

April 17, 2019

At 12:00 P.M., a quorum being present, Mr. McKernan called the annual reorganization meeting to order, and announced that in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the Courier Post Newspaper and the Philadelphia Inquirer were notified of the Board Meeting; notice of the agenda was posted in a prominent location at 600 Market Street and the County Clerk was notified.

Reorganization – Board Members of the Camden County Board of Social Services

Mr. McKernan requested a roll call:

Mr. James H. Rhodes	Present
Ms. Virginia Betteridge	Present
Dr. Leonard Krivy, PhD.	Present
Ms. Gwen DeVera	Present
Ms. Sharrae Morman	Absent
Joseph Ripa, County Clerk	Absent
Freeholder Director Louis Cappelli	Absent
Freeholder Carmen Rodriguez	Absent

Mr. McKernan called for election of officers:

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Secretary/Treasurer
Vice Secretary/Treasurer

Ms. DeVera nominated: James Rhodes, as Chairman, Virginia Betteridge, as Vice Chairperson, Dr. Leonard Krivy, PhD., as Secretary/Treasurer and Ms. Sharrae Morman as Vice Secretary/Treasurer. Ms. DeVera moved to elect the current slate of officers. Ms. Betteridge seconded the motion.

Mr. McKernan asked if there were any other nominations.

Mr. McKernan stated there being no other nominations he would direct that the nominations be closed. There were no objections to the motion.

Mr. McKernan stated that the nominations are:

Chairman – James H. Rhodes
Vice Chairman – Virginia Betteridge
Secretary/Treasurer – Dr. Leonard Krivy, PhD.
Vice Secretary/Treasurer – Sharrae Morman

OPEN SESSION

Mr. McKernan declared that the slate of officers as previously mentioned in the motion is hereby elected for the forthcoming year.

Mr. McKernan turned the meeting over to the Chairman, James H. Rhodes and the Open Session resumed.

Mr. Rhodes requested approval of the following items:

- Minutes of the March Board Meeting.
- The listed expenditures from both Clearing and Administration Accounts.
- The payment of salaries and traveling expenses for April.
- Requisition from the County Treasurer for administration expenses for May.
- To move funds, to be requisitioned from the State and County Treasurers less monies on hand for assistance payments for the month of May.

Mr. Rhodes requested a motion to approve.

Dr. Krivy moved to approve. Ms. Betteridge seconded the motion, and there being no discussion on the motion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously adopted.

OPEN SESSION Public Participation

The regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Social Services was held on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. in the office of the Board at 600 Market Street, Camden, New Jersey, with James H. Rhodes, Chair, presiding. The following members were present:

Ginny Betteridge, Vice Chair; Dr. Leonard Krivy, PhD, Secretary/Treasurer (via teleconference); Gwen DeVera;

Also present were: Christine Hentisz, Director; Martin F. McKernan Jr., Esquire, Board Counsel; Edward Hill, Esquire; Paulette Konopka, Fiscal Officer; Joan Quinton, Confidential Aide to Freeholder Carmen G. Rodriguez; Christine Colbert, Principal Personnel Technician; Donnette (Molly) Brown, Human Resource Manager; Nicole Jefferson, Administrative Clerk; Tameka Hines-Downing, Senior Personnel Technician

Public Attendance: Michelle Acevedo, Legislative Chair, CWA; Audrey Watkins-Kizee, Michael Madden, Darnell Hardee, Allegra Reed, Michaela Jones-Benjamin, Rebecca Harbora, Pamela Coursen

Mr. Rhodes requested a motion to open the meeting for public participation. Ms. Betteridge moved to open the Public Participation portion of the Open Session, which motion was seconded by Ms. DeVera and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Rhodes asked if there were any members of the public wishing to address the Board.

Seeing that there was no one, Mr. Rhodes requested a motion to close the Public Participation portion of the Open Session. Ms. Betteridge moved to close the Public Portion of the Open Session. Ms. DeVera seconded the motion and there being no discussion on the motion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously adopted.

OPEN SESSION

The Open Session of the meeting continued.

UPDATE STATE AND FEDERAL POLICIES Christine Hentisz, Director

Ms. Hentisz stated that all Board members would find a synopsis of informational transmittals, procedural bulletins, general assistance procedural bulletins and Division of Family Development instructions in their packet. If there were any questions on any of the material, Ms. Hentisz stated that she or her staff would be happy to comment on them.

