

CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

March 16, 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, VIRGINIA
BETTERIDGE, JONATHAN YOUNG, SR., LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR.

EXCUSED: EDWARD MCDONNELL

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 Kane.

The Director said good afternoon ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners. This afternoon will be begin with the presentation of two Resolutions by Commissioner Betteridge.

PROCLAMATIONS

SIKH DAY and

SIKH AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION MONTH

Commissioner Betteridge said good afternoon everyone and welcome to the Camden County Board of Commissioners meeting. We are delighted that you are all here today. The reason we are gathered here today is to recognize the contributions of the Sikh community which I happen, by marriage, to be a member. In September of 2016, my daughter was fortunate enough to find the love of her life and marry my son-in-law who is Sikh from the Punjabi Region. I now have three grandchildren who are being raised Sikh and Catholic. It was a monumental day when we had a 9 AM ceremony at your beautiful gurdwara in Pine Hill and then we had a beautiful Catholic ceremony at St. Theresa's in Runnemede. As life brings us full circle, I never thought I would find myself in this position and I am humbled to be before you today to bring gratitude to all the contributions that all ethnicities bring to Camden County. We are here because we embrace everyone, and we are here to work together with everyone in peace, love, and harmony. It is my pleasure to present to you today two proclamations. One for Sikh Day and the other for Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month. Director Cappelli has joined me because he has had a relationship for many years here in Camden County with the Sikh community. Director Cappelli said as Commissioner Betteridge said, and I know I speak on behalf of all the Commissioners, one of the greatest assets of Camden County is its diversity. So many different cultures, so many different histories are brought together into our community and that is what makes us so strong. The contributions that your community has made to our county are phenomenal. You participate

in everything from charitable events to civic organizations. You enhance the quality of life in Camden County and our diversity and strength. On behalf of the Board, we want to say thank you and recognize your community. Director Cappelli invited Harjinder Singh to say a few words. Mr. Singh said we are delighted to be here this afternoon. It is a very happy occasion. It is our distinct honor and privilege to receive this proclamation which Ginny has so graciously prepared. Director Lou Cappelli has been a good friend and has been associated with us for quite some time. We are very happy that finally we are being recognized by Camden County. Thank you.

Director Cappelli said the proclamation for Sikh Day recognized that the State of New Jersey did pass legislation recognizing April 14th as Sikh Day. We are here today alongside all of you to celebrate that day in advance.

Commissioner Betteridge said most recently the month of April has become recognized as Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month across the United States. This provides an opportunity for individuals of all backgrounds to learn about Sikhism, celebrate the contributions of the Sikh community, and participate in events and activities that promote understanding, respect, and appreciation for the rich culture and heritage of the Sikh community.

Director Cappelli invited everyone to come up for pictures.

MINUTES

The Director asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the previous Commissioners Meeting as presented. Commissioner Betteridge made a motion with a second by Commissioner Dyer and all roll call:

AYE: ALL PRESENT

COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

The Director asked for a motion to adopt the Comptroller's Report. Commissioner Dyer made a motion with a second by Commissioner Kane 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 Steven Spielberg. *I was so surprised and equally honored to learn of the historical marker commemorating the site of the first motion picture I ever saw when I was a little boy of six years old, living on Crystal Terrace Avenue in Haddonfield. The Westmont was the movie house where I watched many films after The Greatest Show on Earth. Another film I especially remember seeing there was John Ford's The Searchers in 1956. For a budding storyteller, that theater was kind of a place of worship and when my father left RCA in Camden to join GE in Phoenix, Arizona, I sadly knew I'd be leaving the memories of so many great afternoons and weekends at that movie palace behind. When I sat down to write*

my semi-autobiographical film there was no question where the story should begin . . . in the place where all my big dreams began . . . at the Westmont. Thank you for marking my time in New Jersey and I will visit Haddon Township to pay my respects to your wonderful community very soon. With gratitude, Steven Spielberg

Director Cappelli said thank you Madam Clerk.

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.

Lolauda Lorenz, Cherry Hill Resolution No. 22 authorizing the submission of a Grant Application, by the County of Camden (Department of Parks, on behalf of the Mosquito Commission) to the State of New Jersey, Department of Agriculture, Division of Plant Industry, for the 2023 Spotted Lantern Program - Chemical Control Treatment Grant. *Ms. Lorenz said I am an avid gardener and last year I witnessed my resident praying mantis devour two lantern flies at once. I am concerned with the mosquito spraying. I have been concerned for years but I did not know where to go. I spoke to the Commissioner representative at one of our Township meetings and he told me to talk to my neighbors. I am concerned about the spraying because of the effect on the natural predators. I would like to ask if you can do something different, maybe more education. You are killing the natural predators.* DCA Vesper asked Ms. Lorenz to leave her contact information so someone can reach out to her to discuss this further.

Kevin Barfield, 414 Pfeiffer Street, Camden. *I have a question on Resolution No. 21 amending Resolution No. 29, adopted February 16, 2023 ratifying prior appointments and authorizing the appointment and reappointment of members to the Camden County Solid Waste Advisory Council, to correct terms. I went on the County's website to try to find information as far as meeting times and minutes, but I didn't see anything. Is there a website where we can get information about this Council?* DCA Cass said the Solid Waste Advisory Council is on the website but they have not met recently so there are no minutes. We are working on improving that rapidly.

