

**SPECIAL MEETING
INTRODUCTION OF 2014 CAMDEN COUNTY BUDGET
CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
MARCH 18, 2014 - 5:45 P.M.
FREEHOLDERS CONFERENCE ROOM - 16TH FLOOR
COURTHOUSE - CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY**

The meeting was called to order by Director Cappelli at 5:45 p.m.

PRESENT: LEONARD, MCCRAY, NASH RODRIGUEZ, MCDONNELL,
CAPPELLI
GENTEK (BY TELEPHONE)

The Director stated that this meeting was advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. The Director then asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Warden David Owens.

The Director welcomed everyone.

The Director then proceeded with the Agenda.

- f. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2014 TEMPORARY BUDGET
- g. RESOLUTION TO EXCEED THE COUNTY BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014
- h. INTRODUCTION OF THE 2014 CAMDEN COUNTY BUDGET
(PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTION TO BE HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2014, 7:00 P.M. AT THE COLLINGSWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER, 30 W. COLLINGS AVENUE, COLLINGSWOOD, NJ 08108)

The Director then opened the meeting to the public for discussion of the resolutions only.

County Administrator Ross Angilella said by now everyone has received a Budget package from the Department of Finance. Mr. Angilella said the highlights are the tax levy is going up \$5.7 million; \$3.6 million under two percent cap. He said rateables are down \$300 million; total land \$37.2 billion- \$6.1 Billion drop since recession. He said municipal tax revenues are down. The tax rate is \$.79 - total Budget is \$342,935,690.50.

Mr. Angilella noted that the County received a AA Rating (highest rating) from Standard and Poors.

Mr. Angilella said if you own a house assessed at \$100,000.00 your increase will be \$1.67 a month or \$20.00 for the year. He said the County is continuing to provide services for Veterans, Senior and Children Services, equipment to Public Works, Parks beautification, Special Events, a high-tech 9-1-1 System, maintaining the College and Tech Schools.

Director Cappelli commended Ross Angilella, Deputy Director Ed McDonnell, and CFO David McPeak on a tremendous job with the budget while still continuing services to the residents.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak, the Director asked for a motion to close the public portion. Freeholder Leonard made a motion to close the public portion with a second by Deputy-Director McDonnell and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS f, g & h

Director Cappelli asked for a Motion to adopt Resolutions f, g, and h. Freeholder Leonard made a motion to adopt Resolutions f, g, and h with a second by Deputy Director McDonnell and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

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.

There being no further business, the Director asked for a motion to adjourn. Freeholder Leonard made a motion to adjourn with a second by Freeholder Nash at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne M. DiPiero
Clerk of the Board