

**CAMDEN COUNTY  
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS MEETING  
FEBRUARY 18, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.  
LAWNSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL  
426 Charleston Avenue  
Lawnside, New Jersey 08045**

The meeting was called to order by Director Louis Cappelli, Jr. at 7:00 p.m. The Director asked the Clerk to call the roll and the following Freeholders answered to their name:

PRESENT: CREAM, GRECO, LEONARD, NASH, RODRIGUEZ,  
MCDONNELL, CAPPELLI

Director Cappelli stated that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Director Cappelli asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem led by Khalisa Blaine of the Lawnside Public School. Ms. Blaine also led everyone in singing "Lift Every Voice & Sing".

Director Cappelli announced that if requested, the County has large print agendas for the visually impaired. He said if you require large print, please see the Clerk.

Director Cappelli welcomed everyone. The Director said to the members of Council, we thank you for hosting us. He said every year in February, we do have our meeting in this historic town of Lawnside. The Director said I would like to commend the Mayor, who is not able to be here this evening, and the Governing Body for the great work you do here in Lawnside. It is a very progressive government with a lot of tremendous leadership and that is why Lawnside is one of the finest communities in which to live here in Camden County.

Director Cappelli called upon Councilwoman MaryAnn Wardlow to say a few words. Councilwoman Wardlow and Councilman Christopher Raines came forward.

Councilwoman Wardlow said the residents of Lawnside thank the Freeholders for coming out. Councilwoman Wardlow thanked Freeholder Leonard especially because our streets look great. She said it was easy getting around town. She welcomed everyone for coming out this evening.

**PRESENTATION**

Director Cappelli said Freeholder Rodriguez has a CDBG check for Lawnside which is \$24,281.00 for the Borough of Lawnside.

Councilwoman Wardlow said that this CDBG money means so much for this town. She said it has helped us to get a community center, a park and it is all because of this money.

**GIFT DONATION**

Director Cappelli said as we go from town to town we ask the governing body for the name of a non-profit organization in town that is making a special contribution to the community so that the Board of Freeholders can make a small recognition of that group. The Director said this Governing Body has chosen

the Lawnside Jaguar Cheerleaders to be recognized this evening. Director Cappelli asked the Cheerleaders to come forward with Diane Raysor and Coach Johnson. The Director noted that the Lawnside Jaguars have existed for 10 years. He said they all reside in Lawnside and the surrounding areas. The team trains young ladies from Pre-K up to the Eighth Grade. The staff consists of four professionals with a combined total of 70 years of cheerleading experience. They train vigorously throughout the football season and three days a week during competitions. The team works hard and mastered the skills that landed them second and third place rank in the South Jersey Cheerleading Association for the past three years. The Director congratulated the team on behalf of the entire Freeholder Board and presented them with a small donation of appreciation.

The Coach thanked the Freeholders for this recognition. The Coach thanked everybody and the Borough, and school for their support. The Coach also thanked the girls for all their hard work and dedication.

The Cheerleaders then gave a "thank you" cheer to the Freeholders.

#### COMMUNITY AWARD

Freeholder Nash said every month Camden County looks for one individual in the community that truly represents the spirit of our communities together and that is our Community Volunteer of the Month. Freeholder Nash said this month we are extremely pleased that the recipient of that very prestigious recognition is a resident of Lawnside and if you live in this community, you know Reverend James A. Benson. Freeholder Nash called upon Reverend Benson and his wife to come forward. Freeholder Nash said for those of you who do not know Reverend Benson, I am going to tell you why he is so deserving of this Community Award. The Freeholder then read the Proclamation. The Freeholder noted that Reverend Benson has been a lifelong resident of Lawnside and has dedicated his time and energy in the spiritual, historical and cultural preservation of this town. He said it is well deserved that the Reverend receives this Community Award. Over the course of the Reverend's 30 year ministry, Reverend Benson was the Pastor of six churches, the most recent being the New Jersey AME Conference. Freeholder Nash said Reverend Benson is known in his community for his character and convictions and teaching of the scriptures. In 1983 he founded and still serves as Director of the Valley Bible Church and School in Lawnside. Freeholder Nash said Reverend Benson's goal is to minister to the total person in the total community, he has also opened the Benson Multicultural Museum at the Valley Bible Church, which is a source of history and culture about not only Lawnside but about the country and beyond. Freeholder Nash also congratulated Reverend and Mrs. Benson on being married for 54 years. He further noted that Reverend and Mrs. Benson have three daughters and five granddaughters. Along with his ministry, Reverend Benson has served on the Board of Education and the Planning and Zoning Boards for several years. He has worked as a building contractor in South Jersey for 25 years as well as being one of the founders of the Black Developers Program of Camden. Freeholder Nash said for all of those reasons, and your motto, Reverend, "Always remember the shoulders from where you came", we honor you. Freeholder Nash said that is what he has taught his friends, his family and his congregation. For that, Reverend, Freeholder Nash said on behalf of the Board of Freeholders, it is our pleasure to recognize you as our Community Volunteer of the Month. Congratulations.

Reverend Benson said this is a total surprise. He thanked the Freeholders for their recognition. He said this is the time for multicultural history here and now. He said it helps us to remember whose shoulders we stand on and move on. Reverend Benson thanked the Borough and Council for allowing this to happen. He said everything we do and I say it again, we do "In the name of Jesus". Amen!

#### EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Director Cappelli announced that the next presentation is Employee of the Month. The Director called upon Norm Sooy to come forward to assist in the presentation. Director Cappelli said our Employee of the Month for this month is Derene Wright of the County's Veterans Affairs Office. He called Derene and her family to come forward. Director Cappelli said Camden County has been blessed with many employees who day in and day out do a great job on behalf of the residents of Camden County. Director Cappelli said the Veterans Affairs Office does a very special job on behalf of a very special class of constituents. He said a class of constituents who often do not have the means to survive a day. They often are not given the benefits they should receive for the years of service given to the United States of America for our freedom. He said Norm Sooy is our front guy at Veterans Affairs - he does a great job and he is phenomenal. Director Cappelli said Norm could not do the work he does without the help of Derene Wright. The Director said Derene is a dedicated staff member behind Norm who day in and day out make sure that all of those small tasks and big tasks that need to be done on behalf of the Veterans of Camden County get done. She is a strong advocate of our Veterans and is a dedicated and hard working employee who puts Veterans first. The Director said because of Derene's work and Norm's leadership, our Veterans Affairs is known as the very best Veterans Affairs Office in the State of New Jersey. Director Cappelli said on behalf of the Board of Freeholders, I would like to present you with this wonderful clock and savings bond as a small token of our appreciation.

Norm Sooy thanked the Freeholders for recognizing the Camden County Veterans Affairs office. He said on behalf of the entire Veterans Affairs Office, Derene, we thank you for making us number 1! Mr. Sooy said he would also like to thank the Freeholder Board for giving him 30 years to serve the County Veterans. He said I have the opportunity and satisfaction to do what we are doing. He said we are always there to serve. He thanked the Freeholders for allowing him to be a part of helping the Veterans in Camden County.

Derene Wright thanked the Freeholders for this award. She said I would also like to thank the Freeholders for all they do for the Veterans. We can't do what we do without your support.

#### PROCLAMATION

Freeholder Rodriguez welcomed everyone. Freeholder Rodriguez called upon Reverend Doctor Rudolph Johnson and his family, along with Ann Biondi to come forward. She also called upon Norwood Allen to come forward as well. Freeholder Rodriguez said just to tell you a little bit about what our Reverend Dr. Johnson has done for us. She said Dr. Johnson has served as a member of Camden County LACADA which is our local Advisory Committee for Alcohol Abuse for over 15 years. She said he acted as Chairman for 10 years and still remains an active member. Freeholder Rodriguez said that Dr. Johnson has led the LACADA Committee with his guidance and wisdom in

leading the Committee in overseeing State funding for the County's drug and alcohol services. She said his commitment to the residents of Camden County most in need of qualifying substance abuse treatment and education was evident by his unwavering attendance to LACADA meetings. She said Camden County will always be grateful for his passion in serving its most needy residents. His commitment and involvement in the community have included, far beyond just what he has done with LACADA, it has also included being past member of the Lawnside Fire Department, served as Councilman of the Borough, three years serving as Council President. He continues to take part in meetings with Camden County and Borough Officials along with citizens of West Atco, as well as Winslow Township Community. Freeholder Rodriguez said you have done so much for our community. It has been a pleasure having you here sitting on the Board doing so much for such an important constituency. The Freeholder thanked him personally and on behalf of the entire Freeholder Board for what you have done for our residents. The Freeholder then read the Proclamation and presented it to him.

Freeholder Rodriguez called upon Director of Community Health, Ann Biondi and Norwood Allen, who oversees Drug & Alcohol to come forward. She said I would like my Directors to share a few words about Reverend Dr. Johnson.

Ann Biondi said I am grateful to be here to say something nice about my dear friend, Reverend Dr. Johnson. She said you hear about LACADA and LACADA was established through legislation in the early 80's. She said since that time there have been five coordinators for drug and alcohol. Out of those five, our friend Dr. Johnson has worked with all but one and he has been with us for a very long time. She said he knows drug and alcohol in and out because he has been patient and kind - reading all the proposals we get. She said there are two things I really value in people - one is loyalty and Dr. Johnson has been that - if he wasn't at a meeting, I would worry! Ms. Biondi said the other is a sense of humor and he always made me laugh. She said I want to thank him for all of that -- all those days at 8:30 a.m. that we met, went over the proposals and talked about funding and concerned ourselves about the people who needed our services. She said I want to thank you and will miss you.

Norwood Allen said I would like to thank Dr. Johnson as well for his experience. He said when I first got the job he was in place and eased me into the job. After that, I appreciated his leadership and he even had me down at his program at his Church. Mr. Allen said I don't want to say too much because you can't talk too long in front of a Baptist Minister. Mr. Allen said thank you for everything you have done for our County and for me personally. He thanked Mrs. Johnson as well and ended by saying I want to thank you once, twice and three times.

Dr. Johnson said when you give a preacher a microphone and look out and see so many people, there are so many words that he wants to say but I will cut it short. Dr. Johnson said I would like to first start by thanking My Lord and Savior working in my life, through my life so I could be a servant of the people and for giving me the strength to carry on. Dr. Johnson thanked the Board of Freeholders for what they have done to help in all the endeavors that LACADA tried to do in enabling over 18 agencies of LACADA through their support. He said the work the Freeholder Board is doing, we are truly grateful and thankful. Dr. Johnson said I thank the Board for

allowing me to stay in this for as long as I stayed and for providing the necessary tools for LACADA. He thanked his family for putting up with him throughout the years. He said many times I went through trials and tribulations but I could always come home to talk to my wife about what was going on and we would reason together and were able to work out many of the problems that we have. He also thanked his congregation for coming out this evening to be with him at this special time in his life. He asked them to stand and be acknowledged. He said I came to LACADA even before it was formed and I am proud of the many things we have accomplished. Dr. Johnson said I would like all of you to continue to support your government, your Freeholders, who are working hard for each one of you. He said the Freeholders are setting the pace that this County will be the best County in the State of New Jersey. Can you do it? He asked everyone to shout it out! Will you support these Freeholders who are doing a great job for each one of you and your family!! Everyone shouted out, "YES". He thanked the Freeholders for acknowledging him and wished everyone God's blessing.