With respect to Resolution No. 17 rejecting Bid A-11/2023 for Disposal of Solid Waste for Camden County and various Camden County agencies and municipalities as no bids were received. What does that mean and what are the next steps? Commissioner Nash said there were no responses to the Bid, so we are going to have to figure out how we are going to find a place to dispose of the municipal trash. Right now this is just a notification that there were no bidders. Mr. Barfield said, *you are saying there was no bid from Covanta?* Commissioner Nash said there was no bid from anyone. This is the second time that a bid went out and no one responded.

Lolauda Lorenz, Cherry Hill. *I have a question regarding Resolution No. 17 as well. In the past I volunteered in Camden City doing clean ups. I am currently volunteering in Cramer Hill and 19th Street is a dump zone. All throughout my route to where I am going there is trash everywhere and I wonder if there is something that the Commissioners can do to clean up, with the City, the streets where residents live. It is a horrible way to live.* Director Cappelli said we actually clean up the trash on a daily basis. We work very closely with the City and the Mayor

with his clean up efforts. He has certain days when he picks a neighborhood to clean up. Our Public Works Department works closely with their Public Works Department. It is an on-going battle and sometimes a struggle, but efforts are being made to do exactly what you are talking about. Ms. Lorenz said *maybe some of the businesses that are there, for example on 19th Street there is some type of oil rig company, that whole fence area and the surrounding brush is all trash. Can't they be encouraged to do their part?* Commissioner Cappelli said that is a function of Camden City itself to police and enforce their rules, regulations, and code with their property owners. That is not a County function. Ms. Lorenz said, *but you guys do work together.* Commissioner Cappelli said I am just letting you know it is a City function so you need to go the City and talk to them and then if they need our help, they will call us, but it is up to the City to regulate their own businesses and residents. Ms. Lorenz said *can someone give me a name so I can reach out to the appropriate person?* The Director said, the Business Administrator's Office, Tim Cunningham.

Hearing no other members of the public wishing to comment, the Director asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Betteridge made the motion with a second by Commissioner Young 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. We will now be voting on the Resolutions in blocks based on the unanimous consent of the Commissioners

RESOLUTIONS 1 THROUGH 53

The Director asked for a motion to adopt Resolutions 1 through 53. Commissioner Young made a motion with a second by Commissioner Dyer and on roll call:

AYE: ALL PRESENT

ABSTENTIONS: JEFFREY NASH – Resolutions 2, 8, 19, 53
LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR. – Resolutions 1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 43 and 53

1. Resolution authorizing the establishment of a pool of qualified professionals for Architectural Services and Engineering Services for the County of Camden and its Agencies and Authorities.

ABSTAIN: LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR. (Colliers Engineering; Remington & Vernick; and IH Engineers)

2. Resolution authorizing Agreements, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Various Vendors for the provision of Professional Engineering Services for On-Call Construction Management/Construction Inspection for Roadway Projects in various Camden County Municipalities, on an "as-needed" basis.

**ABSTAIN: JEFFREY NASH (Naik)
LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR. (Colliers Engineering; Remington &
Vernick; and IH Engineers)**

3. Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 and Final (Bid B-15/2021), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and M.L. Ruberton Construction Co., Inc., for Roadway Safety Improvements in various municipalities, for a decrease in the amount of \$150,107.59.

4. Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 3 and Final (Bid B-5/2021), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Lexa Concrete, LLC, for Roadway Improvements to Park Avenue (CR 621) from Cove Road (CR 616) to Union Avenue (CR 615) in the Township of Pennsauken, for an increase in the amount of \$187,901.58 - CAF#9900234049.

5. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Evergreen Environmental, LLC, for purchase of Riparian Mitigation Credits from the Evergreen Oldmans Creek Mitigation Bank for the Realignment of South Broadway (CR 551) Project from Newton Creek to Woodland Avenue, in the City of Camden, in the amount of \$550,550.00 - CAF#9900234818.

6. Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and the Borough of Barrington, for installation and maintenance of solar powered display signs and flashing pedestrian beacon signs on Clements Bridge Road (CR 573) between West Williams Avenue and Reamer Drive and installation and maintenance of solar powered speed signs on 3rd Avenue (CR 653) between Clements Bridge Road (CR 573) and Route 295 overpass, in the Borough of Barrington.

ABSTAIN: LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR.

7. Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and the City of Camden, for use of Camden City roller.

8. Resolution amending an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Camden Community Partnership, for additional Program Management Services for various New Jersey Department of Transportation projects in the City of Camden, at no cost to the County.

**ABSTAIN: JEFFREY NASH
LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR.**

9. Resolution authorizing a Cost Sharing Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and the Township of Gloucester, for the redesign of the Somerdale Road Bridge over the North Branch of Timber Creek, in the Township of Gloucester.

ABSTAIN: LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR.

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

11. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (Bid A-8/2022 - 2nd Year Option), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) and various vendors, for Grass Cutting, Trimming and Grounds Keeping Services for various Camden County Departments and Cooperative Members under the Camden County Cooperative Pricing System, ID #57-CCCPS.

12. Resolution rejecting Bid A-4/2023 for M. Allen Vogelsson Library Renovation, due to abandonment of the project.

13. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (State Contract #19-FLEET-00971), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) and Pedroni Fuel Company, for the purchase and delivery of unleaded fuel. Funding contingent upon passage of the 2023 Temporary and/or Permanent Budgets.

