

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS
FREEHOLDER MEETING
March 19, 2020**

**520 Market Street
16th Floor Conference Room
Camden, New Jersey**

The meeting was called to order by Director Cappelli at 12:00 noon

The Clerk called the roll and the following Freeholders answered:

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, Nash, Rodriguez, and Young.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, while the meeting remained open to the public, no members of the public attended. The public was availed the opportunity to send in questions during and after the meeting via streaming.

The Director stated that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

The Director asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance, which was led by Director Cappelli.

The Director opened the meeting by addressing the public regarding the County's efforts with regard to the Coronavirus. He said, we are taking very aggressive steps to stop the spread of this infection. If you go to CamdenCounty.com on a daily basis, sometimes two or three times a day, you will see updates with all the information we have regarding this virus and with recommended steps that individuals should be taking to prevent the spread of this virus. Our recommendations are this, #1 you should presume that you have the virus; and #2 presume the person you are talking to has the virus. Keep 6 feet away. Stay home, if you possibly can. We do not yet know the extent of the number of people who have been infected in Camden County because test kits have not been available. Just recently, Virtua, Cooper and Jefferson received some test kits. We will be getting those results over the next week so we will see the number of people infected skyrocket in Camden County and the State. Again, stay at home if you can, please. Do not socialize. Wash your hands. Stay six feet away from people. This is an unprecedented time in our nation. The more we all cooperate and work together the quicker we will get to a resolution of this horrible situation.

The Director said good afternoon ladies and gentlemen. We are in Camden City and, due to the situation, we are streaming our meeting.

The Director said next we will have a first reading of a Bond Ordinance:

FIRST READING

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENT OF VARIOUS PARKS IN THE CITY OF CAMDEN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$14,000,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$14,000,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF.

PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 16, 2020 AT THE CAMDEN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 520 MARKET STREET, 16TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, AT 12:00 NOON.

The Director asked for a motion to adopt. Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion with a second by Freeholder Holcomb and on roll call all Freeholders present voted aye.

The Director said next we have a Public Hearing on a Bond Ordinance.

PUBLIC HEARING

BOND ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN CONNECTION WITH VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS FOR CAMDEN COUNTY COLLEGE, APPROPRIATING \$3,600,000 THEREFORE, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,600,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION.

Director Cappelli opened the public hearing to anyone who would like to comment on this resolution. Seeing no one wishing to speak, the Director asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion with a second by Freeholder Holcomb and all Freeholders present voted aye.

Director Cappelli asked for a motion to adopt. Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion with a second by Freeholder Holcomb and all Freeholders present voted aye.

MINUTES

The Director then asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the previous Freeholder Meetings as presented. Freeholder Holcomb made a motion with a second by Deputy Director McDonnell and all Freeholders present voted aye.

AYE: ALL PRESENT

ABSTENTION: MELINDA KANE, CARMEN RODRIGUEZ

COMPTROLLER’S REPORT

The Director asked for a motion to adopt the Comptroller’s Report. Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion with a second by Freeholder Young and on roll call all Freeholders present voted aye.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Director asked the Clerk if there was any correspondence. The Clerk responded, no, Director, we do not.

The Director said the next portion of the meeting is open to the public for discussion of resolutions to be acted upon. There will be another public hearing later in the meeting at which members of the public can ask any questions they want regarding the business of the County of Camden. This portion is limited to the discussion of those resolutions to be acted upon.

The Director opened the public hearing.

The Director said seeing no members of the public wishing to comment, he asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Deputy Director McDonnell made the motion with a second by Freeholder Young and all Freeholders present voted aye.

The Director closed the public hearing.

