

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
January 21, 2021**

**520 Market Street  
16<sup>th</sup> 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 Commissioners answered:

PRESENT: AL DYER, 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 Commissioners participated virtually.*

*Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the meeting was closed to the public. The public was availed the opportunity to participate via live streaming and to send in questions before, during and after the meeting.*

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.

The Director said good afternoon ladies and gentlemen. Before we begin the meeting, I would like to thank our employees and our partners at Cooper University Hospital and Jefferson New Jersey for the wonderful job they are doing at our vaccination site at Camden County College.

**MINUTES**

The Director asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the previous Commissioners Meeting as presented. Commissioner Young a motion with a second by Deputy Director McDonnell and all roll call all Commissioners present voted aye.

**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 Commissioner Kane and on roll call all Commissioners present voted aye.

## CORRESPONDENCE

The Director asked the Clerk if there was any correspondence. The Clerk responded yes, we have a letter from Ms. Maureen Kervick. The Clerk proceeded to read the following: *Today, my husband and I had our 1st vaccination at CCC. From the persons directing traffic, to the check-in workers to the nurses and computer workers, EVERYONE was helpful, kind, knowledgeable and welcoming! The management and organization of the entire site was exceptional! Great job by all your planners!! Thank you to everyone involved!! Maureen Kervick*

The Director said the next portion of the meeting is open to the public for discussion of resolutions to be acted upon this afternoon. 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 hearing no members of the public wishing to comment, he asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Young made the motion with a second by Commissioner Nash and all Commissioners present voted aye.

The Director closed the public hearing.

The Director said at Caucus on Tuesday afternoon, the Board of Commissioners reviewed and discussed all resolutions to be acted upon today. In addition to those Resolutions, the Director noted that Commissioner Kane had a walk-on Resolution and asked the Commissioner to read her walk-on. Due to technical difficulties Commissioner Kane was unable to read her walk-on. The Director moved forward with Resolutions 1 through 49 and County Counsel noted that Commissioner Kane's resolution would be read at the end.

## RESOLUTIONS 1 through 47

The Director asked for a motion to adopt Resolutions 1 through 47. Commissioner Young made a motion with a second by Commissioner Dyer and on roll call:

AYE: ALL PRESENT

ABSTENTIONS: JEFFREY NASH – Resolutions 20  
CARMEN RODRIGUEZ – Resolutions 11, 14 and 21  
LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR. – Resolutions 2, 4, 14 and 20

1. Resolution amending an Agreement, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works, Division of Engineering) and T&M Associates, for additional closely related Professional Engineering Design Services related to reconstruction of Berlin-Cross Keys Road (CR 689), in the Borough of Berlin, Borough of Pine Hill, Township of Gloucester and Township of Winslow, in the amount of \$222,452.86 - CAF#9900221286.

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 Remington & Vernick Engineers, Inc., for additional closely related Construction Management and Inspection of Chapel Avenue (CR 626), in the Township of Cherry Hill, in the amount of \$26,472.60 - CAF#9900221285.

**ABSTAIN: LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR.**

3. Resolution amending a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and the Borough of Merchantville, for roadway improvements to Center Street (CR 622), to revise the maintenance responsibility and increase the reimbursement amount to \$73,979.00.

4. Resolution authorizing a License Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Cooper's Ferry Partnership, to permit the construction and maintenance of a temporary sculpture in the County right-of-way on State Street (CR 601) between No. 10th Street and Centennial Drive, in the City of Camden; and rescinding Resolution No 6. adopted June 18, 2020.

**ABSTAIN: LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR.**

5. Resolution approving personnel actions requested by or on behalf of Commissioner Dyer.

6. Resolution authorizing a substitution in the amount of \$1 million to provide additional funding for costs relating to the Six Floor of Camden City Hall.

7. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotations, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) and The Sprinkler Company, LLC, for annual maintenance and repair of sprinkler systems in various Camden County properties, in an amount not to exceed \$44,000.00, on an as-needed basis.

8. 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 installation of a new emergency generator at the Governor James J. Florio Center for Public Service, in the amount of \$24,902.50 - CAF#9900221240.

9. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (Bid A-10/2019 - 2nd Year Option), by and between the County of Camden (Division of Environmental Affairs) and Maumee Express, Inc., for the 2020 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program, in the amount of \$200,000.00. Funding available in the amount of \$20,000.00 CAF#9900221280. Balance of funding contingent upon passage of the 2021 Temporary and/or Permanent Budgets.

10. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (Bid A-36/2020 -Alternate 4), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Parks) and A.P. Construction, Inc., for the Camden Athletic Fields Project, in the amount of \$1,072,000.00 - CAF#9900221647.

11. Resolution amending a Lease Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Parks) and the City of Camden, for access and use of seven (7) City Parks:

Dominick Andujar Park, Cornelius Martin Park, 7th & Clinton Street Park, New Camden Park, Union Field, the Whitman Park Expansion and Robert B. Johnson Park, for park improvements, to include Green Acres requirements.

**ABSTAIN: CARMEN RODRIGUEZ**

12. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Parks) and The Home Port Alliance, relative to the provision of tram car services along the Camden Waterfront, at no cost to the County.

13. Resolution ratifying an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Parks) and the Battleship New Jersey, for the use of the parking lot adjacent to Wiggins Marina.

14. Resolution authorizing the approval of recommendations of the Open Space Preservation Trust Fund Advisory Committee, relative to Round 20 Recreation Facility Enhancement Projects, in the total amount of \$740,000.00 - Various CAFs

**ABSTAIN: CARMEN RODRIGUEZ (City of Camden)  
LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR. (Borough of Barrington, Townships  
of Gloucester, Pennsauken and  
Waterford)**

15. Resolution authorizing the appointment of a member to the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Camden County.

16. Resolution approving personnel actions requested by or on behalf of Commissioner Nash.

17. Resolution authorizing award of Contracts, pursuant to a Competitive Contracting Request for Proposals #18-40 (3rd Year Option), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Senior and Disabled Services) and various vendors, for the provision of County-wide Nutrition Services Programs, in the amount of \$928,720.00. Funding contingent upon passage of the 2021 Temporary and/or Permanent Budgets.

18. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Health and Human Services) and Walden University to provide training to students in the Public Health Program, at no cost to the County.

19. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Health and Human Services) and Community Planning and Advocacy Council (CPAC), for the provision of Management Services for various Human Services Programs, in the amount of \$140,000.00. Funding available in the amount of \$35,000.00 - CAF#9900221570. Balance of funding contingent upon passage of the 2021 Temporary and/or Permanent Budgets.

20. Resolution authorizing Agreements, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Health and Human Services) and various Camden County Governmental Bodies and Private Healthcare Entities to conduct an Overdose Fatality Review for the County of Camden.

**ABSTAIN: JEFFREY NASH (Oaks Integrated, Volunteers of America)  
LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR. (Cooper Health)**

21. Resolution ratifying an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Health and Human Services) and the City of Camden, for the provision of Code Blue Warming Shelters, in the amount of \$155,000.00 - CAF#9900221482.

**ABSTAIN: CARMEN RODRIGUEZ**

22. Resolution amending an Agreement (Resolution No. 38, adopted September 17, 2020), by and between the County of Camden and Strategic Billing Enterprise, for flu vaccinations to include COVID-19 vaccination administration services.

23. Resolution approving personnel actions requested by or on behalf of Commissioner Rodriguez.

24. Resolution ratifying an Agreement, pursuant to a Competitive Contracting Request for Proposals #20-01 (2nd Year Option), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Corrections) and Aramark Correctional Services, LLC, for Food Services for the Camden County Juvenile Detention Facility, in the amount of \$5.586 per meal. Funding available in the amount of \$65,000.00 - CAF#9900221422. Balance of funding contingent upon passage of the 2021 Temporary and/or Permanent Budgets.

25. Resolution authorizing a month-to-month Agreement, pursuant to a Competitive Contracting Request for Proposals #15-49 (4th Year Option), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Corrections) and GD Correctional Services, LLC, for Food Services for the Camden County Correctional Facility, in the amount of \$225,000.00 - CAF#9900221424, pending re-procurement of these services.

26. Resolution ratifying a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Corrections) and the State of New Jersey, Judiciary, Administrative Office of the Courts, for the provision of video court services, in an amount not to exceed \$194,844.20. Funding available in the amount of \$48,750.00 - CAF#9900221421. Balance of funding contingent upon passage of the 2021 Temporary and/or Permanent Budgets.

