

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**September 21, 2023**

**520 Market Street**

**6<sup>th</sup> 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., EDWARD MCDONNELL, LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR.**

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 a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance, which was led by Commissioner Betteridge.

The Director said good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners. This afternoon we will begin our meeting with the Introduction of two Resolutions regarding the County Cap Program. Public Hearings on the Resolutions will be held on October 19, 2023 at 12:00 P.M. at the Camden County Courthouse, 520 Market Street, 6th Floor Meeting Room, Camden, NJ at 12:00 PM.

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION**

**(Item “e” on the Agenda)**

**Resolution of the County of Camden in the State of New Jersey authorizing a Guarantee by the County of the payment of the principal of and interest on the “County Guaranteed Loan Revenue Bonds (County Capital Program), Series 2023” to be issued by the Camden County Improvement Authority for the purposes of financing the acquisition and installation of certain capital equipment and the construction of certain capital infrastructure improvements in, by and for the County.**

Director Cappelli asked for a motion to adopt the introduction of the Resolution. Commissioner Young made a motion with a second by Commissioner Nash and all Commissioners present voted aye.

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION**

**(Item “f” on the Agenda)**

**Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Camden, New Jersey providing the County’s consent to (i) the financing of the**

**acquisition and installation of certain capital equipment and the construction of certain capital infrastructure improvements in, by and for the County; (ii) the issuance by the Authority of a series of its tax-exempt “County Guaranteed Loan Revenue Bonds (County Capital Program), Series 2023” for the purposes of financing the County project authorized hereby; (iii) the Loan Agreement by and between the County and the Authority in connection with the financing authorized hereby; and (iv) certain other matters related thereto and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:37A-56.**

Director Cappelli asked for a motion to adopt the introduction of the Resolution. Commissioner Dyer made a motion with a second by Commissioner Young and all Commissioners present voted aye.

The Director said next, we will open the meeting for Public Hearings on five (5) Bond Ordinances and one (1) Resolution, all of which were introduced at our August Commissioners meeting:

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**(Item “g” on the Agenda)**

**Bond Ordinance further amending a Bond Ordinance finally adopted January 21, 2016, as amended by Bond Ordinances finally adopted October 19, 2017, September 17, 2018, October 17, 2019, June 18, 2020, May 20, 2021, and July 21, 2022 by the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, in order to provide for a further change in the improvements authorized by such Ordinances.**

Director Cappelli opened the public hearing to anyone who would like to comment. Receiving no comments, the Director asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Nash made a motion with a second by Commissioner Young and on roll call all Commissioners present voted aye.

Director Cappelli asked for a motion to adopt the Bond Ordinance. Commissioner Nash made a motion with a second by Commissioner Betteridge and all Commissioners present voted aye.

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**(Item “h” on the Agenda)**

**Bond Ordinance further amending a Bond Ordinance finally adopted June 21, 2018, as amended by a Bond Ordinance finally adopted July 21, 2022 by the County of Camden, New Jersey in order to provide for a further change in the improvements authorized by such Ordinance.**

Director Cappelli opened the public hearing to anyone who would like to comment. Receiving no comments, the Director asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion with a second by Commissioner Nash and on roll call all Commissioners present voted aye.

Director Cappelli asked for a motion to adopt the Bond Ordinance. Commissioner Nash made a motion with a second by Commissioner Betteridge and all Commissioners present voted aye.

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**(Item “i” on the Agenda)**

**Bond Ordinance further amending a Bond Ordinance finally adopted May 16, 2019 by the County of Camden, New Jersey in order to provide for a change in the improvements authorized by such Ordinance.**

Director Cappelli opened the public hearing to anyone who would like to comment. Receiving no comments, the Director asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Nash made a motion with a second by Commissioner Betteridge and on roll call all Commissioners present voted aye.

Director Cappelli asked for a motion to adopt the Bond Ordinance. Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion with a second by Commissioner Young and all Commissioners present voted aye.

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**(Item “j” on the Agenda)**

**Bond Ordinance further amending a Bond Ordinance finally adopted July 16, 2020, as amended by Bond Ordinances finally adopted August 19, 2021 and July 21, 2022 by the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, in order to provide for a further change in the improvements authorized by such Ordinances.**

Director Cappelli opened the public hearing to anyone who would like to comment. Receiving no comments, the Director asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion with a second by Commissioner Nash and on roll call all Commissioners present voted aye.

Director Cappelli asked for a motion to adopt the Bond Ordinance. Commissioner Young made a motion with a second by Deputy Director McDonnell and all Commissioners present voted aye.

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**(Item “k” on the Agenda)**

**Bond Ordinance further amending a Bond Ordinance finally adopted August 19, 2021, as amended by Bond Ordinances finally adopted July 21, 2022 by the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, in order to provide for a change in the improvements authorized by such Ordinances.**

Director Cappelli opened the public hearing to anyone who would like to comment. Receiving no comments, the Director asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion with a second by Commissioner Young and on roll call all Commissioners present voted aye.

Director Cappelli asked for a motion to adopt the Bond Ordinance. Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion with a second by Commissioner Young and all Commissioners present voted aye.

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**(Item ‘l’ on the Agenda)**

**Resolution of the County of Camden in the State of New Jersey authorizing a Guarantee by the County of the payment of the principal of and interest on not more than \$3,250,000 aggregate principal amount of the Special Limited Obligation “County Guaranteed Revenue Bonds (Home Port Alliance Project), Series 2023” to be issued by the Camden County Improvement Authority for the purpose of financing the completion of various capital improvements and renovations to the Battleship New Jersey on behalf of Home Port Alliance for the USS New Jersey, Inc.**

Director Cappelli opened the public hearing to anyone who would like to comment. Receiving no comments, the Director asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Nash made a motion with a second by Commissioner Young and on roll call all Commissioners present voted aye.

Director Cappelli asked for a motion to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Nash made a motion with a second by Commissioner Betteridge and all Commissioners present voted aye, except Commissioner Kane who abstained.

## **MINUTES**

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

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Director asked the Clerk if there was any correspondence. The Clerk responded no, Director, we do not have any correspondence this month.

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. The Director opened the public hearing.