14. Resolution authorizing the extension of a Lease Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) and Colonial Lane, LLC, for warehouse storage of records and related items for use by various offices of the Superior Court of New Jersey and Probation Department, in the amount of \$93,204.00. Funding available in the amount of \$5,000.00 - CAF#9900234679. Balance of funding contingent upon passage of the 2023 Temporary and/or Permanent Budgets.

15. Resolution approving personnel actions requested by or on behalf of Commissioner Kane.

16. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotations, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Parks) and Hale Trailer Brake & Wheel, Inc., for the rental of various trailers, in the total amount of \$17,850.00 - CAF#9900234547.

17. Resolution rejecting Bid A-11/2023 for Disposal of Solid Waste for Camden County and various Camden County agencies and municipalities as no bids were received.

18. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (Bid ESCNJ 22/23-12), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Parks) and Cherry Valley Tractor Sales, Inc., for the purchase of a stump grinder and trailer, under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System ID#65-MCESCCPS, in the amount of \$86,488.00 - CAF#9900234546.

19. Resolution amending Resolution No. 26, adopted February 16, 2023, authorizing a Right of Entry and Indemnification Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Parks, Division of Environmental Affairs) and the Delaware River Port Authority, for use of the Woodcrest PATCO Station parking lot for a shredding event, to reflect a change in the date.

ABSTAIN: JEFFREY NASH

20. Resolution amending Resolution No. 28, adopted February 16, 2023, authorizing the submission of a Grant Application, by the County of Camden (Department of Parks) to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program, for the Jake's Law Playground Grant, in the amount of \$1,331,250.00 to include the matching requirement.

21. Resolution amending Resolution No. 29, adopted February 16, 2023 ratifying prior appointments and authorizing the appointment and reappointment of members to the Camden County Solid Waste Advisory Council, to correct terms.

22. Resolution authorizing the submission of a Grant Application, by the County of Camden (Department of Parks, on behalf of the Mosquito Commission) to the State of New Jersey, Department of Agriculture, Division of Plant Industry, for the 2023 Spotted Lantern Program - Chemical Control Treatment Grant, in the amount of \$15,000.00.

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

24. Resolution amending Resolution No. 45, 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 approved non-profit agencies for the provision of Social Services for the Homeless (SSH) Program, Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) Program, and Intensive Case Management (ICM) Services, to increase funding to Catholic Charities in the amount of \$34,050.00 - CAF#9900234848.

25. 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 Center for Family Services, for the provision of Professional Substance Use Disorder Services - Peer Led Recovery Center Services, in the amount of \$250,000.00 - CAF#9900234708.

26. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Health and Human Services, Community Health Services) and Liberty University, to provide students with field and clinical experiences in the Public Health Program, at no cost to the County.

27. Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Health and Human Services) and Camden County Senior Corps/RSVP, for the provision of a Volunteer Station at the Carol Norcross Senior Wellness Center, at no cost to the County.

28. Resolution authorizing the submission of a Grant Application, by the County of Camden (Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Senior and Disabled Services) to the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, for the New Jersey State Health Insurance Program, in the amount of \$36,000.00.

29. Resolution authorizing a Standardized Board Resolution in connection with the 2023-2024 State Health Insurance Program, to be filed by the County of Camden (Department of

Health and Human Services, Division of Senior and Disabled Services) with the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for the New Jersey State Health Insurance Program.

30. Resolution authorizing the reappointment of members to the Camden County Addiction Awareness Task Force.

31. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (Bid A-9/2023), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Health and Human Services) and TESCO Specialty Vehicles, LLC, for the purchase of Mobile Exam Room Vans, in the amount of \$392,184.00 - CAF#9900234800.

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

33. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of funds for the 2023 Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative - Innovations Funding Grant, in the amount of \$120,000.00.

34. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotations, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Corrections) and The Consortium, Inc., for the provision of Substance Use and Addiction Counseling and Assessment Services for individuals incarcerated at the Camden County Correctional Facility, in the amount of \$495,000.00. Funding available in the amount of \$100,000.00 - CAF#9900234657. Balance of funding contingent upon passage of the 2023 and 2024 Temporary and/or Permanent Budgets.

35. Resolution authorizing a month-to-month Agreement, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Corrections) and Pulitzer/Bogard & Associates, LLC, for Contract Monitoring Services for Medical, Dental and Psychiatric Services for the Camden County Correctional Facility and Camden County Juvenile Detention Facility, pending reprourement of the services.

36. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (State Contract #19-FLEET-00565/00678), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Corrections - Division of Juvenile Justice) and Fastenal, for the purchase and installation of cameras and equipment, in the amount of \$72,505.00 - CAF#9900234651.

37. Resolution authorizing the appointment of a member to the Camden County Workforce Development Board.

38. Resolution authorizing a Bond Substitution in the amount of \$105,000.00 to provide funding for the purchase of a cone vehicle.

39. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (Bid 22-11), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety) and Terrestrial Imaging, LLC, for the purchase of drones, under the Bergen County Cooperative Purchasing Alliance System ID #CK04, in the amount of \$18,299.49 - CAF#9900234583.

40. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (Bid A-4/2022 - 2nd Year Option), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety) and Locality Media, Inc., d/b/a First Due, for Fire Records Management software, in the amount of \$183,739.50 - CAF#9900234584.

41. Resolution ratifying the submission of a Grant Application, by the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety - Office of Emergency Management) to the New Jersey State Police, for the FY 2023 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Subaward Grant, in the amount of \$68,450.00.

42. Resolution authorizing a Bond Substitution in the amount of \$139,020.00 to provide financing for kennel floor replacement.

