement Education Coordinator, and also with John DiNadio, the Executive Director from the New Jersey Association of Counties. He said John and I have been friends for a very long time. Freeholder Leonard said we are joined here this evening in honor of Arlysha Sumpster. He said Arlysha is a student at Camden County Technical Schools, Pennsauken Campus. She is a recipient tonight of the Wells Fargo Bank award which gives \$10,000.00 a year to New Jersey Association of Counties, who then give that out to Vocational School students across the State of New Jersey.

Arlysha is a recipient of a \$450.00 check. She is studying banking and financing and is attending Rowan University this fall. She is a member of the National Honor Society and National Technical Society, Future Business Leaders of America and Students Against Destructive Decisions. She is someone who has studied hard, worked hard in Camden County Technical Schools and is still working hard at Rowan University. Freeholder Leonard said one of the things that we like to see is that when young people like yourself stay in South Jersey, go to our local institutions, work hard and make something of themselves. I think we owe you a round of applause tonight for all that you have done and continue to do.

He then presented Alysha with the check and congratulated her.

#### PROCLAMATION

Freeholder Leonard then called upon Destiny Anderson to come forward. The Freeholder said Destiny has been awarded the Verizon check, which Verizon gives \$15,000.00 a year to the New Jersey Association of Counties for Vocational Students throughout New Jersey who want to continue their education at a State or County

institution. He said Destiny is a recipient for the Camden County and being awarded a check in the amount \$675.00 tonight. He said Destiny was enrolled in a Legal Assistant Program and plans to study psychology at Camden County College before transferring to Rowan University. Once again, another student from South Jersey is continuing to stay within the State. He said she has been involved with Renaissance Committee, Future Business Leaders of America and will graduate in the top 10% of her class this year. The Freeholder said this is yet again another example of students from South Jersey who are continuing to strive both locally here and continue with their education. The Freeholder said it is harder and harder today to go to college. The Freeholder said in the last six months, I have been in a number of Universities. He said I have been into the University of Arkansas, the University of South Carolina and one of the things I do when I go there, I take a day to look at what it costs to go to school. He said I was in the University of South Carolina this past weekend. He said an out of state student has to pay \$29,000.00 a year to go to school. He said most people don't have that today. With unemployment the way it is, with people losing their jobs, people just don't have it. He said I tell people going to a community college is not a joke anymore. He said that is not the case. He said I can tell you as the liaison to the community college, from talking with Dr. Yannuzzi, the President there and others, the enrollment there is out of the roof - it is second to none of what it has ever been for enrollment because people recognize the value of going and the education you get there. He said you can go on and go to another school wherever that may be. He said an education is an education. There are other opportunities, we have Rutgers which is a block away, you have Camden County College which we are sitting in - you have Rowan University, Stockton, a number of other schools in the State of New Jersey. He said I say to people all the time who have kids - don't say I am going to look at going to Pennsylvania or Florida - those are nice - look at where you live - look at the bang for your buck - the quality of education that you get right here at home. He said we want individuals like Arlysha and Destiny to stay here and work here and pay taxes here. Without that we have nothing. We want people to stay in the Community. That is what you need to have a successful community. If you don't do that, we are on a road for destruction. He then called upon John DiNadio.

Mr. DiNadio said the Freeholder and I have been good friends for a long time. The thing that I enjoy the most about working with the New Jersey Association of Counties is this year we had the opportunity to provide over \$50,000.00 in scholarships to County Vocational School students continuing their education at either a County College or a State College. We are trying to keep our New Jersey students home. He said it is a thing that I enjoy most because it doesn't seem like it was too long ago that I was a County College student up at Ewing County struggling to make ends meet. I know even though the checks tonight are \$450 and \$675, it makes a big difference in helping to defer the cost of tuition and paying for books. With respect to the students, he said we were very impressed with your resumes and your biographies. He said you have created some terrific opportunities for yourself, moving forward. Keep working hard and setting realistic goal for yourself and great things will happen like tonight. Congratulations! He then thanked the Freeholder Board for allowing him to participate in the ceremony. Thank you.

Dr. Kelly congratulated Arlysha and Destiny. Dr. Kelly said on behalf of Camden County Technical Schools, I would like to thank the Freeholder Board and NJAC for awarding our top students scholarships. She said I work in education and I absolutely love my job. Today's students get a bad wrap a lot of the time. I see

every day bright students who are looking forward to a very promising future. They are working hard, they are studying, they are giving it 110 percent. I have to tell you when I look at my future, I feel very confident that the youth of today are going to take us far and make discoveries in technologies and medicine and all the different fields that exist because we have bright students who can do things that when we as children did not even know existed. Look at technology. You can take a young child right now and they can tell you anything about a computer, video games, whereas a lot of us sit down and we have no idea what we are doing when we look at an Xbox. I would like to congratulate both young ladies and tell you with graduates like this going on to college, we can all sit very confidently knowing that our future is promising and that these students are definitely going to take us into the next century. Thank you!

Director Cappelli acknowledged Surrogate Patricia Egan Jones. The Surrogate noted that tomorrow is National Adoption Day and there will be 53 children adopted. The Director commended her for that. The Surrogate invited everyone to come at noon at the Hall of Justice. The Director also acknowledged Sheriff Charles Billingham and thanked him for coming.

#### **EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

Freeholder Rodriguez welcomed everyone. She said every month the Board of Chosen Freeholders take a moment out of the Freeholder meeting to acknowledge the excellent work of one individual. Unfortunately for us that one individual is sick and not here this evening. She said I do want to share what this individual has done that is extremely remarkable. Freeholder Rodriguez said what I do as a Freeholder within my Department is I defer to my Directors who work day in and day out with the employees and know of their merits and the hard work that they put into everything. She said this month the Employee who was acknowledged by all of our Directors is Theresa Masters. Tonight, in helping me with the Employee of the Month and to accept it will be our Director, Patrick Shuttleworth. Freeholder Rodriguez said as a I said I defer to my Directors and I know Patrick also works with his Directors in selecting the person and making sure that we do have the most upstanding individual. She said when the name was presented to me, one of the things that stood out the most was what an awesome idea! The Department of Health and Human Services has been one of the departments that has been hardest hit by the lay-off process. We have actually gone through three lay-off cycles. Every time we turned around it was something else that was affecting us. In the last round of lay-offs, we lost everyone in our fiscal department. Theresa was one of the few that was left. I worried that we would be able to stay afloat and be able to juggle all that we had to do. I was even worried that we wouldn't be able to cut paychecks. Theresa Masters was the person that made it all happen, who kept us shining and riding the storm at a most critical moment. For that reason, when her name was presented, I was very much overwhelmed by the thought that this person definitely does deserve it. At the most critical point in the Health Department, the Health Department kept afloat and it was because of the outstanding, the willingness to step up and to do what needed to be done because I wanted my employees to be paid and she made it possible. I think that everyone acknowledges that. The Freeholder said that is just one of the things that she did and I am going to leave the rest to the one person who knows her best.

