

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
CAUCUS MEETING
JUNE 16, 2020 - 12:00 PM
FREEHOLDER CONFERENCE ROOM – 16TH FLOOR
520 MARKET STREET, CAMDEN, NJ 08102**

Freeholder Director Cappelli called the meeting to order at 12:00 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, all Freeholders participated via conference call, except Freeholder Nash and Director Cappelli.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the meeting was not open to in-person attendance by the public. The public was availed the opportunity to participate via live streaming and to send in questions during and after the meeting.

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

The Director asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence and to please keep in your thoughts and prayers all the COVID-19 victims and those who are still ill.

The Director then proceeded with the Caucus Agenda.

The Director said we will have a First Reading and a Public Hearing on two separate Bond Ordinances at Thursday's Freeholder meeting:

FIRST READING

Bond Ordinance of the County of Camden, New Jersey appropriating \$23,835,000 for the repair and/or replacement of certain County infrastructure projects in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:14b-40.2 and authorizing the issuance of \$22,643,250 bonds or notes of the County for financing part of such appropriation.

PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON JULY 16, 2020 AT THE CAMDEN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 520 MARKET STREET, 16TH FLOOR,

CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY AT 12:00 NOON. The general public is excluded from attending the Public Hearing in person. The meeting will be streamed live via www.camdencounty.com/live. Questions and comments regarding the Bond Ordinance may be submitted by clicking on the Questions form contained within the live stream link.

PUBLIC HEARING

Bond Ordinance further amending a Bond Ordinance finally adopted January 21, 2016, as amended by Bond Ordinances finally adopted October 19, 2017, September 17, 2018 and October 17, 2019 by the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, in order to provide for a further change in the improvements authorized by such Ordinance.

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 12 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 13 through 22 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 23 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 Rodriguez

Resolutions 27 through 34 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

Resolutions 35, 36, 38 through 45 and 49 through 52 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption. Resolutions 37, 46, 47 and 48 were pulled.

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

Resolutions 53 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 Cappelli

Resolutions 62 through 78 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption.

The Director said he had the following walk-on resolution

Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Camden, New Jersey, consenting to the extension of the County Agreement between the County and the Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority in connection with certain improvements to the Camden County Municipal Utility Authority's system to be financed with bonds, notes or other obligations issued by the Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority by and through the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank Financing Program; and making certain determinations in connection therewith.

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

Kate Delany had two questions for the Freeholders. *Question #1 Which members are been reappointed to the Workforce Development Board? How many consecutive terms do these members serve, on average?* Director Cappelli commented that he did not have that information available but that it would be obtained and sent to Ms. Delany. (See update contained in the minutes just prior to entering closed session).

Question #2 What temporary sculpture will the County and Coopers Ferry be constructing and maintaining in Camden? Director Cappelli said Cooper's Ferry Partnership selected 20 artists to present their projects to the public during a 2-day Community Presentation event in 2019. From those 20 presentations, Cooper's Ferry selected a sculpture called Meehan 11, a trash collecting robot to be fabricated by Tyler Fuqua Creations in Portland, Oregon. The sculpture will be temporarily installed in the County right-of-way on the east side of the State Street Bridge from October 2020 to December 2021.

Hearing 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 Nash. 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 County Administrator said before we adopt the Resolution to enter closed session, he would like to amend the answer regarding the members being appointed to the Workforce Development Board. He further commented that we now have the list of the 10 members being reappointed. Director Cappelli read the following list of members being reappointed: Debra Arthur, Donald A. Borden, Jim Bresch, Diane Cooper, Carl Donato, Patricia Fitzgerald, Christine Hentisz, Sandra Kelly, Wilbert Mitchell, and Robert Schiavinato.

The Director then 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 Nash at 12:34 p.m.

The Freeholders returned from closed session with a motion made by Freeholder Nash and a second by Freeholder Young at 12:41 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 Holcomb at 12:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn Gilmore
Clerk of the Board