

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
CAUCUS MEETING
August 13, 2019 - 6:00 PM
FREEHOLDER CONFERENCE ROOM – 16TH FLOOR
520 MARKET STREET, CAMDEN, NJ 08102**

Freeholder Director Cappelli called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the following Freeholders answered to their name:

PRESENT: SUSAN SHIN ANGULO, MELINDA KANE, JEFFREY NASH,
CARMEN RODRIGUEZ, JONATHAN YOUNG, SR., EDWARD
McDONNELL, LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR.

The Director said this meeting has been properly advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

The Director asked for everyone to stand for a moment of silence and then asked everyone to remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Director Owens.

The Director then proceeded with the Caucus Agenda.

The Director said we will have a Public Hearing on Thursday evening as follows:

FIRST READING

Bond Ordinance amending a Bond Ordinance finally adopted May 16, 2019 by the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, in order to provide for a change in the improvements authorized by such Ordinance.

It is necessary to amend the Bond Ordinance introduced and approved upon first reading at a meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Camden, New Jersey, held on July 19, 2019 in the Borough of Merchantville and published in the Courier Post on July 23, 2019 to add Countywide Road Improvements. The notice of Amended Bond Ordinance was published in the Courier-Post on August 7, 2019 and will be considered for final passage after PUBLIC HEARING thereon at a meeting of said Board of Chosen Freeholders to be held on August 15, 2019 at 7:00 P.M., at the Winslow Township Senior Citizens Center (Edward Bud Duble Center) 33 Coopers Folly Road, Atco, New Jersey.

The Director then called upon each Freeholder individually to present his or her Resolutions.

Resolutions and discussion of proposed Resolutions by or on behalf of Freeholder Shin Angulo

Resolutions 1 through 19 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption.

Resolutions and discussion of proposed Resolutions by or on behalf of Freeholder Kane

Resolutions 20 through 27 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption.

Resolutions and discussion of proposed Resolutions by or on behalf of Freeholder Nash

Resolutions 28 through 37 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption.

Resolutions and discussion of proposed Resolutions by or on behalf of Freeholder Rodriguez

Resolutions 38 through 43 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption.

Resolutions and discussion of proposed Resolutions by or on behalf of Freeholder Young

Resolution 44 and 46 through 59 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption. Resolution 45 was pulled.

Resolutions and discussion of proposed Resolutions by or on behalf of Freeholder Deputy Director McDonnell

Resolutions 60 through 65 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption.

Resolutions and discussion of proposed Resolutions by or on behalf of Freeholder Director Cappelli

Resolutions 66 through 93 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption.

The Director opened the meeting to the public for discussion of the Resolutions.

Joseph Quigley of Haddon Heights asked the following questions:

Resolution #22 authorizing an award of Contract (Bid A-24/2019), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) and Newport Construction Management Corporation, for alterations and renovations to Camden City Hall Sixth Floor, in the amount of \$10,189,300.00. Mr. Quigley asked if we have already spent measurable amounts of money to get where we are now. Chris Orlando explained that the \$10,189,300 is for fit-out and furniture. There was money allocated prior when we renovated the 5th Floor for the State. The State pays us for the entire cost of the 5th floor renovations which included demotion of the old jail on the 6th floor. Mr. Quigley asked where the money is coming from. David McPeak said we issue county bonds and pay it back over a period of time. Director Cappelli noted that the intent is to vacate the tower which is very inefficient and have new, more efficient offices. We will probably be able to find a tenant for the tower offices.

Resolution #62 authorizing an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Events and Community Outreach) and Carl LeVotch, for the Jersey Joe Walcott Statuary Project, in the amount of \$185,000.00. Mr. Quigley asked what the Jersey Joe Project is. Deputy Director McDonnell explained that the project is to create a statue of Jersey Joe Walcott and, with the help of Jim Beach, we are fundraising to have the sculptor create the statute. The statue will be placed on the waterfront in honor of Jersey Joe Walcott. That money will be returned to the County by way of fundraising.

Mr. Quigley asked for an update on trying to recover 911 funds from the State. Freeholder Young said it is dead as of right now. We continue to work with NJAC. The unfortunate part about it is, and we told the State this, the only way this is going to get fixed is if we have a natural disaster that the State can't handle. We continue to push for it. Mr. Angilella added that the Governor killed it this time. Mr. Quigley asked if there has been any action from the PUC for regulatory approach? Mr. Angilella commented that the PUC does not have jurisdiction.

Seeing no other members of the public wishing to comment, the Director asked for a motion to close the public portion. Freeholder Young made a motion with a second by Freeholder Shin Angulo. All Freeholders present voted aye.

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

The Director read the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the hereinafter-specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed:
 - A. PERSONNEL
 - Personnel Actions

It is anticipated at this time that the above subject matter will be made public when members of the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders have made final determination.

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The Director asked for a Motion to adopt the Resolution and go into closed session to discuss the aforementioned matters. Freeholder Young made a motion with a second by Freeholder Rodriguez at 6:36 p.m.

The Freeholders returned from closed session with a motion made by Freeholder Shin Angulo and a second by Freeholder Nash at 6:45 p.m.

There being no further discussion, the Director asked for a motion to adjourn. Freeholder Young made a motion to adjourn with a second by Freeholder Rodriguez at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn Gilmore
Clerk of the Board