Patrick Shuttleworth said Theresa is not here tonight but she did come in and got the paychecks out. That is why she is the

Employee of the Month for us because she is really that kind of person. Not only that, he said, she has come to us as Division and Department Directors and ask what she could do to help out during a challenging time for us. Because of people like her, we have been able to do what we have to do and have made every effort to make sure we provide the services to our residents and to make sure our employees are taken care of whether it be through their paychecks or through their insurance. She has done a tremendous job. She is just a great example, someone who has really stepped up to the plate during this challenging time and made a real difference and a significant effort to make sure that we are all doing a great thing. She really did want to be here tonight but she just wasn't feeling well. She wanted to thank all the Freeholders. He said Theresa is a good person, she has been around for 20 plus years in the County; she has worked in our Department about 15 years. She works in the Office of Administrative Services and works in Weights & Measures. She is up there helping us to make sure that we get a gallon of gas, it is a gallon of gas. When we go to the Deli to get ham and cheese, it is a pound! She is part of that group. She is working hard on behalf of the residents. As I said, she really wanted to be here tonight but she wasn't feeling well but she did come in today to make sure she got everyone their paychecks. I really want to thank Freeholder Rodriguez for allowing us to honor one of our employees because Theresa did do such a great job. It was hard because we have many good people but she did stand out this time. Thank you, Freeholders, for allowing us to do this.

Freeholder Rodriguez said I just want to add that I did not want to miss the opportunity to acknowledge her publicly but she will be acknowledged formally and in person at the Division Head Meeting that we will be having later on. I will present her with her gifts at that meeting.

The Director then continued with the agenda.

**PUBLIC HEARING - Resolution J**

Director Cappelli said next we have a Public Hearing, as follows:

PUBLIC HEARING - RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A GUARANTEE BY THE COUNTY OF THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE "TAXABLE COUNTY GUARANTEED LEASE REVENUE BONDS (COUNTY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAM)" TO BE ISSUED IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$49,000,000 BY THE CAMDEN COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING CERTAIN RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY AND CERTAIN COUNTY AFFILIATED AGENCIES

The Director declared the Public Hearing open. Seeing no one wishing to speak, Freeholder Nash made a motion to close, with a second by Deputy Director McDonnell and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

The Director said the Public Hearing is closed.

Consideration for final adoption will be at the December meeting after we go before the Local Finance Board.

**PUBLIC HEARING - Resolution k**

PUBLIC HEARING - RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING THE

CONSENT OF THE COUNTY TO (I) THE ISSUANCE BY THE CAMDEN COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY OF ITS "COUNTY-GUARANTEED OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2011" IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,500,000.00 AND (II) CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS, RELATED THERETO AND PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:37A-56, ALL IN CONNECTION WITH REFUNDING CERTAIN PRIOR BONDS OF THE AUTHORITY ISSUED TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY OR ANY INTEREST THEREIN AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY IN FURTHERANCE OF, AND IN CONNECTION WITH, THE POLICY GOALS OF THE COUNTY ESTABLISHED BY THE CAMDEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND REFERENDUM.

Director Cappelli declared the Public Hearing open. Seeing no one wishing to comment, Freeholder Nash made a motion to close the Public Hearing with a second by Freeholder Leonard and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

#### MOTION TO ADOPT - RESOLUTION k

Director Cappelli asked for a motion to adopt Resolution k. Freeholder McCray made a motion to adopt Resolution k 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 Leonard and on roll call:

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

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Director Cappelli then asked the Clerk of the Board if there was any correspondence. The Clerk answered that there was no correspondence.

#### COMPTROLLER

Director Cappelli asked for a motion to adopt the Comptroller's Report. Freeholder Nash made a motion to adopt the Comptroller's Report with a second by Freeholder Greco 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 session after the meeting, at which time the public can ask any questions they want regarding the business of the County or anything else they wish to talk about. 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 then declared the public hearing open.

**Karl Walko**, President of Council #10, addressed the Freeholders. Mr. Walko said I wanted to discuss three resolutions. The first one is Resolution #8 and it is about

leasing a space. He said I understand you are doing an analysis of the space in City Hall Courthouse. He said the Union fully supports moving out of all these agreements that you can. You have a couple of floors in City Hall that are empty. He said I know to use them you have to do quite a bit of work in there. The Union would support it because it is a long-term project the renovations of those floors and returning much of County government in there and moving out of these leased spaces. Director Cappelli responded and said we appreciate your support on this initiative. He said this is leased space requested by the Prosecutor for particular uses. Mr. Walko acknowledged that he understands. He said I hope that if you had the space in City Hall Courthouse that you would have the Prosecutor's employees in City Hall Courthouse. The Director said we actually can't do that for all uses in his office.

Mr. Walko said the next Resolution is #18, the issue with the new communications system. He said I see the price tag on there as \$14 million. He asked how that will be paid - is that coming out of operational budget in the year, stretched out over years. The Director responded and said that is paid for by capital funding and grants and by America Bonds. Mr. Walko asked how much of it is the County responsible for it and is \$14 million the whole price tag for this project. The Director responded and said, no, it is just a portion of it. It is the big portion of it. He said as you know we have been putting up and installing these antennas throughout the County to support this system so that is another part of that expense. The Director said year after year we have been pretty successful in receiving grants for the installation of the antenna. He said I must also add that the price tag here is far below what we thought this equipment would cost. He said in fact it is several million below. We are buying at the right time; there is no doubt about that. He said we did a good job in the procurement process and this will enable all municipalities in Camden County to become part of the County system. We will eliminate the problems that we occasionally have with the Boston Television Station that interferes with our 911 Communications and provide much greater frequency coverage within buildings and also interoperability between fire and police throughout the County. He said this is a major public safety initiative that will provide our residents with the best possible technology for 911 calls and also provide our emergency responders with the best communications system that they can have. Mr. Walko responded and said maybe I am wrong but it is my understanding that if you don't do it, you are going to be off the air. The Director said that is not the case, we could have stayed at 500. We didn't have to go up to 700 mhz.

