

**172nd ANNUAL REORGANIZATION BUSINESS MEETING
CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
JANUARY 4, 2016- 5:00 P.M.
CAMDEN COUNTY COLLEGE
CONNECTOR BUILDING
200 COLLEGE DRIVE, BLACKWOOD, NEW JERSEY 08102**

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, Marianne DiPiero at 5:00 p.m. The Clerk said it is my honor and privilege to call upon the Honorable Mayor of Gloucester Township David Mayer to come forward.

Mayor David Mayer welcomed everyone to the 172nd Annual Reorganization Meeting of the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders. He welcomed them to Gloucester Township and to Camden County College. He said tonight you are going to witness Democracy in action, as we swear in four individuals to new terms on the Freeholder Board, which includes probably the longest serving Freeholder in the history of Camden County and the State of New Jersey, Jeffrey Nash. He said also labor leader and Freeholder Jon Young, Joining this Board former Cherry Hill Councilwoman Susan Shin Angulo, and probably the youngest soon to be Freeholder William F. Moen, Jr., Mayor Mayer said in addition to our Freeholders, we will be swearing in a new Sheriff here in Camden County former Assemblyman Whip Wilson. He said I certainly can't forget this one or I would have to find a new home, we are also swearing in a very beautiful, lovely and wonderful fantastic person Michele Gentek-Mayer! Mayor Mayer said he would like to thank the Freeholders, and the Row Officers for working together not only with Gloucester Township, but with all of the other municipalities here in Camden County to move our communities forward, to move Camden County forward! He said you know that saying "Making it Better Together" is so very true as together, we work together to move our communities forward, and a great example of this is the new College Drive Interchange, that many of you drove to get here today! He said that interchange was made possible through great effort on behalf of Freeholders, our Row Officers, our State Legislatures, everyone working together, that is working together to make it better! He thanked the Board of Freeholders, Row Officers and our Legislators for working together to continue to move our communities forward. He said on behalf of the residents of Gloucester Township we welcome you to this Reorganization meeting, we welcome you to this community, please relax and enjoy Democracy in action.

Mayor Mayer said it is his pleasure to introduce to you the Director of the Board of Freeholders Lou Cappelli.

Director Cappelli said he would like to take a moment to thank Dave for hosting us here in Gloucester Township tonight, and everybody at the college. He said Dave and his crew in Gloucester Township do such a tremendous job leading their community it's one of our premiere communities in Camden County. He said there is a lot of redevelopment, a lot of great neighborhoods, and Dave you do an amazing job. He thanked him for hosting them tonight.

Director Cappelli said we will begin tonight with an invocation by Reverend Floyd White.

Reverend Floyd White said "God of grace and God of glory, we are thankful for this 172nd Reorganization Ceremony of Camden County, I will pray blessings upon all the residents and all of the employees of Camden County, and especially upon the Public Works who will be manning the highways during this winter grant them safety in the days to come, we pray special blessings upon the Board of Freeholders and the row officers God bless them one by one and name by name , and God we pray that thy will be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of thy glory to the good of the County, to safety honor and welfare of all people, that all things may be done in order and settled by their endeavors upon the best and surest foundations that peace happiness truth justice, and piety may be established upon all of us and lord we pray a special prayer for this County, we pray for this State, we pray for this Nation, we pray for military personnel throughout the world and God, I pray that you will continue to bless the United States of America in God's name I pray. Amen.

The Director thanked the Reverend and said next will be the presentation of colors by the Sheriff's Office Honor Guard.

The Director said Colonel Alfred Bancroft will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to be followed by the National Anthem sung by Crystal Cosme.

Director Cappelli thanked them, and said before we administer the oaths of office he would like to recognize some of the elected officials that are here this evening, he wants to recognize ones he can mention because some people may have to leave early. He said first our Congressman from the First District Donald Norcross, Senator Nilsa Cruz-Perez, Assemblyman

Paul Moriarty, Assemblywoman Gabriella Mosquera, Senator Jim Beach, Senator Fred Madden, Assemblywoman Pam Lampitt, Assemblyman elect Arthur Barclay, Assemblywoman Cleopatra Tucker, Mayor Betty-Anne Carson from Magnolia, Mayor Dave Mayer, as well as a grand entrance by Assemblyman Louis Greenwald, he said we also have with us former Freeholders and one was his running mate the first few times and has given him a lot of wisdom and knowledge over the years Freeholder Riletta Cream, and the voice of South Jersey Freeholder Tom Gurick.