Director Cappelli acknowledged County Clerk Joseph Ripa and Camden County Sheriff Chuck Billingham.

#### PROCLAMATION

Freeholder Cream welcomed everyone. Freeholder Cream said I think it was already mentioned we should never follow a Minister and especially Dr. Johnson! Freeholder Cream said I am very honored to be here in Lawnside tonight as I know this entire Freeholder Board is. Every year when deciding where we should go in February, it is always picked by every one of us to go to Lawnside, namely because we love Lawnside and secondly because it is Black History Month. She said this town is so historically a place like no other place in this country that we are very proud to be here tonight. Freeholder Cream said our Director Lou Cappelli always does trivia. This evening prior to my mentioning our wonderful candidate, I am going to give all of you who are not residents of Lawnside some facts about this great town. Freeholder Cream said Lawnside Borough as of the 2000 census had a population of 2692 and the land that became Lawnside was purchased by Abolitionists for free and escaped slaves and other African Americans in 1840. Freeholder Cream further went on to say on April 20, 1926 an official special election was held in this Borough - one month earlier on March 24, 1926, New Jersey Governor A. Harry Moore signed into Law New Jersey Assembly Bill No. 561. The Freeholder asked if anyone knew that we had a Governor named Harry Moore? She said she didn't until she looked up all this information. Freeholder Cream said with its first election, Lawnside became the first independent, self-governing African American Community North of the Mason-Dixon Line. That's why Lawnside is such an important part of this County in New Jersey. She said the Borough has a total of 1.4 square miles and all of it is land - no water. Ninety-three percent of Lawnside residents identify themselves as African American as part of the 2000 census. She said it might be more now. Freeholder Cream said the government of Lawnside consists of a Mayor and a six member Borough Council with all positions elected at large. She said the Mayor is elected directly by the voters and serves a four-year term. The Council members serve three year staggered terms with two seats coming up for election every single year. Freeholder Cream said Lawnside is part of the First Congressional District and the New Jersey Fifth Legislative District. She said the School District

serves Public School students from Pre-School to the Eighth Grade. Freeholder Cream said this one is very personal and important to me - my Aide's husband, retired Army Colonel, Alfred C. Fisher is a direct descendant of the original settlers of Lawnside that was formerly known as Free Haven and then Snow Hill. Freeholder Cream asked Colonel Fisher to stand and be acknowledged as one of the first original settlers of this place. Freeholder Cream thanked everyone for listening and said she thought it would be important to all of us to know just a little bit more about where we are.

Freeholder Cream said in reading the newspaper and the magazine from Rowan University several weeks ago, I came upon an article and that article stated that the recipient of our award from the Freeholder Board, Elder May and his wife, were contributing \$10,000.00 a year for the rest of their life to students in Camden from Rowan in the EOF Department for their education. Freeholder Cream said she was so taken by that - I thought these are the two people that the Freeholder Board is going to honor during Black History Month. Freeholder Cream said Elder May went to Hofstra University and then he went on to go to the Mortuary School of Science. He was born and raised in Camden and then attended the Cherry Hill Schools. She said his lovely wife, whom he has been married to for over 30 years attended Rowan University and she taught school in Lindenwold as a Physical Education Teacher for over 20 years. They have five children and eight grandchildren. Freeholder Cream said Elder May has four Mortuary Science establishments - one in Camden, one in Pennsauken, one in Willingboro and one in Vineland. She said he doesn't forget where he came from. She said though it would be very easy for him to go home, have this money, spend it all, and not help people, that's not the way he and his wife work. They understand that when you have it, though it has been difficult for you that we are obligated to give back and to help those less fortunate than us. That is what Elder Thomas May and his lovely wife have done. She said for that reason, I respect them, our Freeholder Board respects them. Freeholder Cream then called upon Elder Thomas May and Mrs. Hazel May to come forward. Freeholder Cream asked Elder & Mrs. May to say a few words.

Elder Thomas May said to Freeholder Cream, we would like to thank you for recognizing us with this distinguished award. He thanked the Board of Freeholders for their recognition as well. At this time, Elder May said the President of Rowan University and his wife are here. Elder May then presented Rowan University's President with a check. Elder May said I would also like to thank my family, congregation and friends for coming out. Elder May said the Bible speaks that your gift will bring you before great people and that has been fulfilled by being honored by this Board. Thank you so much.

Freeholder Cream called upon Mrs. May - she said I always say behind every great man there is a great woman and we want you to be honored also on this occasion.

Mrs. Hazel May thanked the Freeholders for their recognition. She said I just thank God for giving us the opportunity to be a blessing to others. She said the way this started was because when I was in school, I received a scholarship and it was very hard for me to go to school but the scholarship meant so much to me. She said it put me in a position so that we are able to help others. You get back whatever you have and just pass it on. I thank God I have the opportunity to do that. Thank you.