43. 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 Sustainability and Shared Services) and Vinetech, LLC, for management of the Lakeland Vineyard, in the amount of \$17,580.00 - CAF#9900233375.

ABSTAIN: LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR. (Vineyard)

44. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:A-6.1, by and between the County of Camden (Office of Sustainability and Shared Services) and Gecko Graphics, Inc., for Interpretive Design Services for the Sustainability Multi-Purpose Building, in the amount of \$18,625.00 - CAF#9900234484.

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

46. Resolution authorizing Budgetary Transfers in the 2023 Reserve Fund and rescinding Resolution No. 46, adopted February 16, 2023.

47. Resolution awarding Camden County Animal Shelter Coronavirus Relief Fund Program Grant Funds to various providers.

48. Resolution adopting 457(b) Plan Roth Deferral Amendment to the established Camden County Deferred Compensation Employee Benefit Plan with MetLife.

49. Resolution authorizing acceptance of the 2021 Report of Audit.

50. Resolution amending 2023 Temporary Budget Appropriations.

51. Resolution amending an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden and SOLIX Inc., for the provision of Web Portal Application Services and Application Review for the Camden County Care Givers Relief Program, for an increase in the amount of \$300,000.00 - CAF#9900234751.

52. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (Bid A-8/2023), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Events and Community Outreach) and Market Street Printing,

Inc., for printing of envelopes for various Camden County Agencies, under the Camden County Cooperative Pricing System, ID #57-CCCPS, on an "as-needed" basis.

53. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Events and Community Outreach) and Camden Community Partnership, for marketing and community outreach services, in the amount of \$50,000.00. Funding available in the amount of \$12,500.00 - CAF#9900234686. Balance of funding contingent upon passage of the 2023 Temporary and/or Permanent Budgets.

**ABSTAIN: JEFFREY NASH
LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR.**

RESOLUTION NO. 54 WAS PULLED.

54. Resolution acknowledging name change of Arsenal Sound, LLC to All Systems Go AV, LLC.

RESOLUTIONS 55 THROUGH 73

The Director asked for a motion to adopt Resolutions 55 through 73. Commissioner Betteridge made a motion with a second by Commissioner Kane and on roll call:

ABSTENTIONS: JEFFREY NASH – Resolution 65

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

56. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (State Contract 17-FLEET-00721), by and between the County of Camden (Office of the Prosecutor) and Eagle Point Gun t/a T.J. Morris & Son, for the purchase of ammunition, in the amount of \$24,539.00 - CAF#9900234475.

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

58. Resolution ratifying the submission of a Grant Application, by the County of Camden (Office of the Prosecutor) to the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General, for the FY19 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, Multi-Jurisdictional County Gang, Gun & Narcotics Task Force Program, in the amount of \$257,980.00.

59. Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964".

60. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(q), by and between the County of Camden (Office of the Prosecutor) and Gann Law Books, for the purchase of law books, in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00. Funding available in the amount of \$5,000.00 - CAF#9900234203. Balance of funding contingent upon passage of the 2023 Temporary and/or Permanent Budgets.

61. 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 Koch Holdings Incorporated d/b/a Koch 33 Ford Toyota, for the purchase of an upfit package for a 2023 Ford Expedition SUV, in the amount of \$4,680.00 - CAF#9900234449.

62. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (#22-01), by and between the County of Camden (Office of the Sheriff) and Gentilini Ford, Inc., for the purchase of two (2) 2023 Ford Explorers, under the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System, ID 47-CPCPS, in the total amount of \$87,970.72 - CAF#9900234695.

63. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (State Contract 21-FLEET-01485), by and between the County of Camden (Office of the Sheriff) and Gentilini Chevrolet, LLC, Inc., for the purchase of one (1) 2023 Chevy Tahoe, in the amount of \$46,390.45 - CAF#9900234690.

64. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (State Contract #20-GNVS2-00983), by and between the County of Camden (Office of the Sheriff) and Hertz Corporation, for rental of two vehicles, in the total amount of \$26,474.40. Funding available in the amount of \$6,618.60 - CAF#9900233628. Balance of funding contingent upon passage of the 2023 Temporary and/or Permanent Budgets.

65. Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden and The Rowan University/Rutgers-Camden Board of Governors, for the provision of Communications, Media and Public Relations Services.

ABSTAIN: JEFFREY NASH

66. Resolution ratifying an award of Contract (State Contract #20-TELE-01510/T1321), by and between the County of Camden (Office of Archives and Records Management) and Dell Marketing, L.P., for annual maintenance and support for the Camden County Records Information Management (RIM) System, in the amount of \$46,804.00. Funding available in the amount of \$5,596.00 - CAF#9900234888. Balance of funding contingent upon passage of the 2023 Temporary and/or Permanent Budgets.

67. Resolution rejecting Bid A-7/2023, for a Laundry and Shower Trailer for the Camden County Office of Community Development, due to non-compliance with bid specifications.

68. Resolution amending Resolution No. 86, adopted June 17, 2021 ratifying the submission of a Grant Application, by the County of Camden (Office of Community Development) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the FY 2021

Consolidated Strategy and Action Plan, to include HOME-ARP Funds in the amount of \$4,108,852.00.

69. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (State Contract #20-TELE-01510), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and Dell Marketing, LP, for software licenses, in the amount of \$20,449.46 - CAF#9900233976.

70. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (State Contract #17-FLEET-00740), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and Lawmen Supply Company of New Jersey, Inc., for the purchase of ammunition, in the amount of \$87,542.62 - CAF#9900234119.

71. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (State Contract #A-83909), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and Motorola Solutions, Inc., for radio maintenance, in the amount of \$172,720.00 - CAF#9900234120.

72. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (State Contract 17-FLEET-00754), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and Lawmen Supply Company of New Jersey, Inc., for the purchase of ballistic vests, in the amount of \$18,931.08 - CAF#9900234121.

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

The Director called for a motion on Resolution No. 74 acknowledging personnel actions requested by or on behalf of Constitutional or Statutory Row Offices.

RESOLUTION 74

NO MOTION MADE – FAILED

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

Rob Lewandowski, Collingswood. *I am a Commissioner for the great Borough of Collingswood. I was hoping I could discuss for a moment the important topic of waste disposal. I think we know that over the past few years the market conditions have made trash collection so challenging. That has not gone away. The other challenges we face regarding waste disposal are both demographic and environmental. The population isn't shrinking, and the environment is not yielding to the choices we are making and the impact on our community. Collingswood is a borough of 14,000. We care about this issue as do all our neighboring communities, as do all of you. We all share this concern, but we don't all have the individual resources to address the challenges that we face. Given that we are all in the same boat and that the solutions are larger in scale than any one community, I am here today to ask Camden County Commissioners to consider hiring a professional, a zero-waste coordinator, who has the expertise and experience to*

really navigate these waters to find workable, effective solutions that we all need. I believe a regional approach would be the best way to leverage resources and lead to the outcomes we all want, and I respectfully request Camden County to consider this and want you to know that you have my support and the support of my fellow Commissioners here in Collingswood in tackling waste disposal issues. I am a big believer that working together works best and I hope we can work together on this. Commissioner Cappelli replied on behalf of the Borough of Collingwood, have you been involved in discussions concerning disposals? Commissioner Lewandowski said yes. Director Cappelli said then you are aware what we have been trying to do and what our predicament is. Commissioner Lewandowski replied absolutely. Commissioner Nash said thank you Commissioner for coming to our meeting and raising this issue. I know that you and some of your colleagues have a Green Team in Collingswood and it is recognized as one of the more progressive environmental groups in the County, which is outstanding. Camden County has been grappling with this issue. You heard earlier that our Bid for solid waste disposal was rejected for the second time due to no bidders, so it leaves 25 communities without a place to empty their trash come December and that is a very difficult issue that we are grappling with now. Air quality is one of the primary concerns of our community. According to the American Lung Association, the region that includes Burlington, Gloucester and Camden counties and Philadelphia counties are some of the most hazardous in the entire country. We are working with Tri-County Sustainability, Sean Moen in particular, to re-form an air quality committee through the County's Environmental Commission. We welcome you or a representative of your Green Team to participate in that. I spoke to Mr. Moen about having that group consider hiring a consultant to assist the Environmental Commission, either a waste consultant or someone to help us generally with air quality issues in the County because it is not only the trash issue or incineration, but it also has to do with idling and internal combustion engines, trucks, and traffic. There are so many issues we are going to grapple with, so I do welcome your participation. As for your request for a consultant to assist, I think that it would be very helpful for the committee to have a professional. Obviously, we have to go through a public procurement process, which we will do, and then take it back for public discussion. Thank you for your comments. Commissioner Lewandowski said *thank you Commissioner Nash. I think an air quality committee is a fantastic idea. I think sometimes we get so hung up on means that we lose site of the ends. Whatever gets us to effective solutions is the best way.*

Kate Delaney, Collingswood. *I am also here, obviously because I am looking forward to seeing the end of trash incineration in our County. I was wondering, Commissioner Nash, if you could talk a little bit more about the bid issue because to your point it does seem very concerning that there is no plan to dispose of the solid waste. I want to echo the points that Kevin made about going to the SWAC meetings to hear those decisions being made about solid waste. Having that meeting schedule, I know Holly said it was going to be online which is great, but if it could happen soon that would be wonderful. Finally, just chiming in with Rob's point, I think it would be great to hire a consultant. It is very important that it be a zero-waste consultant. Mike Ewell whom I know you have all connected with, from Energy Justice Network would be a great resource and could get someone who is an expert in this, not just someone who is necessarily a part of the County's pool of people. Commissioner Nash said, as you know we must do a public procurement process. We cannot just specifically select someone. By way of background, the County facilitates*