The Director said we will now have the administration of the oath of office to Jeffrey Nash administered by Senator James Beach.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED
TO JEFFREY NASH

Senator James Beach and Freeholder Nash came forward. Senator Beach administered the oath of office for Freeholder to Jeffrey Nash.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED
TO JONATHAN L. YOUNG, SR.

Director Cappelli called upon Congressman Donald Norcross to come forward to administer the Oath of Office for Freeholder to Jonathan Young.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED
TO WILLIAM F. MOEN, JR.

Director Cappelli said William Moen will also be sworn in by Congressman Norcross. Congressman Norcross said Billy came to work for him when they were in the State Legislature, he said he couldn't be prouder and it's almost like having his son being sworn in, and he congratulated him! Congressman Norcross administered the oath of Office for Freeholder to William Moen.

OATH OF OFFICE
TO SUSAN SHIN ANGULO

The Director said Susan Shin Angulo will be sworn in by Senator Beach. He said he should mention at this point that Susan is the first Asian Freeholder in the State of New Jersey. Senator Beach administered the oath of office for Freeholder to Susan Shin Angulo.

OATH OF OFFICE
TO MICHELLE GENTEK-MAYER

Director Cappelli said up until about three days ago, she was a Freeholder and we will miss you! Director Cappelli called upon David Carlamere, Esquire. David Carlamere administered the oath of office for Camden County Surrogate to Michelle Gentek-Mayer.

OATH OF OFFICE
TO WHIP WILSON

The Director called upon Congressman Donald Norcross to administer the oath of office. Congressman Donald Norcross administered the oath of office for Sheriff to Whip Wilson.

The Director wanted to formally thank the former Sheriff Chuck Billingham for all his years of service.

Congressman Norcross said he would like to congratulate all those who were sworn in. He said Whip and I served in the State Legislature together, but prior to that his life was started as a police officer in the City of Camden that alone deserves a round of applause. He said to Susan, Billy, John, Michelle, and Jeffrey you have behind me what our founding fathers had in mind when they built this great land, this Democracy that we call the United States of America, representatives of Government from different points of life, different professions, different educations, different religions, different nationalities. He said it's a great melting pot that we call the United States, which is quite frankly our strength, bringing all that together for a common good. He said he just shared with you that to keep in your hearts and minds, those who wear the uniform in the military around the world protecting us in ways you can't imagine. They are doing a remarkable job in the face of incredible adversity, he said he sits on a committee in Congress called Emerging Threats, he sees Senator Madden up there who ran State Police, he said threats are real, and has changed the world we live in, but the greatest strength we have is to understand the risk, and we come through the other side stronger. He said we have done it time and time again in the history of our Country and will continue to do that. He said for those first responders, police, fire, EMS , communications 911,

24-7 there are no days off, when you were at Christmas and New Year's parties they were working and they certainly deserve a round of applause. He said you can tell by the swearing in that it is a family, different levels of government coming together working as a team , he said that is the strength of the Board behind me, is always keeping the interest of the community in mind as they make those decisions. He said to their families who give up so much, those days, those nights, those football games, soccer games that they miss because they are serving their community, he thinks they deserve a round of applause! He said so what we are doing here and literally thousands of communities across the nation who are reorganizing in government and democracy let's move forward in this new year, hope and fight for peace, make sure that jobs and economic development are on the forefront because having a job is the best social program, and most importantly health to you all!

Director Cappelli thanked the Congressman for all the great work he does at the Nation's Capital.

The Clerk of the Board called roll:

Present: Susan Shin Angulo
William F. Moen, JR.
Jeffrey L. Nash
Carmen Rodriguez
Jonathan L. Young, Sr.
Edward T. McDonnell
Louis Cappelli, Jr.

NOMINATION FOR FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR

Ms. DiPiero stated that this meeting was advertised and posted in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. The Clerk opened the floor for nominations for Freeholder Director for the year 2016.