Commissioner Nash said I would like to make a statement regarding Resolution No. 22. Resolution No. 22 is introduced by my colleague Melinda Kane and I and is entitled Resolution recognizing the definition of Antisemitism advanced by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance. I wanted to speak on this Resolution because of its importance. In both 2005 and 2018 I had the opportunity to travel to Poland. When I was there, I had the opportunity to visit the concentration camp known as Auschwitz. I have seen first-hand the consequences of allowing hate to go unchecked in a community and in a country. It is both unfortunate and frightening that incidents of antisemitism in this country have risen by over 36% in 2002 and according to the Antidefamation League the incidents are on a rise in 2023. New Jersey has the highest recorded rate of antisemitism acts of violence in the entire country, and it is especially sad that those acts are targeting schools and synagogues. In Camden County, I am proud to say that we are very vigilant. Antisemitism and all hate crimes are simply unacceptable. Our police departments and community organizations work together better than any other place in the State, I believe, to fight issues of hate, including antisemitism. We can never let down our guard. Rather than hide or ignore this issue, we stand together through visibility and education. Education starts with the definition of antisemitism. The definition offered by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance offers the best and most powerful definition that I can imagine. It reads as follows: "Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish

community institutions and religious facilities." The IHRA working definition is now used by various government and law enforcement agencies in monitoring, training, and education, including the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education and I urge my colleagues to support this Resolution.

The following individuals spoke in support of Resolution 22 recognizing the definition of Antisemitism advanced by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance

**Paula Joffe**. Commissioner Nash, thank you for those moving and personal remarks. I have been a resident of Camden County for over 30 years. I raised my children here and have been active in volunteer activities to make the lives of Camden County residents better. I am here today to urge you, the Camden County Board of Commissioners, to approve the proposed Resolution to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of antisemitism. In a nutshell, this action will put in place a critical metric for the County, its agencies and all citizens to measure what acts constitute all these forms of hatred. A simple definition of antisemitism is a hostility to or prejudice against the Jewish people. Sounds simple, but Jew hatred is not. Antisemitism is an ever-morphing form of hatred. Antisemitism is a set of conspiracy theories built on negative stereotypes, perceptions, and unsubstantiated claims about Jews. You've heard them. "The Holocaust is a myth". "The Jews orchestrated 9/11". "The Jews control the media and the banks". It is not ok to say this. That is not free speech. That is antisemitism. Here to speak today in favor of the antisemitism definition are people who are affected by and have experienced antisemitism. Academics, educators, organization leaders, religious leaders, media personalities, citizens of Camden County. Recently I retired as the Mid-Atlantic Executive Director of StandWithUs, an international organization that combats antisemitism. That put me in contact, daily, with students and families across the seven states of the region who have experienced some sort of antisemitism. As I am sure you are all aware and as Commissioner Nash cited, incidents of antisemitism are on the rise globally. But here in the United States where Jews constitute only 2½% of a population, hate crimes against Jews make up over 65% of religiously motivated hate crimes. The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) reports that there are ten antisemitic incidents posted daily. To my personal horror, even with the vigilance of New Jersey and Camden County we have not escaped this scourge. In Cherry Hill, a high school student was denied admittance to her school's Middle East Club because she wanted to represent Israel. She was told "that's too controversial". Any glance at a map will show you that Israel is in the Middle East yet bringing an Israel perspective to a Middle East Club was denied. She was further humiliated by the school's administration which attempted to make her feel that she was causing unnecessary drama and that the incident didn't really happen. Friends, that's not free speech. That is antisemitism. A student from Camden Catholic High School sent a text message to a Jewish neighbor using a Nazi reference of Jewish annihilation, an image of the Zyklon B gas, the gas that was used at Auschwitz Nazi death camps for the wholesale slaughter of Jews. That is not free speech. That is antisemitism. Last week a friend of mine reached out in desperation. Her beloved nephew had just matriculated at Rutgers in New Brunswick, our State University and home to one of the largest Jewish attended campuses in the nation. He is an observant Jew. He wears a Kippah, a Yamaka. On his very first day he was called names. He was sent threatening texts and worse, he was spit upon. That is not free

speech. That is antisemitism. People are being forced to make choices, deny their Jewishness, deny their pro-Israel sentiments, remove religious garb all to thwart physical and psychological antisemitic attacks. Pro-Israel individuals, Jew and non-Jew alike, must subjugate their feelings towards the one Jewish State, lest they become victims of violence and vandalism, or, in academic environments, punished by career jeopardizing grade degradation by antisemitic faculty. We are in the season of Jewish High Holidays where Jews around the world just celebrated Rosh Hashanah, a time for joy and reflection, not fear. But to our community's shock and alarm our institutions were victimized by the newest antisemitic crime, swatting, where false bomb threats are called into Jewish institutions prompting the highest levels of alert both for the buildings and for law enforcement. This tactic, which according to the Jewish Federation's Chief Security Officer, is on the rise and recently has been geared towards the Jewish community and their institutions for the express purpose of creating fear and panic. Camden County is no stranger to this as Kellman Brown Academy was swatted this past summer when camp was in session. Friends, these are an example of Jew hatred in our backyard. There has not been a standard to measure what constitutes an antiemitic action, until now. The IHRA definition is that metric and it should be universally adopted. This non-legally binding definition offers guidelines and examples of what is and what is not an antisemitic action. I couldn't be more, proud that Camden County, where I live, will lead the State of New Jersey in being the first county to adopt IHRA making it clear to all that antisemitism will not be tolerated. Jew hatred has no home here. Thank you for your leadership and your vision. Thank you for the example that you are setting today. Thank you for putting forward this important resolution.

