

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
CAUCUS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 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 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 to keep in their prayers all those who are suffering in California from the wildfires and those in the South impacted by the hurricane.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Director proceeded with the Caucus Agenda.

The Director began by reading the following two (2) First Readings concerning Bond Ordinance which will be presented at the Freeholder meeting:

FIRST READING

Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Camden, New Jersey providing the County's consent to (i) the financing of the acquisition and installation of certain capital equipment and the construction of certain capital infrastructure improvements in, by and for the County; (ii) the issuance by the Authority of a series of its tax-exempt "County Guaranteed Loan Revenue Bonds (County Capital Program), Series 2020" for the purposes of financing the County project authorized hereby; (iii) the Loan Agreement by and between the County and the Authority in connection with the financing authorized hereby; and (iv) certain other matters related thereto and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:37A-56.

FIRST READING

Resolution of the County of Camden in the State of New Jersey authorizing a guarantee by the County of the payment of the principal of and interest on the “County Guaranteed Loan Revenue Bonds (County Capital Program), Series 2020” to be issued by the Camden County Improvement Authority for the purposes of financing the acquisition and installation of certain capital equipment and the construction of certain capital infrastructure improvements in, by and for the County.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON BOTH BOND ORDINANCES WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY ON OCTOBER 15, 2020 AT 12:00 NOON. The general public is excluded from attending the Public Hearing in person. The meeting will be streamed live via <https://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.

The DIRECTOR said the Public Hearing and Resolution authorizing the adoption of Amendment 99-8-20 to the Camden County Solid Waste Management Plan, entitled "Inclusion of the Relocation and Expansion of the TriBoro Sand and Stone Recycling/ Composting Facilities in the Camden County Solid Waste Management Plan has been tabled for a future meeting.

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 16 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 18 through 23 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption. Resolution No. 17 was pulled.

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

Resolutions 24 and 25 and 27 through 34 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption. Resolution 26 was pulled by Freeholder Nash with a discussion in Closed Caucus to follow.

Freeholder Nash presented the following walk-on Resolution:

Resolution authorizing the appointment of a Member to the Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority.

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

Resolutions 35 through 46 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 47 through 60 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 61 through 65 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 66 through 93 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption. Director Cappelli presented the following walk-on Resolution

Resolution amending Resolution No. 92, adopted August 20, 2020, consenting to City of Camden's request for the ceremonial naming of Broadway, between Cooper Street and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, in the City of Camden as "Black Lives Matter Boulevard" to extend location to Kaighns Avenue.

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

Kate Delaney, Collingswood asked Freeholder Nash what he noted about his personnel actions. Freeholder Nash replied there is an opening at the CCMUA Commission, and the Freeholders will consider Erin Johnson, a Camden resident, to fill that one vacancy.

Benjamin Saracco, Camden, NJ asked the following questions concerning the Resolution authorizing the adoption of Amendment 99-8-20 to the Camden County Solid Waste

Management Plan, entitled "Inclusion of the Relocation and Expansion of the TriBoro Sand and Stone Recycling / Composting Facilities in the Camden County Solid Waste Management Plan.

Question: I am happy to see there is an agenda item mentioning the possible expansion of a leaf composting facility in Camden County. I saw it mentioned in the details that this facility accepts leaves for composting from anyone not just Voorhees/Gibbsboro residents/organizations. I am curious if you can clarify this point, can any resident or organization of Camden county drop off leaves for composting at this facility, if so does it cost any money? Also, are there any plans to expand composting in the county to include compostable household or yard waste in the foreseeable future? Last, is the county's Food Waste Composting Pilot with the Camden County College and correctional facility still ongoing, or has it had to be changed or delayed due to COVID-19? Freeholder Nash replied, relating to the Solid Waste Management Plan, we currently have in that plan a company known as Tri-Boro which is the sand and gravel operation located in Gibbsboro on Route 561. It actually touches Voorhees at one end. That facility had always handled the leaf collection for Gibbsboro, Voorhees and Lindenwold. Tri-Boro wanted to move and expand its existing location so that it could accept more leaves from those entities and anyone else who wanted to pay to dispose of them there. Mayor Campbell had expressed some issues with the proposed amendment, so it is being pulled from today's Agenda while they try to resolve the issues between the company and the Mayors involved. As far as yard waste is concerned, yard waste is a mandated recycling obligation and the towns are responsible for handling that. Most of the towns have curbside drop-off. Some towns do not permit grass clippings, but every town has its own yard waste collection recycling. As far as food recycling is concerned, the Solid Waste Management Plan has accepted a company known as Organic Diversions, which is based in Gloucester City. We have been working with them for quite some time. The idea is to take institutional food waste and have it composted at Organize Diversions' facility. We are working with them to hopefully have them up and running in 2021. There are some technical or practical problems with picking up household food waste because of issues with rodents and other concerns. It is a work in progress but hopefully Organic Diversions will be up and running next year.

Kate Delaney, Collingswood and Dennis Gormley asked questions regarding the proposal to transport fracked Liquefied Natural Gas through Camden County. Director Cappelli said last month Kate Delaney asked us to consider passing a Resolution opposing the plan. We have not yet made a final determination on that. Director Cappelli said between now and the October meeting we will come to a determination on this issue.

Seeing 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 Holcomb. 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**
 - Winterfest Ice Skating Rink, LLC
 - 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 Holcomb made a motion with a second by Freeholder Young at 12:40 p.m.

The Freeholders returned from closed session with a motion made by Deputy Director McDonnell and a second by Freeholder Holcomb at 12:55 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 Young at 12:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn Gilmore
Clerk of the Board