

**CAMDEN COUNTY  
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.  
HARRY WILLIAMS BUILDING  
2 BROADWAY AT BLACK HORSE PIKE  
RUNNEMEDE, NEW JERSEY 08078**

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: GRECO, LEONARD, NASH, RODRIGUEZ, MCDONNELL,  
CAPPELLI  
FREEHOLDER MCCRAY WAS SEATED AT 7:04 P.M.

Director Cappelli announced that Freeholder McCray will be here shortly, he is delayed in traffic.

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 called upon Robert Delsordo, Esquire to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Director then called upon Ashley Matousek of Triton High School to perform the National Anthem.

Director Cappelli thanked Mr. Delsordo and Ashley Matousek for participating.

Director Cappelli then asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence to remember the victims of September 11, 2001.

Freeholder McCray was seated at 7:04 p.m.

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. Director Cappelli said we are very pleased to be here in the Borough of Runnmede. He said it is the practice of the Board of Freeholders to hold our meetings each month in one of our municipalities outside of the County Seat of Camden so that all members of the public will have full access to meetings of the Board. The Director said as we go from town to town, we usually begin the meeting by recognizing the Mayor and members of Council to come forward.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Director Cappelli asked Freeholder McCray to come forward as well. The Director said we have a surprise special presentation. The Director said it is a surprise that is due in large part to the efforts of Freeholder Nash that you are receiving this special surprise. The Director said the Board of Freeholders tonight will be awarding the Borough of Runnemeade \$25,000.00 recreation grant for upgrades to your Park, your Tennis Courts, your Touch Football Field. Freeholder McCray said just to reiterate what Director Cappelli said - a great investment for a great community. Congratulations, Borough of Runnemeade!

**PRESENTATIONS**

The Director then called upon Freeholder Rodriguez to come forward. Freeholder Rodriguez presented to Mayor and Council on behalf of the entire Freeholder Board, the CDBG Award which amounts to a total of \$45,189.00. She said this is for all the wonderful projects that you have planned.

Director Cappelli said I would just like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Board of Freeholders to thank the governing body of Runnemede for being here tonight. He said Mayor, you and members of council have a long history of working diligently on behalf of your residents; great economic development efforts, recreation efforts along the Black Horse Pike especially. He said we consider ourselves partners in government with you and we are very honored and pleased to call ourselves your partners.

Mayor Bertha Kalvaitis thanked the Freeholders and everyone for the checks from the County. She said we can sure use it! She introduced Council Members present - Anthony Beatrice and Frank Williams. Councilman Beatrice interjected and said everybody got a nice postcard about Shubert Avenue, but you need to go to Shubert Avenue to see the new Shubert Avenue. You did one great job with that street. To Frank Moran, he said anything we needed we got! He said I have been around a long time and I never saw the spirit of cooperation that I did at this moment on Shubert Avenue. He said I am here tonight to thank you for that on behalf of our engineering committee, our other members Ed White and Mike Kisielewski. He said I know the Director of Roads is very happy about Shubert Avenue! The Councilman thanked Freeholder Nash for his support - it is a pleasure to have you in Runnemede. Thank you!

#### GIFT DONATION

Director Cappelli then called upon Rev. Dr. G. Andrew Englehart, III, "Pastor Andy" and Pat Henry to come forward. The Director said as we have these meetings and go from town to town we ask the governing body for the name of a non-profit in town, worthy of special recognition and a small gift by the Board of Freeholders. Runnemede Governing Body has selected the Trinity Lutheran Church. He said accepting tonight are Pastor Andy and Pat Henry. The Director said the church has been part of the Runnemede community since 1926 and as the community grew, the congregation grew and so did its Church and its ministries. He said the monthly food pantry was started in the 1990's as an answer to the growing needs in the community. The Church helps over 70 Runnemede families in need of food, clothing and warmth. He said they also have a clothes closet for all ages and collect back-to-school supplies for children. Director Cappelli said to Pastor Andy, on behalf of the Board of Freeholders, please accept a small token of our appreciation for the great work that your church does.

Pat Henry said on behalf of the Trinity Lutheran Church Food Pantry, Social Concerns Ministry, I would like to say thank you. We are open the fourth Thursday of every month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m and 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. She said we service Runnemede, Bellmawr, Barrington and Glendora. She said right now we have about 82 families but we are very blessed by the Lord to see all of the extras that come into us - not only from Runnemede and some of the other places and we appreciate that very much. She said if you ever have a moment at any one of those times, go to the yellow house, 25 Knight Avenue and you will see us and all the work we do. God bless you and thank you very much!

### COMMUNITY AWARD

Freeholder McCray called upon William Moen, Jr., Vice Commander and any other members of Runnemede VFW Post 3324 to come forward. Freeholder McCray said it is very fitting to give honor and pay some, not necessarily respect, but acknowledge the Local Runnemede VFW. He said especially during the last week what our country, especially our local municipalities have been honoring and remembering. He said the Local VFW Post 3324, led by William Moen, Jr. and other members here are celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, which was last November. They are very active in all aspects of the Runnemede community, including they fund scholarships on behalf the elementary and high school. They help seniors and people annually and they are responsible for the Runnemede Youth Athletic Association. They are very active internally with their own Ladies and Men's Auxiliary. They help raise money to help the men and women who serve our country as well as their families. Freeholder McCray said I think that needs to be applauded. On behalf of the entire Board, Freeholder McCray said I want to present you with this Proclamation to summarize all the great things that you do on behalf of what you are called to do and what you are dedicated to do in Runnemede. Congratulations!

Tim Salmatina, Sr. Vice-Commander of Local VFW Post 3324 said the Commander couldn't be here today but this man deserves a real applause because he has put together not only events but sacrifices a lot of his time and efforts to make sure that the community and the veterans and the military now serving overseas are assisted in many ways. The Vice Commander said he is not here today but we should give the Commander a round of applause. He said get behind the military, veterans and our young men and women overseas that are serving our country. Thank you.

### EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Deputy Director McDonnell welcomed everyone. The Deputy Director called upon Debbie Keller, Senior Clerk of the Superintendent of Elections, to come forward. The Deputy Director introduced Debbie Keller as Camden County's Employee of the Month for September. He congratulated her. The Deputy Director called upon her family to come forward as well. The Deputy Director said the reason we are honoring Debbie is because of her great work in the County government. He said she is a Senior Clerk in the Office of the Superintendent of Elections. The Deputy Director noted that the Superintendent of Elections, Phyllis Pearl, unfortunately is away and could not be here tonight. He said I know she would very much like to be here tonight. The Deputy Director said Debbie and I never worked together but she must be a spectacular person because all we hear about her when we talked about Employee of the Month was the great work that she does in that office. He said she is responsible for the maintenance of all the voting machines in Camden County. She is also responsible to make sure all the voting machines are ready for every election. She also handles all the information about all the current voters in Camden County. If you don't think that is a big job, he said, the number of current voters in Camden County for which information she has to take care of, whether they change address or change names, change party affiliation, whatever they do, Debbie handles it and she does that for 336,000 registered voters in Camden County. The Deputy Director said Debbie is kind of what I guess a lot of us would think is the ideal person - not only does she do a great job at work but she does a great job in her life. She has three beautiful kids - Shannon, Sheila and Jim, Jr. All three, she has raised with her husband Jim with whom she has

been married for 33 years! He said all three of her children have graduated from Rutgers University. He said she is extraordinarily proud of them. He said Debbie grew up in Bellmawr and still lives in Bellmawr. She has been at the Superintendent of Elections for over 12 years and at one time she was a member of the Auxiliary of the Bellmawr Fire Department. She has retired from that and is now a member of the Bellmawr Health Department and she is an Executive Office in the Bellmawr Democrat Club! He said this is an outstanding person, who not only does great work but lives a great life. The kind of person all of us in Camden County are so proud of. He said on behalf of myself and the entire Board of Freeholders, I want to congratulate you on being Employee of the Month. The Deputy Director said in Phyllis' absence, Tom Castellano, Peg and Chris Casey are here. He then called upon Tom Castellano, who works with Debbie every day to say a few words.

Tom Castellano said it is a pleasure to be with you this evening. Mr. Castellano said when I went to the Superintendent of Elections Office, ten years ago, we were fortunate to have 47 employees at that time. He said we are now down to 14 and we are very lucky to have somebody in a time when we are doing more with less to have an employee like Debbie Keller. He said there is no job too great or too small for her - anything that we ask her to do she does it with a smile, she does it with ease and she is one of those employees who will come to us and say, is there anything that I can do if she is finished with her work to help a fellow employee. He said she is always there - Johnny on the Spot and we are really very fortunate to have somebody like Debbie on our team. He said on behalf of Phyllis, Chris, Peg and myself, we are really pleased to have somebody like you on our team. It is a pleasure. He said congratulations on this well-deserved honor. The Deputy Director said before we ask Debbie to say a couple of words, he then presented her with a clock and savings bond.

Debbie Keller thanked everyone. She said she appreciated her administrators coming tonight. Debbie said she is really honored. She thanked her sisters, her husband and her children, whom she is very proud. Thank you!

Director Cappelli congratulated Debbie and thanked her for her hard work.

The Director then continued with the agenda.

#### **FIRST READING - Resolution h**

Director Cappelli said next we have a First Reading, as follows:

FIRST READING - 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 AND NOTES (COUNTY CAPITAL PROGRAM), SERIES 2011" TO BE ISSUED IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000,000.00 BY THE CAMDEN COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF CERTAIN CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY.

(PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 20, 2011, 7:00 p.m., CAMDEN COUNTY BOATHOUSE, 7050 NORTH PARK DRIVE, PENNSAUKEN, NJ 08109)

**MOTION TO ADOPT FIRST READING - RESOLUTION h**

The Director asked for a Motion to adopt Resolution h on the agenda tonight. Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion to adopt with a second by Freeholder Leonard and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

**FIRST READING - RESOLUTION i**

The Director stated the next First Reading is as follows:

FIRST READING - RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 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 CAMDEN COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY OF ITS COUNTY-GUARANTEED LOAN REVENUE BONDS AND NOTES, THE COUNTY CAPITAL PROGRAMS, SERIES 2011, AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COUNTY PROJCT AUTHORIZING HEREBY; (III) THE LOAN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE AUTHORITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE FINANCING AUTHORIZED HEREBY AND FOR CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO AND PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.40:37A-56.

(PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 20, 2011, 7:00 p.m., CAMDEN COUNTY BOATHOUSE, 7050 NORTH PARK DRIVE, PENNSAUKEN, NJ 08109)

**MOTION TO ADOPT FIRST READING - RESOLUTION i**

The Director asked for a motion to adopt the First Reading - Resolution i. Freeholder Greco made a motion to adopt First Reading with a second by Freeholder Nash 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 Rodriguez made a motion to adopt the Minutes with a second by Deputy Director McDonnell and on roll call:

AYE: GRECO, LEONARD, MCCRAY, NASH, RODRIGUEZ, MCDONNELL, CAPPELLI

**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 Freeholder 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 else wishing to speak, the Director asked for a motion to close the public portion. Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion to close the public portion with a second by Freeholder Nash and 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 Rodriguez with a second by Freeholder Nash and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

1. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 funds into the budget from the State Facilities Education Act (SFEA) funding for 2011-2012 in the amount of \$202,500.00.
2. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 funds into the budget for the provision of the Camden County Office of the Prosecutor New Jersey Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Program in the amount of \$362,649.00.
3. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 funds into the budget for the provision of the Camden County Office of the Prosecutor Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund (VWAF) in the amount of \$107,383.00.
4. Resolution authorizing award of contract, by and between the County of Camden (Office of the Prosecutor) and Systems Engineering Technologies Corporation/SyTech Corp., for upgrades to the HIDTA network, in the amount of \$26,000.00 - CAF #9900162091.
5. Resolution authorizing award of contract, by and between the County of Camden (Office of the Prosecutor) and Miller Ford Sales, for repairs to a 2009 Ford Fusion, in the amount of \$5,860.00 - CAF# 9900161766.
6. Resolution authorizing the submission of the grant application for the Camden County Office of the Prosecutor's Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners Grant (SANE/SART), for the period of October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012, in the amount of \$85,000.00.
7. Resolution authorizing award of contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotes, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety and Juvenile Justice) and CDW Government, Inc. for the purchase of (100) IBM Middleware Encryption Software in the amount of \$4,488.00 - CAF#9900162002.
8. Resolution authorizing award of contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotes, by and between the County of Camden and WPCS International, Inc. for the purchase of (10) Havis Docking Station Power Supplies in the amount of \$405.00 - CAF#9900162092.
9. Resolution authorizing award of contract, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety) and Ahura Scientific, Inc., for Hazmat Detection Equipment in the amount of \$49,700.00, funding provided through FY09 Homeland Security Grant Funds and the Port Security Grant Funds - CAF#9900161841.

10. Resolution authorizing award of contract (Bid A-43) by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Safety and Juvenile Justice) and Archonix Systems, LLC, for a proprietary file server and equipment, in the amount of \$69,121.00 - CAF#9900161221.
11. Resolution ratifying the FY09 Interoperability Communications Grant Program (IECGP) to provide support for exercise projects both regional and County related to interoperability emergency communications functions in the amount of \$102,392.28.
12. Resolution authorizing personnel actions by or on behalf of Freeholder Greco.
13. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 funds into the budget for Discretionary Aid for the State Street Bridge in the amount of \$200,000.00.
14. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 funds into the budget from the Borough of Haddonfield for the Potter and Ellis Roadway Project in the amount of \$296,000.00.

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

15. Resolution authorizing a substitution of capital funds in the amount of \$22,210.00 to provide for the purchase of computers and related equipment and book trucks for the new library branch to be located at Rutgers University.

AYE: GRECO, MCCRAY, NASH, RODRIGUEZ, MCDONNELL, CAPPELLI

ABSTAIN: LEONARD

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

16. Resolution ratifying an emergency contract, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public works) and Navka Construction for the emergency purchase of construction services for the repairs at Little Gloucester Dam, located in Gloucester Township, Camden County, NJ, in the amount of \$767,947.00 (PO#160115).
17. Resolution authorizing award of contract (Bid B-19) by and between the County of Camden and AP Construction, Inc., for the New Bridge No. 2A-2 at State Street (CR601) over the Cooper River & realignment of approaches and rehabilitation of Bridge No. 2A-1 in the City of Camden, in the amount of \$11,969,678.00 - CAF Nos. 9900162507 and 9900162508.
18. Resolution amending an agreement, pursuant to publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and W.J. Castle PE & Associates, for the provision of eighteen (18) additional handicap ramps in connection with the bridge 4C-7 rehabilitation project, in the amount of \$9,000.00 - CAF#9900162420.
19. Resolution ratifying the award of emergency contract and authorizing payment, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and HighTech HVAC, for emergency repair services to the HVAC system in Building No. 1, in the amount of \$21,658.30 - CAF#9900162490.
20. Resolution ratifying the contract and authorizing payment, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Municipal Maintenance Company, for preventative Maintenance Inspections to the Enpo-Cornell Posi-Prime Lift Station, the pumping system at the Lindenwold Complex in the amount of \$400.00 per visit - CAF#9900162513.
21. Resolution authorizing award of contract, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Grainger, Inc. for the purchase of safety products in the amount of \$201.76 -CAF#9900162419

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

22. Resolution authorizing award of contract, pursuant to publicly advertised Request for Proposals, and authorizing payment by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Birdsall Services Group, for Construction Management/Engineering Inspection Services for Streetscape and Roadway Improvements at MLK Boulevard, Broadway to the Armory, City of Camden, in the amount of \$123,307.40 - CAF#9900162489.

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

ABSTAIN: MCCRAY

**Resolutions 23 through 44** were adopted upon motion made by Freeholder Greco with a second by Freeholder Nash and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

23. Resolution ratifying an emergency payment, by and between the County of Camden (Library System) and All Risk for emergency services and repairs made at the Haddon Township Branch library in the amount of \$161,386.57 - (PO#160234).
24. Resolution authorizing personnel actions by or on behalf of Freeholder Leonard.
25. Resolution authorizing award of contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotes, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) and Emerga of Sewell, NJ, for spackling and painting at the Hall of Justice in an amount not to exceed \$28,400.00 - CAF#9900162004.
26. Resolution ratifying the contract and authorizing payment, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings & Operations) and SimplexGrinnell, for fire alarm repairs for various County Office Buildings, in an amount not to exceed \$13,939.23 - CAF#9900162407 in the amount of \$8,696.00 and CAF#9900161393 in the amount of \$2,417.00 and CAF#9900161846 in the amount of \$2,826.23.
27. Resolution awarding contract, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) and Garrison Architects, for architectural and engineering design services for the renovation and replacement of the vertical transportation system at the Administration Building, in the amount of \$119,500.00 - CAF#9900162466.
28. Resolution approving emergency contract and payment, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) and All Risk, for emergency services at the Hall of Justice HVAC leak in the amount of \$47,841.67 (PO#159993).
29. Resolution approving an emergency contract and payment, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) and All Risk, for emergency services at the Fire Training Academy water leakage from the roof in the amount of \$18,334.47 (PO#159994).
30. Resolution authorizing approval of Change Order Nos. 4, 5 and 6 (Bid A-38), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Buildings and Operations) and W.J. Gross for additions and renovations for modernization of the Office of the County Clerk in an amount not to exceed \$13,753.35 - CAF#9900162377.

