Chairwoman Bette Jane Kowalski presided. Roll call showed Vice Chairman Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Chester Holmes, Freeholder Adrian O. Mapp, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Rick Proctor, Freeholder Daniel Sullivan and Freeholder Nancy Ward in attendance. Freeholder Deborah Scanlon was absent. Also present were Deputy County Manager M. Elizabeth Genievich, County Counsel Robert Barry and Deputy Clerk of the Board Annie Croom.

**PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG** were led by the Deputy Clerk of the Board.

Freeholder Deborah Scanlon and County Manager George Devanney entered the meeting at this point.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT** was read by the Deputy Clerk of the Board.

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

Dr. Rev. Donald Hummel and Samuel T. McGhee, Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse; John Morgan, Westfield, New Jersey and John Morgan, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, Transportation Advisory Board; Joseph Paszek, Air Traffic Noise Advisory Board; Michael Galuppo and John Surmay, Human Services Advisory Council; Willetta BaCote, Runnells Specialized Hospital Advisory Board.

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I. **OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK**

Joanne Rajoppi, County Clerk

Alan Falcone, Deputy County Clerk represented the department. There were no questions.

**RESOLUTIONS**

1. Authorizing a contract with Full Service Mailers, Inc., Garfield, New Jersey, to provide postal and mailing services for the 2007 School Board Election in the amount of $12,500. (CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI)

2. Authorizing a contract with Royal Printing Services, West New York, New York, for the purpose of printing the Union County Ballots for the School Board Elections to be held in April 2007 in the amount of $80,000. (CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI)
II. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
M. Elizabeth Genievich, Deputy County Manager/Dir. of Administrative Services

Freeholder Sullivan asked with regard to some of the items listed below concerning food concessions, whether or not a vendor had been found this year for the Oakridge Golf Course. Director Sigmund explained that the contract was put out to bid but no vendors put in an acceptable bid. Director Sigmund believed it was possibly because the property was not seen as a profitable location, and that the hours required by the Club for the concession to remain open were long and sometimes produced few patrons. Director Sigmund stated that vending machines have been installed at the Club. Freeholder Scanlon asked if the hours required for the concession to be open might be changed. Director Sigmund stated that it appears to the patrons that if there is a concession stand, it should be open during all the time they are there, not open during only a portion of that time.

Freeholder Holmes asked what advertising had been done for the Request for Bids. The Director replied the Request for Bid had been advertised in the usual way in the newspapers. Freeholder Holmes asked to see a copy of the bid. The Director stated he would forward that to the Freeholder.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contracts obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq: (CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI)

   a. Department of Parks, Recreation & Facilities: Sheffield’s Catering House, Inc., Mountainside, New Jersey, to operate the food concession stand at Ulrich Pool in Rahway, New Jersey, in the amount of $16,416 for three (3) years. This is a revenue generating operation.

   b. Department of Parks, Recreation & Facilities: Ray’s Food & Ice Cream Concessions, Inc., Clifton, New Jersey, to operate the food concession stand at Warinanco Park, Rahway Park and Watchung Reservation Loop Area in the amount of $28,764 for three (3) years. This is a revenue generating operation.

   c. Department of Parks, Recreation & Facilities: Ray’s Food & Ice Cream Concessions, Inc., Clifton, New Jersey, to operate the boat concession stand at Warinanco Park in the amount of $18,264 for two (2) years. This is a revenue generating operation.

   d. Division of Motor Vehicles for Golf Operations: Storr Tractor Company, Branchburg, New Jersey, to provide and deliver the following Golf Course Management equipment: one (1) Toro Reelmaster 6700-D, three (3) Toro Procore 648 Aerators, one (1) Toro Prosweep 5200, one (1) Toro Groundsmaster 4500D and one (1) Toro Workman 3200 in the amount of $217,942.

   e. Division of Motor Vehicles: Wilfred MacDonald, Inc., South Hackensack, New Jersey, to provide Toro Aerator-Redexim Verti-Drain 7120 intended for the
treatment of lawns or other areas where grass should grow in the amount of $21,365.

definition of Public Safety, Division of Correctional Services: Fowler Equipment Company, Union, New Jersey, to furnish, deliver and install Maytag commercial washers and dryers for the Department of Correctional Services in the amount of $20,669.

Alfred Faella, Director of the Department of Economic Development addressed the board stating that although he had previously had nothing for this night’s Agenda, something had arisen at 4:00 p.m. this afternoon, and he wanted to request that the Board allow him to enter a request onto this Agenda for the next meeting. He stated that his department would have a resolution request to apply for a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts in the amount of $30,000.

III. DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS
Joseph Graziano, Director

Freeholder Mapp asked Director Graziano why the contract amendment in item #1 was so high. Director Graziano deferred to County Engineer, Thomas Mineo, who responded with a detailed explanation on the evolution of this project, beginning with a contract in 1995. He stated that all of the higher costs associated with this project stem from changing requirements implemented by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the State Historic Preservation Department. He added that some of the requirements that these entities instituted came about after Hurricane Floyd and were environmental requirements, but other requirements were aesthetic.

