

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
CAUCUS MEETING
March 17, 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.

It is noted for the record that due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the following Freeholders participated via conference call: Holcomb, Kane, Rodriguez, and Young.

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 commended the members of our Camden County team for an outstanding job. It has been an extraordinarily unprecedented time over the past couple of weeks. He said we have a lot of challenges ahead of us and we are ready to meet those challenges.

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 APRIL 16, 2020 AT WINSLOW TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 125 SOUTH ROUTE 73, BRADDOCK, NJ AT 7:00 P.M.

The Director said we will also have the following 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 through 15 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 16 through 26 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 27 through 35 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption.

Freeholder Nash commented that he had one (1) additional Resolution for the Agenda:

Resolution authorizing a Lease Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Parks) and the City of Camden, for access and use of Six (6) City Parks: Dominick Andujar Park, Cornelius Martin Park, 7th & Clinton Street Park, New Camden Park, Union Field, and the Whitman Park Expansion, to provide certain park improvements.

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

Resolutions 36 through 39 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 40 through 51 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 52 through 59 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 60 through 74 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.

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

- Emergency contracts with respect to the Coronavirus.

B. PERSONNEL

- Disciplinary Personnel Matter
- 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 Nash made a motion with a second by Freeholder Young at 6:27 p.m.

The Freeholders returned from closed session with a motion made by Freeholder Young and a second by Freeholder Nash at 6:49 p.m.

There being no further discussion, the Director asked for a motion to adjourn. Freeholder Holcomb made a motion to adjourn with a second by Deputy Director McDonnell at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn Gilmore
Clerk of the Board