31. Resolution amending agreement, adopted October 21, 2010, authorizing a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Parks) and the Borough of Berlin for maintenance of a Ditch in Berlin Park.
32. Resolution authorizing the transfer of one (1) vehicle no longer needed for use by the County of Camden to the Camden County College.
33. Resolution authorizing an agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Division of Environmental Affairs) and Joseph Blosenski for the purchase of one (1) used recycling vehicle, in an amount not to exceed \$21,000.00 - CAF# 9900161953.
34. Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Division of Environmental Affairs) and the Borough of Oaklyn, for the use of a County-owned recycling vehicle.
35. Resolution appointing member to Solid Waste Advisory Council.
36. Resolution authorizing personnel actions by or on behalf of Freeholder Nash.
37. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 funds into the budget for the Department of Children's Services in the amount of \$4,417,308.00 for the Child Care Resource & Referral Services, for the period of October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012.
38. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 funds into the budget for the County Environmental Health Act (CEHA) Grant in the amount of \$285,565.00.
39. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 funds into the budget for the Peer Grouping Grant in the amount of \$21,393.00.
40. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 funds into the budget for the Right-To-Know Grant in the amount of \$7,165.00.
41. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 funds into the budget for the Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Grant in the amount of \$73,800.00.
42. Resolution requesting Change in Title, Text or Amount of Appropriation, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-85.
43. Resolution authorizing the submission of a Grant Application by the County of Camden (Department of Health & Human Services) to the New Jersey Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for the provision of the Municipal Alliance Grant in the amount of \$630,776.00.
44. Resolution authorizing the submission of a Grant Application by the County of Camden (Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Senior & Disabled Services) to Community Planning and Advocacy Council (CPAC) to provide Peer Grouping Grant Funds for the provision of services to Senior Citizens at the Camden County Senior Day Center in the amount of \$75,000.00.

**Resolution 45** was adopted upon motion made by Freeholder Rodriguez with a second by Freeholder McCray and on roll call:

45. Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Health & Human Services, Senior & Disabled Services) and Archway Programs relative to the Senior Day Center.

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

**Resolutions 46 through 66** were adopted upon motion made by Freeholder Rodriguez with a second by Freeholder Greco and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

46. Resolution authorizing personnel actions by or on behalf of Freeholder Rodriguez.

47. Resolution authorizing a fee schedule for Bond issues guaranteed by the County of Camden.
48. Resolution authorizing a Month-to-Month Agreement (Bid A-28/2010) for Electric Generation Supply Services for the South Jersey Power Cooperative pending procurement of these services.
49. Resolution ratifying an award of contract and authorizing payment, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Finance) and Sungard Public Sector for Maintenance of the Electronic Learning Pass in the amount not to exceed \$4,800.00 - CAF#9900162452.
50. Resolution authorizing personnel actions by or on behalf of Freeholder McDonnell.
51. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 funds into the budget from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Emergency Shelter Grant, for FY 2011 in the amount of \$115,545.00.
52. Resolution inserting Chapter 159 funds into the budget from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development HOME Investment Partnerships Program Grant (HOME) for FY 2011 in the amount of \$1,172,140.00.
53. Resolution providing for a substitution of funds for financing of the amendment to the support agreement between the County of Camden and the Camden County Improvement Authority relative to the Clementon Redevelopment Project.
54. Resolution authorizing award of Electronic Employee Training contract, by and between the County of Camden and Safety Matters, Inc. for Compliance Training in the amount of \$22,680.00 - CAF#9900162460.
55. Resolution amending an agreement, adopted February 17, 2011 (Resolution #64), pursuant to the solicitation of quotations, by and between the County of Camden and Lynda Marchewka for additional consulting services for the Board of Taxation in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 - CAF#9900162473.
56. Resolution authorizing award of a Negotiated Contract (Bid A-35), by and between the County of Camden, the Camden County Health Services Center and Allegiance, LLC for Medicaid Case Management Services.
57. Resolution amending a Shared Services Agreement (Resolution #71, adopted December 16, 2010), by and between the County of Camden and the Camden County Improvement Authority for the provision of additional Planning Services and for Project Management, Consulting, Grant Administration and Related Services for the County of Camden.
58. Resolution amending Support Agreement, by and between the County of Camden and the Camden County Improvement Authority, relative to the Clementon Redevelopment Project.
59. Resolution establishing an Arson Investigation Unit within the Office of the Camden County Prosecutor, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-1.1 and adopting protocols for working cooperatively with the Camden County Fire Marshal's Office and municipal fire officials.
60. Resolution authorizing award of contract, pursuant to solicitation of quotes, by and between the County of Camden (Division of Public Affairs) and Color Source, Inc., for printing and postage of "The Pride" in the amount of \$52,341.00 - CAF#9900162392.
61. Resolution ratifying award of a six (6) month Maintenance contract (State Contract #A-42287), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Information Technology) and Johnston Communications, for the provision of Maintenance of Telecommunications Equipment in various Camden County Facilities, for the period 8/1/11 through 1/31/12 in an amount not to exceed \$24,378.00- CAF#9900162410.
62. Resolution rescinding award of contract, authorized by Resolution #75, adopted December 16, 2010, by and between the County of Camden and PK Media for the provision of Naming Rights for various County Assets.

63. Resolution authorizing an Agreement with Gateway Community Action Partnership, WIC Program to provide for reimbursement to the County of Camden (One-Stop) the cost of inclusion in the security services at 2600 Mt. Ephraim Avenue, Camden, in the amount of \$624.24 per month for the period October 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.
64. Resolution authorizing an agreement, by and between the County of Camden (Camden County One Stop and Camden County Resource Center) and Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada for Group Term Life Insurance Policy for a three (3) year term, in an amount not to exceed \$15,845.00 per year - CAF#9900162321.
65. Resolution authorizing Worker's Compensation settlements.
66. Resolution authorizing personnel actions by or on behalf of Freeholder Director Cappelli.  
**Resolution 67** - No motion made - Resolution fails.
67. Resolution acknowledging personnel actions requested by or on 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.

