

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CAUCUS MEETING
JUNE 15, 2021 - 12:00 PM
6th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
520 MARKET STREET, CAMDEN, NJ 08102**

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

PRESENT: AL DYER, MELINDA KANE, JEFFREY NASH, CARMEN RODRIGUEZ, JONATHAN YOUNG, SR., EDWARD McDONNELL, LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the meeting was closed to the public attending in person. The public was availed the opportunity to participate via live streaming and to send in questions during and after the meeting.

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

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Director proceeded with the Caucus Agenda.

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

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

Commissioner Dyer read Resolutions 1 through 11 into the record and they were approved to be placed on the Agenda for adoption.

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

Commissioner Kane read Resolutions 12 through 18 into the record and they were approved to be placed on the Agenda for adoption.

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

Commissioner Nash read Resolutions 19 through 30 into the record and they were approved to be placed on the Agenda for adoption.

Commissioner Nash noted that Resolutions 22, 24 and 25 are all related to Camden City Park Improvements. He thanked the Board and the Administration for making funding available for that important part of the revitalization of Camden City.

Commissioner Nash commented that Resolution 28 authorizing an Agreement with Home Port Alliance essentially changes the management of the marina from the County to the Home Port Alliance. There will be no net loss to the County.

The Commissioner noted that Resolution 29 authorizing the submission of a Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grant, for the Camden City segment of the Camden County Link Trail, in the amount of \$25,000,000.00 will complete the entire Camden City and Pennsauken portions of the Link Trail.

Commissioner Nash walked-on the following two (2) Resolutions:

Resolution authorizing an award of Contract (Bid #A-20/2021), by and between the County of Camden (Department of Parks) and Think Pavers Hardscaping, Inc., for the Victims of Terrorism Memorial Improvements, in the amount of \$218,901.00.

Commissioner Nash said this Resolution is on my Agenda because it is in a park, but it is essentially Commissioner Young's project. He asked Commissioner Young to briefly explain the Project. Commissioner Young said this year is the 20th Anniversary of 911. We will be moving the Victim's Memorial that is currently in the park to the other end of the park and adding three pieces from 911. This is a good joint venture between the Parks Department and Communications. Commissioner Nash thanked Commissioner Young for being the motivator behind this memorial.

Resolution appointing members to the Camden County Open Space Advisory Committee.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez read Resolutions 31 through 37 into the record and they were approved to be placed on the Agenda for adoption.

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

Commissioner Young read Resolutions 38 through 66 into the record and they were approved to be placed on the Agenda for adoption.

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

Deputy Director McDonnell read Resolutions 67 through 70 into the record and they were approved to be placed on the Agenda for adoption.

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

Director Cappelli read Resolutions 71 through 98 into the record and they were approved to be placed on the Agenda for adoption.

The Director walked-on the following Resolution:

Resolution authorizing the Camden County Department of Police Services to hire police officers pursuant to N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3.

The Director said this gives us the authority to step outside the bounds of Civil Service and hire city residents for our police department directly.

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

Seeing no members of the public wishing to comment, the Director asked for a motion to close the public portion. Commissioner Nash made a motion with a second by Commissioner Young. All Commissioners 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 Board of Commissioners, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

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

A. **PERSONNEL**

- Personnel Actions

It is anticipated at this time that the above subject matter will be made public when members of the Camden County Board of Commissioners have made 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. Commissioner Young made a motion with a second by Commissioner Rodriguez at 12:38 p.m.

The Commissioners returned from closed session with a motion made by Deputy Director McDonnell and a second by Commissioner Nash at 1:08 p.m.

There being no further discussion, the Director asked for a motion to adjourn. Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion to adjourn with a second by Commissioner Dyer at 1:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn Gilmore
Clerk of the Board