



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2012  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alexander Mirabella called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Angel G. Estrada	Freeholder	Present	
Christopher Hudak	Freeholder	Present	
Mohamed S. Jalloh	Freeholder	Present	
Bette Jane Kowalski	Freeholder	Present	
Deborah P. Scanlon	Freeholder	Present	
Daniel P. Sullivan	Freeholder	Present	
Vernell Wright	Freeholder	Present	
Linda Carter	Vice Chairman	Present	
Alexander Mirabella	Chairman	Present	

Also present were County Manager Alfred J. Faella, County Counsel Robert E. Barry, Esq. and Clerk of the Board James E. Pelletiere.

## PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The Prayer and Salute to the Flag were lead by the Clerk of the Board.

## STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

The statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by the Clerk of the Board.

## APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

1. Oath of Office: Carlos Valdes, Workforce Investment Board

## OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Theodore Romankow, Union County Prosecutor

First Assistant Albert F. Cernadas, Jr. Represented the Office.

Chairman Mirabella stated that the Ribbon Cutting for the new Child Advocacy Center was held on October 3rd. He said he was not in attendance, but many of the Freeholders were, and he was told it was a terrific event and a beautiful facility.

Mr. Cernadas said that it is a terrific facility. He thanked the Board on behalf of the Prosecutor's office for making the Center a reality.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Division of Criminal Justice in the amount of \$74,860 to continue the operation of the Union County Sexual Assault Response Team/Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program, with a County match requirement in the amount of \$18,715, for the period of October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the Office of Insurance Fraud Prosecutor, New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice in the amount of \$250,000 for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 to continue efforts of insurance fraud investigation in Union County. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

Matthew N. DiRado, Esq., Director

1. Authorizing the sale of the County's personal property not needed for public use, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36; and declaring that the various vehicles and equipment are no longer needed for County purposes and setting the place and time of the auction: 79 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202, October 24, 2012 - 10:00 a.m. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Chairman Mirabella asked if the sales of these assets that are not needed will be added to the County's budget.

Director DiRado stated yes that this year there is a total of the sale of thirty eight vehicles. Eight of which will be returned to the Prosecutor's trust account.

Freeholder Scanlon asked if County employees are allowed to participate in the auction. Director DiRado replied, no, nor their families.

Director DiRado stated that in 2010 they generated \$78,000 from the auction and \$72,000 in 2011.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES**

Joseph Graziano, Director

Director Graziano stated that he will have an additional Resolution for the next meeting pertaining to an inter-local agreement with the Town of Westfield for a Hawk light signal at Lord & Taylor. He explained that the Resolution is to concur with the Town's Resolution and they would like it done prior to Thanksgiving Day. He stated that Lord and Taylor will pay for the cot and that there is no cost to the County.

Chairman Mirabella stated that he has had conversations with the Mayor of Westfield, and he agrees a Hawk Light is necessary.

Freeholder Estrada asked if it is a "Hawk" traffic light. Director Graziano replied, yes.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award a professional service contract with Sports Field Solutions, LLC, Frenchtown, New Jersey, to provide Sport Field Consulting Services as part of

the Shane Walsh Baseball Field in Nomahegan Park, Cranford, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Estrada asked for an explanation of item #1.

Director Graziano explained that this vendor will teach new ways to maintain the fields. He said the Boards of Education and the municipalities will be also invited.

Freeholder Estrada asked if there is a video available to learn how this can be done.

Director Graziano stated that he was unsure, but most likely. He added that they will not likely get the full hands on experience/training through video.

Freeholder Estrada stated that he was pleased that the explanation will be provided to the Boards of Education and municipalities.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq; Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities: Division of Facilities Management and Runnells Specialized Hospital: Pennetta Industrial Automation, LLC, Jersey City, New Jersey, to exercise the extension option to provide Computerized Monitoring & Controlling of Automated Systems Equipment and service for an additional twenty four (24) months, for the contract period of September 22, 2012 through September 21, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$210,840.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
3. Concurring with the Borough of Kenilworth granting permission to the Pride in Kenilworth Committee to close the Boulevard from 23rd Street to 18th Street on Sunday, October 21, 2012 (or any other rescheduled date) from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the annual Kenilworth Street Fair and also hang a banner to advertise the event. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

## **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**

Bibi Taylor, Director

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Comptroller Frank Patusniak represented the Department.

1. Modifying the 2012 Budget in the amount of \$74,860.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a Program Entitled: Sexual Assault Response Team/Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SART/SANE). In addition the sum of \$18,715.00 shall be appropriated from the Matching Funds for Grant account and entitled: "Match-Sexual Assault Response Team/Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SART/SANE)." **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**
2. Modifying the 2012 Budget in the amount of \$61,826.00 as a result of notification received from the NJ Department of State for a program entitled: "Historical Commission Grant." In addition the sum of \$42,326.00 shall be appropriated from the Matching Funds for Grant account and entitled: "Match-Historical Commission Grant." **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**  
Mr. Patusniak stated that there was a typographical error in item #2. He said the amount should read \$42,326.
3. Modifying the 2012 Budget in the amount of \$298,100 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a Program Entitled: Recycling Enhancement Act Entitlement Grant. **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**

Freeholder Kowalski asked about the amount of the grant compared to last year's amount.

Mr. Patusniak stated that it is more than half compared to last year's amount. The amount of the grant was reduced from \$630,000 to \$298,100.

Freeholder Kowalski asked about the affect this drastic cut will have. Mr. Patusniak replied that he was uncertain.