a co-op because we have 37 municipalities, 35 excluding the golf courses. Everyone has to have a place to dispose of their waste. When the United States Supreme Court ruled that flow control by a County was unconstitutional it left every municipality in the State of New Jersey swimming out by themselves. The concern of having a smaller town like Hi-Nella or Magnolia where there are only a few thousand residents, having them to figure out where to dispose of their trash was problematic. The towns came together, asked the County and worked with the County to form a co-op. That means that the towns joined together voluntarily to put out a bid because together they can get a more powerful market rate. That is what the County has done since 1994. Some of the towns have gone out on their own, Cherry Hill, Gloucester Township, Winslow, for different reasons. Winslow because of location. Cherry Hill because they were able to find someone to take their trash outside of the co-op. For the remaining towns we facilitate a bid. In the past the bid has been won by Covanta. You have to understand, there must be a public procurement process. That is the law. The co-op puts out a bid. Years ago, the only bidder was Covanta, and they gave us a two-year contract with three one-year options. Every year the County would go out to bid to see if there would be a better price, a different vendor, whether it be the incinerator a landfill or other. We would put out the bid and the first-year option came back, and it turns out that the rate was higher than the five-year contract we had so we rejected that bid and stayed with the old contract because the price was cheaper for the municipalities. We then said maybe we will break up the co-op into smaller increments because maybe a smaller increment would attract a landfill or someone from Pennsylvania or otherwise that would offer an alternative to the incinerator. It turns out that breaking up the towns did not work. We again were left with accepting the next year option with Covanta. Now we are running out of the five years, we are running out of options. This year when we put out the bid, no one responded, including Covanta. That is even more problematic because we do not have a place for these 25 towns to take their trash, so we put it out again and again we had no responses. We are not permitted to urge companies to respond. It is a public procurement process. We are now rejecting the bid today because we had no bidders, and we are left here in March with a December deadline to figure out where we are going to dispose of the County garbage. I agree that the incineration for this particular region is not optimal. If you listen to Senator Smith who is a great environmentalist in this State and recently spoke at a conference, he said landfills are public enemy #1. There is data that would suggest that a landfill is more dangerous to the public in nearby areas because of the methane produced than incineration, but incineration is in our backyard and the landfills are in Pennsylvania. It is fair to bring our trash there and potentially cause more harm there? These are choices. There are no right answers to these questions. There are just choices. We are left in a position where we do not have a bid, we have 25 towns with 110,000 tons of trash a year that has to go somewhere. We are going to be working with our Environmental Committee to look at issues of composting. Obviously if you get food waste out of the waste stream that is extremely favorable. The problem is there is no large composting facility permitted in our region. There have been towns like Princeton that have tried municipal composting, but the cost became so high for the municipality to collect compost that they abandoned that effort. Municipalities are already stretched to the maximum with taxes and to increase taxes to do something is a challenge for any municipality. So, it goes back to choices. I don't pretend to have all the answers. I rely on experts. That is why hiring a consultant through this air quality committee would help us, guide us, give us what is out there and give us options. We will follow whatever possible avenue we have to reduce the hazards, knowing that this region

is listed as one of the most hazardous in the country. At the end of the day we have to take out our trash without burdening the taxpayers who are already overtaxed. Those are the choices. That is a very long answer to your question of why the bid was rejected.

Kevin Barfield, 414 Pfeiffer Street, Camden. *Mr. Barfield said I volunteer for Camden for Clean Air. I am the past president of the Camden County NAACP. I want to clarify again why we are here today. We just met with Commissioner Nash on Thursday, along with another member of Camden for Clean Air and Sean Moen. Just for transparency, I told you that we would be here today and I didn't want to get into the fact that we had a conversation about our demands and we are showing up again asking the same questions and being redundant. You made it clear at that meeting what the challenges have been for the County and again I am here as a resident to figure out how we can come to some solution because at the end of the day we are in a situation where we have no where to go. Right now, even as far as the Commissioner from Collingswood, he was on there talking because he was at the meetings for the last couple of months asking them about what their contingency plans are. We don't have none. We rely on the County. I think part of advocacy is the fact that sometimes we bring things to the table that may not have been brought to the table. Its not like we are here to hold meetings up. We are not trying to be disruptive but at the end of the day when we see things are happening such as train derailments throughout the United States, we have all these issues and fortunately we have not had to deal with these types of catastrophes. So, your advocacies, your people in the community who are out here watching these things, we want to bring these things to your attention. We want to let you know that we support you, but we want things done and we want transparency. When you mentioned the Environmental Commission, I went on the website and I see there is a Mission Statement but there are no minutes, there is nothing saying that they are holding meetings. Commissioner Nash said, we haven't started yet. Mr. Barfield, said I know we talked about that so when we will start seeing reports on a monthly basis showing that they are meeting and seeing some progress? The community is here to voice our concerns. Walking through the community even knowing that even through the public process for Covanta that there was no transparency with them submitting a permit to bring additional trucks and liquid waste into the facility. The one thing that Covanta was supposed to be doing, even three years ago when we dealt with them with the microgrid, was to add a bag house filter to help with the emissions. Going into that community and hearing the horror stories whether its people's homes falling apart, people's health, children, families having children with birth defects, it is horrible. Unless you are walking in those communities and talking to those people you really don't know what is going on. For me as a person born and raised in Camden, my life has been in advocacy, advocating for my children and myself. I could just be doing that but I am here today respectfully asking you guys to take this seriously. If we start to see some movement, we won't be here wasting our time when we could be out advocating for something else. Commissioner Nash said Kevin as you know, I sat and met with you and Ben and others. I have been into the community. I know what the issues are. We are not running from this issue. I respect and appreciate the advocacy. This is a complicated issue. We will be very transparent when this committee gets up and running.*

