

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CAUCUS MEETING
JULY 18, 2023
6th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
520 MARKET STREET, CAMDEN, NJ 08102**

Director Cappelli called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and the following Commissioners answered to their name:

PRESENT: AL DYER, MELINDA KANE, JEFFREY NASH, VIRGINIA BETTERIDGE, EDWARD McDONNELL, LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR.

EXCUSED: JONATHAN YOUNG, SR.

Director Cappelli said good afternoon. This meeting has been properly advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. The Director asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Commissioner Betteridge.

The Director then called upon each Commissioner individually to present his or her Resolutions.

Resolutions and discussion of proposed Resolutions by or on behalf of Commissioner Dyer

Commissioner Kane read Commissioner Dyer's Resolutions 1 through 23 into the record and they were approved to be placed on the agenda for adoption.

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

Commissioner Kane read Resolutions 24 through 32 into the record and they were approved to be placed on the agenda for adoption.

Resolutions and discussion of proposed Resolutions by or on behalf of Commissioner Nash

Commissioner Betteridge read Commissioner Nash's Resolutions 33 through 39 into the record and they were approved to be placed on the agenda for adoption. (Commissioner Nash participated virtually and departed the meeting at 12:20).

Resolutions and discussion of proposed Resolutions by or on behalf of Commissioner Betteridge

Commissioner Betteridge read Resolutions 40 through 49 into the record and they were approved to be placed on the agenda for adoption.

Resolutions and discussion of proposed Resolutions by or on behalf of Commissioner Young

Commissioner Kane read Commissioner Young's Resolutions 50 and 52 through 59 into the record and they were approved to be placed on the agenda for adoption. Resolution 51 was pulled.

Resolutions and discussion of proposed Resolutions by or on behalf of Commissioner Deputy Director McDonnell

Deputy Director McDonnell read Resolutions 60 through 66 into the record and they were approved to be placed on the agenda for adoption.

Resolutions and discussion of proposed Resolutions by or on behalf of Commissioner Director Cappelli

Director Cappelli read Resolutions 67 through 87, 89 and 91 through 92 into the record and they were approved to be placed on the agenda for adoption. Resolutions 88 and 90 were pulled.

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

Susan Drunkenrod, 162 Valley Run Drive, Cherry Hill.

Resolution No. 35 authorizing a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Parks) and the Township of Cherry Hill for County-certified Arborists Services, on an "as-needed" basis. *Ms. Drunkenrod asked if the shared services agreement is for county owned land in Cherry Hill and requested more information on what the arborists will be doing.* DCA Vesper replied that the arborists would be called to Cherry Hill at the request of the Township to evaluate any trees on any public lands in the Township of Cherry Hill. There is a payment fee structure that is common among shared service agreements with towns and counties for these types of arborists services.

Kate Delaney, 126 E. Palmer Avenue, Collingswood

Resolution No. 24 authorizing an account substitution in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 to provide funding for the construction of the Camden County Nutrition Hub. *Ms. Delaney asked for additional information.* DCA Vesper said the Nutrition Hub is a facility the County will be building to increase its capacity for our successful Meals on Wheels Program. The State of New Jersey through our Area Plan Grant is funding almost 95% of the project and the County Health Department also applied for a federal earmark which will finance the remainder. The County funds being used for this project are for site work. *Ms. Delaney said since it is such a large amount of money and it sounds like a great project, will any of that funding go towards*

addressing the food desert situation in Camden City. DCA Vesper said, actually it does. As far as the cost goes it is going to be a 7,500 square foot building and that size is required due to the number of meals we are serving to our seniors. As far as the food deserts are concerned, there will be a portion of this facility that will take donated food and send it out to the food desert communities, specifically Lindenwold, Clementon and the City of Camden. *Ms. Delaney said thank you, that is wonderful news.*

Resolution No. 33 inserting Chapter 159 Funds into the Budget for the New Jersey Clean Communities Grant, in the amount of \$156,552.91. *Ms. Delaney asked for more information as to what the funds will go towards.* DCA Vesper replied this is our annual Clean Communities Grant that we get from the State. The funds fund our Clean Community Grant Program where non-profits adopt a section of public lands and clean them up. We buy equipment such as tree chippers and other things we can use in our parks to promote recycling. We do educational programs in the schools and offset some of our recycling containers in our parks and public spaces. This is an annual allotment that we get from the state and use to encourage recycling, clean land, water clean-ups and things of that nature.

Resolution No. 61 amending Resolution No. 54, adopted June 15, 2023, establishing program and funding categories relating to Camden County's allocation of American Rescue Plan funds. *Ms. Delaney asked for information on the categories for the American Rescue Plan funds.* Deputy Director McDonnell said we have a large number of categories from rental assistance to business assistance, and each month we do this resolution because as we use monies in various categories, if a certain category is not used up and another category needs funds, we move the money back and forth. This goes on each month. Deputy Director McDonnell asked CFO Steve Williams to name some of the categories. Mr. Williams said I do not have the categories in front of me, but I can tell you this month the only change from prior allocations is the addition of a sewer line project that spans between Mt. Ephraim and Haddonfield to improve sewer service along county roads. Deputy Director McDonnell said one of our big projects is Kings Highway in Mt. Ephraim and Audubon and the ARP funds can be used for sewer improvements which are being done under the road.

Resolution No. 76 authorizing the appointment and reappointment of Members to the Camden County Homelessness Trust Fund Advisory Board. *Ms. Delaney said I have looked online for the meeting schedule but I could not find it. Where would I look to find that information?* DCA Rhodes said the appointments and reappointments, along with the meeting schedule will be posted to the website.

Seeing no other members of the public wishing to comment, the Director asked for a motion to close the public portion. Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion with a second by Commissioner Kane. All Commissioners present voted aye.

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

Director Cappelli read the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the hereinafter-specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed:
 - A. **PERSONNEL**
 - Personnel Actions
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above subject matter will be made public when members of the Camden County Board of Commissioners have made a final determination.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Director Cappelli asked for a motion to adopt the Resolution and go into closed session to discuss the aforementioned matters. Commissioner Betteridge made a motion with a second by Commissioner Dyer at 12:43 p.m.

The Commissioners returned from closed session with a motion made by Commissioner Betteridge and a second by Commissioner Dyer at 12:48 p.m.

There being no further discussion, the Director asked for a motion to adjourn. Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion to adjourn with a second by Commissioner Kane at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn Gilmore
Clerk of the Board