Freeholder Cream said we are very honored to have with us the President of Rowan University along with his wife. Certainly, we cannot leave without Dr. Donald Farish who has done so much work in Camden City during the years to help bring that City up. Dr. Farish thanked Freeholder Cream. He said I want to acknowledge a wonderful gift from Reverend and Mrs. May. He said not everyone has the capacity to give but people who do have the capacity don't necessarily act on that. Mr. & Mrs. May are exemplary in that regard because they remember what it was like to be a young struggling student. He said we have had a campus in Camden for 40 years and over that time many, many students have graduated and gone and became very successful individuals. He said for many of them today, it is a struggle. This annual gift will make a huge difference in the lives of some students who I hope one day will remember how it came to be that they received their education and will in turn give back so that others may benefit and this generosity will continue. He said the last thing I want to say is when Reverend and Mrs. May make a life time gift, you should know that they are going to live to be the oldest people in America because our new Medical School in Camden will keep them alive for a very long time! He thanked Reverend and Mrs. May once again.

Freeholder Cream thanked Dr. Farish. Freeholder Cream then presented Elder and Mrs. May with the Proclamation. The Freeholder then read the Proclamation. Freeholder Cream said we thank you for providing the building blocks of a strong community by insuring that all of its members are given the opportunity to reach their educational goals.

Director Cappelli thanked and congratulated Freeholder Leonard, Dominic Vesper and Frank Moran and all the men and women of the Public Works Department who over the past month have dedicated thousands of hours to clean the roads of Camden County during the historic snow storms we have had. He said our roads have been in outstanding shape after the storm. To Freeholder Leonard, Director Cappelli said, through your leadership and hard work the entire Department of Public Works is truly extraordinary. Thank you.

The Director then continued with the agenda.

#### FIRST READING - RESOLUTION i

**FIRST READING- RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY SERVING TO AMEND AND RESTATE A GUARANTY RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE GUARANTY BY THE COUNTY OF CERTAIN BONDS OR NOTES ISSUED BY THE CAMDEN COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY IN ORDER TO REFUND CERTAIN PRIOR BONDS OF THE AUTHORITY ISSUED TO FINANCE EQUIPMENT ACQUISITIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY.**

**(PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON MARCH 18, 2010, 7:00 P.M., GLOUCESTER CITY JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL, 1300 MARKET STREET, GLOUCESTER CITY, NEW JERSEY 08030)**

Director Cappelli asked for a motion to adopt on First Reading. Freeholder Rodriguez made a motion to adopt with a second by Freeholder Leonard and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

## MINUTES

Director Cappelli said the next order of business is the Minutes of our previous meeting and asked for a motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Freeholder Nash made a motion to adopt the Minutes with a second by Freeholder Rodriguez and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Director Cappelli then asked the Clerk of the Board if there was any correspondence. The Clerk answered that there was no correspondence.

## COMPTROLLER

Director Cappelli asked for a motion to adopt the Comptroller's Report. Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion to adopt the Comptroller's Report with a second by Freeholder Leonard and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

Director Cappelli announced that the next portion of this meeting is open to the public for discussion on the Resolutions that the Freeholders are going to be acting upon this evening. He said there will be another public session after the meeting, at which time the public can ask any questions they want regarding the business of the County or anything else they wish to talk about. Director Cappelli said that he asks that this portion of the public hearing be limited to the Resolutions that the Freeholders are going to be voting on.

Director Cappelli then declared the public hearing open. There being no one wishing to speak, the Director asked for a motion to close the public portion. Freeholder Nash made a motion to close the public portion with a second by Freeholder Rodriguez and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

Director Cappelli said that at our Caucus on Tuesday evening, the Board of Freeholders reviewed the resolutions to be acted upon tonight. He said it was at that time that the Board discussed items to be voted on and we will be voting on resolutions in blocks based on unanimous consent of the Freeholders.

## RESOLUTIONS

**Resolutions 1 through 14** were adopted upon motion by Freeholder Nash with a second by Freeholder Greco and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

1. Resolution extending Bid A-30, for Copy Paper, Computer Paper, Envelopes, and Supplies for six month, through August 31, 2010.
2. Resolution authorizing the County of Camden to Re-Auction, by Online Auction, various vehicles and equipment, unclaimed by default bidders, that are no longer needed for public use by the County of Camden, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36.
3. Resolution authorizing payment pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) on behalf of the Camden County Library Commission to Innovative Interfaces, Inc., for the provision of software and software maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$108,000.00 - CAF #9900151663 for \$24,248.00. Balance of funding is contingent

upon the availability and appropriation of funds in the 2010 temporary and/or permanent budgets.

4. Resolution approving personnel actions requested by or one behalf of Freeholder Cream.

5. Resolution authorizing an award of contract, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request For Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Corrections) and Pulitzer Bogard Associates for the provision of contract monitoring services for inmate medical, dental, and psychiatric services, in an amount not to exceed \$98,100.00 - CAF #9900152484.

6. Resolution authorizing an award of contract (Bid A-3), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Corrections) and Todd Devin Food Equipment, Inc., for the purchase of kitchen equipment, in an amount not to exceed \$77,713.00 - CAF #9900152518.

7. Resolution ratifying a Shared Services Agreement, adopted June 18, 2009, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Corrections) and the State of New Jersey Judiciary, Administrative Office of the Courts - Camden Vicinage for the provision of Video Court Services.

8. Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application, by the County of Camden (Department of Corrections) to the U.S. Department of Justice for the "Second Chance Act Adult and Juvenile Offender Reentry Demonstration Projects FY'2010 Competitive Grant", in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.00.

9. Resolution authorizing an award of contract (Bid A-1), by and between the County of Camden (Office of the Prosecutor) and Sirchie Fingerprint Laboratories for the purchase of a Crime Scene Evidence Detection Vehicle - (1) Ford E350 Commercial Cutaway Vehicle, in an amount not to exceed \$42,338.00 - CAF #9900152165.

10. Resolution authorizing an award of contract (Bid A-4), by and between the County of Camden (Office of the Prosecutor) and ADT Security Services, Inc., for the provision of equipment for the Community Safe Zone Video Surveillance System project, in an amount not to exceed \$103,060.53 - CAF #9900152521.

11. Resolution authorizing the transfer of one (1) vehicle and one (1) trailer no longer in use by the County of Camden (Office of the Sheriff) to the Borough of Bellmawr.

12. Resolution authorizing an award of contract, 2nd Yr. Option (Bid A-58, 2008), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety - Office of Emergency Management) and Swiftreach Networks, Inc., for the purchase of an "Emergency Notification System" under the Camden County Cooperative Pricing System 57-CCCPS, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 - CAF #9900151786.

13. Resolution authorizing rejection of Bid A-5, for the provision of maintenance services for metal detection equipment, due to no bids received.

14. Resolution authorizing an award of contract, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety) and Sprint/Nextel Communications (State Contract A-64429) for the provision of Blackberry telephone and data services for the Office of Emergency Management, in an amount not to exceed \$38,000.00 - CAF #9900151787.

**Resolution 15** was adopted upon motion made by Freeholder Rodriguez with a second by Freeholder Cream and on roll call:

15. Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety) and Camden County College relative to the FY' 2010 Port Security Grant Program.

AYE: CREAM, GRECO, LEONARD, NASH, RODRIGUEZ, CAPPELLI  
ABSTAIN: MCDONNELL

**Resolutions 16 through 21** were adopted upon motion by Freeholder Cream with a second by Freeholder Leonard and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

16. Resolution approving personnel actions requested by or one behalf of Freeholder Greco.

17. Resolution authorizing payment, by the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) to SJAP Natural Link for the provision of vegetative waste removal services, in the amount of \$1,222.50. Funding is available in the 2010 Reserve Fund.

18. Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1, (Bid B-6, 2008), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Zone Striping, Inc., for completion of the Federal Project No. STP-B00S (573) CON, in the amount of \$1,216.72 - CAF #9900152427.

19. Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 & Final (Bid B-8, 2009), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Bud Concrete, Inc., for completion of the Fairview Gateway Project in the City of Camden, in the amount of \$30,385.60 - CAF #9900152430.

20. Resolution authorizing an award of contract, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Pedroni Fuel Company (State Contract A-65041) for the purchase and delivery of unleaded fuel.

21. Resolution authorizing an award of contract, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Majestic Oil Company (State Contract A-41864) for the purchase and delivery of diesel fuel.

**Resolution 22** was adopted upon motion by Deputy Director McDonnell with a second by Freeholder Rodriguez and on roll call:

22. Resolution authorizing an amended Agreement, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request For Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Remington & Vernick Engineers for additional closely related services relative to the Lanning Square Project in the City of Camden, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$24,850.00 - CAF #9900152426.

AYE: CREAM, GRECO, LEONARD, RODRIGUEZ, MCDONNELL  
ABSTAIN: NASH, CAPPELLI

**Resolutions 23 through 39** were adopted upon motion made by Freeholder Greco with a second by Freeholder Rodriguez and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

23. Resolution authorizing County consent to Gloucester Township Ordinance O-10-01 for bus stops on Erial Road (CR 706).

24. Resolution authorizing the acquisition of property by the County of Camden, from 500 Davistown Road, Inc., for construction of the Route 42/College Drive Interchange, in the amount of \$95,000.00 - CAF #9900152429.

25. Resolution approving personnel actions requested by or one behalf of Freeholder Leonard.

26. Resolution authorizing an award of contract (Bid A-8), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Parks) and Mr. John Portable Sanitation Units, Inc., for the provision of leased portable sanitation units under the Camden County Cooperative Pricing System 57-CCCPs, in an amount not to exceed \$39,385.52 - CAF #'s 9900152486, 9900152487 in the amount of \$10,000.00. Balance of funding is contingent upon the availability and appropriation of funds in the 2010 temporary and/or permanent budgets.

27. Resolution authorizing submission of a pre-application, by the County of Camden (Department of Parks) to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for the NJDOT Route 30/130 Collingswood/Pennsauken (Phase B) improvements in Cooper River Park.

28. Resolution authorizing an award of contract 2nd Yr. Option (Bid A-5, 2009), by and between the County of Camden (Division of Environmental Affairs) and Clean Ventures, Inc., for the provision of Household Hazardous Waste Removal Services.

29. Resolution approving personnel actions requested by or one behalf of Freeholder Nash.

30. Resolution authorizing an award of contracts, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request For Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Health & Human Services) and various approved vendors for the provision of juvenile detention alternative programs, in an amount not to exceed \$160,000.00.

31. Resolution amending Resolution No. 34, adopted January 21, 2010 to include the Center For Family Services provision of countywide Care Management services, in an amount not to exceed \$82,574.00.