27. Resolution ratifying Agreements, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Corrections) and various Judges for Judicial Services for Video Court, Municipal Division for Camden County Arraignments and Inmate Court, in the amount of \$94,000.00. Funding available in the amount of \$19,750.00 - Various CAFs. Balance of funding contingent upon the passage of the 2021 Temporary and/or Permanent Budgets.

28. Resolution ratifying the reappointment of the Camden County Fire Marshal.

29. Resolution authorizing the approval and execution of the Camden County Workforce New Jersey Area Contract Program Year 2018 - Modification #2, to decrease funding in the amount of \$1,907,289.00, for a revised total amount of \$7,885,030.00.
30. Resolution approving personnel actions requested by or on behalf of Commissioner Young.
31. Resolution authorizing budgetary transfers in the 2021 Reserve Fund Budget.
32. Resolution authorizing amendment to the 2021 temporary budget.
33. Resolution amending Resolution No. 91 adopted December 17, 2020, authorizing the reallocation of funds for the Camden County CARES Act Program to reallocate funding categories.
34. Resolution authorizing the approval of various State Contracts.
35. Resolution ratifying emergency purchases and authorizing payments in accordance with applicable New Jersey law, by the County of Camden to various vendors for goods and services required in response to the COVID-19 emergency - Various P.O's.
36. Resolution approving personnel actions requested by or on behalf of Deputy Director McDonnell.
37. Resolution ratifying the submission of a Grant Application, by the County of Camden (Office of the Prosecutor) to the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, for the FY18 STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant, in the amount of \$87,593.00.
38. Resolution ratifying the submission of a Grant Application, by the County of Camden (Office of the Prosecutor) to the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, for the Camden County Prosecutor's Insurance Fraud Reimbursement Program - Cycle 21, in the amount of \$250,000.00.
39. Resolution establishing Camden County Policy and Procedure #404.0 - COVID-19 Employee Vaccination Policy.
40. Resolution rescinding Resolution No. 111, adopted December 16, 2020 authorizing an award of Contract (State Contract 19-TELE-00656, M0483), by and between the County of Camden (Office of the Sheriff) and Dell Marketing, LP, for the purchase of twenty-eight (28) laptops, in the amount of \$45,434.48.
41. Resolution authorizing the County of Camden (Office of the Sheriff) to participate in the Federal 1033 Program, to acquire needed federal surplus.
42. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden and the South Jersey Port Corporation, for payment in lieu of taxes for the year 2021, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 12:11A-20.

43. Resolution ratifying a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden and the County of Gloucester, for Medical Examiner Services for a term of five (5) years and reappointing the Camden County Medical Examiner.

44. Resolution in support of Senate Bill 2480 establishing a one-time payment program for aid for certain eligible taxpayers.

45. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (Bid #18-71), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and Axon Enterprises, Inc., for the purchase of weapons, related software, accessories and training, under the Bergen County Cooperative Purchasing and Pricing System ID#1 BBCCPS 1 NJCP, in the amount of \$993,600.00. Funding available in the amount of \$500,000.00 - CAF#9900221341. Balance of funding contingent upon passage of 2021 Fiscal Year Budget.

46. 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 Police Services) and The Rodgers Group, LLC, for on-line training modules, in the amount of \$28,880.00 - CAF#9900221342.

47. Resolution approving personnel actions requested by or on behalf of Director Cappelli.

The Director called for a motion on Resolution No. 48

**RESOLUTION 48**

**NO MOTION MADE – FAILED**

**WALK-ON RESOLUTION**

County Counsel, Chris Orlando, read Commissioner Kane’s walk-on:

**Resolution of The Board of Commissioners of The County of Camden Authorizing and Approving the Execution and Delivery of a Quitclaim Deed and Indemnification Agreement Subject to the Expiration of the Lease Agreement with Larc School, Inc.**

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

AYE: ALL PRESENT

ABSTENTIONS: EDWARD McDONNELL

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

County Counsel said we have received two questions on the same subject and proceeded to read the questions into the record:

**Melanie Gaskins** Question: *Besides night time code blue, is the county or city responsible for daytime warming facilities because at 7am is still below freezing and the homeless are made to leave. What will be done about that?*

**Gary Samuels.** Question: *Daytime warming facilities are active in other cities in New Jersey. Daytime after code blue is over many times is still below freezing. Why doesn't Camden City have this in place when there are new hotels going up on the waterfront and the last Daytime warming center was closed last year?*

DCA Holly Cass addressed the questions. DCA Cass said as noted and correctly stated, warming centers generally are the responsibility of the City and are certainly affected by the pandemic. The pandemic has caused a reduction in the options for daytime warming centers in the City and elsewhere, but the County continues to work with the City on ensuring some new options, expanding some hours and creating new opportunities. It is something that the County is trying to help Camden City and all cities in the County with.