The last Resolution is #73, which are increases. Mr. Walko said should I assume that they are the same increases as Council #10. Director Cappelli responded and said, "Don't presume that". Mr. Walko asked what were the increases? The Director responded, two percent. Mr. Walko thanked the Director.

There being no one else wishing to speak, 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 and all Freeholders present voted aye.

#### MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION j

Director Cappelli said going back to our first Public Hearing tonight, I thought we needed to do a vote on that. He said I will entertain a motion to adopt Resolution j, subject to approval by the Local Finance Board.

Freeholder Greco made a motion to adopt with a second by Freeholder McCray 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 14** were adopted upon motion by Freeholder Greco with a second by Freeholder Nash and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

1. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 funds into the budget for FY'09 Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant in the amount of \$102,392.00.

2. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 funds into the budget for FY'11 State Aid Annual Appropriation to Support the New Jersey Data Exchange (NJ-DEX) Project in the amount of \$150,000.00.

3. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 funds into the budget for the Office of the Prosecutor's Body Armor Replacement 2011 Grant in the amount of \$7,998.00.

4. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 funds into the budget for Traffic Safety Task Force 11-12, 2011 Grant in the amount of \$59,626.00.

5. Resolution rejecting Bid A-48, Elevator Renovations and Replacement at the Camden County Correctional Facility, due to the lowest bid received substantially exceeded the cost estimate for these goods, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(a).

6. Resolution authorizing award of contract (Bid A-49), by and between the County of Camden (Correctional Facility) and Keefe Commissary, for inmate commissary services.

7. Resolution ratifying award of contract, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.1 (dd), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Corrections) and Syscon Justice Systems, for annual software maintenance agreement, in the amount not to exceed \$38,079.00 - CAF#9900163543.

8. Resolution authorizing an agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Office of the Prosecutor) and K.L. Holdings, LLC, for a one-year extension on the Lease at 800 Cooper Street, Camden (Bridgeview) for the term of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, in the amount of \$134,977.25, funding contingent upon passage of the 2012 Temporary and Permanent Budgets.

9. Resolution ratifying the submission of a Grant Application, by and between the County of Camden (Office of the Prosecutor) to the Division of Criminal Justice for the Camden County Prosecutor Insurance Fraud Reimbursement Program - Cycle 12 (January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012), in the amount of \$250,000.00.

10. Resolution authorizing award of contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotations, by and between the County of Camden (Office of the Sheriff) and ADT Security Services, Inc. for the

purchase and installation of new components for the existing alarm system, in an amount not to exceed \$3,492.69- CAF#9900162973.

11. Resolution authorizing contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotations, by and between the County of Camden (Office of the Sheriff) and Havis, Inc. for purchase and installation of lighting for two (2) Camden County Sheriff's Department Vehicles, in the amount of \$17,159.56 - CAF#9900163366.

12. Resolution authorizing award of contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotations, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety) and Lawmen Supply Company of N.J. for the purchase of one (1) Custom Carbine-SX by Pepperball Technologies, Inc. for the Park Police, in the amount of \$570.00 - CAF#9900163123.

13. Resolution authorizing award of contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotations, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety) and CDW Government, LLC for the purchase of two (2) monitoring TV's and mounts in the amount of \$4,189.95 - CAF#9900163397.

14. Resolution authorizing award of contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotations, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety) and TNT Carports, for the purchase of three (3) Carports to house the Office of Emergency Management vehicles, in the amount of \$34,950.00 - CAF#9900163496.

**Resolutions 15 and 16** were adopted upon motion made by Deputy Director McDonnell with a second by Freeholder Leonard and on roll call:

15. Resolution authorizing an award of contract , pursuant to competitive contract Request for Proposals #09-11 (3rd Year Option), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety) and Aramark Correctional Services, LLC for food services for the Camden County Youth Center, in the amount of \$250,000.00, funding contingent upon passage of the 2012 Temporary and Permanent Budgets.

16. Resolution authorizing award of contract, pursuant to competitive contract Request for Proposals #09-12 (3rd Year Option), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety) and CFG Health Systems, LLC, for the provision of a comprehensive Medical and Psychiatric Health Services Program for the Juvenile Detainees at the Camden County Youth Center, in the amount of \$331,500.00, funding contingent upon passage of the 2012 Temporary and Permanent Budgets.

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

ABSTAIN: NASH

**Resolutions 17 through 37** were adopted upon motion by Deputy Director McDonnell with a second by Freeholder Leonard and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

17. Resolution authorizing award of contract (Bid A-50), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety) and Mikab, for Tower Cable Supports and Site Improvements, in the amount of \$274,000.00 - CAF#9900163857.

18. Resolution authorizing award of contract (State Contract #A-53804), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety) and Motorola Solutions, Inc., for the 700 MHz Public

Safety Communications System for the County of Camden and Amending Resolution No. 23, adopted October 20, 2011.

19. Resolution authorizing award of contract (State Contract #A-53804), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety) and Motorola, for fixed radio equipment for the narrowband conversion, in the amount of \$199,736.92 - CAF#9900163554.

20. Resolution authorizing award of contract (State Contract #A-53804), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety) and Motorola, for emergency back-up radios and equipment at the Communications Center, in the amount of \$84,739.60 - CAF#9900163504.

21. Resolution authorizing an amendment to the Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden and various municipalities, for the Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).

22. Resolution authorizing award of contract (State Contract #A-69909), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety) and Intrado Systems Corporation, for the provision of maintenance service contract for the Communications Center 9-1-1 Telephone Equipment, in the amount of \$133,784.60, funding contingent upon passage of the budget transfer resolution.

23. Resolution ratifying contract and authorizing payment, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety) and Kratos Mid-Atlantic, for Video Machine Repair Services in the amount of \$385.00 - CAF#9900163263.

24. Resolution authorizing a lease agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety) and Comcast for a lease of space on Comcast Tower, located at Block 148.01, Lot 1 in the Borough of Audubon, for the installation of radio telecommunications equipment, equipment shelter and related equipment and utilities for the County 9-1-1 Radio Network Project.

25. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-5.1(ii) (EUS), by and between the County of Camden and Luminosity, for re-entry services in an amount not to exceed \$186,606.60, funding is available in the amount of \$100,000.00-CAF#9900163819, balance of funding contingent upon passage of the 2012 Temporary and Permanent Budgets.

26. Resolution authorizing a Grant Application for the Camden County Prosecutor's Office Project Safe Neighborhood Grant for the period July 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011, in the amount of \$25,314.00.

27. Resolution authorizing the submission of a Grant Application by the Department of Public Safety & Juvenile Justice, Office of Emergency Management, to the New Jersey State Police for the FY 2012 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Training Grant.

28. Resolution authorizing a lease renewal, by and between the County of Camden (Correctional Facility) and South Jersey Port - Building A-3 for the period December 1, 2011 through November 30, 2012, in the amount of \$12,432.00, funding is available in the amount of \$1,036.00 -CAF#9900163781, balance of funding contingent upon passage of 2012 Temporary and Permanent Budgets.

29. Resolution authorizing the transfer of seven (7) County Vehicles from the Department of Public Safety (Office of the Fire

Marshal) to the Camden County College to be utilized for the Fire Training Program.

30. Resolution approving personnel actions by or on behalf of Freeholder Greco.

31. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 funds into the budget from the 2011 Local Bridge Future Needs Grant Program (NJDOT) for Bridge No. 5A10, Broadway Bridge over Little Timber Creek, Borough of Brooklawn, in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.

32. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 funds into the budget for the TIGER I -Grant A/NJ Pearl Street Amendment from the U.S. Department of Transportation for the construction of an emergency bulkhead on Pearl Street, in the amount of \$988,000.00.

33. Resolution authorizing award of contract, pursuant to publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Environmental Resolutions, Inc., for engineering design services, drainage improvements, reconstruction, milling and resurfacing of Haddonfield-Berlin Road (CR 561) from Evesham Road (CR 544) to Laurel Oak Road, Voorhees Township, in the amount of \$96,380.00 - CAF#9900163884.

34. Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 & Final (Bid B-3/2010) and rescinding Resolution No. 13, adopted April 21, 2011, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and American Asphalt Company, Inc., for Intersection Improvements to Cooper Road (CR675) and Centennial Boulevard, Voorhees Township, New Jersey, for an increase in the amount of \$65,039.96 - CAF#9900163770.

35. Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 & Final (Bid B-4/2011), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Asphalt Paving Systems for Utility Improvements for Haddonfield-Berlin Road/Ellis Street (CR 561), Potter Street (CR 644) and Haddonfield-Kresson Road (CR 671) in the Borough of Haddonfield and Township of Cherry Hill, for a decrease in the amount of \$67,267.95.

36. Resolution authorizing award of contract (Bid B-22) by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Asphalt Paving Systems, for reconstruction, milling and resurfacing of Hay Road (CR726), Winslow Township, in the amount of \$297,000.00 - CAF#9900163752.

37. Resolution authorizing award of contract (Bid B-21), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and various vendors, for snow plowing on various County Roads, and amending Resolution No. 25, adopted August 18, 2011.

**Resolution 38** was adopted upon motion by Freeholder Rodriguez with a second by Freeholder Leonard and on roll call:

38. Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Cherry Hill Township, relative to the Haddonfield Road and Southerly Mall Drive Improvement Project.

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

ABSTAIN: NASH

**Resolutions 39 and 40** were adopted upon motion made by Deputy Director McDonnell with a second by Freeholder Rodriguez and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

39. Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and various municipalities for Snow Plowing/Ice Control on various County Roads.

40. Resolution amending Jurisdictional Agreement #4708, adopted July 21, 2011, to include the names and titles of Camden County officials as authorized signatories.

**Resolutions 41 and 42** were adopted upon motion made by Deputy Director McDonnell with a second by Freeholder Leonard and on roll call:

41. Resolution ratifying an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission for Transit Support Program in an amount not to exceed \$54,351.00.

42. Resolution ratifying an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission for Supportive Regional Highway Planning Program, in an amount not to exceed \$50,183.00.

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

**Resolutions 43 and 44** were adopted upon motion made by Freeholder Greco with a second by Deputy Director McDonnell and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

43. Resolution authorizing an Amended Agreement, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Birdsall Services Group, for additional, closely related Administration and Inspection Services of the Bridge Street over Route 42 Project, Gloucester Township, in the amount of \$80,112.00 - CAF#9900163830.

44. Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 and Final (Bid B-5/2010), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Road Safety Systems, LLC, for the replacement of Guide Rails on various roads throughout Camden County and extending the term of the contract by forty-six (46) days to provide for Administrative and Inspection Services, for a decrease in the amount of \$7,061.65.

**Resolution 45** was adopted upon motion made by Deputy Director McDonnell with a second by Freeholder Rodriguez and on roll call:

45. Resolution authorizing the execution of the Project Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission for DVRPC Project No. 12-53-311, Regional GIS Implementation and Coordination for FY 2012.

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

**Resolution 46** was adopted upon motion by Freeholder Rodriguez with a second by Freeholder Leonard and on roll call:

46. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and the Township of Cherry Hill for the installation of bus shelters along County -owned roads.

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

**Resolution 47** were adopted upon motion made by Deputy Director McDonnell with a second by Freeholder Leonard and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

47. Resolution amending Shared Services Agreement, Resolution #61, adopted February 17, 2011, between the City of Camden, the County of Camden and the Camden County Library Commission, relative to the City of Camden joining the Camden County Library System, to revise term of agreement.

**Resolutions 48 through 66** were adopted upon motion made by Freeholder Greco with a second by Freeholder Rodriguez and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

48. Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden and the Camden County Library Commission for the provision of Legal Services.

49. Resolution appointing a member to the Camden County Construction Board of Appeals.

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

51. Resolution ratifying emergency purchase and payment, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings & Operations) and All Risk, Inc., for reconstruction of third and fourth floors at the Hall of Justice due to water damage on July 18, 2011.

52. Resolution amending contract, pursuant to publicly advertised Request For Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings & Operations) and Vitetta Group for additional closely related architectural services in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 - CAF#9900163346.

53. Resolution authorizing Change Order #8 (Bid A-38/2010), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings & Operations) and W.J. Gross, for revisions and modernization of the County Clerk's Office, in an amount not to exceed \$30,867.98 - CAF #9900163752.

