

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
CAUCUS MEETING  
AUGUST 18, 2020 - 12:00 PM  
FREEHOLDER CONFERENCE ROOM – 16<sup>TH</sup> 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, JEFFREY NASH, CARMEN RODRIGUEZ,  
JONATHAN YOUNG, SR., EDWARD McDONNELL, LOUIS  
CAPPELLI, JR.

EXCUSED: MELINDA KANE

*It is noted for the record that due to the Coronavirus pandemic, all Freeholders participated via conference call, except Director Cappelli.*

*Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the meeting was closed to the public attending in person. 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 a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Director then proceeded with the Caucus Agenda.

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 Holcomb**

Resolutions 1 through 19 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption. It should be noted for the record that due to technical difficulties, Director Cappelli presented Resolutions 14 through 19.

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

Director Cappelli presented Freeholder Kane's Resolutions in her absence. Resolutions 20 through 28 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 25 through 31 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 41 through 49 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 50 through 74 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 75 through 79 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 80 through 93 and 95 through 98 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption. Resolution 94 was pulled.

The Director opened the meeting to the public for discussion of the Resolutions and/or any other matters.

**Kate Delaney of Collingswood** submitted the following concern which was read by Director Cappelli. *I am very concerned about the proposal by New Fortress Energy and Delaware River Partners to build an export terminal in South Jersey to export fracked gas overseas. The gas would be extracted in NE PA and super-cooled into liquefied natural gas (or "LNG"), and then transported over 200 miles by truck or rail to Gibbstown, NJ, including through populated communities in our county. Camden County already has bad air quality. Last year, the American Lung Association gave our county an "F" grade for air quality. If this export terminal is built, Delaware River Partners estimates that over 1,650 truck trips per day would come and go from the Gibbstown site. The air pollution from this extra truck traffic could affect our health, not to mention the wear and tear on our public roads. And this is not even considering the safety risks of transporting a highly-volatile material through our Camden county community. The approval process for this export terminal was very rushed, with little public notice or time for public input. If this project is allowed to happen, Camden County communities along the potential rail lines will be treated like guinea pigs. Please stand up for*

*the health and safety of Camden County residents and pass a resolution calling for this dangerous LNG Terminal proposal to be rejected.* Director Cappelli stated that the Freeholder Board will look into the issue.

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**
    - Rutgers Athletics Field
  - 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 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 Young and a second by Freeholder Holcomb at 12:51 p.m.

There being no further discussion, the Director asked for a motion to adjourn. Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion to adjourn with a second by Freeholder Holcomb at 12:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Karyn Gilmore  
Clerk of the Board