**Asaf Romirowsky.** I am the Executive Director of an international organization called Scholars for Peace in the Middle East. We are a group of academics who have come together over the past 20 years to combat antisemitism on American college campuses and around the world. I spend my days on American college campuses, and we have seen a significant increase in antisemitic activity not only in the classroom but also on campus. My concern is what happens in the classroom. In New Jersey, specifically, we have now seen a significant amount of activity at Rutgers. One of the more atrocious activities we have seen of late has come from Rutgers University which is basically arguing that Jews are harvesting Palestinian organs as well as other antisemitic propaganda. A so-called scholarship has been propagated on Rutgers Campus but also at Princeton University as well that is being used as post-scholarship. My concern nationally is that our institutions are being hijacked by antisemitic propaganda masqueraded under scholarship with the use of free speech. IHRA gives us a phenomenal tool for the classroom. Our number one job as an educator is to (a) provide our students with actual knowledge, not propaganda and (b) to allow them to think and understand what the issues are. We have been struggling with this problem all along as we are facing this rise in antisemitism trying to distinguish between what is acceptable speech and what is hate speech. This is 100% hate speech. It is 100% racist. These are the kind of tools we need for our institutions to know what they are facing and how to identify the problem and solve the problem. Just across the river this upcoming weekend is going to be an entire celebration of an Israel hate fest full of antisemitism at the University of Pennsylvania which will be housing and featuring individuals who have known ties to terrorism, individuals who have been propagating antisemitism led by former lead singer Roger Waters of Pink Floyd who has been known of late to go to his concerts

in an SS uniform and fly pigs with swastikas on them. The State Department condemned it this past series of concerts this summer in Germany. He will now be one of the speakers at Penn. A whole slew of speakers will be speaking the entire weekend and of course ending by design on the Jewish atonement day of Yom Kippur. None of this is done without any thought. The challenge that Penn is facing itself is how Penn has condemned antisemitism. Penn's departments are sponsoring the event. These are the types of challenges we are facing across the board. As someone who has been traveling around the world and teaching on these topics, specifically within the area of Middle East studies at large which in my mind is ground zero for a lot of these issues or propaganda has captured and hijacked the podium is the fact that people don't know what the problem is. This allows us to make sure that while we are trying to combat racism in all its forms, we know what the problem is. Educators and universities need to know what the problem is in order to solve the problem. These are the issues they are facing on the campuses and we need to do this in order to make sure it doesn't go forward. I urge all of you and thank you for your time in considering this resolution. Look at this very carefully. If we are to combat this oldest form of hatred which is now being masqueraded as so-called scholarship not only on university campuses but in high schools and middle schools, we need to combat this now. It is not only happening on the granular level which of course the violent acts of antisemitism but the kind of hate speech which is being masqueraded as free speech. That is where we have to draw a clear line to prevent this from going forward and to make sure another Holocaust will not take place. We start here. When Hitler started to spread Nazism and use of antisemitism throughout Germany he started with the universities. Universities were the first line of defense in order to spread this vicious hatred. If we want to make sure that these kinds of issues will not happen in American today in 2023 we have to stop this right here.

Director Cappelli said thank you both for your comments. We typically limit folks to five minutes when they are speaking. I should have mentioned that in the beginning.

**Christopher Katulka.** I am a resident of Camden County in Haddonfield and I serve with an organization called the Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry. I am a Christian who loves the Jewish people. Our organization has been around since 1938 when a group of pastors, businessmen and women got together, saw the atrocities that were happening in Eastern Europe and took action. They started raising money among churches to help bring Jewish people from Eastern Europe into London, the UK and ultimately over here where we were ultimately able to help them get established. Our mission continues to be to stand up to antisemitism. We have representatives all around the world who are doing that. I host a radio program called the Friends of Israel Today which is heard on 500 stations around the United States and Canada. I am here representing hundreds of thousands of Christians who stand up against antisemitism. I stand before you today to address a pressing concern that touches upon our moral and ethical and spiritual responsibilities as members of the Camden County community. It is with this issue of antisemitism that I wish to make a case to adopt the IHRA definition of antisemitism but from a perspective that might be less commonly heard yet deeply resonates with many and that is the Biblical perspective, the spiritual perspective. The Bible is not just a book but a testament of human values, virtues and relationships we form with one another and with God. It teaches us about love, respect and the inherent dignity of every individual all being created in the image of



God which come from the Book of Genesis which is a Jewish book. Every person is created in the image of God, Jewish or not they reflect God's divine image. The scriptures reveal to us the significance of the Jewish people in God's plan. Abraham, the forefather of the Israelites was promised by God "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you and I will make your name great and you will be a blessing". The story of the Jewish people, their trials, tribulations, and covenant with God is deeply interwoven into the Bible. By understanding and recognizing the definition of antisemitism for what it is a baseless hatred against the people God loves we reaffirm our commitment to the values that are enshrined in the scriptures. By adopting the IHRA definition we would be taking a stand, not just politically and socially, but spiritually against a hatred that dates back to Biblical times. This is also a way for us to provide a clear definition, a foundation for understanding what antisemitism is and will give us a lens through which we can examine behaviors, attitudes and actions. It equips us with a tangible tool to discern right from wrong, acceptable from unacceptable. When we have universally recognized definitions such as the IHRA definition it does more than just offer clarity. It sets a standard, a standard that Camden County can live by. Without an agreed upon definition, we are left with a realm of ambiguity. Just turn on social media and you will see the ambiguity. This ambiguity can be exploited leading to misunderstandings and allowing prejudices to fester unchecked. It can leave victims of prejudice, like the Jewish people, without the backing they need to identify and combat the hate that they face. The Bible itself is filled with definitions from defining what is righteous to what is unrighteous. These definitions guide the behavior and shape communities and ensure everyone adheres to a known set of principles. In the same way, by defining antisemitism clearly we can provide our community with a roadmap to identify, confront and prevent this form of hate. The IHRA definition provides a clear, comprehensive understanding of antisemitism in its many forms. Whether it is denying Jewish people the right to self-determination, using harmful stereotypes or holding Jews collectively responsible for the actions of an individual. By adopting this definition, Camden County would be making a declaration that it stands with the Jewish community, recognizing their unique challenges and ensuring their safety. In the Book of Leviticus is says "do not seek revenge but bear a grudge against anyone among your people but love your neighbor as yourself". As a Christian that means a lot to me because I like to remind my Christian friends that Jesus himself was Jewish. By this we are taught the importance of unity, love and respect among fellow human beings. Antisemitism or any form of hate stands empathetical to this commandment. By rejecting antisemitism, we are also affirming our commitment to love our neighbors and ensure justice for all. The Bible does not just teach us about the past but also guides us in navigating the challenges of the present. By adopting the IHRA definition of antisemitism Camden County would not only be taking a contemporary stand against prejudice but also aligning itself with values that have stood the test of time. Values that promote love, unity and respect. I urge the members of this Board and the members of Camden County to take this important step both for the Jewish community and the moral fabric of our society. Let us ensure that our actions today echo the timeless teachings of the scriptures. I get the opportunity to travel the country and to meet Jewish people all around the United States and whenever I do and they say where are you from, I say I am from the Philadelphia area, and they say oh you mean Cherry Hill. They all know Cherry Hill. Cherry Hill has an amazing reputation among Jewish communities all around the country which also puts Camden County on the map. This is a great way for Camden County to lead the charge.