Freeholder Jeffrey Nash thanked Madam Clerk, and said it is my honor to re-nominate Lou Cappelli to serve as the Freeholder Director. He said if you want to define what great leadership entails it is finding a person who knows how to listen and who can bring people together for a common good, but also has a conviction and fight for doing what is right and that truly defines our Director Lou Cappelli, and for those reasons I nominate him to serve once again as our Freeholder Director.

The Clerk said we have a motion and a second naming Louis Cappelli Jr. as Freeholder Director for the year 2016. I will now call the roll:

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| Angulo | -- | Aye to Louis Cappelli, Jr. as Director |
| Moen | -- | Aye to Louis Cappelli, Jr. as Director |
| Nash | -- | Aye to Louis Cappelli, Jr. as Director |
| Rodriguez | -- | Aye to Louis Cappelli, Jr. as Director |
| Young | -- | Aye to Louis Cappelli, Jr. as Director |
| McDonnell | -- | Aye to Louis Cappelli, Jr. as Director |
| Cappelli | -- | Aye to Louis Cappelli, Jr. as Director |

The Clerk congratulated Director Cappelli and called Senator James Beach to administer the oath Freeholder Director Cappelli.

OATH OF OFFICE
TO FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR

Senator James Beach administered the oath of office for Freeholder Director to Louis Cappelli Jr.

NOMINATION FOR FREEHOLDER DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Freeholder Director asked for nominations for Deputy Freeholder Director for the year 2016.

Freeholder Carmen Rodriguez said, it is her pleasure to nominate, for Deputy Director of the Camden County Board of Freeholders, an individual who has proven his record as a friend to the constituents of Camden County Dr. Edward T. McDonnell. She said he has been a wise and effective leader during difficult fiscal times, demonstrating his understanding of the importance of balance between fiscal restraints, and the provision of quality services required to make Camden County better and more importantly how to ensure that this balance is maintained at all times, it is for this reason that I nominate at this time, Dr. Edward T. McDonnell to serve as our Deputy Director for the calendar year of 2016.

Freeholder Director Cappelli called for a second.

Freeholder Jonathan Young said I second the nomination.

Freeholder Director Louis Cappelli, Jr. asked the Clerk to call the roll. On roll call, the Freeholders voted as follows:

Angulo -- Aye to Edward T. McDonnell, as Deputy
Director
Moen -- Aye to Edward T. McDonnell, as Deputy
Director
Nash -- Aye to Edward T. McDonnell, as Deputy
Director
Rodriguez -- Aye to Edward T. McDonnell, as Deputy
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Young -- Aye to Edward T. McDonnell, as Deputy
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McDonnell -- Aye to Edward T. McDonnell, as Deputy
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Cappelli -- Aye to Edward T. McDonnell, as Deputy
Director

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED
TO DEPUTY FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR

Assemblyman Louis Greenwald administered the oath of office for Deputy Freeholder Director to Edward T. McDonnell. Anna Marie Wright held the Bible.

Deputy Director said he just noticed someone they forgot to recognize earlier a former Freeholder Director and a great prosecutor Vince Sarubbi, he thanked him for being there. He said he would also like to mention that his family intended to be here but Monday is buy one get one free night for diet coke at the Brooklawn Shoprite otherwise, they would have been here!

Freeholder Cappelli then opened the meeting to the public for discussion of the listed resolutions to be acted upon, after discussion we will ask 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.

The Director then proceeded with the agenda. The Director said we have a bond ordinance, as follows:

FIRST READING- BOND ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$37,327,500 FOR THE REPAIR AND/OR PLACEMENT OF CERTAIN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A.40:14-B-40.2 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$34,461,125 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY FOR FINANCING PART OF SUCH APPROPRIATION. (PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016, AT THE HARRY WILLIAMS BUILDING,

BROADWAY & BLACK HORSE PIKE, RUNNEMEDE, NEW JERSEY 08078 AT 7:00 P.M.)