Mr. Orlando noted for the record that we received a third, similar question regarding daytime warming centers from Amir Khan and that DCA Cass' response addressed his concerns.

Mr. Orlando proceeded to read the following questions:

**Anne Carroll.** Question: *Incinerating waste is the worst possible way to get rid of waste. We breathe in the toxic air created by incineration. Why on earth are Camden County Freeholders still considering this option? The science is against this dangerous option. Commissioner Nash said the County, like all government entities, is required to follow public procurement. The County is one of the entities that has a collaboration. Most of the 37 municipalities are part of this collaboration however some of the large towns are not. The County went out to bid for waste disposal however we only received one bid. That one bid came from Covanta. Covanta, at least at this time, is meeting the permitting requirements set by the EPA and DEP although we have had very strong discussions with them about what that means. In terms of why most of the towns in Camden County are going to Covanta it is because that was the only bid we had received. Because of that, we went out for a five year contract. But because we are concerned about the issues of the environment and we are concerned about the pricing that Covanta gave us for the disposal of trash, which the taxpayers have to pay, we decided to not engage in a five year contract with Covanta but rather we accepted a one year option that we had from the former contract. That gives us time to work with the municipalities to come up with a long-term plan as to how the towns will dispose of their trash. Towns such as Cherry Hill, Gloucester Township and Winslow Township, for different reasons, are not part of our group. They go elsewhere. But all the towns, whether they are part of our group or not, are required to follow public procurement laws. If we stepped outside of those public procurement laws, we would be in violation of some state and federal laws. That is the answer in short to the question why are the towns as part of the County group going to Covanta at this time. Hopefully a long-term plan will be developed and we will have other solutions.*

Mr. Orlando said we have several questions from Kate Delaney which I am going to read together since they all involve the microgrid project.



**Kate Delaney** Question #1: *Can I get an update on the status of the microgrid plan?* Questions #2 *Is the County still investing other sources of energy for this contract?* Question #3 *What is the role of Compass Energy playing in the microgrid?* Question #4 *Are there any updates or responses from the BPU after receiving the latest phase of the plan?* Mr. Orlando said there has been no response from BPU yet. We are awaiting the second phase of funding awards. As of right now the status of the microgrid plan is that it is currently being studied and in the feasibility phase. They are studying alternative energy sources and making the majority of the plan, as I understand it, to revolve around alternative energy resources including solar with battery back-up. That is all part of what we are looking at now. With regard to Compass' role, the CCIA awarded Compass as the energy company to do the feasibility plan for the microgrid project.

**Kate Delaney** Question: *The County just awarded Covanta a one-year contract so what is the County long-term plan for solid waste disposal.* Commissioner Nash said as I noted earlier, we accepted the one-year option on the former contract and rejected the last bid from Covanta to engage in a five year contract. The decision is not made by the County alone but with the municipalities that have the responsibility of having a place to dispose of their trash. We will work with those municipalities to come up with a plan. The Solid Waste Advisory Council will also participate in that decision. We have to explore why we only received one bid, whether the amount of trash was too large for some of the landfills in Pennsylvania or other facilities to take it. We have already begun to engage in conversations with our municipalities and we will come up with a plan that will find the best solution both environmentally and financially for the taxpayers who ultimately have to pay for the cost of trash disposal.

**Kate Delaney** Question: *What is the status of the baghouse filter applications now that Covanta has cancelled their preliminary meeting with the DEP?* Mr. Orlando said I believe that is a question that should be directed to Covanta since we are not in control of that process.