The Bible says I will bless those who bless you and the one who takes you lightly I will curse. This is a great opportunity to bless the Jewish people of Camden County. To show that we love them and we support them by adopting this definition.

**David Bross.** I am a 45-year resident of Camden County, currently residing in Cherry Hill. I am also a long-time member and current Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Southern New Jersey. I am authorized to speak on behalf of the JCRC. As many of you know, the JCRC focuses on, among other things, combating hate in all its forms. In just a few weeks, the JCRC through our Rob Goodwin Holocaust Museum and Education Center will once again hold our annual March of Remembrance in Cherry Hill. At the March of Remembrance hundreds, perhaps even thousands, of local residents, Jewish and non-Jewish will march and will rally to show our collective commitment against hate and antisemitism. Perhaps some of you on the Board will join us on that day. I don't want to duplicate what has already been said so I am going to address one of the criticisms I hear about adopting the IHRA definition of antisemitism. Some critics of the definition have incorrectly suggested that it silences critics of Israel. In fact, the IHRA definition states specifically that "criticism of Israel similar to that leveled against any other country cannot be regarded as antisemitic." The IHRA definition is merely a definition. It explains what antisemitism means. It does not in and of itself prohibit or punish any speech. Rather, it identifies hateful activity that others may choose to address in various ways, depending on context. Like any civil rights tool, it must be used in a manner that is consistent with other applicable legal principles. The Biden Administration made this very point recently, reiterating its support for freedom of speech and expression but declaring that it would not "let antisemitic speech and other forms of hate speech go unchallenged". Similarly, the definition helps identify conduct which was carried out with antisemitic intent. What further steps are needed in this country? To build on recent progress, states, municipalities, counties, and civil society groups should adopt the IHRA definition of antisemitism. Such adoption would enable standardized research, promote effective policy making, facilitate training and allow for more accurate assessment of suspected antisemitism. In particular, American educational institutions should utilize the definition because their actions will be assessed under it. They should choose to affirmatively adopt it as many have. It is critical to note that the IHRA definition of antisemitism has been adopted by over 1,000 global entities including at least 32 countries including the United States, at least 31 states, 100's of U.S. cities including Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles and numerous United States counties, including West Chester County in New York State. My understanding is that a resolution is currently pending before Governor Murphy and is almost certain to be approved. We are hopeful that Camden County will lead the State in being the first county to adopt the resolution. Thank you very much.

**Gloria Back.** I have been a resident of Cherry Hill for almost 50 years, my husband and I have raised our children in Cherry Hill, and I have been an active member of the community. I am here today currently serving as the Southern New Jersey representative of the Jewish Leadership Project which is a national organization dedicated to creating strong Jewish leaders in our community. Leaders who will stand up to the hatred and violence committed against Jews by prioritizing the safety of our community. The JLP supports this action of adopting the IHRA

definition of antisemitism. It has become apparent that antisemitism is on the rise today and we must take a public stand against this. Adopting the IHRA definition of antisemitism will go a long way in ensuring that our local government and all its agencies will have the appropriate guidelines in place to identify and better address contemporary forms of anti-Jewish lies and bigotry. I believe that Camden County can be an outstanding leader in New Jersey by adopting this internationally recognized standard. Thank you for the opportunity to address this important issue with you today.

Director Cappelli excused himself from the meeting at 12:41 to attend a personal engagement. Deputy Director McDonnell assumed control of the meeting. Director Cappelli said before I leave, I wanted to say that I am in full support of this Resolution. Thank you for bringing this to our attention. I thank Commissioner Nash and Commissioner Kane. It is hard to believe that in 2023 this is where we are. Director Capelli said I will be voting yes on this Resolution as well as all other Resolution except for Resolution 2 and 9.

**Yaffa Fuchs.** I am a 34-year resident of Cherry Hill, a retired educational director at Congregation Beth El for 27 years and a lifetime Jewish educator honored by my peers with a Doctorate of Pedagogy on the Jewish Theological Seminary. I come here today not only as an educator but more importantly as a family member of Holocaust survivors. My mother-in-law, Toby Fuchs, of blessed memory, stood at the infamous and evil Dr. Mengele selection line as her mother was selected along with so many others and stripped of all humanity to be murdered in the gas chamber at Auschwitz. By the end of the war, having suffered unspeakable brutality, my mother-in-law weighed 70 pounds, taken for dead and surely would have perished if not for a woman doctor who poked around for life and said wait this one is still breathing. In my family, most of my parents' aunts, uncles and first cousins were murdered by the Nazis. The Holocaust is not a history story for me, it is personal. My grandparents were more fortunate in that they were ardent Zionists who pined for the day they could return to their beloved homeland, something for which Jews have been praying for 2,000 years. Forced to leave everything they owned behind, save the clothes on their back and emigrated to Palestine before the British closed all other routes. My father fought for Israel's independence in 1948 and was even imprisoned in a British army prison. Every year at Passover, I and millions of fellow Jews throughout the World cite the following prayer L'Shana Haba'ah B'Yerushalayim, next year in Jerusalem. So you see, Zionism is inexplicitly intertwined with my Judaism. When I hear the antisemitic trope that anti-Zionism isn't antisemitism I am deeply offended. When I hear the University of Pennsylvania, my children's alumna, is hosting the Palestine Rights Festival this weekend featuring the world's most notorious antisemites who regularly call for the destruction of the one Jewish state, Israel, I am appalled. If it weren't for Israel and our great country, Hitler surely would have accomplished what he set out to do, make a judenrein, a Jew free world. The IHRA definition of antisemitism used in conjunction with its guidelines remains the current gold standard definition of antisemitism and the only one that lawmakers should turn to when assessing the motivation behind discriminatory conduct. The fact that this body is considering adopting this resolution today makes me so proud to be a Camden County resident.