ADOPTION OF BOND ORDINANCE

Freeholder Director Cappelli asked for a motion to adopt the first reading Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion to adopt with a second by Freeholder Young and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS 1 THROUGH 56

Freeholder Director Cappelli said the Freeholders reviewed all of the typical beginning of the year Resolutions and pending no objections from them, I will call for one vote for Resolutions 1 through 56. Freeholder Rodriguez made a motion to adopt with a second by Freeholder Nash and on roll call, all the Freeholders voted aye.

Freeholder Cappelli said once again the meeting is open to the public. Seeing no one wishing to speak, 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.

The Director closed the public portion and called upon the Freeholders for their comments.

Freeholder Nash, thanked the Director and for everyone there for sharing in the ceremony for the 172nd Reorganization ceremony and it's hard to believe I have only been a Freeholder for half of those! He said in particular he wanted to express his appreciation and would like to thank his mom for being there from Florida and his wife Krista who is here. He said truly everything he is today and every success he has achieved, is because of those two women and he is so grateful that they are sharing this moment with him here! He said Krista thank you, you define my happiness, and I love you, it is my wife, my mom, my children Adam, Sam and Nicholas who are truly the loves of my life! He said he wanted to thank Mayor Mayer for opening the ceremony, and allowing us to use your Township for this purpose, and also to the Camden County College and everyone here, special thanks for one of my amigos Senator Beach for swearing me in once again. He said this is my ninth term and thank you Deputy Director for recognizing that the third of the three amigos Vince Sarubbi is here because, it was in 1991 that the three of us first ran for Freeholder, which seemed like a lifetime ago,

and I guess it was because it was 24 years ago! He said special thanks to Donald Norcross who is not only a friend and a former Chairman of the Camden County Democratic committee, but he is so proud that he is our Congressman, he said he is doing an outstanding job! He said also a person who is not here but a dear friend George Norcross who is not only a friend, but the former Chairman of the party and was a chairman when the three amigos were selected. He said George told him a rule 24 years ago that he has lived by, which is that the best politics is good government, he said he thinks that they abide by that rule and he thanked him for all he has done for him, and in that line the Camden County Democratic Committee who works so hard, truly the best political organization in the state of New Jersey, that is responsible for so much of the successful politics. He said special thanks to the County Administration Ross Angilella and team including Joanne and Anna who have worked with him in the Freeholder office for many years. He said the Director of the Parks Department who does such an amazing job Frank Moran, who is here and who also serves as the President of the Camden City Council and Jack Sworaski, who heads our Environmental Affairs those are the people that I work with in Administration. He said last but not least my colleagues on this Freeholder Board, especially the newest members of the Board Jon Young, who just won his first election, although he has served for the past year, Susan Shin Angulo a longtime friend a Cherry Hill Councilwoman who has now jumped to the Freeholder Board. He said and of course Bill Moen who is the newest member of our Board, as well and he is so honored to be part of a County Government that does what he considers the right thing, he said it is about doing the right thing for public safety especially in the City of Camden. He said there are so many of our Camden County Police Officers who are here today, he said ladies and gentlemen and Chief, you do an outstanding job and have made a difference for our residents of the City of Camden to make their lives better along with changes to education and also economic development. He said there is now the possibility for opportunity for the residents for that great city and we thank the men and women who serve in uniform in the City of Camden. He said it's a County that recognizes our Veterans, not as a whole or generically but individually recognizes people who have served in WWII, in Korea in the Gulf, he said we go individually to those Veterans and we say thank you by presenting them with a medal and we know Lieutenant Colonel Bancroft is here who heads up that program as well as Reverend Floyd White, who is the Reverend who heads up our Veteran Affairs Group. He said this is a County that dedicates a significant amount of money to social services because we never forget those who are most in need, he said we

also protect our animals by introducing Norman's law which is protecting the animals both here and abroad. He said and also a County organization that will publically condemn the words of bigotry by some national politicians who make outrageous statements against any religion, he said it is just unacceptable. He said he is proud to be on a Board that does all of those things because it is representing good government, he thanked everyone for sharing that and for sharing this day with us.

