

**171<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL REORGANIZATION BUSINESS MEETING  
CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
JANUARY 5, 2015 - 5:00 P.M.  
CAMDEN COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
16<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR FREEHOLDER CONFERENCE ROOM  
520 MARKET STREET, CAMDEN, 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 then called the roll.

PRESENT: GENTEK, LEONARD, NASH, RODRIGUEZ, MCDONNELL,  
CAPPELLI

The Clerk stated that this meeting was advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Ms. DiPiero then asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. DiPiero welcomed everyone to the 171<sup>st</sup> Annual Reorganization Business Meeting of the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Ms. DiPiero said the first order of business is to swear-in our newly elected Freeholder. She said it is my honor and privilege to call upon Former Governor James J. Florio to come forward to administer the Oath of Office to Louis Cappelli for the office of Freeholder.

**OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED  
TO LOUIS CAPPELLI**

Former Governor Florio and Freeholder Cappelli came forward. Freeholder Cappelli's parents held the Bible. Mr. Florio then administered the oath of office for Freeholder to Louis Cappelli.

**OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED  
TO JOSEPH RIPA**

Ms. DiPiero called upon Former Governor James J. Florio to Come forward to administer the oath of office to Joseph Ripa for the office of Camden County Clerk. Mrs. Cappelli held the Bible. Former Governor Florio administered the oath of office for Camden County Clerk to Mr. Ripa.

**NOMINATION FOR FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR**

Ms. DiPiero said at this time I would like to open the floor for nominations for the office of Freeholder Director for the year 2015.

Freeholder Jeffrey Nash welcomed everyone and said it is my honor to nominate Louis Cappelli, Jr. to be our Freeholder Director. Freeholder Nash said this is my 24<sup>th</sup> year as a Freeholder. He said if you had told me back in 1992 that our County Chief of Police would be interviewed by Anderson Cooper on National television, I wouldn't have believed you. It is about reduction in crime in Camden, it is about re-establishing Camden County College - Number 1 Community College in the State, and it is about the County Park System being the finest in the State. There has been only one person through this metamorphosis serving as Freeholder Director for the past 10

years and that is Lou Cappelli. It is my honor to nominate Louis Cappelli, Jr. once again as Freeholder Director for 2015.

Freeholder Michelle Gentek said I am the newest member of the Board and when I came on, Lou was there for me. She said any questions I had he was there for me. I am happy to say that through the years not only has he been a great Freeholder Director but a good friend as well and for that I thank him. I am proud to second the nomination for Louis Cappelli, Jr. as Freeholder Director for 2015.

The Clerk said we have a motion and a second. I will now call the roll:

Gentek	--	Aye to Louis Cappelli, Jr. as Director
Leonard	--	Aye to Louis Cappelli, Jr. as Director
Nash	--	Aye to Louis Cappelli, Jr. as Director
Rodriguez	--	Aye to Louis Cappelli, Jr. as Director
McDonnell	--	Aye to Louis Cappelli, Jr. as Director
Cappelli	--	Aye to Louis Cappelli, Jr. as Director

**OATH OF OFFICE**  
**ADMINISTERED TO FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR**

Former Governor James J. Florio administered the oath of office for Freeholder Director to Louis Cappelli, Jr. Freeholder Cappelli's father and mother held the Bible.

Freeholder Cappelli thanked his colleagues for their confidence. He said we had a great 2014 and I am looking forward to 2015 being greater.

**NOMINATION FOR DEPUTY FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR**

Freeholder Director Cappelli then asked for nominations from the floor for the office of Deputy Freeholder Director for the year 2015.

Freeholder Carmen Rodriguez said it is an honor for me today to be able to nominate as Deputy Director, a Freeholder who has demonstrated tremendous vision and leadership, someone who has championed the cause of fiscal responsibility with a caring and compassionate concern for the individuals and someone whose consistent focus has challenged all of us to work harder and smarter for the people we serve. She said he has helped us manage one of the worst recessions. Freeholder Rodriguez said, therefore, I nominate Dr. Edward T. McDonnell as Camden County Freeholder Deputy Director for the year 2015.

Freeholder Ian Leonard said I second the nomination of Freeholder Edward T. McDonnell for the office of Freeholder Deputy Director.

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

Gentek	--Aye to Edward T. McDonnell as Deputy Director
Leonard	--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 Director
McDonnell	--Aye to Edward T. McDonnell as Deputy Director
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.