**Rabbi Steven Lindemann, Emeritis Rabbi, Temple Beth Shalom.** Like Commissioner Nash I have been to Auschwitz a couple of times. When I saw people marching

with torches and guns in Charlottesville chanting Jewish will not replace us, chills went down my spine. That is not free speech. That is hate speech and antisemitism. When it is spoken by a group of people carrying guns and torches it is a threat. I knew very well that violence would ultimately follow. A year later Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania was attacked. Eleven congregants praying on a Sabbath morning were gunned down. The only reason that more were not killed was because the Rabbi had his cell phone with him and was able to hide long enough to make an emergency call. From that day on, our synagogue in Cherry Hill, New Jersey has had and has had to have an armed guard at the door at all times. We are very thankful for the help of the local police in Cherry Hill on those special occasions when we have large groups of people gather and they provide additional security and protection. Following the attack at Tree of Life there was an attack at a synagogue in California and then an attack in Colleyville, Texas. Recently, a couple of months ago, right across the river at the National Museum of American Jewish History there was an exhibit that was absolutely striking. It was a cup on a table next to a chair. The cup was the cup in which the Rabbi in Colleyville, Texas had offered tea to a stranger who had come on a Saturday morning. That stranger then pulled a gun and held the Rabbi and congregants hostage. The chair is the chair, the very chair that he picked up and threw at the gunman when they ran for their lives and fortunately escaped. This Sunday night on the holiest night of the Jewish year, the beginning of Yom Kippur, I will stand in front of the congregation and I will have to direct their attention to the exits in case they have to run for their lives. That is a travesty. Something I never thought I would see or have to do in the United States of America. During the services on the New Year and on Yom Kippur we pray for life. Remember us for life we pray. Inscribe us in the Book of Life. I firmly believe and I know that the adoption of this definition of antisemitism will be a tool that will save lives. I hope and I pray that you will adopt it.

**Harold Cohen.** I was born and raised and am a lifelong resident of New Jersey. For the past 40 years I have lived in Voorhees. I am a lifelong Jew. I speak only as an individual. I do not speak or represent any institutional organization as I stand before you today. It is my honor to be the caboose on the train of commentators addressing the proposed resolution adopting the IHRA definition of antisemitism. On behalf of all the speakers preceding me, thank you to the Board of Commissioners for considering the adoption of this resolution. A special thanks is owed to Paula Joffe for presenting the topic for your consideration, for arranging the opportunity for public discussion of this critical subject and for assembling such a fine cross sector of eloquent speakers on this ever-timely issue. She has been tirelessly working to foster the presence of this resolution on your agenda. You heard seven people personally speak to the purpose and value of the IHRA definition of antisemitism and having it be formally adopted. We heard examples of antisemitism, obvious and subtle. We heard from the academic perspective, the insinuation of antisemitic poison and academia. We heard from a Christian leader's perspective that this is an issue that is broadly supported to be condemned not just from those of us who are Jewish. We heard from David Ross, one of the leaders of the JCRC about his institutional efforts to consistently and continuously and ardently combat hate in all its forms. Gloria Back spoke eloquently. Yaffa Fuchs who spoke as an educator and daughter of a Holocaust survivor brings a personal perspective and of course Rabbi Lindemann who gave us some very stark examples of synagogue reality today. Singularly and collectively their

comments should be more than persuasive to warrant adoption. Please allow me to briefly augment those comments with a few of my own. Many years ago, I created a simple, perhaps simplistic litmus test to help me determine if something is right or wrong. To be embraced or rejected, supported or repudiated, this guide has stood me in good stead over the decade as I evaluated a variety of often very complex social issues, political perceptions, orientations, etc. Here it is. If everyone did this would society be better off? In this context we are talking about antisemitism. It turns out a late 19<sup>th</sup> century ne'er-do-well German pamphleteer had a very similar view when he coined the word "antisemitism", antisemitism, to promote his idea that purging Germany of Jews was necessary in order to prevent the deterioration of German culture that he attributed to the presence of Jews and their influences. Wilhem Marr, the pamphleteer, sought a pseudo-scientific, non-evocative term for Germans to proudly embrace a unified message to counteract the integration of Jews then living in Germany. Those Jews wanted to be called and known as Jewish Germans, rather than German Jews. Within a year or two, antisemitism was officially commonplace to qualify its debut in the Oxford English Dictionary of 1881. What is the relevance of this often-overlooked genesis of this word? It was created to popularize and put a positive spin and justification for hatred of Jews. Proponents of antisemitism still, as always, share Marr's goal. They just don't want a label for their actions. The IHRA definition of antisemitism accurately and properly defines the term in a way that is not dependent upon the subjective perceptions of either the victim or motivations of the espouser. Professionally, as an attorney practicing for over 50 years, I make a living parsing words; but words are important only if the speaker and listener share the same understanding of each word. In 1994, Associate Justice Supreme Court of the United States, Potter Stewart famously said in an opinion about obscenity, "I can't define it but I know it when I see it". Here's an obscenity, antisemitism. An enduring, obsessive, heinous hatred of Jews that has been around since Abraham. In today's world where the meaning of words tend to morph at the convenience of the speaker, where gaslighting was often used to change realities, it is imperative that governmental bodies adopt a standardized definition of critical terms underlying important issues such as antisemitism. Absent definitions and common understandings it becomes entirely too easy to let prejudices blur biases into acceptability and normalcy. This past weekend Jews celebrated and welcomed Rosh Hashanah, the New Year 5784. I like numerology to see if there are messages hidden in numbers. 5784.  $5+7+8+4 = 24$ . The message in this New Year of 5784 is that we all must be diligent 24 hours every day to identify and combat antisemitism. We can only do that, you as the leaders and Commissioners of our County, me and all residents of this county, if we share a common understanding of antisemitism. For that we need a definition. The IHRA definition sensibly and suitably serves that purpose.  $5+7+8+4 = 24$ . The numerals 2 and 4 curiously carry another message. Jews make up 2.4% of the U.S. population yet we are the targets of more than 65% of all religious hate crimes. You may recall seeing some commercials during NFL games last season that showed a small blue square that equaled 2.4% of your tv screen demonstratively to depict the outlandish disproportionality of hate crimes against Jews. Those statistics are just reported crimes not aggregate incidences of antisemitism. The commercial urge viewers to stand up to Jewish hate and to let the Jewish community know that they are not fighting alone anymore. This little blue square lapel pin conveys that message. I stand against Jewish hate. If we further dig down to 24 as the sum of  $5+7+8+4$ ,  $2 + 4 = 6$  we the Jews of Camden County need you our esteemed governmental leaders to always protect us 6 to