Freeholder Young, he said he would like to thank everybody for coming out and supporting. He would like to thank his wife and kids and his brother who is here from Delaware, and his princess his little niece who is here. He said they are very supportive of the things he has done, he said his brother and him have been best friends, and he would like to thank him for everything that he has done. He would like to thank Donald Norcross for swearing him in tonight and taking his time to do that. He said he is a very busy man right now. He said he would like to thank his Councilman Chris Morris for coming out and supporting him. He said he would like to thank the first DCA he had Dominic Vesper for taking his hand and showing him how this County actually works and showing him the ropes, he said Dominic you do a fantastic job and I appreciate everything that you do. He said he would like to thank Joanne, his aide who also guided him through his first year and really making it a good transition for him to get into good government. He said Jeff has said it all, we really do very good things on this Board, and it feels good to be amongst people who care about the residents of Camden County. He said what you see here these seven members of this Freeholder Board are not politicians, there are actually residents who care about the residents of Camden County, and he thinks this is why good government comes out of this Board here because they get it and it's not about them it's about the residents! He thanked them for that and for all the support the residents have given them.

Deputy Director Cappelli said he would also like to acknowledge our County Clerk Joe Ripa!

Freeholder Angulo, said thank you and good evening. She said she is almost speechless to see so many people there tonight. She thanked them for coming out. She said she would like to thank Senator Jim Beach for swearing her in. She said as an elected official, government leader, and her dear friend you have been a tremendous role model for me, and for that I am sincerely grateful. She said to her supportive family thank you,

to her husband Michael, thank you for all those nights you have to do it alone with the girls, you are my strength and to my daughters Sophie and Chloe you inspire me, and make mommy so proud, I dedicate my public service to you both! She would also like to thank her running mates, Jeff Nash, Jon Young, Bill Moen, Michelle Gentek-Mayer, Whip Wilson, thank you for your comradery, and your dedication to Camden County. She said she would also like to thank the Cherry Hill Mayor Chuck Cahn, and all the Council colleagues here tonight, thank you for your continued support and of course none of this would be possible without the support of the Camden County residents. She said she has been so blessed to meet Veterans, seniors, students, professionals, the hard working men and women of organized neighborhoods from Gloucester Township to Winslow to Runnemede to just name a few, she said I am so blessed to be representing a dynamic diverse and an outstanding community, she said to all of you thank you for your friendship and support. She said it is a tremendous privilege and honor to serve on the Camden County Freeholder Board, thought we are from different backgrounds and callings, she said I am so impressed to the Boards shared passions and commitment to improving Camden County, She said our County has so much to offer, remarkable towns, historical sights, open space, parks and a vibrant tapestry of residents. She said all of those and we have not yet come close to reaching Camden County's vast potential. She said no doubt Camden County has its challenges, but challenges are filled with opportunities. She said government is at it's best when we don't settle for the status quo, but confronts challenges to seize opportunities! She said many of you know my family came to the United States when I was 4 years old, my parents made the difficult decision to leave everything that they knew so that my sister and I can pursue better opportunities, and you know my parents never envisioned that their daughter would someday become the first Asian American Freeholder in New Jersey! She said it was because of the hard work, persistence and steadfast involvement in the community that guided my path, whether it's my family or other new immigrants to this great nation, or long time citizen, we must make the most of the opportunities before us, not just for our own individual successes, but to achieve the collective good for many and this is the spirit in which I serve the public. She said her parents instilled in her this spirit and she in return am instilling it into my daughters. She said I hope to use my life experiences to move our County forward to with no question a very promising tomorrow. She said I am so excited to be part of this Camden County continuing transformation, and she looks forward to working with each and

every one of you. She thanked them for this opportunity and wished everyone a Happy New Year and God Bless America.