The Director said at Caucus on Tuesday afternoon, the Board of Freeholders reviewed all resolutions to be acted upon. It was at that time the Board discussed items to be voted on. Before we begin voting on Resolutions 1 through 71, we will be tabling the following Resolution until next month. “Resolution No. 16 authorizing an Agreement, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) and Ewing Cole, Inc., for Professional Architectural, Engineering and Interior Design Services for the new Joint Services Building located at 2600 Mt. Ephraim Avenue, in the City of Camden, in the amount of \$2,397,000.00.” The Director asked for a motion to adopt. Freeholder Young made a motion with a second by Freeholder Holcomb and on roll call all Freeholders present voted aye.

The Director said we will now be voting on Resolutions 1 through 71 based on the unanimous consent of the Freeholders, minus Resolution No. 16 which was just tabled.

RESOLUTIONS 1 through 71

The Director asked for a motion to adopt Resolutions 1 through 71. Freeholder Young made a motion with a second by Freeholder Holcomb and on roll call:

AYE: ALL PRESENT

ABSTENTIONS: JEFFREY NASH – Resolution 64
CARMEN RODRIGUEZ – Resolution 8
JONATHAN YOUNG, SR. – Resolutions 1 and 5
LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR. – Resolutions 1, 11, 28 and 29

1. Resolution authorizing the establishment of a pool of qualified professionals for Architectural Services and Engineering Services for the County of Camden and its Agencies and Authorities.

ABSTAIN: JONATHAN YOUNG, SR., LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR.

2. Resolution amending an Agreement, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Environmental Resolutions, Inc., for additional closely related Professional Engineering Design Services for full depth reclamation and resurfacing of Jarvis Road (CR 687) from Williamstown Road (CR 704) to Kearsley Road, in the Township of Gloucester, in the amount of \$16,014.23 - CAF#9900216632.

3. Resolution amending an Agreement, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and AECOM Technical Services, for additional closely related Professional Engineering Services for a Concept Development Study for the Route 70 Camden Feeder Study (N. 27th Street), in the City of Camden, in the amount of \$68,541.01 - CAF#9900216630.

4. Resolution amending an Agreement, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and IH Engineers, P.C., for additional closely related professional engineering design services for a Concept Development Study for the Kaighn Avenue (CR 607) Reconstruction, Broadway (CR 551) to Haddon Avenue (CR 561), in the City of Camden, in the amount of \$15,070.00.

5. Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 and Final (Bid B-5/2019), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc., for guide rail improvements at six (6) locations in various municipalities, for a decrease in the amount of \$42,004.16.

ABSTAIN: JONATHAN YOUNG, SR.

6. Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 2 (Bid B-7/2018), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Lexa Concrete, LLC, for Haddonfield-Berlin Road (CR 561) Phase I Roadway Improvements, in the Townships of Cherry Hill and Voorhees, for a decrease in the amount of \$1,276.50.

7. Resolution authorizing award of Contract (Bid B-4/2020), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc., for Roadway Improvements along Pennington Avenue and Chew Road (CR 536), from vicinity of US Route 30 to Pestletown Road, in the Townships of Winslow and Waterford, in the amount of \$2,435,000.00 - CAF#9900217576.

8. Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and the City of Camden, for engineering services.

ABSTAIN: CARMEN RODRIGUEZ

9. Resolution authorizing a Permanent Construction, Maintenance and Access Easement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and the Township of Winslow, for a portion of Lot 50, Block 403.01, in the Township of Winslow, for construction and maintenance of retaining walls within storm water basin.

10. Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Cherry Hill Township, for the DVRPC Haddonfield Road (CR 644) New Jersey Traffic Signal Retiming Initiative Concept of Operations.

11. Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Pennsauken Township, for the DVRPC Haddonfield Road (CR 644) New Jersey Traffic Signal Retiming Initiative Concept of Operations.

ABSTAIN: LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR.

12. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Vineland Construction, Co., relative to permitting applications for the East Oak Avenue Bridge Widening Project.

13. Resolution consenting to City of Camden Ordinance MC-5227 amending and supplementing Ordinance No. 717, adopted December 27, 1945 providing for the regulation of vehicles and pedestrians in the streets of the City of Camden and enforcement thereof and approving a three-way stop sign at the intersection of Kaighn Avenue and Louis Street.