**Eulisis Delgado** of Camden, addressed the Freeholders regarding the plan for the Camden Police Department to be dismantled. Director Cappelli responded and said right now the Camden County Board of Freeholders, the State of New Jersey and the City of Camden have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding in which it is the obligation of the Board of Freeholders to present a plan for consideration by the Governing Body of the City of Camden. He said we have an obligation to present that plan by the end of this month. We are working on the details of that plan; it is still a work in progress. He said we will be presenting same to the public by the end of this month. Mr. Delgado responded and said it is not fair for the residents of Camden to go through this - there is no public meeting for the residents of Camden. It seems like the Freeholders are a bunch of dictators - want to come into our town and dictate to us what you are going to do with our Police Department. He said just like our tax assessment - my taxes went up \$3,000.00 in one shot. He said I have prostitutes, pimps, drug dealers near my house. Will you come to Camden and buy a house, sir? Mr. Delgado said I am very, very upset. This is an election year and I'm voting this time - my whole family, there are 150 members in our family, we are going to vote Republican. We want to send you guys a message, we are not going to take this any more!

**Tim O'Neill** of Collingswood, addressed the Freeholders. Mr. O'Neill said I am a public worker, social, political and labor activist and employee of Camden County Board of Social Services, Vice President of New Jersey State Democratic Progressive Caucus, a member of the Progressive Democrats of America, New Jersey Chapter. Mr. O'Neill said if you remember this past February, I came to you and I told you to be careful what you ask for because I said your furloughs were illegal and apparently people in Trenton, other brothers and sisters listened to me because there are court cases now challenging the furloughs. Mr. O'Neill said I knew what I was talking about then and apparently so did other people. He said I also gave you my opinion on your Transition Initiative and your Management indoctrination. He said I am here tonight to request, no to demand, that you tell your administrators to stop harassing me. That night I got out of a sick bed to come talk to you. I got in on Tuesday because it was Martin Luther King Weekend and I got told - you have to have a note from the doctor. That came from Mr. Rhodes and my Director.

Mr. O'Neill said, I said you don't rule my life after 4:30 p.m. They finally came back after a couple of weeks and said fine. We will just give you a warning. Since then, I have been harassed about my clothing, wearing a hat - it was tolerable but since Sweeney pushed his alleged health and pension reform through the State and I became a serious activist, I was one of the Trenton 29 that got arrested and I am proud of it - it has increased. It has increased to a point to where the reason I am here tonight, I got told yesterday that I'm only allowed to smoke on my two breaks. Mr. Sheekey has a policy that says one rule for everyone. It is unenforceable but still that message came from the County Administrator's Office. I am telling you guys to tell your people to lay off. It's got to stop here, it's got to stop now because I am not going to take it any more. Thank you.

**Shawn Sheekey**, Director of the Board of Social Services, addressed the Freeholders. Mr. Sheekey said I would just like to set the record straight with respect to the comments made by Mr. O'Neill. I came to the Board, as you know, just over a year ago and I came to an agency that had a lot of challenges. I recognized those challenges, I had a previous experience with the Division of Motor Vehicles, where I came in, I set out to fix that agency, that is my goal with the Camden County Board of Social Services. He said Mr. O'Neill having been a 25 plus year employee, many of those years as a supervisor, I might add, is well aware of the policies and the guidelines that are in existence at our agency. These policies and guidelines long pre-date my arrival at the agency. What I have set out to do is to make sure those policies are enforced; that they are enforced upon everyone equally and fairly. Mr. O'Neill is also aware and I think to some extent, he calls this harassment - I think we have been more than fair because he has had numerous warnings to the point where he could have been suspended at this point. We are just asking people in our organization as public employees to come to work, to dress appropriately, to act appropriately, to take the time that they are allotted in their breaks and their lunches to do the business that they need to do. Again, if that is wrong, that is what I have been trying to do on behalf of the taxpayers of this County to work with an agency that is probably historically dealing with some of the largest crowds that it has ever seen. Mr. Sheekey said I told folks this is a hands on deck for everyone - we are going to be challenged for a number of years and I'm basically saying to everyone at the agency, you have to follow the rules. We are public employees and I expect everyone in my operation to act like one. Thank you.

**Tim O'Neill** of Collingswood returned and said I don't criticize the job Mr. Sheekey's doing. He is doing the best he can. All I am saying is that his rule of one rule for everyone does not get enforced. Yet, I am the one that gets picked on. I am the one who gets told. When it comes down to discipline, if it ever does, he will lose.

Director Cappelli said thank you, gentleman.

**John Schmidt** of Gloucester City addressed the Freeholders. Mr. Schmidt said I recently submitted to the Custodian of Records for the County an Open Public Meetings Act audit. He said it came back and I was going through the Minutes of the past three Board of Chosen Freeholders meetings and I noticed when the Board goes into their Executive sessions and their Resolutions, they don't state the reasons why they go in. They just say litigation or personnel issues. He said you have to be more descriptive and more specific than that and you also are not identifying the specific exemption under OPMA in which the Board is going into.

Mr. Schmidt said I haven't had a chance to type up a letter to the Board or I usually do a draft lawsuit. I wanted to bring that to your attention in hopes I can change that. I know there has been a lot going on recently in terms of Somerset County Board of Freeholders changed their practice.

**County Counsel Sherri Schweitzer** responded. Ms. Schweitzer said if you look at last night's closed session, there were some changes made. Since I have been here, we have looked at some of the practices and what we have done is passed a Resolution that did have more detail in it in hopes that would be a more thorough process, a more transparent process for the Freeholder Board. Ms. Schweitzer said I am going to be here after the meeting, if you want to stay, I can certainly talk with you about that and let you know some of the changes that we have made but I think that will make you much more comfortable with some of the suggestions that you have made. Mr. Schmidt asked Ms. Schweitzer how long she has been the solicitor. Ms. Schweitzer responded she has been County Counsel for two months. Mr. Schmidt said reading the Minutes I was concerned with some of the discussion Freeholder Greco brought up a few months ago and I believe the solicitor had interjected, I'm not sure the last name, concerning a Corrections Officer who was injured on duty - was attacked by a member of a gang. It seemed like from the discussion, this Freeholder Board just blew the Union office. My question of this Board is you're pushing ahead just like the Titanic into that iceberg a hundred years ago next year. This is what you are doing with the County Police force. You cannot adequately staff the Corrections Department, you made budget cuts which have impacted the Sheriff's Department and its impact on services to the communities. You can't manage the two Law Enforcement Agencies you have. How in the world do you intend to manage this Law Enforcement Agency, a third one, because you can't manage the first two? You don't have an answer for that?