Freeholder Moen, thanked Director Cappelli and congratulated him on his reappointment and would also like to thank Congressman Donald Norcross he said if it weren't for him giving an eager college graduate six years ago the opportunity to get involved he doesn't think he would be sitting there today. He said he would like to thank his parents who are here Bill and Donna Moen who helped hold the bible. He said you mean the world to me and obviously I wouldn't be here without them either! He said his brother Josh couldn't make it, but his wife Christina is here with their four month old nephew Mason in the crowd. He said his nephew is four months old, and has been through more than he could ever imagine going through and he learned a lot about perseverance just through seeing him out on the right side and he wants to say I love you Mason! He said there are a few other groups he would like to recognize that came out tonight and thank them, his childhood best friends are here, his colleagues from the Runnemede VFW, Commander Sampolski thank you for coming! He said the young Democrats in the audience, he said I know the State President is here Marshall Spevak. He said last but not least team Booker is here who traveled from the Senators Newark office to be here to support him. He said he would also like to thank and congratulate his running mates Jeff, Jon, Susan, Michelle and Whip he really enjoyed campaigning with this team and getting to better know all of you, he said he looks forward to working with this team in the coming years. He said a big thank you to our campaign manager Mike Porch. He said he would also like to thank the hundreds of volunteers who worked on our behalf, including our friends in organized labor. He said and finally, I would like to thank the voters of Camden County for casting their ballots, and for putting their faith in this team. He said as a son of Camden County whose grandparents and great grandparents had roots in Camden City, and Gloucester City, this is a dream come true for him. He said as the first person in his family to graduate from college he understands the opportunity that this County provided for him to follow the dreams that he had insuring that this County remains that lighthouse of opportunity for all of its residents will be a top priority for him. He said it's all about paying it forward. He said to close it is the honor of his life to begin this journey of public service tonight, and he is grateful to be here with all of you tonight. He said thank you very much and have a Happy New Year!

Freeholder Rodriguez, thanked the Director and said she would like to keep it simple and focus on the individuals of the hour. She would like to congratulate our Freeholder Jeffrey Nash for your humor, your kindness and your wisdom that you have been so consistent in bringing to this Board. She said Freeholder Jonathan Young congratulations also, you bring a lot of energy and a lot of vision in a true voice of the people and that's nice to have here. She said she would like to congratulate our youngest new Freeholder but also point out the fact that he is very highly experienced, so he brings the youthful energy, but he also brings a lot of wisdom with him from various levels of government which include both the state and federal. She would also like to congratulate Susan Shin Angulo who has now made this a truly diversified Board, truly a representative of the people, she said when you look at this Board, you look at Camden County, and you see the representation of the people. She thanked them and congratulated them. She said she would also like to thank our newest Surrogate Michelle Gentek-Mayer, she said unfortunately now when they want to collaborate she will have to go across the street instead of down the hallway. She said our Sheriff one of the things we have are some amazing highly experienced individuals, who are truly representative and truly deserving to have that title, Sheriff Whip Wilson thank you for accepting that challenge, and for being here with us. She said and finally I would like to congratulate our Director Cappelli and our Deputy Director McDonnell who have once again chosen to take on the leadership responsibility, which they do with so much grace and so much wisdom. She said they are very easy to work with most of the time. She said they always challenge us and bring us that vision, to make sure we put the people first and that Camden County continues to be better together moving forward always. She said she would also like to thank family and friends that are here because without their support for their long hours of work, this work is not doable, she said we really depend on your support constantly and it's a lot of time we spend during the work that we do. She said our Department heads our employee's thank you also, because you do the hard work and heavy lifting so she said she definitely wants to recognize all of the employees of Camden County. She said finally the community members that have time and time again supported us as Freeholders but more importantly held us accountable. He thanked everyone for being there!

Freeholder Deputy Director McDonnell, he said he would like to thank Assemblyman Greenwald for swearing him in, and he said he is always grateful to him, because he is a great state leader. He congratulated Lou on being named Director of the

Board, it's well deserved. He said he would also like to thank two people who don't get nearly as much recognition as they should, and these are the people who really make this County run, and they are spectacular public servants and the result is a spectacular Camden County, and they are our County Administrator Ross Angilella and our County CFO David McPeak. He said he wanted to also congratulate Susan and Bill on their elections, he has gotten to know them both briefly and he knows they will do a good job. He said he wanted to talk about Jon Young for a moment and somebody said he brought a spark to the Board and that's exactly what he did, he said he is smart, he's eager, and he's intelligent and a lot of fun to be around. He said he learned a lot from Jon, just from being around him his attitude towards public service and to other people is contagious, and he has done a great job in his first year, and I know he will continue to do so. He would also like to acknowledge the greatest Freeholder of them all Riletta Cream. He said some of the legislators left but he wanted to acknowledge Gabby thank you for being here and for staying through the whole thing! He would also like to thank our dear friend and greatest friend Veterans, and Camden County ever had Senator Jim Beach. And of course don't let me leave out Whip Wilson, he said Whip has done a great job as a legislator, and we are looking forward to his work in the Sheriff's Office. He said and of course Michelle, he said he was so upset when Michelle decided to accept this new challenge and leave this Freeholder Board, because she is such a dear friend and such a wonderful person, she is up to her elbows with stuff she has done for the County from Sustainability, and just through her caring loving presence, there is no one I met who has met Michelle who doesn't love her, and that goes for all seven of us. He thanked all the great employees of Camden County who do all the hard work every day, and I wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