14. Resolution consenting to City of Camden Ordinance MC-5237 establishing three (3) bus stops in the City of Camden at Kaighn Avenue (CR 607), Ferry Avenue (CR 603) and Atlantic Avenue, in the Central Waterfront Area.

15. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) and The Rock Brook Consulting Group, for professional engineering design services for HVAC controls for the 9-1-1 Call Center, in the amount of \$33,200.00 - CAF#9900217395.

16. **RESOLUTION TABLED UNTIL APRIL FREEHOLDER MEETING** - Resolution authorizing an Agreement, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) and Ewing Cole, Inc., for Professional Architectural, Engineering and Interior Design Services for the new Joint Services Building located at 2600 Mt. Ephraim Avenue, in the City of Camden, in the amount of \$2,397,000.00 - CAF#9900217575.

17. Resolution authorizing award of Contract (Bid A-11/2020), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) and various vendors, for grass cutting, trimming and grounds keeping for Camden County, its agencies and authorities, under the Camden County Cooperative Pricing System, ID #57-CCCPS, on an "as-needed" basis.

18. Resolution authorizing award of Contract (Bid A-14/2020), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) and Johnson Health Tech North

America, Inc., d/b/a Matrix Fitness, for the purchase of gym equipment, in the amount of \$59,843.00 - CAF#9900217573.

19. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (State Contract # 19-FLEET-00971), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) and Pedroni Fuel Company, for the purchase and delivery of unleaded fuel. Funding contingent upon passage of the 2020 Permanent Budget.

20. Resolution authorizing the extension of a Lease Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) and Colonial Lane, LLC, for warehouse storage of records and related items for use by various offices of the Superior Court of New Jersey and Probation Department, in the amount of \$79,224.00. Funding available in the amount of \$59,418.00 - CAF#9900217371. Balance of funding contingent upon passage of the 2020 Permanent Budget.

21. Resolution accepting Assignment of Contract, by and between the Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority and Ewing Cole, to the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) for professional architectural and engineering services for the Camden Athletic Fields Project.

22. Resolution amending Resolution No. 29, adopted February 20, 2020, for payment to the Camden County Improvement Authority for Project and Construction Management and General Consulting Services for the New Joint Services Building Project, to correct caption and amount of fees.

23. Resolution amending an award of Contract, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Building and Operations) and Independent Alarm, for Fire Alarm Panel Inspections, in the amount of \$25,000.00. Funding available in the amount of \$15,000.00 - CAF#9900217395. Balance of funding contingent upon passage of the 2020 Permanent Budget.

24. Resolution authorizing payment, pursuant to Resolution No. 59, adopted March 17, 2016, to the Camden County Improvement Authority, for Project and Construction Management and General Consulting Services, for the new Camden County Social Services Facility at Stratford Square.

25. Resolution amending an Agreement, adopted April 10, 1974 and as supplemented and amended, by and between the County of Camden and the Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority relative to the Newton Creek Dredging and Erosion Control Project.

26. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Parks) and the North Camden Little League, for maintenance of ballfields at County facilities in the City of Camden, in the amount of \$15,000.00 - CAF#9900217406.

27. Resolution ratifying an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Parks) and the Sherwin-Williams Company, for access and environmental site actions at Kirkwood Lake, in the Township of Voorhees.

28. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Parks) and Cooper's Ferry Partnership, for the provision of Program Management Services for capital projects in County Parks in the City of Camden.

ABSTAIN: LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR.

29. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Parks) and Cooper's Ferry Partnership, for the provision of preventative maintenance services for County Parks in the City of Camden.

ABSTAIN: LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR.

30. 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.

31. Resolution authorizing the approval of recommendations of the Open Space Preservation Trust Fund Advisory Committee, relative to Municipal Trail Projects, in the total amount of \$400,000.00 - Various CAFs.