**Sean Mohen** Question/Statement: *As a member of the Newton Creek Watershed Association I would like to thank the County's Project team. Commissioner Nash and Maggie and Scott have been excellent partners. Once this vital project is completed it is important that we continue to prioritize protecting our waterways. The Covanta Energy Recovery Center sits directly on Newtown Creek and Covanta is known to be the single largest polluter in Camden County. I am concerned that taxpayers will continue to be burdened with future public works projects related to cleaning our beloved lake. I am pragmatic about this. I like my trash being hauled away once a week and my family is staying safe because of that but let's think about the future. What programs are the County Commissioners considering to encourage less residential food waste being sent to an incinerator. For example, are we encouraging the towns and municipalities to do their own composting programs? Is the County considering adopting a county-wide food waste composting program that would be less weight that would go to the incinerator and less toxic chemicals giving the kids in Camden County asthma and cancer and all that other bad stuff. Thank you.*

**Kate Delaney.** Question: *The "Committee of Public Health Experts" that is advising on this project – has it been formed and who does it include? How do people get added to the Committee?* Mr. Orlando said, Commissioner Nash, I believe what Ms. Delaney is referring to is the Clean Camden Corridor comprised of representatives from Rutgers, the Camden Coalition,

Cooper Hospital and Councilwoman Shaneka Boucher which we organized in conjunction with the City to study the overall environment within the City of Camden and the County of Camden, not specific to any one given project but to look at what steps we can take Countywide and in conjunction with the City to procure and move forward with regulations and ordinances to help clean our City and County.

**Kate Delany Question:** *What is the plan for the Countywide outreach on the project?* Mr. Orlando said I am not quite sure what the question refers to. I assume that is the Clean Camden Coalition that we just discussed. Commissioner Nash added, I think the Coalition itself has to set those parameters. Obviously the more public participation the better, especially from Camden residents.

Seeing no other members of the public wishing to comment, Director Cappelli asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Nash made a motion with a second by Commissioner Young and all Commissioners voted aye.

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

**Commissioner Nash** said I want to express my thanks, appreciation and admiration to the employees and those from outside agencies and hospitals that have engaged in the vaccination program at Camden County College. I feel for those who are frustrated by the date that they have been scheduled. What I try to explain to people is that the scheduling is based on the number of doses that we have. We provide the date based on dosages on hand. The worst thing you can do is schedule someone in anticipation of receiving more vaccine because if we don't get them people are going to be frustrated by having to attend a site visit and not have the vaccine available. From what I am told, we are expecting more doses to come in and that will expedite the process. The men and women who are down there and you, in particular, Director Cappelli, have done an outstanding job in organizing and facilitating what is a monumental program for the safety of our residents. Congratulations to everyone involved.

**Commissioner Young** said I would like to echo Commissioner Nash's sentiments about our vaccination center. I would like to encourage our black and brown community to make sure they are signing up for the vaccine. I get it. I understand the skepticism on it. We really need to make sure that we are making our appointments and getting vaccinated. It is the only way we are going to control it. Our population has been hit the hardest, so we need to make sure we get ourselves vaccinated. I would like to thank all our hard-working employees for what they do every day. Our food distribution site will be open tomorrow morning at 10 AM at the Charles DePalma Complex. If you are in need of food, come on down and we will give you some food.

**Commissioner Kane** said thank you to my fellow Commissioner for pointing out the frustrations that the residents are feeling about getting the vaccine. As Commissioner Nash explained, hopefully it will change as more vaccine becomes available. As Director Cappelli has said, the operation of the vaccination site is going very well. The staff at Buildings and Operations have been crucial at setting up the vaccination site as well as all of the COVID testing sites. Without them it wouldn't be possible.

On Monday, the video for the MLK recipients of the Freedom Medal became available. There were 12 recipients who were videotaped. We selected 12 but there were numerous other nominees who have also had a tremendous impact on Camden County. Commissioner Kane thanked all the residents who nominated those in Camden County for doing a tremendous job.

Commissioner Kane said I have been inspired by so much this week by Monday, by the Inauguration and by the remarks of the National Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman who said we should all be inspired by each other to work hard to take care of each other.

**Commissioner Rodriguez** said I would like to echo the sentiments of the Commissioners who have spoken already. Our employees are invaluable. They make the services that we offer absolutely wonderful. Our vaccination site is going very well, despite the limitation of supplies, which hopefully will be corrected now that we have a new federal plan. I was very inspired by the words that were shared about bringing everyone together and working together as a team. We, the Commissioners, work that way. We play our part, but we also support each other. That is what makes us so successful in the work that we do. I would like to remind the general public that we are expected to reach about ½ million deaths countrywide. Our situation is still dire. It is important that you continue to social distance, wear your masks, wash your hands and use hand sanitizers. The way this virus is traveling now, it is much more difficult to contain than it was last spring. So please continue to observe all these measures. As the vaccine rolls out, things will get better.