Mr. Rhodes requested a motion to approve the Director’s Update on the State and Federal Policies.

Ms. Betteridge moved to approved. Dr. Krivy seconded the motion and there being no discussion on the motion, a vote was taken and the motion to approve the Update was unanimously adopted.

Resolution 209-2019 – Authorizing An Award of Contract (State Contract M7000/87722), For the Purchase of Thirty (30) POE (Power Over Ethernet) Model Switches from Extreme Networks to Replace Non POE Models Currently Installed Throughout the Building..... Edward Hill, Esquire

The Camden County Board of Social Services is desirous to authorize an award of contract to ConvergeOne for the purchase of thirty (30) POE model switches from extreme networks to replace non POE models currently installed throughout the building under State Contract M7000/87722, at a cost not to exceed One Hundred fifty-two Thousand Four Hundred twenty-seven dollars and sixty-two cents (\$152,427.62).

Mr. Rhodes requested a motion to approve Resolution 209-2019.

Ms. Betteridge moved to adopt. Ms. DeVera seconded the motion and there being no other discussion on the motion a vote was taken and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolution 210-2019 – Authorizing an Award of Contract (State Contract T1316/80803) For the Purchase of Four Hundred and Fifty (450) Desktop phones..... Edward Hill, Esquire

The Camden County Board of Social Services is desirous to authorize an award of contract to ConvergeOne for the purchase of four hundred and fifty (450) desktop phones under State Contract T1316/80803, at a cost not to exceed fifty seven thousand dollars (\$57,000.00)

Mr. Rhodes requested a motion to approve Resolution 210-2019.

Ms. Betteridge moved to adopt. Dr. Krivy seconded the motion and there being no other discussion on the motion a vote was taken and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

OPEN SESSION

Resolution 211-2019 – Resolution Adopting Meeting Schedule and Designating Newspapers to Receive Notices for The Camden County Board of Social Services.....Edward Hill, Esquire

Mr. Hill stated that the Open Public Meetings Act states that the Board is required to adopt its annual meeting schedule and designate newspapers to receive notices for the Board of Social Services Board meetings.

Mr. Rhodes requested a motion to approve Resolution 211-2019.

Ms. Betteridge moved to adopt Resolution 211-2019 as presented. Ms. DeVera seconded the motion and there being no other discussion on the motion a vote was taken and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolution 212-2019 – Authorizing the Camden County Board of Social Services to recognize May 5th- May 11th, 2019 as Public Service Recognition Week in Honor of the Millions of Public Employees At the Federal, State, County and Municipal Levels..... Edward Hill, Esquire

Resolution 212-2019 recognizes public servants at the federal, state, county and municipal levels for the day-to-day diverse services they provide. The CCBSS proclaims May 5th – May 11th, 2019 as Public Service Recognition Week and encourages all citizens to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of government workers at all levels.

Mr. Rhodes requested a motion to approve Resolution 212-2019.

Ms. Betteridge moved to adopt. Dr. Krivy seconded the motion and there being no other discussion on the motion a vote was taken and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

OPEN SESSION

Resolution 213-2019 Authorizing an Award of Contract (State Contract (A40467), For the Upgrade of 28 Copier Machines for the Period of Forty-Eight (48) Months..... Edward Hill, Esquire

The Camden County Board of Social Services (CCBSS) is desirous to authorize an award of contract to RICOH USA, INC for the CCBSS to upgrade Twenty-Eight (28) existing copiers with Ricoh Digital Copying solutions with printing and scanning for a period of Forty-Eight (48) months commencing on or about June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2023 under State Contract #A40467, at a cost of Six Thousand One Hundred and Fifty (\$6,150.00) per month.

Mr. Rhodes requested a motion to adopt Resolution 213-2019.

Ms. Betteridge moved to adopt. Ms. DeVera seconded the motion and there being no other discussion on the motion a vote was taken and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolution 214-2019 – Resolution Authorizing an Award of Contract (AEPA/Middlesex Contract #65MCESCCPS) For the Lease of One (1) Konica Minolta Model Bizhub C759 Color Copier for the Period of Forty-Eight (48) Months..... Edward Hill, Esquire

The Camden County Board of Social Services (CCBSS) is desirous to authorize an award of contract to KONICA MINOLTA for the CCBSS to lease Konica Minolta Model Bizhub C759 Color Copier for a period of Forty-Eight (48) months commencing on or about June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2023 under State Contract AEPA/Middlesex Contract #65MCESCCPS, at a cost of Eight Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars and Ten Cents (\$859.10) per month.