Dorothy Foley, Merchantville. *Ms. Foley said I am the leader of the Merchantville Green Team, a member of the Tri-County Sustainability Alliance and have worked with Sean Moen on a*

lot of issues. I am also a member of Camden For Clean Air. I am new to this issue but from what I can see there is a short-term issue and a long-term issue. The long-term issue, I feel, is an opportunity for all of you because you have the power. You are here, it's a hard job, its probably a lot of times a thankless job but I feel that you have the power to do something innovative. No one in this State right now composts on a regional level. There are 14 towns in North Jersey who are trying to do pilot programs for composting, but they don't have many places to take it. We have none. It is a composting desert here. I applaud them trying to do what they are doing because they are facing a lot of odds. There is no support from the State right now and support from the federal government hasn't flowed to us yet. I think there are a lot of opportunities in the Inflation Reduction Act for monies for this type of thing, to really build a big, huge infrastructure for our State to say you have to put your food waste aside. Just like recycling. You put your food waste aside, we pick it up and it goes to a facility that doesn't smell. I feel like that is a long-term issue. If you look at that zero-waste hierarchy, you have a lot of other opportunities to reduce and recycle. The one thing that is not on this globally accepted zero-waste hierarchy is incineration, and that is for a reason. A landfill is the least favorable option of the hierarchy and that is because, as you said Commissioner Nash, it is really bad and very polluting, but incineration is worse. There are studies that show, even taking into consideration the diesel trucks going to Pennsylvania with the consortium of Cherry Hill, Winslow, Somerdale, Pine Hill and Gloucester Township, incineration is worse in terms of greenhouse gases and in terms of lead, mercury, and dioxins. The only thing that is monitored on a continual basis is nitrous oxide. We don't know on a daily basis what types of lead, mercury or dioxins are going into the air.

The short-term piece is that there is a consortium. I don't know anything about it, but I read an article in 2020 that there is a 5-year contract that Cherry Hill, Gloucester Township, Winslow, Pine Hill, and Somerdale are in because they opted out of your co-op. That is a lot of waste and I don't know how it compares to what is going to Covanta. I read an article where Steve Musili, who is the Chief Engineer for Cherry Hill, from Cherry Hill was quoted when they entered this contract that they were saving a significant amount of money for their town in comparison to the County contract. Commissioner Nash said, they are. They are paying \$68 a ton and the co-op is over \$90 a ton. We do not have an outside consultant, but we have one of the best solid waste advisors in the State of New Jersey in Brian Costantino. He has more expertise than anyone that I have met or know of in the State of New Jersey, and he is Camden County's own, so we are very fortunate. He is in touch with everyone throughout the State. We talk about these issues all the time.

Ms. Foley said, since Covanta did not bid there is something going on there behind that scene that we don't know about. If they don't get our contract they are going to have to close. I don't know why, but I know the Covanta incinerator in Warren County closed abruptly when they were asking for a permit to burn liquid industrial waste which is exactly what Covanta in Camden is doing right now. Have you voiced your opposition to burning liquid industrial waste at the Covanta incinerator? I know it is not in your power because it is a New Jersey DEP issue, but have you formally said we do not want Covanta to burn liquid industrial waste? Commissioner Nash said no we have not formally said that.

Maria Nina Scarpo, 311 St. James Avenue, Merchantville. *The one thing I would like to speak to is innovation. Our State has an Innovation Department that brings up brilliant ideas in order to get the common good involved so that we have answers to the problems we seek solutions to. One of the things that Camden County has done a miraculous job of is getting vaccines for our people and we did that by collaborating with all the towns and making sure that we could coordinate with Camden County in order to get people vaccinated. I am asking you to take that same initiative and to reach out to the Innovation Office. These people are up there doing things that either we have not thought of or do not have the money to do. The EPA just sent out \$3 million to help with climate change. Maybe we can tap into some of that money. If I may read from the Innovation Office of the State of New Jersey. Every three years, the State of New Jersey drafts a plan to invest hundreds of millions of dollars to fight climate change. Getting the public's insight and feedback on the latest plan is critical to the process. Stakeholder agencies worked with the Office of Innovation to employ an innovative survey method to engage thousands of New Jerseyans and gather valuable insights that will help shape future climate change solutions. I ask you to seek their advice. To tap into the Innovation Office that Governor Murphy set up and seek the advice of these people who are diligently working to come up with solutions that maybe we haven't. So maybe we don't have to say we put out a bid, but no one answered. Maybe there are other ways of doing things. Maybe just talking to your towns and having something simple as a contest – which towns were able to put out little garbage pails for your food waste and you took them to your backyard and made a compost pile. Maybe something as simple as that that we don't think of because we are so busy doing the big business that you are so aptly responsible for. Each little thing could make a giant step once they are all put together to get something done. Maybe some of the hog farmers who are still around here would like some of the compostable waste that we have. Maybe Pennsauken who composts their leaves in that enormous place down off Haddonfield Road. Maybe they would want to have a section where we could compost food waste. Maybe green teams could be the solution in each town that we just haven't tapped into. I am asking you to think beyond the desks that you sit at, think beyond the RFPs which I appreciate your diligence on and help us get rid of our waste. Commissioner Nash said I think that is a great idea and we will reach out to them because you never know what innovation might come our way. Much of what you are talking about relates to a municipal function and they should consider that. I know that Collingswood has a very aggressive green team. I do applaud you for those comments. Commissioner Young said when we talk about forward thinking and sustainability and things that we do, Camden County is the only county in the State of New Jersey that has a Department of Sustainability. We think about sustainability on a regular basis. We have individuals who are talking about composting. We are looking at buying a composting machine from overseas for our Sustainability Center. If I am not mistaken, I believe the problem with food waste composting is that you can't transport it. If we could transport it, we would do it ourselves right her in Camden County. We are thinking outside the box on ways of making that happen. Our Sustainability Department works with all 36 municipalities to make sure they are all certified and we do listen to our residents when it comes to sustainability. Ms. Scarpo said Commissioner Young thank you for that input. There is a way of transporting food waste. There is a machine called a food digester. I am a retired Camden City school teacher. If a school could have a food digester, the food nobody wanted would then get put into the food digester and that becomes compostable material that can go to the neighborhood gardens. Food composting is very difficult but if you look into things we*

are not doing like putting food digesters into our schools so that their waste at lunchtime, which is enormous, could be used for compostable material then maybe we could get a grant from the EPA to improve on some of the ill effects that we have. Commissioner Young said I believe that is the machine we are getting.