Director Cappelli said before continuing on with the meeting, I would like to acknowledge our elected officials who are here today. He welcomed Mayor Dana Redd, Assemblywoman Gabriella Mosquera, Sheriff Charles Billingham, State Senator Nilsa Cruz Perez, Assemblyman Fuentes, Surrogate Patricia Jones, Camden City Council President Frank Moran, Assemblyman Gilbert "Whip" Wilson, and County Clerk Joseph Ripa.

Director Cappelli thanked Governor Florio for honoring us today. He said this is a person who has inspired a lot of people to become involved in their community. He was there to fight on behalf of the environment and was the first elected official on gun control lobbying. He thanked the Former Governor for administering the oath of office to him.

Governor Florio said it is very reminiscent to be here in this room today. He said there are a lot of people I know and a lot of new people. He said just being in the City is nostalgic. He said to Mayor Redd, we turned a corner in the City - it is coming back and there is a rebirth in Camden County. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Director Cappelli then opened the meeting to the public for discussion of the resolutions only. He said after review of Resolutions 1 through 56 by each Freeholder, the resolutions are being presented by the consent of the entire Freeholder Board. Seeing no one 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 Leonard and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

The Director then proceeded with the agenda. The Director said with the unanimous consent of the Freeholders, they would be voting on Resolutions 1 through 56.

**MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS 1 THROUGH 56**

Director Cappelli asked for a motion to adopt Resolutions 1 through 56. Deputy Freeholder Director McDonnell made a motion to adopt with a second by Freeholder Rodriguez and on roll call, all Freeholders voted aye.

1. Resolution adopting rules for the Year 2015.
2. Resolution establishing Committees, Committee Appointments, Committee Departmental Assignments, Departmental Organization, and Freeholder Responsibilities and Assignments.
3. Resolution adopting the 2015 Temporary Budget.
4. Resolution indemnifying Camden County Officials/Employees.
5. Resolution establishing Petty Cash.

6. Resolution establishing a Change Fund.
7. Resolution establishing Pay Dates.
8. Resolution authorizing Bill Payment Procedures.
9. Resolution authorizing advance to the Prosecutor.
10. Resolution authorizing advance to the Prosecutor for Special Investigations.
11. Resolution authorizing advance to the Sheriff for extradition of prisoners.
12. Resolution authorizing advance to the Camden County Police Department.
13. Resolution establishing a Cash Management Plan.
14. Resolution designating signatories on all County Bank Accounts and all Office of Community Development Bank Accounts for the Year 2015.
15. Resolution authorizing Custodians for County of Camden Department of Corrections Bank Accounts.
16. Resolution designating Banks.
17. Resolution delegating authority to execute certifications of available funds on behalf of the County of Camden.
18. Resolution designating Official Newspapers.
19. Resolution authorizing payment of utility and government provided service bills.
20. Resolution delegating authority to execute contracts and purchase orders below bid limit.
21. Resolution authorizing execution of contracts or other official documents on behalf of the County of Camden.
22. Resolution authorizing the continuance of a non-interest bearing checking account and naming signatories to such account for the purpose of holding and maintaining monies found in the possession of juveniles admitted to the Camden County Youth Detention Center.
23. Resolution authorizing and affirming continued participation by the County of Camden in the New Jersey Asset and Rebate Management Trust and authorizing the Treasurer to invest certain funds therein.
24. Resolution authorizing three (3) Camden County Officials to approve and authorize budget modifications for Human/Social Services Contract Programs.

25. Resolution authorizing the Warden to declare a State-of-Emergency at the Camden County Correctional Facility as circumstances warrant.
26. Resolution authorizing certain uses of Camden County property for charitable purposes or displays.
27. Resolution authorizing consent for placement of temporary signage or banners over certain County Roads/Highways and/or the temporary closure or limited access to certain County Roads/Highways.
28. Resolution authorizing Shared Services Agreements with various Municipalities for shared services, as needed, in the form of traffic painting, general highway maintenance matters, and other routine municipal uses at the cost of labor and materials and other relevant costs.
29. Resolution approving Camden County Department of Public Works Procedures for Federal Aid Highway Projects as required to obtain Certification and Eligibility for Future Federal Funding.
30. Resolution approving Camden County Planning Board Land Development Review Fees.
31. Resolution confirming existing fee schedules, permit regulations, application regulations and other rules/regulations promulgated by various Camden County Departments.
32. Resolution authorizing the adoption of revised Camden County Department of Parks and Department of Events and Community Outreach fee schedules, permits, permit applications and permit rules.
33. Resolution authorizing the Camden County Library Commission, Camden County Mosquito Extermination Commission and the Camden County Board of Social Services to utilize the County's Finance System in 2015.
34. Resolution designating the Camden County Improvement Authority as the County's authorized agency to perform economic development functions for the County of Camden and authorizing agreement consistent therewith.
35. Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden and the Camden County Improvement Authority for the administration of the CDBG, HOME Investment Partnership Program and Emergency Shelter Grant Programs.
36. Resolution authorizing the Camden County Policy & Procedure Manual for 2015.
37. Resolution establishing Settlement Policy.
38. Resolution establishing Request For Proposals Policy.