Director Cappelli responded and said we will manage it with professionals, if it does ever exist or come into existence - it will be managed by Professionals who are duly able to perform the job that they will be hired to do.

Mr. Schmidt responded and said considering it's an election year, Mr. Cappelli, I think you need a better answer than that. Mr. Schmidt said additionally, I have another question. For County employees, typically Law Enforcement but not head of a Law Enforcement Agency in the County - the Sheriff's Department - I am talking about an employee within the Sheriff's Department is a Law Enforcement Officer - is it appropriate for them to use their County-issued vehicle to attend a public meeting to which they are a member of - non-work related. Mr. Schmidt said specifically, I attended the Gloucester Township Housing Authority meeting, which the Undersheriff, I believe is a member of and he was in his work vehicle to attend that Gloucester Township Housing Authority meeting. Is that appropriate use of a vehicle? Director Cappelli said we will look into that, it is the first time I am hearing of it - without knowing more specifics, I couldn't tell you whether it is appropriate or not. Mr. Schmidt asked whom should he follow up with that because I would like an answer to that. The Director said Ms. Schweitzer will follow up with you.

**Greg Young** of Sicklerville, identified himself as Vice-President of Camden Lodge No. 1, addressed the Freeholders. Mr. Young said two questions - you said this County Police thing you are going to be targeting professionals to establish it. He said what Law Enforcement Specialists do you have on this Committee other than Mr. Timoney? Director Cappelli said right now on the Committee as far as public safety goes is Mr. Timoney and Sheriff

Billingham and Robin Blaker. Mr. Young asked if they had any experience in dealing with what we deal with in Camden? Director Cappelli responded and said they are not given the task of running a Police Department if it does ever come to existence. He said I can tell you Sheriff Billingham does have experience. He was the police chief of Washington Township for a number of years and a police officer over twenty-five years. He said Robin Blaker was a State Trooper for many years so, yes, there is police experience among both of them and certainly Chief Timoney probably has more experience than both of them combined. Mr. Young the next question is where does the money portion come in? Mr. Young said right now the Police Department is made up of a cross-section of Officers, racial-wise that have been in this Department for over 10 years up to 24 years. How do you manage to get rid of fifty percent of those officers and bring in new officers who have never even been in the City to deal with the problems we deal with on a daily basis? Mr. Cappelli responded and said what will happen, Sir, if there is a Camden County Police Department, every member of the Camden City Police force will be entitled to apply for a job with the Camden Metro Police. Mr. Young said the last thing is I have to dispel all the stuff that has been put in the paper about the Union not willing to negotiate with the City. He said I am the Vice-President, the President is back there, the Superior Officers representative is sitting right there. There has never been a date or time when we have not been willing to meet with the City to negotiate a reasonable contract. I've got 10 years in the military, 19 years on Camden PD. You can't expect me to take a \$50,000.00 pay cut to keep the job and keep the respect that I've earned during those 19 years. You can't expect any of those gentlemen back there to take that same pay cut. Come to us and deal with us before you try to negotiate and get rid of veteran officers that know how to deal with the people that we live with - I grew up in Camden thirty years - there is nothing that anybody can tell me that I can't do - I can go anywhere in Camden and do what I have to do. For you to come behind us and establish a new Police Department at half the pay grade is unreasonable - totally unreasonable. I'm speaking from the heart. The gentlemen and ladies you see back there - we give our all. We go to kids' games, we go to football games, basketball games, we deliver turkeys at Christmas time, we deal with the kids. We give our all to do our job and we ask for nothing in return. Not one thing! Just give us our due respect before you bad mouth us in the paper. He said I saw the article in the paper about the Chief arresting a person with a gun. Guess what, we do that every day - it doesn't make the paper! Everyday we do that. So, if you are going to be equal about it be equal across the board. Don't pick and choose what you want to put in the paper, don't pick and choose to pick on the Union. We're good people. We are not millionaires - we try to make a living, we got kids in school, we got kids in college. We are trying to do our best with what we got. He said at 19 years, I won't get a job with the County. I am 48 years old - I will not get a job with the County. If they go to a County Police force, I won't be offered a job but I have to take that into account. I am raising my kids and I got to deal with 200 other guys that come to me for answers. Before you go with any plan, I would say come to the Union and try to negotiate something before you just step over us like we are nothing and go with a new plan. Thank you.

**John Schmidt** of Gloucester City returned. Mr. Schmidt said with response to the last speaker who asked about the three people on this Committee. He said Sheriff Billingham is a County employee. Has he been ordered by this Board of Chosen Freeholders to be a part of it or is he doing this voluntarily? Director Cappelli said we asked Sheriff Billingham to assist in the

process. No order - we asked him to do so and he is assisting in the process.

With regard to County email policy, Mr. Schmidt said he had an issue a few months back. He said I discovered a Councilman in my town was using his County email address to conduct City business. It is against your policy, has anything been done about that? Director Cappelli said it is the first I am hearing about this, if you could speak with County Counsel after the meeting, we will look into it.

