

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
CAUCUS MEETING
February 18, 2020 - 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: BARBARA HOLCOMB, 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.

The Director welcomed Freeholder Barbara Holcomb to the Board.

The Director then proceeded with the Caucus Agenda.

The Director said we will have a First Reading of a Bond Ordinance at Thursday's Freeholder meeting:

FIRST READING

Bond Ordinance of the County of Camden, New Jersey, in Connection with Various Improvements for Camden County College, Appropriating \$3,600,000 therefor, and Providing for the Issuance of \$3,600,000 in Bonds or Notes of the County to Finance such Appropriation.

PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON MARCH 19, 2020 AT THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 1261 CHEWS LANDING ROAD, GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP, NJ AT 7:00 P.M.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Bond Ordinance of the County of Camden, New Jersey Appropriating \$11,000,000 for the Development and Construction of Athletic Fields and Related Parks and Recreational Improvements at the Former Campbell's Field Site in the City of Camden and Authorizing the Issuance of \$10,450,000 Bonds or Notes of the County for Financing Part of such Appropriation.

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

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

Resolutions 1 and 2, 4 through 7 and 10 through 22 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption. Resolutions 3, 8 and 9 were pulled.

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

Resolutions 23 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 Nash

Resolutions 38 through 47 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 48 through 55 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 56 through 61 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 McDonnell

Resolutions 62 through 75 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 76 through 104 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption.

Director Cappelli presented the following additional Resolutions for the Agenda:

Resolution amending Camden County Policy and Procedure No. 24 - Management Time Policy.

Resolution appointing a member to the Camden County Board of Taxation.

Resolution ratifying and amending a Memorandum of Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and The Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge No. 218.

Resolution ratifying and amending a Collective Bargaining Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and The Camden County Police Superior Officers Association Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge No. 218A.

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

Bill Quigley from Haddon Heights had questions on the following Resolutions:

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Authorizing the Issuance of \$10,450,000 Bonds or Notes of the County for Financing Part of such Appropriation. Mr. Quigley said I am confused. We chipped in to help build it then we chipped in to help tear it down and now we are going to put money up to finance part of the appropriations. Are others kicking in money, too? Deputy Director McDonnell said Rutgers University and the Joint Board of Rutgers/Rowan are contributing. Chris Orlando said the land is owned by the CCIA. Rutgers put up \$7.5 million for the project. The rest of the project will be funded by the County as well as the Joint Board and it will be part of Rutgers' expanded sporting complex as well as open to the public for recreation use. Mr. Quigley asked if there is any correlation between that and *Resolution No. 32 authorizing inclusion of a Project Labor Agreement in the Camden Athletic Fields Project, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:38-1, et seq.?* Chris Orlando said, yes, that is the same project. He asked, what are we building? Chris Orlando said it will be a baseball field, a multi-use field, as well as a full-size NCA-certified Olympic track.

Resolution No. 38 authorizing an award of Contract (Bid A-3/2020), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Parks) and Command Co. Inc., for the Remembrance and Hope Memorial at Timber Creek Park, in the amount of \$437,183.00. Mr. Quigley asked what are we remembering for \$437,183? Director Cappelli said we are remembering those who lost their lives to the disease of addiction. Mr. Quigley said that is a lot of money. The Director said it is going to be a beautiful addition to the park. Dominic Vesper added it is a hardscaped area, about 500 square feet. We are going to inscribe names in the pavers and we will have all our vigils there. There will be the purple ribbon there that we use to identify our support of those who lost their lives to the battle with addiction. It is also going to be an amenity for the park and can be used by anyone in the park.

Mr. Quigley said I had a question on *Resolution No. 43 authorizing an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Parks) and the Delaware River Port Authority, for the use of land for Parks Department events and operations, in the amount of \$ _____* - but Freeholder Nash already answered it when he said \$0.

Resolution No. 62 authorizing an amendment to the 2020 Temporary Budget. Mr. Quigley asked, *can anybody embellish on that?* Deputy Director McDonnell said we haven't passed our 2020 permanent budget yet. In the meantime, we have to put money aside to do our day to day spending.

Resolution No. 63 authorizing an Agreement pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Division of Insurance) and Conner Strong & Buckelew Companies, Inc., for employee benefit consulting and brokerage services for the County of Camden for a period of 34 months, in the amount of \$3,750.00 monthly and a one-time transition fee of \$10,000.00. Mr. Quigley asked, was that the lowest proposal submitted? Deputy Director McDonnell responded, yes. Mr. Quigley asked David McPeak if he would be able to review the proposals as well as the report from the evaluation committee and David responded, yes.

Resolution No. 73 authorizing an award of Contract (Bid A-4/2020), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Events and Community Outreach) and Proof Productions, Inc., for lease of a seasonal stage at Wiggins Park, in the amount of \$17,500.00 per month. Funding available in the amount of \$52,500.00. Mr. Quigley said I thought we owned that stage? Isn't that the same stage we use at Cooper River for the senior thing? Freeholder Nash said it is a different stage, not the Show Mobile. It is the big stage out in front for the Jazz Concert.

Resolution No. 93 authorizing an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden and the South Jersey Port Corporation, for payment in lieu of taxes for the year 2020, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 12:11A-20. Mr. Quigley said the wording has me thrown. The wording "payment in lieu of taxes", what does that mean? Director Cappelli said the South Jersey Port Corporation technically is not a taxable agency. They are an agency of the State government. They own the land, but they have agreed to pay us taxes for the land they are on.

Resolution 94 amending Resolution No. 2, adopted January 7, 2020, establishing Committees, Committee Appointments, Committee Departmental Assignments, Departmental Organization, and Freeholder Responsibilities and Assignments. Mr. Quigley said we are amending something that was just passed last month? Director Cappelli said, yes. We have a new Freeholder and our organizational chart needed to be updated.

Seeing no other members of the public wishing to comment, the Director asked for a motion to close the public portion. Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion with a second by Freeholder Young. 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. CONTRACTS

- Update on contracting issue with hospitals located within the County.

B. 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 Holcomb at 6:40 p.m.

The Freeholders returned from closed session with a motion made by Freeholder Nash and a second by Freeholder Young at 6:55 p.m.

Director Cappelli noted he had an additional walk-on:

Resolution appointing a member to the Camden County Tax Board

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 Nash at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn Gilmore
Clerk of the Board