54. Resolution ratifying award of contract and payment, pursuant to solicitation of quotations, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Parks) and Greenscape Landscape Contractor, Inc. Landscaping Services in the amount of \$12,950.00- P.O. #160967.

55. Resolution appointing/reappointing members to the Camden County Mosquito Extermination Commission.

56. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 funds into the budget for the County Environmental Health Act (CEHA) Grant, in the amount of \$22,632.00.

57. Resolution authorizing submission of a Grant Application, by the County of Camden

(Department of Health & Human Services) to the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission for the Comprehensive County Funding Grant (State Community Partnership Grant, Family Court Grant and Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant), in the amount of \$1,113,786.00.

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

59. Resolution authorizing Budgetary Transfers.

60. Resolution amending Resolution #73, adopted October 20, 2011, to amend award of Contract, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Various County Departments) and ComPysch for an Employee Assistance Program.

61. Resolution extending a month-to-month agreement, by and between the County of Camden and Hess Corporation for Electric Generation Supply Services for the South Jersey Power Cooperative.

62. Resolution authorizing award of contract (State Contract No. A-80071), by and between the County of Camden and Capitol Supply, Inc. for the purchase of NAPA Automotive Parts and accessories for various Camden County Departments.

63. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 funds into the budget for Gloucester City's Regional Contributory Agreement (RCA) and Small City Funds in the amount of \$13,832.80.

64. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 funds into the budget for the SmartSTEPS Program from Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Workforce Grant & Program Management for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 in the amount of \$24,075.00.

65. Resolution authorizing award of contracts (Bid A-43/2010 -2nd Year Option), by and between the County of Camden and Royer Graphics, Inc. and Evergreen Printing, for the provision of Printing Services under the Camden Cooperative Pricing System #57-CCCPS, funding contingent upon passage of the 2012 Temporary and Permanent Budgets.

66. Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden and the Camden County Technical Schools for the provision of certain support, management and administrative services for the year ending 2011.

**Resolution 67** was adopted upon motion made by Deputy Director McDonnell with a second by Freeholder Leonard and on roll call:

67. Resolution authorizing payment of the 2011 Board Dues for the Cooper's Ferry Partnership in the amount of \$15,000.00 - CAF#9900163751.

AYE: GRECO, LEONARD, MCCRAY, RODRIGUEZ, MCDONNELL,

ABSTAIN: NASH, CAPPELLI

**Resolutions 68 and 69** were adopted upon motion made by Freeholder Rodriguez with a second by Freeholder Leonard and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

68. Resolution appointing/reappointing members to the Camden County Human Relations Commission.

69. Resolution authorizing a contract, by and between the County of Camden (Office of the Surrogate) and County Business Systems, for microfilm creation from digital records in the amount of \$1,300.00 - CAF#9900163718.

**Resolution 70** was adopted upon motion made by Deputy Director McDonnell with a second by Freeholder Rodriguez and on roll call:

70. Resolution authorizing lease termination settlement agreement, by and between the County of Camden and Cherry Hill Center, LLC, relative to the Camden County Store at Cherry Hill Mall.

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

ABSTAIN: NASH

**Resolutions 71 through 74** were adopted upon motion made by Freeholder Greco with a second by Freeholder Leonard and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

71. Resolution in Support of Legislation to strengthen the Solar Renewable Energy Certificate (SREC) Market.

72. Resolution authorizing Workers' Compensation Settlements.

73. Resolution authorizing pay increases for designated Unclassified and Classified Employees.

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

**Resolution 75** - No motion made - Resolution fails.

75. Resolution approving and acknowledging personnel actions by or on behalf of 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.

**Sean Brown** of Camden addressed the Freeholders. Mr. Brown said first to Freeholder Director Cappelli and Freeholder McCray, congratulations on another three years that you have. He said I have been a fan and observer of County Politics for about ten years now since I was 18. As a fan and as a democrat and resident of the County my whole life, I can say that I look at you as friends. He said I would like you to remember that throughout my comments. Mr. Brown said I love carrot cake, my favorite cake. He said my Grandmom used to make it for me on my birthday and now I make it for myself or people buy me the carrot cake. He said I like it with frosting and without frosting. I love carrot cake. He said one of the ingredients although not the main ingredient of carrot cake is carrots. You can't have carrot cake without carrots. Mr. Brown said I also love my City of Camden. I love being a resident here, I love the people here. I can't say I love everything about it but I love Camden. He said you can't separate Camden from the violence that happens in our City. He said it is real easy to quote Martin Luther King and I think tonight is an appropriate time to do so. He says, "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies but the silence of our friends". He said we will remember the silence of our friends. Mr. Brown said in 2006 on a late night, I was shot in my leg. That same night a young lady got killed and five other people got shot. He said if

you looked at the news for the next few days, if you read the newspapers for the next few days in that June, there is a lot of talk about what needs to be done, about this violence in Camden; about these lives that are lost on our streets in Camden. Mr. Brown said promises were made of things that would be done to help make us safer. He said I was at those meetings; I heard people say it and I believed them, not only because I wanted it to be true but I didn't think that our politicians would not meet their constitutional duty of keeping us safe. Five years later, very few of those promises have been fulfilled. Dozens and dozens of people have been killed. If there were no solutions and there is nothing that our government could do, whether that be our County government, our City government, I wouldn't be here, I wouldn't have anything to say but that is not true. There are things that can be done. In the last few days, I have been on the computer doing research to see what City governments and County governments have done to help reduce waves of violence in communities. He said there is a whole list of things. He said I could be wrong but I read the newspaper everyday. I watch the news, go to government websites and I really heard nothing on this issue of violence. The reason I talked about the carrot cake is because again we can't separate violence when we talk about Camden. We can't talk about Camden moving forward without addressing the lives that are lost. I see that this City won't grow and won't expand and it won't be any better for anybody if people don't trust that they can go out to the streets without getting killed. He said I have my own ideas, my own suggestions and I am willing to share that with anybody that is willing to listen. He said it is in my opinion, outside of education, the most critical issue in our community. I encourage all of you to think about what you can do in your positions to help address this critical issue that we have. I thank you for listening and I look forward to hearing a response either tonight or in a one-on-one conversation.