32. Resolution ratifying a Cooperative Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Health & Human Services) and the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for access and use of the New Jersey Environmental Management System.

33. Resolution ratifying an emergency Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Division of Senior & Disabled Services) and Protocall for the provision of temporary case management services for Senior and Disabled Residents in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 - PO #150974.

34. Resolution ratifying the submission of a grant application, by the County of Camden (Division of Senior & Disabled Services) to the New Jersey Department of Human Services for the FY'2010 Personal Assistances Services Act Grant, in the amount of \$604,104.00.

35. Resolution ratifying the submission of a grant application, by the County of Camden (Division of Senior & Disabled Services) to the New Jersey Department of Health & Senior Services, Division of Family Health Services, for the FY'2010 Farmers Market Nutrition Program, in the amount of \$3,000.00.

36. Resolution appointing members to the Camden County Mental Health Board.

37. Resolution approving personnel actions requested by or on behalf of Freeholder Rodriguez.

38. Resolution amending the 2010 Temporary Budget.

39. Resolution authorizing budgetary transfers in the 2010 Reserve Fund.

**Resolutions 40 and 41** were adopted upon motion made by Freeholder Rodriguez with a second by Freeholder Leonard and on roll call:

40. Resolution authorizing an award of contract, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request For Proposals, by and between the County of Camden and Conner Strong Company, Inc., for the provision of Employee Benefits Administration, Employee Benefits Consulting and Brokerage Services.

41. Resolution authorizing a contract with AmeriHealth Insurance to provide Health Benefits for Camden County Employees for a period of January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.

AYE: CREAM, GRECO, LEONARD, RODRIGUEZ, MCDONNELL,  
CAPPELLI

ABSTAIN: NASH

**Resolutions 42 through 51** were adopted upon motion made by Freeholder Greco with a second by Freeholder Leonard and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

42. Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden and the Camden County Insurance Fund Commission for the provision of Certified County Finance Officer services.

43. Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden and the New Jersey Counties Excess Joint Insurance Fund for the provision of interim legal services.

44. Resolution authorizing payment, by the County of Camden (Superintendent of Elections) to Sequoia Voting Systems, for the WinEDS annual license fee, in an amount not to exceed \$31,500.00 - CAF #9900152201.

45. Resolution authorizing an award of contract, by and between the County of Camden (Superintendent of Elections) and Election Support & Services for certification of voting machines and election day support, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 - CAF #9900152202 for \$27,000.00. Balance of funding is contingent upon the availability and appropriation of funds in the 2010 temporary and/or permanent budgets.

46. Resolution authorizing an award of contract, by and between the County of Camden (Superintendent of Elections) and International Election Solutions for the delivery and pick-up of voting machines, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00 - CAF

#9900152204 for \$20,000.00. Balance of funding is contingent upon the availability and appropriation of funds in the 2010 temporary and/or permanent budgets.

47. Resolution appointing members to the Camden County Insurance Commission.

48. Resolution authorizing modifications to the fee Schedule for the Office of the County Clerk.

49. Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Division of Archives & Records Management) and the County of Monmouth to leverage \$72,000.00 of eligible funding from the PARIS Grant 2010/2011 application for portal maintenance and support charges for a period of three (3) years.

50. Resolution authorizing an award of contract (Bid A-2), by and between the County of Camden (Division of Special Events) and Proof Productions, Inc., for the provision of maintenance to the Wiggins Park Stage, in an amount not to exceed \$88,000.00 - CAF #9900152396 for \$20,000.00. Balance of funding is contingent upon the availability and appropriation of funds in the 2010 temporary and/or permanent budgets.

51. Resolution authorizing Agreements for the sale of alcoholic beverages by authorized non-profit organizations or vendors at various events.

**Resolution 52** was adopted upon motion made by Deputy Director McDonnell with a second by Freeholder Nash and on roll call:

52. Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Division of Special Events) and the Borough of Collingswood for use of the Collingswood Grand Ballroom/Scottish Rite Auditorium for the 2009-2010 Concert Series.

AYE: CREAM, GRECO, LEONARD, NASH, RODRIGUEZ, MCDONNELL  
ABSTAIN: CAPPELLI

**Resolutions 53 through 55** were adopted upon motion made by Freeholder Nash with a second by Freeholder Greco and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

53. Resolution authorizing the approval and execution of Camden County Workforce New Jersey Area Contract PY'2009, Modification #1, for funds covering July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

54. Resolution authorizing an award of contract, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Office of County Counsel) and various approved vendors for the provision of Private Investigator services for the County and County Agencies and Authorities.

55. Resolution authorizing an award of contract, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request For Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Office of County Counsel) and various approved vendors for the provision of court reporting services for the County and County Agencies and Authorities.

**Resolution 56** was adopted upon motion made by Freeholder Cream with a second by Deputy Director McDonnell and on roll call:

56. Resolution authorizing the sale of surplus property, by public auction, located at 152 Ohio Avenue, Clementon, New Jersey, Block 54, Lot 3.01, also known as the Rutgers Extension Building; 327-329 Market Street, Camden, New Jersey, Block 75, Lot 25, also known as the PBA Building; 4401 Madison Avenue, Pennsauken, New Jersey, Block 4608, Lot 16, also known as the Camden County Morgue Building; 2311 Egg Harbor Road, Lindenwold, New Jersey, a portion of Block 261, Lot 1; Block 262, Lot 1; Block 263, Lot 1; and Block 264, Lots 9 & 10, also known as a portion of the Charles DePalma Complex; Salina Road and Blackwood Road, Blackwood, New Jersey, Block 12302, Lot 1; also known as a portion of the Lakeland Complex.