Freeholder Sullivan asked why the State Historic Preservation Office got involved, and was informed by the County Engineer that the Nomahegan Lake Dam resides in a County Park created by the famous park designer Edwin Olmstead, and the Historic Preservation Office therefore felt that the dam should be in keeping with the original design and feel of the park. Freeholder Sullivan expressed frustration that another agency within New Jersey was creating higher costs for the County in regard to this project for aesthetic reasons. Freeholder Holmes suggested tabling this resolution until all the details of the required changes could be discussed however Freeholder Sullivan stated he was not asking for that. Chairwoman Kowalski asked if it was correct that not all the changes were aesthetic and that some were necessary to meet current water and environmental issues. The County Engineer said that this was correct.

RESOLUTION
1. Approving Amendment No. 1 to a contract with O’Brien & Gere Engineers, Inc., Edison, New Jersey, to provide additional professional services for the Nomahegan Lake Dam, Cranford, New Jersey, as per changes requested by the New Jersey State Historical Preservation Office in an additional amount of $11,500 for a new contract amount of $25,500. (CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI)

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IV. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
Lawrence Caroselli, Director

Director Caroselli clarified that the $127,563,709 is the cumulative affect of all charges to the Budget since it was passed earlier this year.

RESOLUTION

1. An amendment to the Temporary 2007 Budget pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20) as a result of notification received from the following agencies in the aggregate amount of $127,563,709: (FR. MIRABELLA)

- NJ Department of Community Affairs in the amount of $300,000 – “Sharing Available Resource Efficiency Grant – COUNT.”

V. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
Frank Guzzo, Director

The Director stated he would have an additional resolution concerning a lease agreement for the One Stop Center in Elizabeth.

RESOLUTIONS

1. To implement an increase in the suggested voluntary donation for Congregate and Home Delivered Meals effective April 1, 2007 as approved by the Union County Advisory Council on Aging. (VC ESTRADA)

Freeholder Ward asked in regard to item #2 for further information on what kind of records are kept regarding the people who are buried under these circumstances, in the event that someone may come forward in the future trying to locate or identify them. The Director stated he would furnish that information to the Freeholder.

2. To establish County funds for the purpose of meeting the mandates of Legislative Bills A-175 and S-1914, assigning the responsibility to Union County to provide for the burial of indigent, unidentified or unclaimed deceased persons, who resided within the borders of Union County at the time of their death, in the amount of $1,550 per burial
for an amount not to exceed $60,000 for the period of January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008. (VC ESTRADA)

3. Authorizing the County Manager to award contracts to various agencies for the period of January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009 under the Statewide Respite Care Grant. Funding for the first year January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 will be in the amount of $332,722. This resolution would further authorize the transfer of funds among the listed agencies during the contract period should service need change and/or if any of the listed agencies fail to meet the contractual obligation. {State Funding: $312,772} (VC ESTRADA)

4. Authorizing the County Manager to award contracts to various agencies for the period of January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009 for the Coordinated Community Care Program. Funding for the first year January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 will be in the amount of $100,000. This resolution would further authorize the transfer of funds among the listed agencies during the contract period should service need change and/or if any of the listed agencies fail to meet the contractual obligation. {State Funding: $100,000} (VC ESTRADA)

5. Authorizing the County Manager to award contracts to various agencies for the period of January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009 under the Peer Grouping Aging Grant. Funding for the first year January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 will be in the amount of $508,000. This resolution would further authorize the transfer of funds among the listed agencies during the contract period should service need change and/or if any of the listed agencies fail to meet the contractual obligation. (VC ESTRADA)

Vice Chairman Estrada asked in regard to item #6 what services Correction Health Services covered. The Director explained that they cover any medical services that can be performed inside the Jail and Detention Center, but no services that require a hospital. He stated that in the future the department would be trying to get both kinds of service under one contract. He also explained that the contract amount is a 9% increase over last year, and that the contract is based on the Consumer Price Index but this year there were some additional costs, due to the Detention Center being in transition, getting ready to move to a new location.

6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Correctional Health Services, Inc., Verona, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing medical services to Union County Jail inmates and residents of the Juvenile Detention Center for the contract period of January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 at a cost not to exceed $3,640,707 for the jail and $587,664 for the Juvenile Detention Center for a total contract amount not to exceed $4,228,368. {Local funding: $4,228,368} (VC ESTRADA)

VI. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & FACILITIES
Charles Sigmund, Director

RESOLUTIONS
1. Authorizing the payment, as per the lease agreement for the premises known as St. John’s Parsonage, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the use by the office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. Lease shall commence on January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 in the amount of $1,500 per month, and not to exceed $18,000 annually. Lease shall also include payment to ADT security services coverage at a cost of $1,049.76 per quarter, and not to exceed $4,199.04 annually, for a total amount of $22,199.04 per year. (CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI)

