

CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

January 19, 2023

520 Market Street

6th Floor Conference Room

Camden, New Jersey

The meeting was called to order by Director Cappelli at 12:00 p.m.

The Clerk called the roll and the following Commissioners answered:

PRESENT: AL DYER, MELINDA KANE, JEFFREY NASH, JONATHAN YOUNG,
SR., EDWARD McDONNELL, LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR.

EXCUSED: VIRGINIA BETTERIDGE

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 which was led by Commissioner Young.

The Director said good afternoon ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners.

MINUTES

The Director asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the previous Commissioners Meetings (December 15, 2022; December 30, 2022 Special Meeting; and January 5, 2023 Reorganization Meeting) as presented. Commissioner Nash made a motion with a second by Deputy Director McDonnell and all roll call:

AYE: ALL PRESENT

ABSTAIN: MELINDA KANE (December 15, 2022 Minutes)

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 Dyer and on roll call all Commissioners present voted aye.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Commissioner Director asked the Clerk if there was any correspondence. The Clerk responded yes, Director, we have correspondence from Mary-Jo Eppright, a Social Worker at Sterling High School. Ms. Eppright writes: *Good Morning to Our Community Partners, on behalf of Sterling High School, our Administration, Staff, Students, and Parents we would like to thank the Camden County Board of Commissioners for sending us the Fentanyl Awareness Kits. Today we placed the posters in our Health Room, Locker Rooms, Athletic Trainer Room, Hallways and the Allied Health/Science Rooms. We are so grateful for the partnership and resources you provide to our Sterling Community. This life-saving initiative is essential!*

Director Cappelli said thank you Madam Clerk. This is good to see. Great work by our team, Frank and Dominic, and everyone else. The ads on television are great. In 2022 we had 330 overdose deaths in Camden County and 70% were related to Fentanyl.

The Commissioner 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. The Director opened the public hearing.

Kate Delaney, 126 E. Palmer Avenue, Collingswood, New Jersey. Ms. Delaney said thank you for including the Resolutions that are being voted in in your Agenda packet. I appreciate having that information.

Resolution No. 40 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 2023, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 12:11A-20. *I have a question about the PILOT agreement with South Jersey Port Corporation. Please speak to the terms of the PILOT, and how many PILOTs there are currently on the books for Camden City and also the full tax levy of this corporation if they were not in this PILOT agreement with the County.* Director Cappelli said it is my understanding that South Jersey Port could be tax-free altogether because it is a governmental entity. The payment being made by South Jersey Port is something we asked for years ago because they take up such a large portion of Camden City and were not paying taxes because they have no obligation to pay property taxes under the law. They are paying \$476,000 per year in a PILOT which they have no obligation to pay. Ms. Delaney said *could you speak to how many PILOTs, if you know, Camden City has currently has?* Director Cappelli said that is a question for the City. If you get a PILOT in the City you have to go through the City, not the County, so that question is more appropriate for the City of Camden.

Hearing no other members of the public wishing to comment, the Director asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Nash made the motion with a second by Commissioner Dyer 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.

RESOLUTIONS 1 THROUGH 43

The Director asked for a motion to adopt Resolutions 1 through 43. Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion with a second by Commissioner Dyer and on roll call:

AYE: ALL PRESENT

ABSTENTIONS: JEFFREY NASH – Resolution 13
EDWARD McDONNELL – Resolution 39

1. Resolution ratifying an award of Contract (State Contract #A-88215/T-210), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Charles S. Winner, Inc., d/b/a Winner Ford, for the purchase of two (2) 2023 Ford F450 Trucks, in the total amount of \$97,846.00 - P.O. #226026.

2. Resolution amending Resolution No. 20 adopted October 20, 2022, authorizing a Notice in Lieu of Deed for Sherwin-Williams Dump Site, CR 561 Lakeview Drive between United States Avenue and S. Tanglewood Drive, in the Borough of Gibbsboro, to correct a typographical error.

3. Resolution authorizing execution of a Letter of Commitment for the United States Department of Transportation Thriving Communities Program.

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

5. Resolution rejecting Bid A58-22 Vending Machine Services for Various Camden County Departments, as no bids were received.

6. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (State Contract T-0295), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) and Tri-County Termite & Pest Control, Inc., for the provision of extermination services for various Camden County facilities, on an "as-needed" basis.

7. Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) and the Camden County Improvement Authority, relative to the Aletha R. Wright Administration Building Project.

8. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden and the Camden County Board of Social Services, for lease payments for space at the Woodcrest Corporate Center pursuant to a lease authorized by Resolution No. 17, adopted March 17, 2022.

9. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden and the Camden County Board of Social Services, for lease payments for satellite office space pursuant to a lease authorized by Resolution No. 20, adopted December 15, 2022.

10. Resolution ratifying an award of Contract, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(l)(dd), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) and Siemens Industry, Inc., for building automated systems maintenance services at various Camden County facilities, in the amount of \$47,724.00. Funding available in the amount of \$10,000.00 - CAF#9900233097. Balance of funding contingent upon passage of the 2023 Temporary and/or Permanent Budgets.

11. Resolution authorizing an Agreement (Bid A-56/2022), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Parks) and Command Co., for Dominick Andujar Park Improvements - Phase II, in the amount of \$662,105.00 - CAF#9900233364.

12. Resolution ratifying an award of Contract (State Contract #A-88215/T-210), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Parks) and Charles S. Winner, Inc., d/b/a Winner Ford, for the purchase of one (1) 2023 Ford F450 Truck, in the amount of \$48,923.00 - P.O. #226016.

13. Resolution authorizing Agreements, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Health and Human Services) and Various Vendors, for the provision of Professional Mental Health Services, in the amount of \$470,000.00. Funding contingent upon passage of the 2023 Temporary Budget Amendment.

ABSTAIN: JEFFREY NASH (Oaks Integrated Care)

14. Resolution amending Resolution No. 41, adopted December 15, 2022 authorizing Agreements, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Health and Human Services) and various Local Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (LACADA) recommended agencies, for the provision of Professional Substance Use Disorder Services.

15. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Health and Human Services) and Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, School of Nursing, to provide training to students in the clinical nursing program, at no cost to the County.

16. Resolution authorizing the submission of a Grant Application, by the County of Camden (Department of Health and Human Services) to the State of New Jersey Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, for the Municipal Alliance Program Youth Leadership Grant, in the amount of \$72,971.00.

17. Resolution authorizing the submission of a Grant Application, by the County of Camden (Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Community Health Services) to the State of New Jersey Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, for the provision of

the Municipal Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Program Grant, in the amount of \$267,064.00.

18. Resolution ratifying the submission of a Grant Application, by the County of Camden (Department of Health and Human Services) to the New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials for the Enhancing Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant, in the amount of \$4,128,765.00.

19. Resolution ratifying an award of Contract, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Health and Human Services) and Seraphin Test Measure Co., d/b/a Pemberton Fabricators, Inc., for emergency purchase of prover tanks and equipment for the calibration of gasoline and diesel, in the amount of \$97,750.00 - P.O.#225974.

20. Resolution ratifying prior appointments and authorizing the appointment and reappointment of members to the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

21. Resolution approving personnel actions requested by or on behalf of Commissioner Betteridge.

22. Resolution amending an Agreement, authorized by Resolution No. 54, adopted August 18, 2022 and pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-5.1(ii) (EUS), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Corrections) and Luminosity, Inc., for the provision of a Jail Population Assessment, to extend the term of the Agreement for an additional six (6) months, at no additional cost to the County.

23. 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, at the rate of \$300 per weekday and \$450 per Saturday, on an "as-needed" basis.

24. Resolution ratifying an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Corrections) and the State of New Jersey Judiciary, Administrative Office of the Courts -Superior Court, Camden Vicinage, for the provision of Video Court Services, in an amount not to exceed \$200,103.58. Funding available in the amount of \$50,026.00 - CAF#9900233263. Balance of funding contingent upon passage of the 2023 Temporary and/or Permanent Budgets.

25. Resolution authorizing the reappointment of members to the Camden County Workforce Development Board.

26. Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety, Office of Emergency Management) and the Gloucester County Office of Emergency Management, for Community Emergency Response Team Services.

27. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety, Office of Emergency Management) and Camden County College, for operation of an Emergency Regional Shelter.

28. Resolution ratifying the appointment and reappointment of members to the Camden County Fire Coordinator Board.

29. Resolution approving personnel actions requested by or on behalf of Commissioner Young.

30. Resolution amending 2023 Temporary Budget Appropriations.

31. Resolution authorizing the approval of various State Contracts with various State vendors.

32. Resolution authorizing the establishment of a pool of vendors, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, for the provision of Photography Services for the Camden County Department of Events and Community Outreach.

33. Resolution approving personnel actions requested by or on behalf of Commissioner Deputy Director McDonnell.

34. Resolution ratifying a Memorandum of Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Office of the Prosecutor) and PBA Local 316A.

