

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CAUCUS MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 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.

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

The Director said we will have three (3) First Readings at Thursday's Commissioners' meeting. Public Hearings on the Resolutions and Bond Ordinance will be held November 10, 2021 at the Camden County Courthouse, 520 Market Street, 6th Floor Meeting Room, Camden, NJ at 12 noon. In an effort to prevent the further spread of COVID-19, until further notice, the public is encouraged to participate via the live stream at <http://www.camdencounty.com/live>. Those wishing to attend in person should contact the Clerk no later than 9 AM the day of the public meeting as socially-distance seating may be limited.

FIRST READING #1

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 (County Capital Program), Series 2021" to be issued by the Camden County Improvement Authority for the purposes of financing the acquisition and installation of certain capital equipment and the construction of certain capital infrastructure improvements in, by and for the County.

FIRST READING #2

Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners 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 Authority of a series of its tax-exempt "County Guaranteed Loan Revenue Bonds (County Capital Program), Series 2021" for the purposes of financing the County

project authorized hereby; (iii) the Loan Agreement by and between the County and the Authority in connection with the financing authorized hereby; and (iv) certain other matters related thereto and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:37A-56.

FIRST READING #3

Bond Ordinance of the County of Camden, New Jersey appropriating \$600,000 in supplemental funding for the development and construction of athletic fields and related parks and recreational improvements at the former Campbell's Field Site in the City of Camden and authorizing the issuance of \$570,000 Bonds or Notes of the County for financing part of such appropriation.

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 19 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 20 through 33 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 34 through 37 and 39 through 45 into the record and they were approved to be placed on the Agenda for adoption. Resolution No. 38 was pulled.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez read Resolutions 46 through 56 into the record and they were approved to be placed on the Agenda for adoption. Commissioner Rodriguez commented that Resolution No. 54 designating the County of Camden as a Stigma-Free Community is particularly important in today's age as we need to recognize the importance of destigmatizing for the well-being and health of all individuals.

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

Commissioner Young read Resolutions 57 through 69 and 71 through 75 into the record and they were approved to be placed on the Agenda for adoption. Resolution No.70 was pulled.

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

Deputy Director McDonnell read Resolutions 76 through 85 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 86 through 116 into the record and they were approved to be placed on the Agenda for adoption.

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

Kate Delany, 126 E. Palmer Avenue, Collingswood asked the following questions regarding Resolution No. 43 ratifying an Agreement, by and between the County of Camden and Greener by Design, LLC, for Phase II services for the Camden City Microgrid Project, in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00. ***Question #1:*** *What will the power source be for Phase II?* Commissioner Nash responded that Resolution 43 simply ratifies the Agreement between the County and Greener By Design who is the County's environmental consultant to advance that project. If you are asking what the source of energy is, I do not believe they have identified the source as of yet other than their intent to use renewable energy as the source.

Question #2 (unrelated to a resolution). *You had mentioned last month that there would be some information about the solid waste disposal contract since that contract is up this year.* Commissioner Nash said, as you know Ms. Delaney the County is not directly involved in the solicitation of bids by the towns. The last group of bids, as I understand, is that no contract was signed and that they are going to go back out to bid again for the disposal of trash in those towns. *But there is a contract that is up in December, right?* Commissioner Nash replied, apparently, they were hoping to get new quotes that would match their budgets however the quotes that came in were not satisfactory. That is the towns coming together on their own to put out bids for that purpose, not the County.

Seeing no other members of the public wishing to comment, the Director asked for a motion to close the public portion. Commissioner Young made a motion with a second by Commissioner Rodriguez. 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. **LITIGATION**
 - Pending Litigation and Settlement
 - Opioid Litigation and Proposed Nationwide Settlement
 - 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 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 Deputy Director McDonnell at 12:42 p.m.

The Commissioners returned from closed session with a motion made by Deputy Director McDonnell and a second by Commissioner Young at 1:04 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 Rodriguez at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn Gilmore
Clerk of the Board