32. Resolution authorizing and ratifying the reappointment of members to the Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority.

33. Resolution authorizing and ratifying the reappointment of a member to the Camden County Agricultural Development Board.

34. Resolution authorizing personnel actions by or on behalf of Freeholder Nash.

35. Resolution amending an award of Contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotations, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Health and Human Services / Division of Community Health/ Special Child Health /Lead and Flu) and Protocall - N.J., Inc., for additional Special Child Health Nursing Services, in the amount of \$19,200.00 -CAF#9900217579.

36. Resolution ratifying an award of Contract, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Health and Human Services) and Protocall - N.J., Inc., for nursing services on an as-needed basis.

37. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Health and Human Services, Community Health Services) and Wilmington University, to provide students with field and clinical experiences in public health, at no cost to the County.

38. Resolution authorizing personnel actions by or on behalf of Freeholder Rodriguez.

39. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of funds for the 2019 Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Grant.

40. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of funds for the 2020 Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Grant.

41. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Corrections) and Pulitzer/Bogard & Associates, LLC, for Contract Monitoring Services for Medical, Dental and Psychiatric Services for the Camden County Correctional Facility and Camden County Juvenile Detention Facility, in the total amount of \$132,000.00. Funding available in the amount of \$33,000.00 - CAF#s 9900217550, 9900217551. Balance of funding contingent upon passage of the 2020 and 2021 Temporary and/or Permanent Budgets.

42. Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Corrections) and the Camden County College for General Equivalency Degree and English As a Second Language services, at the rate of \$28.00 per hour plus administration fees, for a term of one year. Funding available in the amount of \$15,000.00 - CAF#9900217386. Balance of funding contingent upon passage of the 2020 and 2021 Temporary and/or Permanent Budgets.

43. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (State Contract No. M7003/17-COMP-0098), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety) and Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc., for an ArcGIS Multi-Functional Analysis System, in the amount of \$29,650.00 - CAF#9900217339.

44. Resolution authorizing an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety) and Participating Units, for Mutual Aid Assistance in emergency situations.

45. Resolution ratifying an award of Contract, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-5.1(dd), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety) and Securus Technologies, Inc., for maintenance and support services for the CAD systems and servers, in the amount of \$351,957.93 - CAF#9900217345

46. Resolution establishing the Camden County Fire Coordinator Board and appointing members.

47. Resolution authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Understanding, by and between the Camden County Workforce Development Board and the Camden County One-Stop Partners

48. Resolution amending an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (One Stop) and the Camden County Workforce Development Board (CCWDB), for continued provision of services, in an amount not to exceed \$689,900.00, to authorize reimbursement to the CCWDB for costs incurred by the Youth Work Experience Pilot Program.

49. Resolution authorizing the submission of a Grant Application, by the County of Camden (Office of Sustainability and Shared Services) to The Watershed Institute, for the Roots for Rivers Reforestation Grant, in the amount of \$11,060.00.

50. Resolution authorizing personnel actions by or on behalf of Freeholder Young, as required by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

