

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
CAUCUS MEETING
December 17, 2019 - 6:00 PM
FREEHOLDER CONFERENCE ROOM – 16TH FLOOR
520 MARKET STREET, CAMDEN, NJ 08102**

Freeholder Director Cappelli called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the following Freeholders answered to their name:

PRESENT: SUSAN SHIN ANGULO, MELINDA KANE, JEFFREY NASH,
JONATHAN YOUNG, SR., EDWARD McDONNELL, LOUIS
CAPPELLI, JR.

ABSENT: CARMEN RODRIGUEZ

The Director said this meeting has been properly advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

The Director asked for everyone to stand for a moment of silence and then asked everyone to remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Director then proceeded with the Caucus Agenda.

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

Resolutions and discussion of proposed Resolutions by or on behalf of Freeholder Shin Angulo

Resolutions 1 through 17 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption.

Director Cappelli thanked Freeholder Shin Angulo for all her hard work, enthusiasm and always doing the very best for our residents.

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

Resolutions 18 through 30 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption.

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

Resolutions 31 through 40 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption.

Freeholder Nash commented that he had one walk-to add to the Agenda:

Resolution amending an Agreement, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Department of Parks) and Consulting and Municipal Engineers, for additional closely related Professional Engineering Services for the Wiggins Marina Improvement Project, for an increase in the amount of \$18,600.00.

Resolutions and discussion of proposed Resolutions by or on behalf of Freeholder Rodriguez

Director Cappelli presented Resolutions 41 through 62 and Resolution 64 in Freeholder Rodriguez's absence. All Resolutions were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption. Resolution 63 was pulled.

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

Resolution 65 through 99 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption.

Freeholder Young said he had one walk-on to add to the Agenda:

Resolution authorizing a month-to-month contract, (Competitive Contracting Request for Proposals #14-43, 2nd One-Year Option) by and between the County of Camden (Department of Corrections) and Center for Family Services, Inc., for Juvenile Shelter Services pending re-procurement of these services. Funding contingent upon passage of the 2020 Temporary and/or Permanent Budgets.

Resolutions and discussion of proposed Resolutions by or on behalf of Freeholder Director McDonnell

Resolutions 100 through 114 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption.

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

Resolutions 115 through 153 were approved to be placed on the Freeholder Meeting Agenda for adoption.

The Director opened the meeting to the public for discussion of the Resolutions.

Bill Quigley from Haddon Heights had questions on the following Resolutions:

Resolution No. 3 ratifying an emergency purchase (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and RJ Severance & Sons, LLC, for emergency installation of a new roof on the salt barn at the Lindenwold Complex, in the amount of \$64,250.00

Mr. Quigley asked, was this the roof that got blown off in the storm? Mr. Angilella responded, no it is over 30 years old. Mr. Quigley asked then why is it an emergency? Mr. Wolick responded that it was an emergency because we were in violation of the EPA Regulations.

Resolution No. 9 authorizing Change Order No. 1 and Final (Bid B-2/2019), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Charles Marandino, LLC, for improvements to Breslin Avenue, in the Township of Haddon, for a decrease in the amount of \$112,476.82.

Mr. Quigley asked what happened and said a decrease is a good thing, but what happened? Freeholder Shin Angulo responded that the decrease was due to material and fuel prices going down.

Resolution No. 61 authorizing the submission of a Grant Application, by the County of Camden (Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Community Health Services) to the State of New Jersey Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, for the provision of the Municipal Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Program Grant, in the amount of \$617,817.00.

Mr. Quigley said, I realize this is a Grant Application but how does the Municipal Alliance play into the County and if we get the money will any of this go to the Lakeland Complex? Director Cappelli replied that the money goes to fund Municipal Alliance programs. The County acts as a conduit for this money. We will receive the grant funds and will distribute them to the municipalities. There are certain guidelines set by the State as to how the municipalities spend the money. Mr. Quigley asked if any of the money goes to Lakeland? Mr. Quigley was informed that the hospital in Lakeland is now privately owned, the new owners provide mental health services and the County has an obligation every year to partially fund the facility.

Resolution No. 95 Resolution ratifying the approval and execution of the Camden County Workforce Development Area Contract Program Year 2019, covering the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, in the amount of \$10,062,187.00.