39. Resolution authorizing Competitive Contracting for all activities funded under the Area Plan Contract for Area Agencies on Aging and Competitive Contracting for Personal Assistance Services for the Chronically and Physically Disabled Adult Population, pursuant to the Personal Assistance Service Program administered by the Camden County Division of Senior and Disabled Services.
40. Resolution authorizing Competitive Contracting for all activities funded under the "To Work" Programs consisting of Workforce Investment Act, Temporary Assistance to needy Families Employability, Welfare-To-Work and any other funding streams for similar services administered by the Camden County One Stop.
41. Resolution confirming the acceptance of all plans and designs of completed projects for various Camden County improvements.
42. Resolution authorizing payment of transcript costs for depositions ordered by opposing counsel and for other transcript services produced by vendors not under contract with the County of Camden.
43. Resolution adopting Camden County emergency purchasing policies and procedures.
44. Resolution authorizing the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders use of investigatory powers for the purpose of issuing subpoenas pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:20-83 in connection with 911 functions.
45. Resolution appointing Certifying Agent for Camden County's Employee's Pension Funds.
46. Resolution appointing Camden County Public Agency Compliance Officer.
47. Resolution appointing Freeholder Members of the Board of School Estimates of the Camden County College.
48. Resolution appointing Freeholder Members of the Board of School Estimates of the Camden County Technical Schools.
49. Resolution appointing Freeholder members to the Camden County Board of Social Services.
50. Resolution appointing Freeholder members and Alternate members to the Camden County Planning Board
51. Resolution appointing Freeholder Representative to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission.
52. Resolution appointing Freeholder Director or designee to the Financial Disclosure Review Committee.
53. Resolution appointing Freeholder member to the Mental Health Board.

54. Resolution appointing Freeholder member and Alternate member to the Mosquito Extermination Commission.
55. Resolution appointing Freeholder Director or designee and Alternate member to the New Jersey Association of Counties.
56. Resolution appointing Freeholder member to the South Jersey Resource Conservation and Development Council.

The Director then opened the meeting to the public for discussion on any County issues. Seeing no one wishing to speak, Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion to close the public portion with a second by Freeholder Leonard and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

The Director then called upon the Freeholders for their comments.

**Freeholder Nash** said this is one of many Reorganization Meetings for me. It has been an exhilarating year and I firmly believe this County Government is continuing to be better and a catalyst for the future. He said I am looking forward to being a part of it.

**Freeholder Gentek** said I was new and I wasn't sure about doing things. You have allowed me to express my passion of sustainability in life and given me a group to work with to bring sustainability tools to each municipality in Camden County.

**Freeholder Rodriguez** congratulated the Director, County Clerk and Deputy Director on continuing to serve us well as they have done in the past. She said I have been here for ten years but one thing it always feels new. There is always something new to learn. As you go on there are so many changes. She said always you feel there is more and with such a fine group of people that you have around this table, are so driven to do as much as possible in the community. Freeholder Rodriguez said, Director, what you have done in phasing in the new County Police Department. I praise you - very few people could do it. She said to all the Freeholders here, we work together well for the good of the people. She said I always thank the Deputy Director who keeps us focused on being fiscally responsible.

**Freeholder Leonard** congratulated the Director and County Clerk Joe Ripa for all of their hard work. Freeholder Leonard thanked the Deputy Freeholder Director on the work he does day in and day out with the Budget. He said Ed monitors spending of money as if it were his own keeping in mind it is not our money but the taxpayers'. Thank you, Ed, for being my friend for all these years. He said to Freeholder Carmen Freeholder, we work well as a team; whether it is with Freeholder Director Lou Cappelli who works on the Police Department with the Mayor; Deputy Director McDonnell who works with the budget and finances; or Freeholder Gentek who is great with green energy; or Freeholder Nash who works with the Park System and Freeholder Rodriguez is working with women and children, people recognize your leadership. He said I am proud to be a part of this Board.