AYE: CREAM, GRECO, NASH, RODRIGUEZ, MCDONNELL,  
CAPPELLI  
ABSTAIN: LEONARD

**Resolutions 57 and 58** were adopted upon motion made by Freeholder Rodriguez with a second by Freeholder Leonard and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

57. Resolution authorizing Workers Compensation settlements.

58. Resolution approving personnel actions requested by or one behalf of Freeholder Director Cappelli.

**Resolution 59** - No motion made - Resolution fails.

59. Resolution acknowledging personnel actions requested by or one behalf of constitutional or statutory offices.

The Director announced that the meeting is now open to the public for any topic the public would like to bring before the Board.

Freeholder Leonard left the meeting.

**Morris L. Smith** addressed the Freeholder Board and said he is here this evening to share some facts with you that Freeholder Cream did not mention and probably is not aware of about Lawnside. Mr. Smith said under the canopy behind me on the easel is a framed document which represents an action taken by the Lawnside Board of Education in 1968. Mr. Smith said many of you may remember that 1968 was the year that Dr. Martin Luther King was murdered on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April in Memphis, Tennessee. He said on that Tuesday night in April, the Lawnside Board of Education convened a special session to proclaim by Resolution and adopt the fact that the Lawnside School District would establish January 15<sup>th</sup> as a District holiday forever after. He said on the easel behind me is a framed document stating that Lawnside Board of Education, Borough of Lawnside, the first governing body in the nation to proclaim by Resolution Dr. King's Birthday as a holiday. Mr. Smith shared portions of the proceedings of that meeting and said as you depart this evening you can view this document and read the information that is presented there. Mr. Morris said I will read the Minutes of the Special Meeting - portions that are important:

"April 9, 1968, a Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Borough of Lawnside was called to order by the President, Morris L. Smith at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. After repeating the Lord's Prayer in unison, the following members answered roll call" (Mr. Smith didn't read the names). The purpose of the meeting was to adopt

the Resolution to send to the grieving family of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and to proclaim January 15<sup>th</sup> a legal holiday in commemoration of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The motion was offered and seconded. The Board of Education proclaimed January 15<sup>th</sup> as a legal holiday. He said the Resolution was to follow and that reads as follows:

"BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Borough of Lawnside, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, proclaim the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January of each year as a school holiday for the Lawnside Public School in memory of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who died through notable cause for his country and his race.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, the day prior to the suspension of classes each year, the Administration and Teaching Staff of the Lawnside Public School will explain to the students the purpose for which the school closing is being observed. It is hoped that this day will always be spent in solitude and reverence and dedicate our thoughts and efforts to uphold the principles and goals of Dr. Martin Luther King.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the bereaved family and a copy of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education be included and sent to the Municipal Finance Committee of the Borough of Lawnside and receipt of the Municipal Finance Committee acknowledging receipt of the Resolution."

Mr. Smith said we also received a letter from Dr. Martin Luther King's wife, Coretta Scott King. Mr. Smith read the letter:

"To: Board of Education, Lawnside, New Jersey  
Attention: Board Secretary, Mr. Roland T. Haywood

Thank you for your kind expression of condolences and sympathy for my children and me. We do appreciate your Resolution concerning us. The support and sharing from people like yourself give courage and strength to try to continue my husband's work. I welcome your continued participation in our common endeavor as we strive towards peace, justice and brotherhood.

Sincerely,  
Coretta Scott King"

Mr. Smith said this is to formally acknowledge the fact that the Board of Education, January 14<sup>th</sup> of this year, the current Board for their work to have a similar framed document mounted in the school. Mr. Smith said you may pass by and review it - Lawnside Board of Education, the first governing body in the nation to proclaim January 15<sup>th</sup> - Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday as a holiday. Thank you.

Director Cappelli thanked Mr. Smith for this incredible presentation. He said certainly I learned something new that Lawnside was the first governing body to recognize January 15<sup>th</sup> as the holiday. He said that was a very special action by the Board. Thank you for sharing that with us.

**Cora Williams** of Lawnside, addressed the Board and said she worked for the Camden County Health Services Center for 35 years. She said she was a psych aide and also worked with a medical doctor there. Ms. Williams said she retired two years ago. She said now I am living here in Lawnside and have lived here for 15 years. Ms. Williams said now I am with the seniors who have the concern and worry about their taxes. She said when you get a certain age and unable to afford to stay in your home,

even if you move into an apartment building, there is no rent control over apartments - where do you go? She said I am here tonight to speak on behalf of the seniors here of Lawnside and also for myself. She said I want to know from the Freeholders tonight what you are going to do to help us, the senior citizens. She said I am 64 years old and I am looking at rent and my taxes have hiked up also to the point of wondering what I am going to do. I am wondering about people older than I am, how can they afford their homes, where are we going, how can we do it? She said I might have to get a part-time job - I am on a fixed income now. She said when you have a certain amount of money coming in - that's it. Ms. Williams said I am wondering what do you do. You all sitting there one day will be where I am sitting now. There should be something here for seniors in Lawnside to control the taxes. She said many people have to move out of their homes - go to an apartment or go to the senior citizens home. She said when you get to be a certain age, you should be able to live in your home comfortably because that is what you prepare your home for - but when the taxes are hiked up, you wonder what am I going to do. I would like some questions answered. She said I will be following you around and going to meetings to speak not just for me but on behalf of the seniors. Please help us.