Mr. Schmidt said about this Police force, it is wrong. If you lay off half the guys, what are you going to bring in 50 new police officers. Half of them are not going to have a clue what they are doing in that City. You are going to ask Cherry Hill to come? Ask my town to come? Director said, "no". Mr. Schmidt said yes, that is what's going to happen. The Director said it is not what's going to happen, Sir. Mr. Schmidt said what's next you're going to go after the fire department? Director Cappelli responded and said the situation is this, as I explained at last month's meeting. There is a Public Safety situation in Camden City that is not good for the residents of Camden City. That is not the fault of the Camden City Police Officers. If anything, things would be a lot worse obviously without the hard work of the officers who are there. We have a situation where crime is out of control in many areas; residents are scared to walk down the street to be outside after dark. There is a budget situation in the City of Camden that prevents the City from hiring more police officers to address the situation. Unfortunately, over the last few decades, up until the current administration that exists in the City of Camden, between the Mayors that were there, the State Monitors. They gave many benefits and conceded on many items in negotiations much to the credit of the FOP who fought on behalf of the Union members as they should. Unfortunately, now the contracts are unsustainable. The State of New Jersey has helped the City of Camden. We can no longer expect blank checks. The City of Camden does not have enough ratables to pay for its fire and police departments - not even close. So, the City depends on the State for a large part of its budget. In order for the City to continue to receive money from the State, there needs to be progress in controlling the cost of government. Unfortunately, that puts everybody in this room in a tough predicament. We, as a County, are only facilitators. If the City of Camden decides not to be a part of this process, they have a right to do so. We are not forcing it on anybody. We, as we have said from the beginning, are acting simply as facilitators. For every municipality, Camden through Winslow. Mr. Schmidt asked how many towns have expressed an interest. The Director said there has been one town that expressed absolute interest in becoming part of the County Police force. Many municipalities have expressed an interest in sharing special services, such as bomb squad, K-9 Unit, things of that nature. He said so we are kind of working down two different roads right now. He said in the future, what will happen in my eyes, my belief, is that with the 2% cap that exists right now in the State of New Jersey every municipality in this State is making tough choices. He said our number 1 reason to exist, I think, is public safety. From Camden to Winslow, hundreds of police officers have been laid off. Hundreds of police officers have retired and have not been replaced. Meanwhile, the number of criminals doesn't decrease, if anything, it increases, especially during these tough economic times. Our thought is if the municipalities want us to be a facilitator in helping to deal with a regional crime problem in a regional manner, we will be there to assist. That is where we are.

Mr. Schmidt said I do agree with one thing that you said, fiscal house needs to get in order, not just in Camden City, Camden County and in the State of New Jersey but a lot of other towns. What's going on with the attacks of public safety and I believe the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders is doing that, it needs to end, it needs to stop and maybe you should cut the special jobs of friends.

Director Cappelli responded and said we are not attacking public safety. In fact, 65 to 70 percent of our budget is public safety. We have just hired additional officers in the Corrections Unit. We have hired more personnel at 9-1-1 and we are hiring more people in the Sheriff's Department. If anything, we are continuing to enhance public safety and are about to make a multi-million dollar investment in our 9-1-1 communications system as well. This Board invests in public safety - we don't attack public safety.

**John Williamson**, President of Fraternal Order of Police, addressed the Freeholders. Mr. Williamson said I actually was not going to speak tonight but you made some comments that I want to address. He said we are all in agreement that the situation in the City as far as crime is out of control. That also is a management issue. He said right now we have about 265 officers and I am not saying that we are good with 265 officers but about 17 years ago, my Uncle, George D. Pugh, the Chief of Police was working with the same amount of officers and he was able to adequately provide police services to the residents of Camden. Even though, we went on a hiring spurt because of the increase in crime, he still provided police services, a traffic bureau, a vice unit, a detective bureau, a functioning detective bureau. He said you walk into the police department now, you walk into the detective bureau now, it is a ghost town. We have no traffic unit. We have no vice unit. Those are management issues. He said maybe prior to displacing the current police department, maybe you should displace the current management of the police department. He said as far as government goes. I am not here to knock the Freeholders, not here to knock the County or our Council but this is a government of the people, by the people and for the people. The people of Camden County don't want this, the people of Camden City don't want this. We all understand that the Governor is holding up the purse strings but we all need to come to the table and find a way to reinvest and to the current infrastructure of the City. That is all I have to say.

Seeing no other members of the public 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 Deputy Director McDonnell and all Freeholders present voted aye.

The Director then opened the floor to the Freeholders for their comments.

**Freeholder Nash** said to the Mayor and to the members of the Council, thank you for allowing us to use this beautiful building once again. He said last Sunday I had the great honor and privilege to participate in Cherry Hill Township's 9-1-1 ceremony. He said Cherry Hill was able to secure one of the steel beams that was salvaged from the North Tower. He said it was a very moving service. The keynote speaker was our Congressman Robert Andrews, who did an outstanding job capturing the moment of 9-1-1 ten years ago and the mood of the country today. Freeholder Nash said I wanted to spend a second to thank the members of our first responders because on that day ten years ago, Camden County ironically was engaged in an anti-terrorism exercise. Who would

ever know that on that very morning, there was that horrific attack on our Nation. He said it was our first responders who were engaged at that moment who were the first to respond to Liberty State Park. It was Camden County's first responders who held command at Liberty State Park and thereafter were involved in the recovery, rescue and then the recovery mission at Ground Zero.

Several of the responders participated that day and they recounted for us what they endured during the days - both emotionally and physically. Freeholder Nash said I think every resident in Camden County should be honored to have our first responders who played such a meaningful role on such a meaningful day for this Nation. I want those who participated to know that the Board of Freeholders and the residents of this County appreciate their efforts.

**Freeholder Leonard** said I too want to thank Mayor and Council for having us here tonight. It is always a pleasure to be here in Runnemede. Freeholder Leonard said I also would like to thank the Public Works Department and our County Engineering Department for all their hard work. The State Street Bridge, as many of you know, has been in disarray for a long time. Through their hard work and efforts over the last three months, they were able to get everything together engineering wise and construction can begin. I want to thank them for that. He then wished everyone a good night.