Mr. Quigley questioned what we are spending \$10 million for for workfirst development. He was advised that this is federal grant money funneled through the County to fund the programs at the One Stop.

Resolution No. 110 amending Resolution No. 81, adopted October 17, 2019, authorizing the submission of a Grant Application, by the County of Camden (Office of Administration) to the State of New Jersey, Department of State for The Department of State Census 2020 Co-Sponsorship Awards Program, FY 2020, to increase the amount of the grant funding to \$202,633.00.

Mr. Quigley questioned why we are involved in the census? It was explained to him that this is grant money we are using to conduct the census which is very important to the County to get a full count. The N.J. Department of State is providing grant funds to local communities. The program is geared towards hard to count communities. These are areas in the state that in the 2010 census process the residents did not respond right away. These grant funds will go to non-profits who will be going out to the community to make people aware that the Census is coming and make them more comfortable with it. These are communities that perhaps aren't as comfortable with giving personal information to the government. The hope is to increase the respond rate. The census determines representation in Congress, federal dollars, SNAP awards, Medicaid, etc. The County wants to make sure we get a complete count so Camden County gets the funding it deserves.

Resolution No. 119 authorizing pay increases for unclassified and classified management employees.

Mr. Quigley asked, what is this? Director Cappelli said it the yearly 2% raise for our employees. Mr. Quigley said, why doesn't it say that? The Director said the body of the resolution will say that. You are just reading the headings of the resolutions. Mr. Quigley asked if the resolutions are available to which the Director replied, yes, after Thursday night.

Resolution No. 139 amending a Contract (State Contract #A-80802), awarded June 21, 2018 (Resolution No. 106), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Information Technology) and Avaya, Inc., for maintenance and support for an upgraded VOIP telephone system for a term of three (3) years in the amount of \$281,191.32, to increase locations and funding in the amount of \$118,882.00. Funding contingent upon passage of the 2020 Temporary and/or Permanent Budgets.

Mr. Quigley said this looks like an expansion of a phone system. Mr. Rhodes replied there are two areas of the County where the phone system was expanded. The first is the One Stop Resource Center which moved to a new location and the second is the Department of Public Safety which went from the old cooper lines to voice over internet. Mr. Quigley said, so it is not this Building to which Mr. Rhodes replied, no.

Resolution 141 authorizing an Agreement, pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals, by and between the County of Camden (Office of County Counsel) and Madden & Madden, P.A., for the provision of Affirmative Action Officer/Equal Employment Officer

(AAO/EEO) Services for the County of Camden, various Camden County agencies and authorities and the City of Camden, on an as-needed basis.

Mr. Quigley said, Madden & Madden won an RFP for the provision of Affirmative Action Officer/Equal Employment Officer Services, does that mean Mike Madden will provide these services? Mr. Angilella replied, his firm will. Director Cappelli added, under state law we have to have either have an employee provide these services or hire a firm. It is cheaper to have a firm do it. Mr. Quigley said, is Resolution No. 143 authorizing a Shared Services Agreement by and between the County of Camden and the County's Agencies and Authorities and the City of Camden, for the provision of Affirmative Action Officer ("AAO") and Equal Employment Officer ("EEO") services, how the agencies use those services? Director Cappelli answered, yes.

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

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

The Director read the following Resolution:

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

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

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

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the hereinafter-specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed:

A. CONTRACTS

- Update of dredging contracts with Kirkwood Lake
- Project Development Agreement for the Rutgers athletic fields project
- Contract with Metropolitan Contract Carpets for removal and installation of flooring at the M. Allen Vogelson Regional Branch Library, in the amount of \$479,506.50

B. PERSONNEL

- Personnel Actions

It is anticipated at this time that the above subject matter will be made public when members of the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders have made final determination.

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The Director asked for a Motion to adopt the Resolution and go into closed session to discuss the aforementioned matters. Freeholder Young made a motion with a second by Freeholder Shin Angulo at 7:00 p.m.

The Freeholders returned from closed session with a motion made by Freeholder Young and a second by Freeholder Nash at 7:30 p.m.

There being no further discussion, the Director asked for a motion to adjourn. Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion to adjourn with a second by Freeholder Young at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn Gilmore
Clerk of the Board