guard against attacks from behind. Frontal attacks, however aggravating or gruesome, can generally be anticipated. We may not know when, but we know those attacks are coming. We can plan for those certain occurrences. It's the antisemitic slurs and attacks coming from seemingly respectable sources that are the most dastardly and destructive. They sneak up unexpectedly from behind. The IHRA definition of antisemitism provides a framework to expose the venom spewed in our face and the viral infections cloaked in friendly garb attacking invisibly from behind. I and we beseech you to have our 6 for our common good, for our common sense. I respectfully urge you to pass the proposed Resolution adopting the IHRA definition of antisemitism. You the official and exemplary leaders of Camden County have the ability at this instant to genuinely make a powerful difference. Adopting the IHRA definition of antisemitism sends a clear message – Jews do not stand alone in the battle against antisemitism. Camden County has your 6. Camden County does not tolerate antisemitism. A Jew hater will no longer be able to equivocate about the nature, conduct or speech because of the absence of a common understanding of hat constitutes antisemitism. Remember my tool for measuring good versus bad? I ask, not rhetorically, will society be better off if everyone speaks and acts with antisemitic motivation? We know what Wilhelm Marr promoted in 1880, today, right now I most respectfully and urgently implore you to respond unequivocally by unanimously adopting and approving the Resolution adopting the IHRA definition of antisemitism thereby stating that Camden County champions the eradication of antisemitism, that will make society a better place. Camden County making it better together.

Deput Director McDonnell said I think I speak for everyone when I say I feel almost breathless over this presentation. It was so beautifully done, so articulate on behalf of literally every speaker. It has been an education. With such passion it is hard not to be touched by it. We all know and have heard stories about the Holocaust and Jew hatred but to hear it again and to hear these specific stories is extremely touching and I thank you all so much for being here. Paula, thank you so much. I have known Paula for a long time. Asaf, Christopher, David, Yaffa, Rabbi Lindemann and finally, Harold, thank you so much for being here. We took quite some time on this but to tell you the truth if there were 10 more speakers, I would be anxious to hear it all because it is a beautiful, tragic and incomprehensibly sad presentation. It was something good for us to hear and I wish the whole world could hear it every day. I want to particularly thank Commissioner Kane and Nash who brought this Resolution to our attention.

Commissioner Kane said I have to exit the meeting, but I want to say yes to all of the Resolutions, especially the one that all of our passionate speakers have brought to our attention. I thank them all for being with us today and helping us do better in Camden County. I am right now down at the Jersey Shore attending the New Jersey Run for the Fallen for military families who have lost their loved ones while serving in active duty. I would also like to make note of Resolution 15 which is proclaiming September Suicide Awareness Month and particularly, tomorrow, September 22 as Veteran Suicide and Awareness Prevention Day, noting that there are more military losses in New Jersey and throughout our Country as a result of suicide than from combat. I thank my fellow Commissioners for voting on that.

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

The Deputy Director closed the public hearing.

Deputy Director McDonnell 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 21**

The Director asked for a motion to adopt Resolutions 1 through 21. Commissioner Young made a motion with a second by Commissioner Nash and on roll call:

AYE: ALL PRESENT

ABSTENTIONS: LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR. – Resolutions 2 and 9

1. Resolution authorizing Agreements, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and various engineering firms, for the provision of On-Call Licensed Site Remediation Professional Services for Linear Construction Projects in various Camden County Municipalities, on an as-needed basis.

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 Greenman-Pedersen, Inc., for additional closely related Professional Engineering Design Services, Preliminary Engineering and Final Design for the Haddon Avenue (CR 561) Improvement Project, Euclid Avenue to Newton Avenue, in the City of Camden, for an increase in the amount of \$129,752.68 - CAF#9900237599.

**ABSTAIN: LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR.**

3. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (Bid A-35/2022 - 2nd Year Option), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Deer Carcass Removal Service, LLC, for the provision of Deer Carcass Removal Services, under the Camden County Cooperative Pricing System, ID#57 CCCPS, on an "as-needed" basis.

4. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (Bid B-1/2023), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Zone Striping, Inc., for Maintenance of Thermoplastic Painting on CR-700 Series Roads in various Townships in Camden County, in the amount of \$385,333.77 - CAF#9900237971.

5. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (Bid B-11/2023), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc., for Snow Plowing on various roads in various municipalities in the County of Camden, on an "as-needed" basis.

6. Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and the Borough of Haddon Heights, for installation and maintenance of solar powered flashing pedestrian cross walk signs on Prospect Ridge Boulevard and Glenview Avenue.

7. Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and the Borough of Brooklawn, for installation and maintenance of solar powered flashing pedestrian cross walk signs on Broadway Avenue and Town Center Avenue.

8. Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and the Camden County Improvement Authority, for the provision snow removal services on various County roads by qualified Authority personnel.

9. Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and the Township of Pennsauken, for installation and maintenance of two (2) solar powered speed display signs on Park Avenue (CR 621) and Pennsylvania Avenue.

**ABSTAIN: LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR.**

10. Resolution requesting an extension of time to award a Contract using FY2022 Local Transportation Projects Fund for the Camden City Phase 1 Pedestrian Safety and Roadway Improvements.

11. Resolution requesting an extension of time to award a Contract using FY 2022 Local Transportation Projects Fund for the Camden City Phase 2 Pedestrian Safety and Roadway Improvements.

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

13. Resolution amending an award of Contract, pursuant to Competitive Contracting Request for Proposals #21-29 (3rd Year Option), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) and Pritchard Industries, LLC, to add Janitorial Services at the Camden County Boathouse, in the amount of \$66,250.00. Funding available in the amount of \$19,875.00 - CAF#9900237779. Balance of funding contingent upon passage of the 2024 Temporary and/or Permanent Budgets.

14. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (Bid A-42/2023), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) and Burlington County Auto



Parts, Inc., for the purchase of automotive replacement parts, for Camden County Departments and various outside Agencies and Authorities under the Camden County Cooperative Pricing System, ID#57-CCCPS, on an as-needed basis.

15. Resolution proclaiming September Suicide Awareness Month and September 22 as Veteran Suicide and Awareness Prevention Day.

16. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 Funds into the Budget for the Camden County Bench Donation Program in the name of Joseph Levon Hyland, in the amount of \$1,500.00.

17. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 Funds into the Budget for the Camden County Bench Donation Program in the name of Shekema M. Sims, in the amount of \$1,500.00.

18. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Parks) and Paulus, Sokolowski & Sartor, LLC, for Cooper River Lake Sediment Sampling and Analysis, in the amount of \$92,781.25 - CAF#9900237810.

19. Resolution amending an Agreement, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Parks) and Paulus Sokolowski & Sartor, LLC, for additional closely related Professional Design Consulting Services for the Cornelius Martin Park Improvement Project, in the amount of \$34,500.00 - CAF#9900237809.

20. Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Parks) and Upstream Alliance, for access to and programs on County waterways, at no cost to the County.

21. Resolution authorizing the procurement of a Concession pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.4, for the lease of certain land and sale of goods at the Camden Waterfront and authorizing the use of Competitive Contracting pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1.1(j).

## **RESOLUTION 22**

The Director asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 22. Commissioner Nash made a motion with a second by Commissioner Young and on roll call:

AYE:                      ALL PRESENT

22. Resolution recognizing the definition of Antisemitism advanced by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance.

Commissioner Young asked to make a quick statement. He said as an individual of color who has understood hatred, I just want the Jewish community to know as a Commissioner and a human being, I have your 6. There is no room ever in this world. I can remember as a child getting chased, getting called names. I get it and I understand the hatred that is out there for years. In all honesty and sincerity, I have your 6.

**RESOLUTION 23 THROUGH 67**

The Director asked for a motion to adopt Resolutions 23 through 67. Commissioner Nash made a motion with a second by Commissioner Young and on roll call:

AYE:                      ALL PRESENT

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

24. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 Funds into the Budget for the 2023-2024 Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention Grant, in the amount of \$405,000.00.

25. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 Funds into the Budget for the 2021-2024 COVID-19 Vaccination Supplemental Funding Grant, in the amount of \$65,000.00.

26. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 Funds into the Budget for the 2023-2024 Local Core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness (BT) Grant, in the amount of \$431,445.00.

27. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 Funds into the Budget for the County Innovation Grant Program, in the amount of \$190,039.00.

28. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 Funds into the Budget for the 2021 Area Plan Grant, in the amount of \$25,275.50.

29. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 Funds into the Budget for the 2022 Area Plan Grant, in the amount of \$86.48.

30. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 Funds into the Budget for the 2023 Area Plan Grant, in the amount of \$105,269.06.

31. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 Funds into the Budget for the 2023 Area Plan Grant, in the amount of \$2,759,581.00.

32. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 Funds into the Budget for the 2023-2024 Special Child Health Case Management Grant, in the amount of \$306,647.00.

33. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 Funds into the Budget for the 2023-2024 Child Care Resource and Referral Services Grant, in the amount of \$3,689,948.00.

34. Resolution rejecting Bid A-23/2023, Camden County Nutrition Hub Project for the Camden County Department of Health and Human Services, due to substantial revision of bid specifications.

35. Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Community Health) and Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, New Jersey Experiment Station's Office of Continuing Professional Education, for a 13-week Environment and Public Health Program and Field Training Internship, at no cost to the County.

36. Resolution ratifying the submission of a Grant Application, by the County of Camden (Department of Health and Human Services) to the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, for the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act Disaster Response Crisis Counseling County Grant Program, in the amount of \$30,000.00.

37. Resolution authorizing inclusion of a Project Labor Agreement in the Camden County Nutrition Hub Project, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:38-1, et seq.

38. Resolution authorizing the submission of a Grant Application, by the County of Camden (Department of Children's Services) to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Division of Food and Nutrition, for the Child and Adult Care Food Program Grant.

39. Resolution authorizing the submission of a Grant Application, by the County of Camden (Department of Children's Services) to the New Jersey Department of Health, Division of Family Development, for the Child Care Resource and Referral Program Grant, in the amount of \$3,689,948.00.

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

41. Resolution authorizing Custodians for County of Camden Department of Corrections Bank Accounts.

42. Resolution authorizing cancellation of certain payables for the Camden County Department of Corrections.

43. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Corrections) and Center for Family Services, for Positive Youth Development Delinquency Prevention Services, in the amount of \$100,000.00 - CAF#9900237994.

44. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (Bid A-41/2022 - 1st Year Option), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Corrections) and Municipal Emergency Services, Inc., for the purchase of uniforms for the Camden County Department of Corrections (Main Jail and Juvenile Detention Facility), Camden County Department of Police Services and the Camden County Prosecutor's Office, on an "as-needed" basis.

45. Resolution ratifying an Agreement, pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A: 11-5. l(ii) (EUS), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Corrections) and Luminosity, Inc., for

provision of a Jail Population Assessment Expansion, in the amount of \$99,600.00 - CAF#9900237753.

46. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Corrections) and West Chester University, for a student Clinical Psychology Internship, at no cost to the County.

47. Resolution appointing Members to the Camden County Cultural Awareness Commission.

48. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (Bid A-40/2023), by and between the County of Camden ( Office of Sustainability and Shared Services) and Universal Services Associates, Inc., for the purchase of Interpretive Panel Kiosks, for the Camden County Office of Sustainability and Shared Services, in the amount of \$105,333.00 - CAF#9900237976.

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

50. Resolution approving personnel actions requested by or on behalf of Commissioner Deputy Director Mcdonnell.

51. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of funds and inserting Chapter 159 Funds into the budget from the Camden Education Fund, in the amount of \$1,000.00.

52. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 funds into the Budget from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the FY22 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program - Multi-Jurisdictional County Gang, Gun & Narcotics Task Force, in the amount of \$234,183.00.

53. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 Funds into the Budget for the SFY 2023 Governor Phil Murphy - Operation Helping Hand Program, in the amount of \$105,263.15.

54. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 Funds into the Budget for the 2023 Port Security Grant Program, in the amount of \$300,000.00.

55. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (Bid ESCNJ /AEPA-22G), by and between the County of Camden (Office of the Prosecutor) and CDW Government, Inc., for upgrades for a data storage appliance, under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System, ID#65-MCESCCPS, in the amount of \$55,200.00 - CAF#9900237780.

56. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (State Contract 20-TELE-01512), by and between the County of Camden (Office of the Prosecutor) and Insight Public Sector, Inc., for Infoshare software enhancements, in the amount of \$77,962.84 - CAF#9900237781.