**Freeholder Rodriguez** thanked Mayor and Council for the wonderful reception and the residents of Runnemede. She thanked all the County employees who work so hard during these particularly difficult times for all the work they do to try to continue to provide services at the levels that they did before. She gave special recognition to Gino Lewis, who is Director of Community Development. She said Mr. Lewis was recently honored because of his tremendous humanitarian efforts with the homeless. He has championed the cause, he has worked so hard to create solutions for a problem that is enormous in the County. She said Gino, you do such a tremendous job taking care of the homeless that we just keep getting them from everywhere. Thanks to Gino and his tremendous leadership, it is a problem that we are able to address and improve on and he is creating such innovative new ideas that are just so extremely successful and he was honored last night for doing exactly that. It is very well deserved. Freeholder Rodriguez invited everyone on September 24, 2011 to come to our Women's Health Conference at Eastern High School at 8:00 a.m. She said we will be having workshops beginning at 9:00 a.m. and we will be having giveaways, free breakfast and at no cost to the County. She said all of this has been financed by fund-raising efforts. We are just going to have a fantastic time. She said we have all kinds of workshops with issues that women are so concerned about whether it's family, children, husbands, financial, social media, and obesity. She said we are going to have over a hundred vendors again, who will be there sharing their expertise, their services, massages by a chiropractor, some dancing and it will be a great day. She said men are invited. Freeholder Rodriguez said you can pre-register at [www.camdencounty.com](http://www.camdencounty.com). She said for those of you who have children, we do provide childcare thanks to one of our supporters.

**Freeholder Greco** thanked Runnemede for their hospitality as well as the Mayor and Council. He commended them for the wonderful job they do in the Borough of Runnemede. 9-1-1 has changed our lives forever in so many different ways and a number of those changes is reflected in public safety. Hurricane Irene gave us an opportunity to test some of those changes and I would

just like to take a couple of moments to acknowledge a number of people that did a wonderful job in assisting the residents of Camden County under Director Rob Blaker. Freeholder Greco said it has been reported to me that 100% of our staff came to work during Hurricane Irene. One hundred percent of our public safety staff!

He said they have families just like everybody else - they had floods, they had trouble getting to work but 100% that in of itself is an amazing thing on behalf of public safety. He said our 9-1-1 Center under Chief Jim Jankowski handled 5,000 calls during the Hurricane. With close cooperation with the municipal emergency services, they proved to be beneficial. They were able to re-route some of their phone calls using the mobile data computers so that they were able to handle the majority of the emergency situations without having that kind of interference. Once again, Chief Jankowski and his people did a wonderful job. The office of Emergency Management under Sam Spino oversaw the joint emergency operating center, combining, public safety, public works and ensured seamless communications efforts in both departments. He combined Emergency Management, Communications, Park Police, Health Department, DPW, County Engineering, private sector partners, American Red Cross, Atlantic City Electric, PSE&G, South Jersey Gas - in all a true working environment that worked together to respond to public safety during the Hurricane.

Freeholder Greco said after the Hurricane was over, they saw to restoring utilities, removing debris, maintaining central records, assessing damage, long term recovery and restoring economic activity in our community and also worked well in connection with FEMA. Freeholder Greco gave special mention to all municipalities and their coordinators, local community emergency response teams, county animal response teams, Camden County Fire Police, Radio Amateur, Civil Service, Emergency Management Fire Coordinators, EMS Coordinators, High Wheel Task Force and 4 x 4 Task Force, all of these teams worked together under Sam Spino's direction. He said our Camden County Park Police under Chief Bob Colangelo provided Law Enforcement Support to all 36 communities, coordinated with the County Engineer and Public Works, determined potential flooding hazards in the area of Cooper River, closed roadways, monitored dams, accessed park area dangerous conditions, assisted public works in escorting traffic issues, removed persons who were swimming in dangerous flood waters and assisted stranded motorists who were attempting to drive over flood roadways. He said our Youth Center under Karen Widener was prepared and ready - first of all had to go under Emergency Management because you don't know how they are going to be affected but also made themselves available to Cumberland County so that if they had a problem they were able to bring their Youth here and we had facilities for them. He said our Department of Corrections under Warden Taylor, they went on active special operations to make sure that the jail was safe and operational and also after that process took place, they dispersed their County Supplemental Labor Service, which are sentenced individuals who assist in cleanup - they came out to our parks and repaired storm damage and did all the kind of work that was necessary at no expense to the taxpayers of Camden County. All of these departments under the Public Safety Director made a major difference during Hurricane Irene and I would ask that you give all of them a round of applause!

Freeholder Greco wished everyone a great evening.

**Freeholder McCray** said I think Freeholder Greco stole my notes so I don't really have much to say now!! I just wanted to thank Runnemede the entire Borough Council, the Mayor, all the residents that are still here. Thank you for coming out and supporting our meeting. These are difficult times and Camden County, like most of the State, every municipality across this

Country, what you see here is government in action. It is not always pretty, it's not always a great result but at the end of the day we are working hard to provide good service. I commend every resident that comes up and voices their opinion. I commend every public servant that comes up and voices their opinion. Just to let you know, at the end of the day, the situation that we are in right now, a lot of the talk that we heard for many years about how government doesn't work and how the Freeholder Board may do this and that - the proof is basically in what we do. It is our actions and it is in our work. I know that we are getting this done every day to provide these services, to keep public safety and good quality of life in tact for every Camden County resident.

Freeholder McCray said continue to hold us accountable and we will continue to make government work for you. Thank you very much for coming out.

**Deputy Director McDonnell** thanked Runnemedede for their hospitality. The Deputy Director said Freeholder Greco named a lot of people, a lot of organizations that deserved a lot of credit but I wanted to be sure Freeholder Leonard brought to my attention that he forgot to mention and he wanted me to mention someone we heard about through all of that crisis and that is John Wallach from our Public Works Department and from the Parks Department, who did a spectacular job through all of that. The Deputy Director congratulated Gina Forte. As you know, in Camden County we had our own 9-1-1 Recognition last Sunday and Gina put that all together. It was a very nice ceremony in Cooper River Park and also at our Terrorism Memorial. He said a lot of work goes into that. Congressman Andrews joined us - it was a great event. The Deputy Director thanked Gina Forte. He then thanked everyone for coming.

**Director Cappelli** said I would like to thank all of the employees of Camden County for the great work they do day in and day out on behalf of our residents and often go beyond the call of duty as you heard described tonight by Freeholder Greco.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne DiPiero  
Clerk of the Board

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