Director Cappelli, said he would like to conclude first by thanking my mom for being here tonight and holding the Bible. He said this has been a tough year for his family, but this was a place my father cherished, this College and being sworn in here today with my mom is very special. He would also like to thank Senator Beach, who does a great job not only as a Senator, but as our County chair for swearing me in tonight. He would also like to thank his colleagues for giving him the honor and privilege to serve as the Director of the Freeholders, he said I thank each of you for your continued hard work and dedication to improving the quality of life for the residents of Camden County. He said on behalf of the entire Board of Freeholders, I

would also like to thank our departing members, Ian Leonard and Michelle Gentek-Mayer for all their outstanding work on behalf of the residents of Camden County will be missed. He said he would like to congratulate Jeff on his 59th reelection to this Board, he said Jeff is always the voice of reason and the steadiness that we need on this Board, he said it's certainly a privilege to serve with him on this Board. He said Jonathan Young as Ed mentioned, when he hit his Board he hit the ground running, he said he has done a tremendous job and he looks forward to serving over the next three years with him and of course. He said Sue and Bill lots of young energy, new ideas and new thoughts, he thanked both of them for running, congratulations and welcome to our team. He said as we reflect on the year 2015, I am thoroughly impressed with the accomplishments that were achieved thanks to the leadership of this Board and the hard work of the employees of Camden County. It is clear that it was a good year for Camden County, and that 2016 will be an even better year. He said I would like to take this opportunity to mention some of the highlights of 2015. He said under the leadership of Deputy Director Ed McDonnell, we continue to expand the activities and programs for individuals with disabilities, the Miracle League Baseball Program started in 2014 with 25 athletes and now that number of players has nearly tripled in 2015, to over 75 participants. He said the I Can Bike Clinic to teach people with disabilities who never have ridden a bicycle, how to ride a special adaptive bicycle with the probability of being able to ride a bike on their own two wheels, by the end of this year we had over 70 participants in that program. He said these are just two examples of the important work and programs provided by Camden County under Deputy McDonnell's leadership. He said we also sponsored a Hiring Our Heroes job fair, a free hiring fair for Veterans. He said we also resumed our Veterans video series, the voices of Camden County's Veterans, that features the history and experiences of our local Veterans during their time of service to our Country. He said under leadership of Freeholder Jeff Nash, and his dog Norman, Camden County adopted Normans Law, which prohibits the sale of pets from puppy mills, he said Normans Law has become a model for other Counties in the State, other municipalities and throughout the Nation, he said truly Jeff was a leader on this issue. He said he also led our Counties effort to expand the second season of the Winterfest at Cooper River Park, allowing thousands of families to enjoy ice-skating, and festivities at a very reasonable price. He said under the leadership of Freeholder Carmen Rodriguez we had a dedication and ribbon cutting at the new Carol C. Norcross Senior Social Wellness Center at Lakeland. He said this center