51. Resolution authorizing budgetary transfers in the 2020 Reserve Fund.
52. Resolution authorizing Bonds in the principal amount of \$3,600,000 authorized by one Bond Ordinance heretofore adopted to finance part of the cost of various improvements for the Camden County College, in the County of Camden, New Jersey, and providing for the form, maturities and other details of said issue.
53. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Division of Purchasing) and Concord Engineering Group, Inc., for the provision of Electric Energy Consulting Services for the South Jersey Power Cooperative.
54. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (Bid A-17/2019 - 1st One-Year Option), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Events and Community Outreach) and various vendors, for the purchase of promotional items and apparel for various Camden County Departments, on an "as-needed" basis.
55. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (Bid A-13/2020), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Events and Community Outreach) and Various Vendors, for leased portable toilet units for various Camden County agencies and authorities under the Camden County Cooperative Pricing System, ID # 57-CCCPS, on an "as-needed" basis.
56. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (State Contract #A-81753), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Administration/Division of Cooper River Venues) and Barton Carpets, Inc., for a putting green at the Camden County Driving Range at Cooper River Park, in the amount of \$24,681.16 - CAF#9900217152.
57. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Administration/Division of Cooper River Venues) and Miss Pippin Racing Company, LLC, for regatta race course setup and additional course equipment, as needed, at the Camden County Boathouse. Funding available in the amount of \$39,000.00 - CAF#9900217427.
58. Resolution ratifying the submission of a Grant Application, by the County of Camden (Office of the Prosecutor) to the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice, Office of Victim Witness Advocacy for the 2017 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Supplemental Grant, in the amount of \$7,500.00.
59. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1, by and between the County of Camden (Office of the Prosecutor) and Gann Law Books, for the purchase of law books, in an amount not to exceed \$39,000.00. Funding available in the amount of \$5,000.00 -CAF#9900215967. Balance of funding contingent upon passage of the 2020 Permanent Budget.
60. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, by and between the County of Camden (Office of the Prosecutor) and SHI International Corp, for replacement roller kits for document scanners, in the amount of \$120.00 - CAF#9900217050.

61. Resolution amending Camden County Policy and Procedure No. 39.2, Health and Prescription Benefits for Retirees Policy.

62. Resolution ratifying an award of Contract, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-5(1)(dd), by and between the County of Camden (Office of the Sheriff) and Dynamic Imaging Systems, Inc., for maintenance of the PictureLink Imaging System, in the amount of \$38,880.00. Funding available in the amount of \$9,720.00 - CAF#9900217495. Balance of funding contingent upon passage of the 2020 Permanent Budget.

63. Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding, by and between the County of Camden and the County of Gloucester to create the South Jersey Regional Film Commission.

64. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to Competitive Contracting Request for Proposals #20-06, by and between the County of Camden (Office of Community Development) and Volunteers of America Delaware Valley, for the Work Now Program, in the amount of \$62,712.00. Funding available in the amount of \$30,000.00 - CAF#9900217501. Balance of funding contingent upon passage of the 2020 Permanent Budget.

ABSTAIN: JEFFREY NASH

65. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotations, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and Dell Marketing, LP, for firewall software, in the amount of \$8,640.00 - CAF#9900216986.

66. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (State Contract #M0003 89850), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and Dell Marketing, LP, for software licenses, in the amount of \$17,544.19 - CAF#9900216833.

67. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (State Contract 17-FLEET-00754), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and Lawmen Supply Company of New Jersey, Inc., for the purchase of ballistic vests, in the amount of \$22,283.60 - CAF#9900217256.

68. Resolution authorizing the submission of a Grant Application, by the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) to the Office of National Drug Control Policy, for the 2020 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Grant, in the amount of \$745,240.00.

69. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and The Rodgers Group, LLC, for maintenance of the Department's Law Enforcement Accreditation Program, in the amount of \$33,750.00 - CAF#9900216252.

70. Resolution authorizing the transfer of eight (8) vehicles from the New Jersey State Police to the Camden County Department of Police Services.

71. Resolution authorizing personnel actions by or on behalf of Director Cappelli.

Freeholder Kane asked the Director for his permission to walk on the following Resolution:

Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (State Contract #A-81629, G2004), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) and Knoll, Inc., for the purchase of office furniture for the 6th floor of Camden County City Hall, in the amount of \$1,524,241.14.

The Director asked for a motion to adopt the walk-on Resolution. Freeholder Young made a motion with a second by Freeholder Young and on roll call:

AYE: ALL PRESENT

Director Cappelli called for a Motion on Resolution No. 72.

RESOLUTION 72

NO MOTION MADE – FAILED

Director Cappelli opened the meeting to any member of the public who wished to address the Board of Freeholders.