Seeing no other 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 I want to wish everyone a soon Spring because the weather has been miserable.

Commissioner Young said I would like to thank our County employees. We had our Spring Job Fair at the Cherry Hill Mall on March 3rd. We had about 28 vendors and it was a very big success. Basketball season is coming on and down at the animal shelter we have March Muttness which started on March 9th and runs through March 19th. All adoptions are \$4.00. Our annual plant sale at the Office of Sustainability is scheduled for May 6th from 9 AM to 2 PM.

Commissioner Kane said thank you to everyone for coming out today and recognizing that so much of what we are talking about are complex problems that do not necessarily have simple solutions and by partnering together, sharing ideas and voicing concerns is always welcomed.

Earlier this month I had an opportunity to attend an event on the Battleship New Jersey held by the Red Cross. March is always Red Cross Volunteer Appreciation Month, and we recognized the volunteers in South Jersey and throughout the State who are always there for Camden County and other areas for emergencies, disasters, house fires and making sure our blood supplies are at crucial levels. There were also two other impactful events recently in Camden County, both very different. One was an event held last week at the Camden County Boathouse for the prom dress giveaway and it was an amazing experience that brought together the Sheriff's Office, the Prosecutor's Office, the County Police Department and County employees. We had over 1,000 dresses donated, and I believe at the end of the evening we gave out 170 dresses to young women. There were also young men that came in and were getting suits for the first time in their lives. It was noted by everyone that lives were changed by the simple act of donating dresses. The young women walked in feeling like they may not be able to go to their prom or look a certain way and they left carrying a beautiful bundle of dresses and smiles on their faces. It was a wonderful experience for all and one that we plan on doing again.

The other event, on a very different note, was held at Camden County College in Blackwood. The Office of Veterans Affairs along with the Philadelphia VA partnered together for a suicide awareness event. We had representatives from 50 different organizations who set up tables and provided information to residents. We also had a panel speaking about suicide. This was primarily geared toward veterans but a lot of the information that was shared was useful for anyone, especially these days where people are struggling with their mental health. I want to thank all the community partners that worked so hard together. Every year more veterans die by suicide

than in all the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan combined. That is why Camden County is committed to making sure that we can save lives in any way that we can.

Commissioner Dyer said I would also like to thank everyone for coming out today. Some of the things that are happening are alarming. I know Kevin has been fighting the fight for a long time. I commend Commissioner Nash for having an even keel to answer the questions. This is how the process should work. You should be here asking these types of questions. I would also like to thank the leadership team of DPW. This month's DPW Employee of the Month is Albert Busan. Al has been at DPW since 2016. He is a member of the repairing crew which they call the 5-0. He is always there to help, teach and mentor other employees. He is a member of the DPW BBQ team and helps with the Thanksgiving Basket Drive. Albie, thank you for being a great worker. I hope you are watching today.

There are a few road projects I would like to update you on:

- Almonesson Road, Gloucester Township. Paving will be finished in March. That entire project should be completed by the end of April.
- Burnt Mill Road in Voorhees. Drainage improvements have started, and we anticipate the project being completed by the end of June.

Commissioner Betteridge said thank you everyone for bringing your most precious topics to our attention. As the newest member on the Commissioner Board, it is always refreshing to interact with our residents because that is true democracy when you can come to a forum to speak your voice and we can collaborate on the issues that are extremely important to not only you but your neighbors. I am the liaison to the Department of Health and Human Services. The Department has been extremely busy creating and collaborating with many of our agencies in Camden County. As most of you probably read, there was a very large opioid settlement that was brought to the State and then down to the County. I am happy to report that with the team effort here that you see in this room we are able to produce RFPs that will collaborate the need of the mental health crisis we are facing not only in Camden County but in the State of New Jersey as well as in our Country. We currently have an RFP for a clinic to help the most mentally fragile constituents of Camden County. The Camden County Health Department has taken the lead in the charge as obviously they are the professionals who have all the demographics and the data. I am happy to be a voice at the table for them and to be able to share this information with you.

We also have some other collaborations which are extremely helpful such as with Liberty University, Rowan and Rutgers University. We will be working with their students who will be doing some field work in the health field at no cost to the County. Another resolution which we adopted this afternoon is the specialty vehicles that the Camden County Health Department will be deploying into the communities to bring health services directly to the neighborhoods. These are all products of the opioid settlement and I am very proud of the team for caring enough and working diligently enough to be able to reach as many constituents as we can in the community.

Commissioner Director Cappelli said I too would like to thank the members of the public for coming out today and sharing your thoughts and ideas. I would also like to commend

Commissioner Nash because as complicated as this problem is it is Commissioner Nash who has been at the forefront on behalf of all of us trying to solve some of these issues. I think has he done a great job as I am sure you will all agree. We look forward to him finding us a solution to where we can put all our trash by the end of December. I would also like to thank the employees of Camden County for the great work they do day in and day out on behalf of our residents.

The Director asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Nash made a motion with a second by Commissioner Young and all Commissioners voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn Gilmore
Clerk of the Board