**Commissioner Dyer** said I have a neighbor who recently visited the vaccination site and she wanted me to tell all the Commissioners “Outstanding, Outstanding, Outstanding.” Everything that is happening there is fantastic. My thoughts and prayers continue to go out to the families that have been impacted by this terrible pandemic. All of us know someone who has been impacted.

I had the opportunity to visit the Department of Public Works. I was impressed by their format and what they do down there. I want to thank Director John Wolick, Deputy County Administrator Dominic Vesper and Engineer Kevin Becica for the job that they are doing down there. Continue to do the great job that you do. I would also like to thank the staff at Public Works for the great job they are doing. I want to also thank our team of Commissioners for helping me transition. I am learning something new every day. Everyone is reaching out to see how I am doing, checking on me and helping me out. Nothing is easy. It is a learning curve and I appreciate being on the Commissioners Board.

On a personal level, I would like to congratulate Vice President Kamala Harris and President Joe Biden for restoring Democracy.

**Deputy Director McDonnell** said there has been huge and justifiable praise heaped on our vaccination site and to all of the employees and volunteers we are extremely grateful. I wanted to add another name to the mix and that is Don Borden, the President of Camden County College. Whenever we call upon Camden County College and President Don Borden they immediately step up and help out in any way possible. I think the vaccination site is just one example of how cooperative they are with us whether we are doing testing at the Cherry Hill campus or vaccinations at the Blackwood campus or the hundred other things we do during the course of a year. Whenever we need a location or support staff, Camden County College is right there to help us. Thank you so much to Don Borden and the Camden County College. I would also like to thank all our employees, even those who are not engaged in the vaccine site or the testing. All our employees

do a great job every day.

**Director Cappelli** said thank you Deputy Director. I couldn't agree with you more. President Borden has just been outstanding throughout this process. If he was on right now, he would like us to remind folks that you can still sign up for classes for the Spring. What a great education you can receive at Camden County College and I encourage you to do so. Once again, just great work by our employees. I don't think we as a Board have received as many complimentary letters or emails as we have over the past couple of weeks on the vaccines. Our employees did a tremendous job as they did with the testing sites. A word of caution to all, we are still at the mercy of the federal government and the state government as to the number of vaccines we are going to receive. As Commissioner Nash mentioned, we can only schedule what we know is coming in. If we know a certain number of vaccines are coming in, we can schedule more folks to be vaccinated. If we receive more vaccine than we anticipate, some of you who have been scheduled out to March or April, may be able to move up in the process. We are hoping that is the case with the new Administration. It seems there will be a much better national effort to get more vaccine into states and counties so we can make this happen. Thank you to all the employees for the great work you do day in and day out.

Mr. Orlando just, Director, I apologize, we have a few more question that came in since the public portion closed. In fairness, I would like to read them into the record.

**Nate Peoples Question:** *The warming centers only have the capacity to house in the area of 100 people, but the homeless population exceeds 450 people. The question is what's the solution to for massive overflow of the homeless, that have nowhere to go for warmth in freezing weather.* Mr. Orlando said DCA Holly Cass previously answered that question, but I wanted to make sure it was read into the record.

**Kate Delaney Question:** *What are the CBAs being negotiated? Via what channels? Are these meetings open to the public and are they being advertised?* Mr. Orlando said I believe she is referring to the Community Benefits Agreements with regard to the microgrid project. Commissioner Nash said essentially these are Community Benefit Agreements that the community negotiates with a third party. The County is not directly involved.

**Laura Kelly Question:** *Is there any discussion around creating a mobile vaccine unit? This would greatly benefit individuals with transportation challenges i.e .the elderly and people living in group homes.* DCA Cass said we have been discussing a plan for doing that but at the present time and given the requirements from the Department of Health it is not possible today but it is something that we hope is on the horizon.

The Director asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Young made a motion with a second by Commission Nash and all Commissioners voted aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Karyn Gilmore  
Clerk of the Board