Freeholder Mirabella asked if the County is reimbursed by the State for court related parking spaces. The Director said that the County is not reimbursed.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a lease agreement for the premises known as the Parking Authority of the City of Elizabeth, Elizabeth, New Jersey, Lots #17 (Employee Parking – County Lot #2) for 96 spaces at a cost of $4.00 per day for a sum of $92,160 annually and Lot #6 (Jury Parking – Jefferson Avenue) for approximately 300 spaces at a cost of $4.00 per day estimated at $345,000 annually for the contract period of January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, for a total contract amount not to exceed $437,160 annually. (CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI)

VII. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Harold Gibson, Director

Freeholder Proctor stated that the bi-laws would require specific positions or offices be filled for the empty Council spots. The Freeholder asked the Director to delineate which spots were being filled by the people being appointed. The Director replied that he would get the Freeholder the full details on all the positions. Freeholder Proctor then stated that he believed that the statute restricted the number of persons on the council to fifteen, but there appear to be twenty listed currently. He asked that the Director double check statute and the appointments. The Director said he would do so.

RESOLUTION


VIII. COUNTY COUNSEL
Robert E. Barry, Esq.

There were no questions.

RESOLUTIONS
1. Amending Resolution No. 2006-965 to increase the appropriation to Garrubbo, Capece, D’Arcangelo & Millman, P.C. Westfield, New Jersey, special counsel in the matter entitled Todaro v. UC, et als, in an additional amount of $5,000 for a new total contract amount not to exceed $75,000. (CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI)

2. Authorizing the County Manager to request from the City of Elizabeth Council an Ordinance allowing police only parking on Rahway Avenue and the ability to mark and stripe those parking spaces. (CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI)

IX. COUNTY MANAGER
George Devanney

The County Manager stated he would have a resolution concerning an inter-local agreement with the Union County Improvement Authority regarding a piece of County property.

RESOLUTION

1. Entering into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local No. 68 – Operating Engineers for the period of January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008. (CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI)

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
Ralph Froehlich, Sheriff

County Manager Devanney represented the Sheriff’s Department. There were no questions.

RESOLUTION

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the Sheriff’s Labor Assistance Program (SLAP) to the following municipalities for the 2007 calendar year: Borough of Roselle; Borough of Roselle Park; Township of Clark – Equal Shares; Township of Scotch Plains – Equal Shares; Township of Westfield – Equal Shares; Elizabeth Avenue Partnership and Historic Midtown of Elizabeth, Special Improvement District. (CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI)

X. FREEHOLDERS

RESOLUTIONS

FREEHOLDER HOLMES
Freeholder Holmes stated he would have an additional laudatory resolution.
1. Congratulating Yaksha, a member of the Union County Sheriff’s K-9 Unit for being inducted to the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association Hall of Fame.

2. Congratulating the following persons who are being honored by the Roselle N.A.A.C.P. at their Annual Freedom Fund Award Dinner Banquet on March 9, 2007:

   - Shalonda Tanner, Role Model Award
   - George E. Riley, Role Model Award
   - Charley B. Flint, PHD, Community Service Award
   - Gwendolyn W. Hayman, Unsung Heroine Award
   - Leo Blackshear, Unsung Hero Award
   - Chief John E. Miliano, Community Service Award

   FREEHOLDER MAPP

1. Requesting legislation urging Congress to create a way for immigrant students to obtain higher education.

   FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA

1. Congratulating Justin Townsend Berger, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, Boy Scouts of America, Troop 33, on attaining his Eagle Scout Award.

   FREEHOLDER PROCTOR

1. Proclaiming the week of March 18-24, 2007 as “National Horticultural Therapy Week” in Union County.

   FREEHOLDERS PROCTOR AND HOLMES

1. Commending Sheriff’s Officer Kevin Buckley for being the recipient of one of the 2007 New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association Hall of Fame awards.

   FREEHOLDER SCANLON

Freeholder Scanlon stated she would have an additional laudatory resolution.

1. Congratulating the honorees of the District X Unico Americanism Award. The honorees are survivors from the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor who live in Unico’s District X.

   FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN
1. Authorizing the County Manager to take all actions necessary and execute any and all documents necessary to complete the acquisition of the real property commonly known as the Clark Reservoir, which is partially located in the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey and partially located in the Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union, State New Jersey and the costs for acquisition and related expenses including, but not limited to, the nominal consideration of One Dollar ($1.00).

**VICE CHAIRMAN ESTRADA**

1. Commending the Elizabethtown Gas Company and expressing appreciation for its leadership role in promoting the partnership of the public and private sectors in support of the arts in Union County.

2. Expressing appreciation to the National Arts Program Foundation and commending Leonard E.B. Andrews, Founder and Chairman, for his leadership role in promoting appreciation and recognition of individual artistic achievement and its importance to community spirit.

**CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**

1. Entering into an agreement with This is it! Concept and Event Productions, Hoboken, New Jersey, to plan, produce and promote the 150th Anniversary Celebration Event at Nomahegan Park, Cranford, New Jersey, on Saturday, May 19, 2007 in the amount of $10,790.


The Chairwoman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Scanlon, roll called showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Listed below is the schedule for upcoming Freeholders Meetings. Meetings are generally held on Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room, Administration Building, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified.

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