

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
CAUCUS MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 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, Deputy Director McDonnell and 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.

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

The Director began by reading the following two (2) resolutions regarding Public Hearings on Bond Ordinances to be heard at Thursday's Freeholder meeting:

PUBLIC HEARING

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.

PUBLIC HEARING

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.

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 6 and 8 through 14 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption. Resolution No.7 was pulled.

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

Resolutions 15 through 25 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 26 through 30 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 31 through 44 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 45 through 64 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 65 through 68 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 69 through 95 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption.

The Director stated that he had one additional Resolution for the Agenda as follows:

Resolution inserting Chapter 159 Funds into the Budget for the Emergency Solutions Grant – CV CARES Act, in the amount of \$1,414,818.

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

The Director said we have five (5) questions which were submitted dealing with opposition to the LNG terminal in Gibbstown. This project is a proposed liquified natural gas terminal in Gibbstown along the Delaware River. The Director asked Freeholder Nash to present his report and his recommendations.

Freeholder Nash said this is a very significant environmental issue in our community. The five questions are all inter-related and each of the five questions are seeking the Board's opposition to the LNG facility in Gibbstown, Gloucester County. We have done a considerable amount of work. Freeholder Nash commented that they received a very meaningful letter from Dennis Gormley of Voorhees who spells out why there is opposition. The five questions conflict each other as to where the liquified natural gas will be delivered by train from Pennsylvania to the Gibbstown facility. It indicates that they will be running through Camden County towns and said this gives me great concern. One issue of concern that I have from Mr. Gormley's letter is he indicates that one of the plants will be located in Gloucester Township. Gloucester Township is in Camden County and that is going to require us to further explore this issue. We want to make sure that none of these plants are going to be based in Gloucester Township, as Mr. Gormley indicates in his letter. Freeholder Nash said the environment is the #1 concern. We want to make sure that no residents are going to be at risk. I do understand through our research that there is already a transport of liquified natural gas through Camden County at this time, but we do not want to add to the problem. My recommendation is that we send a strongly worded request to the Commission of the DEP to determine what is prompting the State to support this project and what the factors are. I would also like to hear from the Director of the Delaware River Basin Commission, which is the founding organization for this project. I want to get a better understanding of why they would support something that is,

accordingly to these residents, so dangerous to our community. I also want to explore Mr. Gormley's claim that a terminal is planned in Gloucester Township, New Jersey as indicated on page 2 of his letter, which is undated. Freeholder Nash asked the Clerk to enter Mr. Gormley's letter into the record. Freeholder Nash said, Director, with your permission, I would like to propose that to the Board and to hopefully have a response from the Commissioner and the Director of the Basin Commission very soon. If we need to call a special meeting based on their schedules, we will.

Director Cappelli thanked Freeholder Nash and said you make a great point about Gloucester Township. That is the first I am hearing about Gloucester Township being mentioned in this project. Freeholder Nash makes a great recommendation and we should follow through on that. Again, we have no authority over any of this. We are being asked to oppose this publicly. Freeholder Nash's recommendation will help us in that decision-making process.

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. 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 Nash 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 Freeholder Holcomb and a second by Freeholder Young at 12:48 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 12:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn Gilmore
Clerk of the Board