**Ms. Williams** of Public Housing addressed the Freeholders. She said I have some concerns. She said I see you have a lot of residents here doing a lot of programs here. I would like to know how many Camden youth are you hiring in this programs. She said you know we have a lot of kids here. She said our kids need jobs here. You just gave out awards to two students here to stay in Camden. When they get out of school, where are they going to work - where are there jobs for the Camden residents? She said my kids are unemployed; the people in Camden are unemployed and there is no money here. We got a lot of killing going on here - why? All this money that the County gives here, how much money is coming towards Camden; how much is helping our kids here to get off the street to stop selling drugs. I would like to know what this County is going to do for that. Director Cappelli responded and said we actually do hire a lot of people from the City of Camden. We actually have many seasonal help opportunities in which we hire Camden City residents, we do a lot at our job training facilities to help Camden residents be employed. Ms. Williams noted Resolution 54, with the Division of Workforce for \$24,000 - are you training people in this program? The Director responded that is exactly what we are doing. Ms. Williams asked if they are getting jobs when they finished their training. This is the problem - no one is getting jobs here. The Director responded and said our job training program was recently recognized as one of the best in the State. I can tell you that our Resource Center, our Workforce Development Training; the work we do here at this College - Camden County College is second to none. We also through some of the government projects you see happening like the bridges, Rutgers dormitory, the medical school, there are apprentice programs where we are working with the trades to

actually train residents of the City to become members of the Building Trades. It is a very aggressive program, he said. Freeholder Leonard interjected and said last month we hired seasonal employees - while it is not permanent employment, some of these individuals may not get hired in other places because of their past. We are giving them training in a number of fields. He said Director Moran and some others from the Department of Public Works. He said while we are doing that we are cleaning various lots in the City of Camden along with the Camden County Department of Public Works and Camden City Public Works. He said we are giving them opportunities to learn how to use equipment and to work with the roads. He said we are giving them skills that they currently don't have - we are trying to help them out - we are progressing through the Camden County One-Stop and the Job Placing Center. He said it is not like we are just ignoring them.

Freeholder Leonard said when the Freeholder Director was speaking, I know we have a number of programs that we've done in the City of Camden last year. Mrs. Williams said my concern that there are only temporary jobs here. The Freeholder responded and said if we didn't give them a temporary job, they would have no jobs. He said there are a number of individuals in the City that have no jobs. He said if I had these individuals here tonight, they would tell you they are ecstatic to get a paycheck every week. Ms. Williams asked for the names on the list of people who were hired temporarily. Freeholder Leonard referred her to Director of Human Resources, Frank Cirii. Ms. Williams said as Mr. Brown said earlier, we have a lot of killings in the City of Camden. You talk about regionalizing the County with Camden Police. She said I am concerned about that. Number 1 concern is are you going to hire my Camden Police back at their regular rate.

How many are going to lose their jobs, how many won't lost their jobs. She said I need to know because you are talking about bringing County Police in the City of Camden - first they have to know how to get into my City; and how to patrol Public Housing. She said there are drugs throughout the City, including Public Housing. She said if you are going to regionalize these police, I want the ones coming in to my City that they know my City and know the people here. She said everytime they bring State Police here, they end up shooting somebody. Why is that, because they don't understand the City of Camden. She said I am a product of Camden, I was born here, I vote here. She said some of you people get on the Board and forgot where you came from. All of you forgot where you came from. Ms. Williams was directed to speak with Mr. Frank Cirii, Director of Human Resources.

**Karl Walko**, President of Council#10, addressed the Freeholders once again. He said the scholarships awarded here tonight reminded me of something that I delayed doing in the Spring and intend on doing tonight. He said each March, the Union Scholarship Funds awards \$500.00 scholarships to the sons and daughters of Union members. He said I wasn't prepared to thank you back in April for your assistance. The Board, itself, gave a significant contribution in recognition of the past Council #10 President, Henny Dunn. The scholarship fund is named after Henry Dunn. He said for the past 10 years, we have awarded \$500.00 to every eligible applicant and the total awards for the last 15 years is in excess of \$150,000.00. He said I want to thank the Board for their donation and the honor that they gave to Henry. He thanked the many people in this room who contributed to that fund. Mr. Walko said I would like to close with what I tell the kids and it was mentioned tonight by someone that the money given isn't going to pay that much of the tuition or the cost of college. He said I tell the kids that the \$500.00 we give isn't going to pay even a semester's tuition but no one has turned it down. More important to us, is the message it sends to the kids,

which is the Union thinks it is important; the parents think it's important that the kids further their education. He said it is a good thing and we want them to do it. That is the most important message that comes out of our scholarship fund. Thank you for the assistance that you provided to the fund.

**Brian Morton** of Camden, identified himself as President of Concerned Citizens of North Camden and also President of North Camden Little League, addressed the Freeholders. Mr. Morton said I want to start off by thanking the Freeholders. He said I was one of the individuals that you reached out when you were looking to bring on board some of the seasonal workers. He said every day I see these guys because they are my neighbors. He said as Freeholder Leonard shared some of these gentlemen have a history and so it would be difficult for them to find employment. He said when I was first approached by Council President on how we can get some of these guys help from the County, I said simple jobs and it doesn't have to be a lot of money, just something to get them busy, something that they can bring home, put some food on the table. He said when I see these guys everyday - they are not only happy for the money but they are very ecstatic that as men as heads of the household in an economy and in a City where we have baggage, it is difficult to get a second chance - even on a temporary basis, to be saying, hey, we recognize you and we also recognize the struggle in the City and we are going to support you. He thanked the Freeholders for that. He said I see these guys, I know their families, I see their kids and I know they are grateful and benefit from it.

Mr. Morton said what brought me up here to speak tonight is this summer I started a Little League back in North Camden. He said Little League Baseball has been absent in North Camden for almost 8 years. He said I see a lot of projects going on around the City where Parks are being dedicated. I am very grateful for that because athletics offer our kids to not only learn how to function as a team but to develop as an individual and to take responsibility and that counteracts a lot of the negative influence that they are met with at the front door each morning when they go out to school. My appeal and plea and I know Freeholder Nash and one of his other hats is always fighting for Pyne Point in North Camden. He said this summer we took over an abandoned T-Ball field. It was much too small, we had over hundred kids playing between the ages 5 to 12 - no funding. We got volunteers from Berlin, Glendora to donate - we got volunteers from Comcast. This year we are hoping to double that size. Again, with no funding - our kids paid \$15.00 to get into our League and played all summer. Pyne Point Park is sitting there and often people say we can't do anything because of the ATV Traffic or because of the other actions that go on around the Park. He said I am here to tell you, I am a lifelong resident 40 years in North Camden. They know me. Not one four wheeler rode on that T-Ball field this summer, not one base - we left our bases out all summer and banners were left out all summer - not one was removed from that field because everyone, including the dealers and I treat everyone as a human being and I had a conversation - John Wesley Projects are right next to it, we have a bunch of subsidized housing that is being paid for by Health & Human Services so we have that atmosphere around there. He said I was greeted by what some may say are the worse and we saw that the kids were out there playing they curtailed their activity. They approached me and said Brian, we know what you are doing, in fact, some of our nephews are in your League, we won't do it. He said this summer we are looking to double our size and I am asking that whatever you can do, there are no bleachers at Pyne Point Park; there are no benches at Pyne Point Park. I know too often we get