provides citizens and activities including door to door transportation, lunch, nutrition programs, ceramics, woodworking, educational and community service programs for seniors. He said thanks to the direction of Freeholder Rodriguez the level and quality of service that Camden County provides to senior citizens has never been higher. He said Freeholder Jon Young was appointed this past year and as I mentioned has hit the ground running, he said as a member of the Board of Freeholders he worked closely with Freeholder Rodriguez to develop the Carol C. Norcross Senior Center, and had an immediate impact in improving the system by which we connect unemployed workers with job training and potential employers. He said thanks to the leadership of Freeholder Gentek-Mayer, 2015 was the year in which we started a tool library at the Camden County Environmental Park that serves as a hub for community gardening and environmental education. He said at the tool library you can borrow a tool for a short term basis, rather than buying one. He said she also expanded the office of Sustainability and expanded the programs exponentially, he said we now grow a significant portion of the plants found in Camden County Park at the Hydroponic Greenhouse purchased at the direction of Freeholder Gentek-Mayer. He said the Greenhouse will also be used to grow vegetables year round and to assist for homeless Veterans. He said in 2015 Freeholder Leonard was named the Library Champion, reflecting his commitment to the Camden County Library System and his accomplishments as liaison to the Camden County Library System. He said in addition to his leadership the Gloucester Township and Pennsauken campuses of the Camden County Technical Schools were selected as national schools of character in 2015. He said he was happy to work closely with Freeholder Rodriguez and the Camden County Opiate Addiction Task Force in continuing to increase awareness, advocate for greater access to treatment and to reduce the availability of these drugs and most significantly in 2015 the Task Force launched Operation Save-A-Life (SAL). The goal of this program is to initiate a "warm hand off" to persons receiving a Narcan treatment to outpatient detox, followed by intensive outpatient treatment at Delaware Valley Medical in Pennsauken. He said there are members of the Task Force here tonight that he would like to recognize, he said he would like them to stand, Gloucester Township Chief Earl and Pine Hill Chief Winters, Patty Direnzo , Ann Volk, Mishael Azam, Betty Anne Cowling-Carson, Dominic Vesper, Anne Biondi, John Pellicane. He said this year we trained over 1000 individuals to give Narcan treatment and over 500 lives were saved this year from the administration of Narcan. He said we had a summit at Highland Highschool in December a speaker and former NBA player

who told of his woes of addiction, and his road to recovery there were 1000 people in attendance, which only confirms that this Freeholder Board is addressing a problem that is in need of being addressed and we will not stop this fight his year. He said we also want to recognize the Camden County Metro Police Force, earlier this year President Obama came to Camden City to recognize our police force as a model for the rest of the Nation to follow, so Chief Thomson and members of the force thank you for your hard work day in and day out! He said he also wanted to take the opportunity to thank the employees of Camden County, not only for their hard work day in and day out on behalf of our residents but also for what they give back to the community. He said for example our employees cooked meals at the Ronald McDonald house, they adopted needy families for the holidays, planted flags at our Veterans cemetery for Memorial Day and coordinated a Thanksgiving Food Drive that fed 1600 people with 5 tons of food, in addition to the generosity of our employees the United Way received donations of more than 100 thousand dollars this past year. He said the accomplishments that I have outlined together with others in the past serve as a foundation on which we can continue to build. He said he is certain that Camden County is on the cusp of an economic boom, he said the magnitude of which this region has not seen in decades, thanks to the economic opportunity act of 2013, other economic development initiatives, partnerships between the public and private sector significantly improve public safety in Camden City. He said Camden County will be the beneficiary of billions of dollars of private investment together with the creation and retention of thousands of jobs from Camden to Winslow from Pennsauken to Gloucester Township. He said we are on the threshold of the relocation and expansion of dozens of companies resulting in the creation of both temporary and permanent jobs that will have a substantial, positive impact on the economic well-being of our residents and existing businesses. He said in addition to the beginning of a sustained period of economic growth 2016 will be the year in which we expand the amount of open space and trail systems in Camden County. He said we will continue to find new ways to serve our disabled residents, Veterans and Seniors, he said we will reduce the number of homeless people in Camden County through the Housing First Initiative that will combine common sense and progressive policy to create a stable environment for individuals who desperately need help, and our sustainability efforts will continue to grow as will our efforts to improve our infrastructure.

The Director said he is happy to report that the state of Camden County is good and that our future holds tremendous promise.

The Director said on behalf of the Camden County Board of Freeholders I would like to thank you for coming tonight, and wish you all, and your families a happy healthy and prosperous 2016!

There being no further business, the Director asked for a motion to adjourn. Freeholder Nash made a motion to adjourn with a second by Freeholder Young at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne M. DiPiero
Clerk of the Board