Director Cappelli said we all share your concern for property taxes. It certainly is a number one priority in Camden County and throughout the State of New Jersey. The Director said, we as the Camden County Board of Freeholders, are a portion of your property tax. That portion of your bill has gone down a bit because over the past 3 years we have reduced taxes and reduced the levy by \$6 million. We have done that over the last three years by reducing costs in the operation of our government, and reducing a number of employees in our government which was very hard. We are very proud of the fact as far as we know; we are the only governing body in the State of New Jersey that has actually reduced spending three years in a row. We are mindful of the fact that property taxes are a problem and we will continue to work on trying to keep our portion of the tax bill as small as possible. The Director said all we can do as a Board is control our portion of the property tax bill and that is the County budget. Over the last three years, we have done a pretty good job of controlling that budget in trying to reduce taxes in the future. The other parts of the taxes come from the municipality of Lawnside and the Board of Education - we have no impact on either portion of that part of your tax bill. Ms. Williams said she is going to the White House and Congressman Andrews because I am really concerned - it is not just about me - it's about others, people who are older than I am. Ms. Williams said her taxes have gone up \$600 per quarter and that is a big difference. She said if you do some renovation on your home, it goes up again. I am really concerned that this could happen. Freeholder Rodriguez interjected and asked Ms. Williams to speak with her aide and give her the information.

Seeing no other members from the public wishing to speak, Director Cappelli asked for a motion to close the public portion. Freeholder Nash made a motion to close the public portion with a second by Deputy Director McDonnell and all Freeholders present voted aye.

**Freeholder Cream** said she wanted to thank Freeholder Ian Leonard, Dominic Vesper, Rob Mauriello and all the men and women who worked so ardently to help us in this serious snow storm that we just had. They deserve a lot of credit. I personally want to thank them. I also would like to thank again the Mayor

and Council and the people who live in Lawnside for their hospitality.

**Freeholder Nash** thanked the men and women who work in Public Works who did such an outstanding job. He said the streets in Cherry Hill were done phenomenally well. He said I got compliments from the Township Police and Fire Chiefs. My congratulations to the people who worked 24-7 to make sure our communities were clean. Freeholder Nash said I also had the unfortunate task yet privilege to attend the funeral services of a young man from my community, Jeremy Cain who was killed in action in Afghanistan - a young man who recently graduated from Cherry Hill East High School, whose father recently passed away on September 11<sup>th</sup> of last year. He said he decided last year to serve his country - he joined the service and went to Afghanistan and was killed by a suicide bomber. Freeholder Nash said he and other people in this room who are from Cherry Hill also attended the funeral services. He said it is one of the saddest things although it is a reminder that those who are serving our country and risking their lives everyday to protect the values that we have in our country and to defend the principles of Martin Luther King, we should thank God for young men and women who are serving to protect us and defend our liberties. He said at the appropriate time, he thinks the Board should have a condolence resolution presented to the family.

**Freeholder Rodriguez** thanked Mayor and Council and residents of Lawnside, past and present, for all they have done for all of us. She also thanked all the employees who did such an outstanding job on the roads. Freeholder Rodriguez thanked our quiet soldiers, the ones who do outstanding work and stand back and don't ask for that pat on the back - thank all of our employees and everything you do for all of us.

**Freeholder Greco** thanked the residents of Lawnside for hosting this meeting this evening. Freeholder Greco said I would like to acknowledge once again Dominic Vesper and Frank Moran for the wonderful job they have done in cleaning the roads during the snow storm. This particular snow storm was so severe that it also impacted the Department that I am liaison to - the Department of Public Safety. He said inasmuch as we had to declare a State of Emergency, I would like to acknowledge Acting Director Robin Blaker, Paul Hartstein, Jim Jankowski and Sam Spino for the wonderful work they did during this process as well. Thank you and have a good evening.

**Deputy Director McDonnell** thanked everyone from Lawnside for having us tonight. To Mr. Smith, Deputy Director McDonnell thanked him for his presentation. He thanked Freeholder Leonard and everyone in Public Works for the great work. He said anyone driving around Camden County now knows the next great task is going to be the potholes - there are a number of potholes some caused y by the snow, but there are a number of them and it is going to be a monstrous expense and a lot of dedication and time devoted to get them fixed. He thanked everyone for coming out this evening.

**Director Cappelli** said during the snow storm in addition to the great work done by Public Works to remove the snow, there was an incredible effort to inform the public of the status of the snow removal and the work being done on behalf of the residents of Camden County. He said I would just like to commend Joyce Gabriel, Director of Public Affairs. He said the work she did was phenomenal - he also commended Ron Tomasello. He said the public had timely communication from County

government; it was great to see that a lot of people found this useful. He said from a lot of folks he has seen since then, people were paying attention - they were using the notes we were sending out and emails we were sending out. He said to Joyce, it was a great job. The Director said I am very proud of the work everybody did. The Director said I would also like to thank all of the employees of Camden County for the great work they do - day in and day out for the residents of Camden County.

There being no further business, Director Cappelli asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Freeholder Greco made a motion to adjourn with a second by Deputy Director McDonnell at 8:10 p.m. and all Freeholders present voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Szczesniewski". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned centrally below the "Respectfully submitted," text.

Linda Szczesniewski  
Clerk of the Board

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