afraid to do something because we think something negative is going to happen. I am telling you that there are families and children that are desperate for something positive in our neighborhood and if you can support it in any way then we begin to lay the seed so that children can see something positive. He said that it was young people who shot Sean and killed a young lady that evening and this evening before I came here a friend of mine was shot in the head right on 4<sup>th</sup> & State Streets, just as the sun was going down. He said this isn't new, this is everyday. He said our kids grow up and they think that violence is a natural, is a norm and they think that negative competitiveness is a part of life. I am asking you guys to help us here in the City to do something. Check out Pyne Point. Ed Bonnett is out there with the Camden Youth Soccer League in the fall and in the spring and I know he can use some help and I know North Camden Little League can use some bleachers that parents can sit on. I don't care we will do the rest - the County donated in-fill mix and we were out there shoveling it by hand last summer. Don't forget our kids! Sports are definitely a way that we can begin to integrate the positive activities. When you look at what the Governor has done to us when he cut the After 3:00 Program - if you are in North Camden during the school year, after 3:00 p.m. there is nothing. In the summertime, until the pools open and Mayor thank you for our Center, there is nothing in our neighborhood. When we ask why the kids are turning to that life why the Bloods and the Crypts have a higher retention rate than our public school system, it is because they are given a greater opportunity to deal with our kids. I am just here making an appeal, hoping that as you guys look around and you're looking at your Open Space Recreation money and opportunities that you look at North Camden. At Northgate Park, none of it has been rehabilitated. I am looking at every other community around the City and they have all been touched with a new Park, a new facility. Our kids need some help. Thank you.

Freeholder Nash responded to Mr. Morton. He said as you know because you have been part of our effort to revitalize Pyne Point Park, the County is in the process of doing a \$3 million renovation to that Park. That Park which is one of the most widely used in the City of Camden will be the state-of-the-art Park that you would hope it to be and we had sort of a delay because the DRPA money has been held up. He said we have been talking about it - with or without the DRPA money that Park will be revitalized. In the short term, Freeholder Nash said Frank Moran and I have talked about this, we will make sure that when this Little League season rolls around, if that Park is not under construction, we will try to keep it open during the season, you will have bleachers - we will make sure that you have that through our Open Space Recreation Grant Program. Freeholder Nash said you have done a magnificent job. You are really an inspiration to that community.

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

The Director then opened the floor to the Freeholders for their comments.

**Freeholder Nash** said to the members of the Governing Body, to Mayor Redd and the Council Members, thank you very much for hosting us. He said this building is a true tribute to the County's effort to bring education to the City of Camden. It is a magnificent building that it services so many people in this community. It is a pleasure to be here. Freeholder Nash

congratulated Freeholder Cappelli and Freeholder McCray on their overwhelming re-election victory. To Sean, the Freeholder said like the person you're sitting next to, you are an inspiration in the City. He said it is hard to believe how grown up you are - I remember you when you were a baby that is how long I've known you. You really have developed into a great community leader. You and I have talked about violence in the City before. You are right, you are absolutely right, the violence in the City is the critical factor that makes or breaks a City. Violence has to be stopped.

**Freeholder Leonard** said I too want to thank Mayor Redd and Council members who were here tonight for joining us. We work very closely all the time and it is always good to see you here. He said I am happy to be home tonight where I can walk home in five blocks. I want to congratulate Freeholder Cappelli and Freeholder McCray on their recent election victory. One of the things I wanted to announce tonight that many people asked before is what we are doing with the downtown branch of the library. He said that will be open some time in the New Year. He said for those of you who do or don't know, there is construction going on now, there will be a number of programs here in the City of Camden and also a number of programs that will come from other libraries into the City of Camden or if people want to go outside the City to other branches they can. It will be a full function library throughout our system and that is a good thing. Freeholder Leonard said one of the things I want to touch on and I did briefly earlier about the individuals that are helping us as seasonals. He said for those of you who do or don't know, we've been over the last 60 days in coordination with our Department of Public Works and the City's Department of Public Works with Mayor Redd working on lot by lot, street by street. He said some of you here this evening are from Barclay and Sheila Roberts and some others have given me lots that they want cleaned up and the Mayor's office has as well. I encourage people before it gets too cold and we still have these individuals, let us know what you want done. It is not a joke, you give it to us and in two days, weather permitting, we have it cleaned up for you. He said some of you may notice here at 7<sup>th</sup> & Linden, next to Northgate I and II, that was a lot that was cleaned up. He said we had a high use of individuals who were coming into the City to use heroine and going into the bushes across the street from that. If you notice now, there are no more bushes there because the residents complained about that. You don't see people standing there anymore because they can't use drugs there anymore. It is sad to say but it is something that you have to deal with and that is the reality in the City. He said if you haven't yet and you have ideas of where you want a lot cleaned up, let us know, we will be there. He said one of the other things I wanted to mention to you, we have a number of road projects going on in the City of Camden right now that I think people need to be aware of. On Ferry Avenue from Mt. Ephraim Avenue to the West of White Horse Avenue, \$451,000.00 for milling and resurfacing under construction currently. The State Street Bridge is under construction now that will be another 18 months. It will be closed for another 20 days. He said that is a \$12 million project. He said that is very significant. Martin Luther King Boulevard from Broadway to the Armory, we have roadway and streetscape improvements - \$3 million under construction here in the City of Camden. He said Martin Luther King Boulevard from Pine Street to Pearl Street, we have roadway and streetscape improvements - \$6.8 million. That construction has been awarded and construction management will begin next month. He said Kaighn Avenue, we did a roadway stabilization and resurfacing - \$82,000.00, it was completed last year. The Freeholder said for those of you who weren't here, many people have asked about Baird Boulevard, what we are doing with

that. He said the Board along with the Director in the last two days have come up with a \$10 million bond we are going to do to get that Bridge underway working with Congressman Andrews and some others, we just can't wait for the Federal Government to step in because that process is too long. He said this Bridge needs to be opened for safety. If you have any questions, let us know about that. He thanked everyone for coming out tonight, it is a great presence from the City. We don't normally get this participation and I say keep at it. Have a good night.