Seeing no members of the public wishing to comment, Director Cappelli asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion with a second by Freeholder Young and all Freeholders voted aye.

The Director opened the floor to the members of the Board of Freeholders for their comments.

Freeholder Nash wished everyone well. He expressed his gratitude and said how impressed he is with County Administration, in particular, the Health Department and all the people who work in Human Services who have really stepped up big time to help the residents. Congratulations to everyone who has participated during this crisis.

Freeholder Young said we put so much training and effort into our professional services and what we do on a daily basis. Now it is game day. He said I want to echo Freeholder Nash's statements by saying I am very proud of our team in how we stepped up and stayed calm and put together and executed a plan. Kudos to Lou, as our leader, our Administrators, our Directors and everyone who has assisted during this difficult time. Everyone stay safe and heed the warnings because it is real.

Freeholder Kane said I just wanted to echo the remarks of the other Freeholders and also say how much I appreciate the County's concerns for the health and safety of its residents, businesses and other institutions and know that this is not something that is going to be resolved tomorrow or next week. I am confident that all the right decisions will continue to be made going forward.

Freeholder Rodriguez said I am extremely proud of our Health Department. As you all know, we have the best Health Department in the State of New Jersey. The only one that has national accreditation and seven (7) individuals who have been recognized as the best in the State within recent years. Our staff is highly qualified and high effective. The way that they respond in the face of an emergency is unbelievable. I think that is why we have been very blessed in Camden County to have a low count, but we would like to make sure it stays low. That requires isolation and making sure that you do not spread germs. If you can, stay home.

Freeholder Holcomb said I would like to take this opportunity to give a really extremely heartfelt thank you to our County Administrator, Ross, and his team for the extraordinary work they have done in continuing to handle the procedures and processes related to this virus that they are doing not only for the Freeholders and County employees, but for our residents. Freeholder Holcomb said, Director, I would also like to thank you for your leadership. You clearly have been all hands-on deck. You have been attending or participating in daily, and sometimes multiple times a day, conference calls and meetings getting and giving updates to all of us. More importantly you have done a really superb job in communicating with the mayors of the 37 towns and keeping our residents updated and informed on a regular basis. I think in these unprecedented times that we are living in, clearly, communication is probably one of the biggest things and most important things that a leader can provide to get us through this crisis we are in. Director Cappelli, you have absolutely been doing that. I have been watching you and I am really blown away by how well you, Ross, and the rest of our leadership team in the County of Camden are handling things. I really want to publicly and sincerely say, thank you.

Deputy Director McDonnell said I join everyone in saying congratulations to our team under the leadership of Ross Angilella, our great Deputy County Administrators, Dominic Vesper, Jim Rhodes and Holly Cass. Jon Young put it well. This is game time. Everything we prepare for. Everything that we try to do so well. All the training that we have done. This is the time when that pays off and I think all of us, especially, the leadership team, are doing a great job. On behalf of the citizens of Camden County, God willing, we will be able to keep everyone safe as time goes by.

Director Cappelli said I cannot say enough for our County team. It has been an extraordinarily unprecedented time over the past couple of weeks. Our team, from top to bottom, is doing an extraordinary job. Literally 24 hours a day our team is on this. It does not stop. It is 24/7. That is the only way to describe it. Ross, your leadership and the Deputy County Administrators' leadership, Dan, your leadership, and the Health Department, is doing such a great job. I just hope all of our residents recognize the fact that each one of these individuals should be sitting at home quarantined like all of us should be, but they can't because they are essential employees and they have to work on behalf of the residents of Camden County. I ask our residents of Camden County to give a big thanks to our Camden County employees for the work they are doing day in and day out to try to keep as many of us as possible safe.

The Director asked for a motion to adjourn. Freeholder Young made a motion with a second by Freeholder Holcomb and all Freeholders voted aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn Gilmore
Clerk of the Board