57. Resolution ratifying the submission of a Grant Application, by the County of Camden ( Office of the Prosecutor) to the Division of Criminal Justice, for the Sexual Assault

Response Team /Forensic Nurse Examiner (SART/FNE) Program, in the amount of \$200,333.00.

58. Resolution authorizing the transfer of one (1) vehicle no longer needed by the Camden County Prosecutor's Office to the Camden County Department of Buildings and Operations.

59. Resolution amending Camden County Policy #24: Management Time Policy, #404: COVID-19 Protocols; and #597: Request for Reasonable Accommodation Policy.

60. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract, (State Contract T-3083), by and between the County of Camden (Office of the Sheriff) and Idemia Identity & Security USA LLC, d/b/a Morpho USA, Inc., for Livescan System maintenance, in the amount of \$96,408.00 - CAF#9900237567.

61. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (Bid ESCNJ /AEPA-22G), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Information Technology) and CDW Government, Inc., for the purchase and installation of a specialized HV AC system, under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System, ID#65-MCESCCPS, in the amount of \$140,839.60 - CAF#9900237625.

62. Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (State Contract 21-TELE-01506), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Information Technology) and Dyntek Services, Inc., for purchase and installation of internet routing equipment, in the amount of \$47,019.41 - CAF#9900237662.

63. Resolution authorizing the use of Competitive Contracting Request for Proposals, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-4.1 et seq., for the provision of a Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program for the Camden County Office of Community Development and Homelessness Trust Fund.

64. Resolution authorizing the submission of a Grant Application, by the County of Camden (Division of Community Development) to the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development for the Social Services for Homeless Grant, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant and Intensive Case Management Homeless Assistance, in the amount of \$1,240,900.00.

65. Resolution authorizing an Agreement, pursuant to a Publicly Advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Office of County Counsel) and McCarter & English, LLP, for the provision of general bond counsel services.

66. Resolution authorizing an award of contract (Bid A-41/2023), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Police Services) and The Original W. Hargrove Demolition, Inc., for Towing Services, on an "as-needed" basis.

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

68. Resolution acknowledging personnel actions requested by or on behalf of Constitutional or Statutory Row Offices.

### **RESOLUTION 68**

The Deputy Director called for a motion on Resolution No. 68 acknowledging personnel actions requested by or on behalf of Constitutional or Statutory Row Offices.

### **NO MOTION MADE – FAILED**

Deputy Director McDonnell 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, Deputy Director McDonnell asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Betteridge made a motion with a second by Commissioner Young and all Commissioners voted aye.

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

**Commissioner Nash** said I am so pleased and proud of my colleagues in this County for passing Resolution No. 22 and the definition which was originally brought to my attention by Paula Joffe who I have known for many years. I am proud of the actions of this Board and I am proud that Camden County is first of what I hope to be 21 counties in support of this definition. Thank you to the Jewish community. I see several of my friends who are observing this meeting online and I know they have expressed their support as well.

I want to recognize a person who has given her notice and will be leaving Camden County and that is the Parks Director Maggie McCann-Johns. I have worked with Maggie from the day she was first hired as an assistant in Environmental Affairs. She has risen through the ranks because of her talent, her energy and her intelligence and she became the Director of Parks. I think we all recognize because of the great work she has done rehabilitating so many of the parks in Camden County making them look absolutely beautiful with her team that she would be poached by the State of New Jersey, which she has been. I am proud to say and sad to say that she will be the new Director of Urban Parks in the State of New Jersey. Maggie could not join us in person, but she is online because she was speaking with the federal government about the \$19 million dollar RAISE grant that the Parks Department received to build the trail. Maggie, I guess it is a little premature to talk about this because you are not leaving for another few weeks, but I want to publicly recognize the work that you have done and say on behalf of the residents of this community, thank you.

**Commissioner Young** said I too want to applaud our colleagues for standing up and continuing to do the right thing. It is always an honor to be a part of this Board. I would like to thank all the employees of Camden County, especially my departments who always do a

fantastic job. Judy Kelly, who is a very intricate part of our Sustainability Program, is retiring. She does most of our educational programs and she has decided that her grandkids and family are a little bit more important right now so she is packing up and moving to Maryland. We have a big fundraiser this weekend called WoofStock. It is going to rain this weekend but don't be afraid to come out because it has been moved inside the Voorhees Town Center. Go Phillies

**Commissioner Dyer** said I have three quick road updates. Burnt Mill Road and Evesham Road will be completed next week. The much anticipated 27<sup>th</sup> Street Project in Camden has started. Finally, we received an additional award for the Kaighn Avenue Dam Tide Gate Relocation Project. This is the third award for that project from the American Society of Civil Engineers.

**Commissioner Betteridge** said I am looking forward to the Fall season. With the Fall season brings a very active Health and Human Services Department. The Health Department will be sending out the announcements on this year's flu clinics. We are readying ourselves with the new vaccines so please keep an eye out for the information which will be forthcoming. Recently I was privileged to attend a meeting at the Camden County Police Department. What was so unique about this meeting is that we have read for many months and for years and recognize the exceptional department that we have here in Camden County that was orchestrated a long time ago. With those kudos comes the opportunity to host international police departments. I was truly amazed and humbled that 18 Latin American countries came here to the City of Camden, toured our Police Department, met with the Chief, Deputy Chiefs and other high-ranking officers and just commended our department for the diligence they have and that we are no longer #1 in crime in the United States. That is an unbelievable accomplishment. This group will be leaving and going back to their respective nations with some new information and new incentives to help their respective police departments. To be an 8 square mile town in Camden County and have people travel from around the world to come see what we are doing is just a tremendous honor. I commend the Director and the Chief of Police for their hard work and making sure our residents are safe. Commissioner Betteridge thanked everyone for coming to today's meeting and reminding us of the important work you are doing. You may not recognize by my name by I am a Cuban immigrant, born in Havana and migrated to this Country as a young person. I understand your messaging and your plight. There is nothing better than to come to this Country and be able to have the freedom of speech and be able to live in a safe and harmonious environment.

**Commissioner Deputy Director McDonnell** said I join Jeff in wishing Maggie well and thanking her for her great service to this county. Jon, I don't know the person who is retiring from Sustainability, but I wish her well, too. Thank you to all our employees for the great work you do for the people of Camden County every day.

The Deputy 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 1:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn Gilmore  
Clerk of the Board