Mr. Rhodes requested a motion to approve Resolution 214-2019.

Dr. Krivy moved to adopt. Ms. DeVera seconded the motion and there being no other discussion on the motion a vote was taken and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolution 215-2019 – Authorizing the Additional Not-to-Exceed Limitations for Martin F. McKernan Jr., Esquire..... Edward Hill, Esquire

On April 18, 2018 the Camden County Board of Social Services, a public corporation of the State of New Jersey, appointed Martin F. McKernan, Jr., Esquire as Solicitor in an amount not-to-exceed \$14,520.00 to advise the members of the Board. The Board is currently engaged in extensive, complex and time consuming labor negotiations, which Martin F. McKernan, Jr., Esquire is representing the interest of the Board. The Camden County Board of Social Services hereby approves an additional not-to-exceed amount of \$5,0000.00 with an hourly rate of \$230.00 for Martin F. McKernan, Jr., Esquire through April 30, 2019.

OPEN SESSION

Mr. Rhodes requested a motion to approve Resolution 215-2019.

Ms. Betteridge moved to adopt. Ms. DeVera seconded the motion and there being no other discussion on the motion a vote was taken and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT..... Christine Hentisz, Director

Ms. Hentisz provided updates to the Board from the Division of Family Development (DFD) and Division of Medical and Health Services (DMHAS). Natasha Johnson, Director of DFD, is looking to shift the perception and bad stigma of county welfare agencies. Ms. Hentisz stated she is in full support of collaborating with the State with this new initiative.

Ms. Hentisz provided an update regarding the slow performance issues with DIMS (Document Imaging Management System). DFD and IBM are working closely to address and resolve the issues. There has been some improvement in the system.

Due to recent state legislation, there have been updates to the housing programs: Immediate Need and Emergency Assistance (EA). The Immediate Need Housing program, which is for individuals who are within the application process for TANF/GA and need housing placement, can only receive Immediate Need Housing assistance once every 12 months. The Emergency Assistance program has expanded the timeframe for certain EA recipients. Disabled, SSI individuals, and the chronically unemployed may now receive EA through February 2024.

Ms. Hentisz stated the Department of Labor has selected a vendor to data stream map processes of work-ready clients. Six counties will soon be asked to provide information in hopes to better streamline the entire process state-wide.

Ms. Hentisz went on to report that The County Welfare Director’s Association Executive Committee, met with the Director of Medicaid, Meghan Davey, last month. This meeting with Ms. Davey will be held quarterly, as it is a major concern for all agencies to streamline their processes of Medicaid cases.

Ms. Hentisz stated the Homelessness and Prisoner Re-entry initiatives are continuing to be beneficial as she meets monthly with the County.

Lastly, Ms. Hentisz wanted to commend and recognize The Employee Committee for their tremendous efforts and ideas to help boost employee morale. The feedback and response from staff with recent events have been great.

Mr. Rhodes requested a motion to approve the Director’s Report.

Ms. Betteridge moved to approve. Ms. DeVera seconded the motion and there being no discussion on the motion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously adopted.

OPEN SESSION

FISCAL REPORT Paulette Konopka, Fiscal Officer

Ms. Konopka stated that each Board member had received copies of Fiscal Reports in their packet for March 2019.

Ms. Konopka stated that if anyone had any questions she would be happy to address them. Mr. Rhodes requested a motion to accept the Fiscal Reports for March 2019 as presented in the packet.

Ms. Betteridge moved to accept. Ms. DeVera seconded the motion and there being no discussion on the motion, a vote was taken and the Report was unanimously accepted.

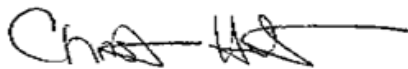
OLD BUSINESS PUBLIC SESSION

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. McKernan stated that it was the consensus of the Board to grant the extension discretionary leave request as presented in Closed Session.

Mr. Rhodes requested a motion to close the Open Session of the meeting and move to the Closed Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters. Dr. Krivy moved to discuss such matters in closed session. Ms. Betteridge seconded the motion, and there being no discussion on the motion a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.



Clerk