**Freeholder Rodriguez** said I would also like to congratulate the Director and Freeholder McCray for a wonderful victory. Welcome aboard again!! She said I would also like to thank Mayor and Council and the residents of Camden City who always greet us so warmly. When I come to Camden City, I am not going very far, I am going home. I grew up in Camden City, I work in Camden City. The children here are my children. I am constantly aware of the issues because my kids come to school and they tell me. This is their life, this is what they live - I feel it, I feel it all the time what they are going through. She said I think that every Freeholder here also has a sense of the importance and significance of the Camden County seat, which is Camden City. She said it is dedicated and committed to our children. My co-chair on the Covenant for Children, not long ago we decided that the children in our County are so important so we created the Covenant for Children. Currently, the Mayor and I are chairing it and our focus is the well-being of our children and we are focusing and starting with the City, working together to create opportunities so our children will have a future. She said I want to thank everybody who is here; I want to thank everybody primarily because of your care, concern and your convictions and your willingness to share it. Have a good evening.

**Freeholder Greco** said I would like to thank the City of Camden for their hospitality this evening and Camden County College. Most of my understanding of Camden comes from my wife, Susie, who is also my chauffeur this evening. She spent the last 38 years here in the City of Camden - working in about eight different schools and currently is at Cooper's Point, where she was this afternoon. He said I get all the information from her. He said we talk about all these problems and violence and I can tell you that we discuss Camden every night for the last 38 years over dinner and all the stories aren't always bad. There are lots of good stories about good kids, who do good things and make a difference in the City. He said I do know one thing, the difference in this City is going to come from people like Brian Morton, Sheila Roberts and from Sean Brown - people who care and act and react in a positive way doing good things. That's what's going to make a difference in this City and I know it is going to make a difference - we are going to help you make it a difference. He said I want to say that on behalf of Camden County and our Freeholder Board. He said I would like to congratulate the citizens of Camden County for making the right decision in re-electing Freeholder Cappelli. His work and dedication and his leadership has been paramount and second to none and they recognized that and I thank them for that. He said I would also like to thank the citizens for recognizing the energy and the intelligence and the valued opinions of Scot McCray, a young, new energetic individual who makes a difference on this Freeholder Board. He congratulated both of them. The Freeholder said lastly of the 70 something resolutions today, 30 of them came from Public Safety, my Department. He said so many of them have to be vetted by our Legal Department and it is very difficult to insure that everything gets done right, every "t" is crossed and every "i" is dotted. He said I would like to thank our County Counsel, Sherri

Schweitzer and Assistant County Counsel Laura Paffenroth who spent so much time, effort and energy in the last month going over that stuff. With that, I would like to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Freeholder McCray** said, Welcome, Camden, to our Freeholder meeting. He said I think everyone is pretty much not amazed but excited to see participation from our Camden residents tonight. On behalf of Mayor Redd and Council that is what you get when you come to Camden City. People are aware of what's going on and we are passionate about our City; we are passionate about our neighborhoods. To Brian and Sean, thank you for your words. He said I know both of these young brothers fairly well. We have seen Sean grow and how passionate he is about the City. Freeholder McCray said at the end of the day, we are in the midst of a lot of things in the City. Unfortunately, there are young lives being lost in the City - the streets took those lives. He said I actually spent Sunday with a friend of mine who is here who ran a fundraiser for 50 to 75 young children involved in an After School Program. They are trying to keep their lives on the right track. At times, we have to get out and talk about issues. He said I thank this Board, the County in conjunction with the Mayor and her staff and City Council, has really put Camden in the forefront of what action is being taken. He said it starts with our families, it starts with our schools. He said the County seat always comes first. Think about a lot of the things we talked about in the recent months since we have come on this Board, plus the County-wide Police, good bad or indifferent, it is a strategy, it is a plan - it is a positive action. He said that took courage; these are the types of things when we talk about how we make things better. It is the ideas and the leg work that you put forth to actually get it to that point. He said it is not saying what we are actually going to do but actually staying on the same page and doing something. Once again, thank you for your time and thank you for coming out. He said thanks to all of you who were involved in my election for the first time. I have a new healthy respect for any elected official, especially those that have kids or families. He said I look forward to the next three years. If I do the right things, I may have another shot at another term. At the end of the day, I am very grateful to be a part of this Board. Freeholder McCray said about the Director that he showed a lot of heart and courage during this campaign. I can't wait to get started - no better way than to have my post-election meeting here at home. I look forward to it. Thank you.

**Deputy Director McDonnell** thanked everyone for coming. To the Mayor and Council, he thanked them for coming. He said most Mayors come and the first chance they get they slip out the door! You stayed for the whole meeting and we do appreciate it. He congratulated the Director and Freeholder McCray on their great election victory.

**Director Cappelli** said the Deputy Director stole my words, Mayor and Council. He said usually governing bodies just slip right on out. Thank you for staying all night and being a part of this meeting. He said you are true partners. If anybody heard the list of projects that Freeholder Leonard described that we are doing here in Camden, the fact that there are two members on this Board that are from Camden; the fact of the matter that everyone on this Board believes that is what is good for Camden City is good for Camden County. That is our partnership and we are starting to see some great results. He said the speakers have brought up some great points and we will help anyway that we can. He said to Sean Brown, violence is unacceptable and that is why we are talking about new ideas. They are not popular - they

didn't help Scot and me get any votes - they are not going to help whoever runs next year getting votes. You know what, until we start talking like adults about these issues, we are not going to get anywhere. Thanks for coming out tonight. I would like to thank all the employees of Camden County for the great work that they do day in and day out on behalf of the residents. Finally, I would like to congratulate Scot. He is a true running mate - you know he runs a lot. He was a running mate as well. His energy, his personality, his ideas, the way he had great discourse with constituents as we were out on the campaign trail was really something extraordinary. I know he is going to be a great addition to this Board. Congratulations, Scot. The Director wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

There being no further business, Director Cappelli asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Freeholder Greco made a motion to adjourn with a second by Freeholder Leonard at 8:45 p.m. and all Freeholders present voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

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