35. 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 23, in the amount of \$237,579.00.

36. 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 FY 2018 Addressing the Needs of Juvenile Prosecutors Grant, in the amount of \$6,556.00.

37. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1, by and between the County of Camden (Office of the Prosecutor) and West Publishing Corporation, for online legal research, in the amount of \$43,944.00. Funding available in the amount of \$1,500.00 - CAF#990023429. Balance of funding contingent upon passage of the 2023 and 2024 Temporary and/or Permanent Budgets.

38. Resolution amending Camden County Policy and Procedures No. 24 - Management Personnel Time Policy; No. 45.1 - Temporary Disability Benefits Policy; No. 48 -Holidays; No. 143 - Purchasing Requisition Process; and No. 401 - County Vehicles/Driving on Behalf of Camden County.

39. Resolution amending Resolution No. 106, adopted October 20, 2022 authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to Competitive Contracting Request For Proposals #22-15, by and between the County of Camden (Office of Community Development) and various agencies for the

Community Development Block Grant Social Services Programs and Emergency Solutions Grant Program Services and Related Programs, to reallocate funding.

ABSTAIN: EDWARD McDONNELL (The Larc School)

40. 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 2023, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 12:11A-20.

41. Resolution amending a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden and Camden County College, for food service operations at the Hall of Justice, in the monthly amount of \$833.00. Funding available in the amount of \$2,500.00 - CAF#9900233382. Balance of funding contingent upon passage of the 2023 Temporary and/or Permanent Budgets.

42. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (Bid A-60/2022), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and Vistacom, Inc., for Audio-Visual Central Management Services, in the amount of \$194,409.00 - CAF#9900233251.

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

The Director called for a motion on Resolution No. 44 acknowledging personnel actions requested by or on behalf of Constitutional or Statutory Row Offices.

RESOLUTION 44

NO MOTION MADE – FAILED

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

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

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

Commissioner Nash said last month I made mention of several important members of our community who had passed and I neglected to mention one very important person who we lost at the end of last year, before Christmas, and that was Elmer Beach, who is the father of our Senator and former Clerk colleague and Freeholder colleague when we were Freeholders, Jim Beach. Elmer Beach was simply an America hero. He was a World War II Veteran of the Pacific Campaign. He stormed the beaches with other very brave men back in the 1940s and survived that which in itself is a blessing. I was at his funeral and one thing that was very striking was the family that he has left behind, his true legacy. Several of my colleagues were there as well and saw how

large a family he has. Just a wonderful family, caring and giving people who devote so much time to the community. He lived to be 100. He lived a great life, and he will be missed.

Commissioner Nash said I would like to thank the County and the Camden County College for cohosting the Volunteer Up Legal Clinic Expungement Clinic on Martin Luther King Day. It turned out to be a remarkable event. Over 300 people came through the doors who were seeking an expungement of their criminal records. Primarily people with non-violent offenses. The State provides a roadmap for having those convictions expunged. You could see it on the faces of those people who were coming through the door and meeting with volunteer attorneys through our Legal Clinic. Thank you, Director, who is a member of our Legal Clinic. To see the hope that people had that this weight that they carry around was going to be expunged was wonderful. It helps them with employment, housing, education and relationships. It is remarkable. It was a wonderful event and the County did a great job co-sponsoring.

Commissioner Nash said, speaking of Martin Luther King, I am looking forward to a great event tonight. The list of nominees that I saw is the best in the community. I am really excited to share in recognizing members of our community who are worthy of the Martin Luther King Freedom Medal.

Commissioner Kane said I would like to start by offering my congratulations to my fellow Commissioner, Jon Young. Next Friday he will be sworn in as New Jersey Association of Counties 82nd President. Congratulations to Jon. I would also like to thank Jon for representing all of us last night at the Town Hall Meeting in the Boathouse in Pennsauken. It was a great event. I would especially like to recognize the Veteran who was honored last night, Pennsauken resident Michael Scully who served in the Air Force from 1994 to 2021, which included 8 deployments during that time. Congratulations to our Pennsauken Veteran as well.

Commissioner Kane said tomorrow our Veterans Newsletter will be going out to all the Veterans within the community. I urge anyone who has connections to our military community to sign up for the valuable newsletter that is always updated with federal changes and local information. Finally, next week on the 25th, we will be having an Open House at the Camden County Board of Social Services' new location in Woodcrest. It is a beautiful facility. Thanks to Buildings and Operations and to Camden County Improvement Authority's George Bakey who oversaw much of the project. The 1,000 square foot facility was transformed in four months and is just a beautiful and respectful place for Veterans to go for support.