**Deputy Director McDonnell** thanked everyone for their vote

of support. He congratulated Joe Ripa on his re-election as well as Lou Cappelli on his re-election as Freeholder. The Deputy Freeholder Director thanked Governor Florio for being here. He said your presence elevated the entire proceeding. He said I would like to thank my good friend, Louis Greenwald, for everything and for always being there for me. He thanked his staff and everyone for being here and for all they do every day. He said, thank you, Lou, for all your support. He said we are moving ahead. He thanked all his colleagues on the Board and said it is a pleasure working with all of you.

**Director Cappelli** congratulated County Clerk Joe Ripa and Freeholder Ed McDonnell as Deputy Director. He thanked his Mom and Dad. He said they are always there and have always been supportive. Director Cappelli said my Dad just turned 80 years old but most importantly he received an honor from the New Jersey Wine Makers Association.

The Director then thanked all the Legislators for their support and help, starting with Assemblyman Louis Greenwald, Assemblyman Gilbert "Whip" Wilson and Assemblyman Angel Fuentes. He said we benefit from having good friends in the legislature. Thank you for supporting us. To Mayor Redd, he thanked her for her partnership with the Board. To his colleagues, he thanked them for working as a team and for their camaraderie.

Director Cappelli said we have accomplished a lot over the past year - starting with Deputy Director McDonnell, who actively advocates for services to the disabled, Veterans and Senior Citizens. He is doing a tremendous job and the things he is doing which is an important part of what the Board is doing. Thank you, Ed, for your help. To Freeholder Nash, thank you for your vision of Cooper River with the new Restaurant, bathrooms; the Pyne Point Park, Gateway Park purchase and improvements; and Maria Greenwald Park. Also, he commended Freeholder Nash on bringing back an Ice Skating Rink to Cooper River Park. He said the tradition continues. To Freeholder Rodriguez, he thanked her for helping to establish an Addiction Awareness Task Force to make people aware of this problem and connect people with service providers. To Freeholder Leonard, he thanked him for the major improvements to the bridges and finished all major dam repairs in 2014. He said thanks to Freeholder Leonard, Camden County College formalized an agreement with Rutgers University that will allow Camden County College graduates to automatically be accepted at Rutgers University. The Director said under Freeholder Gentek, we have helped 36 municipalities register for the Sustainable Jersey Programs. He said under Public Safety, there were fewer homicides - down by 46 percent. Children and parents feel they are safe and the children can play in the Parks. He said we welcomed Winslow and Pennsauken into the 911 System. He thanked County Administrator Ross Angilella, the Deputy County Administrators and Chief Financial Officer David McPeak. He said the County's Bond Rating is the highest in the County's history. He said that 10,000 jobs were created over five years which brings in more residents and increases the tax rate. He said our Library System launched a literacy program in the City of Camden that has received a great response from residents. The County One Stop is finding jobs for new people coming here. The Director said we are also continuing to help small businesses by our "Shop Locally" Program. He said we are working on the purchase of Woodcrest as part of our Open Space Program enhancing the quality of life in Camden County.

The Director said in 2015, under Freeholder Leonard, we are starting an aggressive Road Plan to start construction on

various bridges that are in much needed repair. Under Freeholder Gentek in 2015, we will decrease the amount of electricity by purchasing and/or generating 50% of electricity used from renewable energy sources. He said we were asked to represent Camden County on the Board for Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station. Under Freeholder Rodriguez, he said the Task Force has developed a tool kit providing awareness materials for school and local groups throughout the County. He said efforts are underway to have Narcan available for law enforcement under the Save a Life (SAL) Program. Under this Program, he said we will be able to save lives and give hope for recovery.

The Director said we are pleased to report that the state of Camden County is good and will be getting better in 2015.

Director Cappelli said on behalf of the entire Board, we wish you and your families a happy, healthy New Year.

There being no further business, the Director asked for a motion to adjourn. Freeholder Leonard made a motion to adjourn with a second by Deputy Director McDonnell at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne M. DiPiero  
Clerk of the Board