Commissioner Young said I would like to thank all of my departments for always being good public servants as we all are here: Public Safety, Workforce Development, the Animal Shelter and Sustainability. Everyone does such a fantastic job. Our Youth Commission is working very hard on trying to curb recidivism in Camden County. We try to do our best to make sure that folks have an opportunity to restore and transform themselves. The County is part of a pilot that allows us to have a Restorative Justice Hub here in the City of Camden. We are finding that there are a lot of people who do not know what that means and we are trying to get some buy in from the community so they have a better understanding of the transformative initiative. Tonight from 6PM to 8PM we will be holding an information session for the families who are involved in the program. Doors open at 5:30 PM. You can go on our website to register and understand what we are trying to do with this program.

Commissioner Dyer said as we do every month, we thank our Camden County workforce for the great job they do. I want to thank Bob Harris and Jim Winckowski, our new County Engineer, for meeting with me each month to discuss new County road projects. The latest updates include the repaving of Blackwood-Clementon Road, Sicklerville Road and Evesham Road West. We just completed a widening project at Berlin Cross Keys Road and contractors are working on Almonesson Road and Evesham Road as well. That should be completed this Spring. We have a resurfacing scheduled for Erial-Blenheim Road near Highland High School as well as some much needed improvements to 27th Street in Camden and Haddon Avenue.

Commissioner Dyer said in the State of New Jersey the counties always have high school basketball tournaments. We are probably one of the only counties that does not do a high school county basketball tournament. I am on a committee that is putting a county tournament together and Camden County will be recognized at that county tournament. This is the first time ever that everyone in New Jersey is doing it. They do it because they want the kids to be prepared for the State Tournament as well as the Tournament of Champions. We finally put it together. The quarter-final games are February 11th; the semi-finals are on February 14th. These games will be played at Cherry Hill East and Winslow Township. The championship game will be at Cherry Hill East on February 16th at 6PM. Tickets are \$10. Camden County is represented on the trophy. This is a big deal. We are sports people. Camden County is a sports community and we have never had a county tournament. The girls started 3 or 4 years ago. They do not call it a county tournament but we are trying to get them to recognize that as a county tournament.

Commissioner Dyer said lastly, I want to thank the County for hosting a great Town Hall Meeting. I thought it was very informative. I was able to help a few people out last night on the spot. When you attend these events, people pour their hearts out. We had some questions last night that needed to be answered right then and there. Commissioner Young did a great job as emcee!

Commissioner Deputy Director McDonnell said I want to join Jeff in recognizing Elmer Beach. Elmer Beach was a Camden County and an American hero. I had the honor of being able to help him make one of his dreams come true. As he got older, he had this dream that he always wanted to see the University of Notre Dame and a Notre Dame football game. A number of years ago Jim and I were able to take him to South Bend for a Notre Dame football game. He spent the whole time walking around the campus and going into the Sacred Heart Cathedral. He had the time of his life and that is a great memory for me. I also want to recognize Jeff. He briefly mentioned the legal clinic that he runs and which Lou Cappelli is a member of. This is an organization that does amazing work for people who have fallen on hard times, who have legal issues and who could never in their wildest dreams afford an attorney to help save them and their families from whatever dilemma they are facing. Jeff has been doing this forever. He is so devoted to it. No one gets paid a cent. To Jeff and Lou and all the other attorneys who are active in the legal clinic, what a wonderful service you are providing. You should be very proud.

Congratulations to Commissioner Young again. A lot of us will be going up on the 27th to Trenton to see him sworn in as President of NJAC. Melinda, I would like to acknowledge you on all your great work with the Veterans and especially the Newsletter that you have initiated. I would also like to thank all our employees for all the great work you do.

Commissioner Director Cappelli said the Volunteer Up Legal Clinic does not exist

without Jeff Nash. On Monday, 300 people had their records expunged thanks to Jeff Nash. That will help those folks get jobs. I also want to again congratulate Commissioner Young. Well earned. We had some good news yesterday. Campbell's Soup is expanding its headquarters right here in Camden City and will be investing another \$50,000,000 in their headquarters and hiring 330 people here in Camden City. That is just wonderful news to begin the year. I want to thank all our employees for the hard work they do day in and day out on behalf of our residents.

The Director asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Young made a motion with a second by Deputy Director McDonnell and all Commissioners voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn Gilmore
Clerk of the Board