Freeholder Sullivan interjected and said that these dollars go directly to the municipalities and will have a direct impact on their recycling numbers.

## DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Frank Guzzo, Director

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1. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept a grant from the Department of Human Services, Division on Aging Services, in an amount not to exceed \$3,884,210.00, with a County Match requirement of \$1,336,539.00, to authorize the County Manager to execute a Standardized Board Resolution as required by the New Jersey Department of Human Services to be included with the 2013-2015 Area Plan Contract submission which will be filed by the Union County Division on Aging/Aging & Disability Resource Connection (ADRC), Department of Human Services. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept a grant from the New Jersey Department of Human Services (NJ DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), in an amount not to exceed \$937,373.00, with a County match requirement of \$122,143.00, in CY13 Alcoholism/Drug Abuse Grant funding for the grant period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 and to authorize the County Manager to execute a Board Resolution Validation Form as required by NJ DHS. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Authorizing the Countywide Code Blue Emergency Shelter Initiative for winter 2012-2013 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 to address the needs of the homeless during periods of extreme weather condition by providing emergency shelter assistance to individuals and families in need during periods designated as Code Blue weather conditions. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Scanlon asked if the homeless count will be taken again this year.

Director Guzzo replied yes. The count is taken in January or February, usually the coldest night of the year. He said Union County remains to be the only county in the State that provides this service. He congratulated the Board, stating that they have helped save lives.

Freeholder Estrada asked if item #1 is correctly stated on the Agenda as Aging/ADRC.

Director Guzzo stated that he was uncertain. He will look into it and advise the Board.

4. Amending Resolution Number 2012-638, to allow the County Manager to increase the award to the Union County Youth Services Bureau, Diversion Program in the amount of \$5,000 for a new total amount of \$16,944, by decreasing the allocation to the Union County Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$5,000 with no change in the remainder of the spending plan. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Chairman Mirabella asked for an explanation of item #4.

Director Guzzo stated that it is an allocation of funds that have been previously approved by the Board. The funds will be added to a diversion program.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL**

Ronald Zuber, Director

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1. Amending Resolution Number 2012-458 to amend the 2012 Consolidated Action Plan to include Community Development Program Income Funds projects for the City of Rahway - Rahway Office of Policy and Planning in the amount of \$50,000; and the City of Plainfield - Plainfield Office of Community Development in the amount of \$110,000 for a total amount of \$160,000. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2009-880, (BA #87) a contract (through the public bidding process) with Lew Corporation, Mountainside, New Jersey, approving Change Order No. 1 for the Asbestos Abatement at the Galloping Hill Service Yard in the amount of \$16,790 for a new contract amount of \$68,850.00. **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**
3. Designating the Meadowlands Transportation Corporation, also known as Meadowlink, as the official Transportation Management Association of record for Union County. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**

Freeholder Scanlon asked for an explanation of item #3. Director Zuber stated that there are eight TMA's throughout the State. It services only Union County for transportation issues, such as car pools and safe rounds and there is no cost to the County.

Freeholder Estrada explained further that the State subdivided the TMA into 70% private and 30% public. It provides shuttle services, car shares, van pools for colleges and corporations.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Andrew Moran, Director

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There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend \$311,680.93 of State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) funds from the Fiscal Year 2012 New Jersey Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) in order to enhance the County's ability to prepare for, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism. This Resolution shall also authorize the procurement options available under Local Finance Notice 2005-14. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a professional service contract with Floriana Persechino, M.D., Andrew L. Falzon, M.D. and Beverly Leffers, M.D., J.D, to provide forensic pathology services for the Medical Examiner's Office for a period of October 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Estrada asked if item #2 is paid for by the individual health care providers. Mr. Drummond replied, yes in most cases, provided the patients have insurance. Medicare Part B will cover these services.

Freeholder Estrada asked how much money has been spent. Mr. Drummond stated less than \$10,000.

3. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend \$1,430,894.00 of State Homeland Security Program funds from the Fiscal Year 2012 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant (UASI-Local Share) in order to enhance the County and Region's ability to prepare for, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism. This Resolution shall also authorize the procurement options available under Local Finance Notice 2005-14. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

### **RUNNELLS SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL**

Joan Wheeler, Administrator

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Finance Administrator Michael Drummond represented the Hospital.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2010-1071 (BA #85) a contract (through the public bidding process) to reflect a change in name from Bowles Corporate Services, to U.S. Security Associates, Clifton, New Jersey. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Speech and Hearing Associates of Westfield, New Jersey to provide Audiology Services for the patients/residents of Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**

Freeholder Estrada asked if the service provided in item #2 is covered by the patients health care provider.

Mr. Drummond stated replied, yes, in most cases, unless they do not have health insurance. He stated that usually Medicare Part B covers this type of service.

Freeholder Estrada asked how much was spent last year. Mr. Drummond replied less than \$10,000.

### **FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

Chairman Mirabella stated that he would like item #8 to be sponsored by the Entire Board.

Freeholder Sullivan stated that he will have a Condolence Resolution for the next meeting.

Freeholder Scanlon asked if the entire Board may join Chairman Mirabella on item #6, and she would like to join Freeholder Wright on item #5.

Vice Chairman Carter stated that she will have a Condolence Resolution for the next meeting,

Freeholder Estrada stated that he will have a Condolence Resolution for the next meeting.

1. Appointing Linda Flores-Tober as a member to the Homeless Trust Fund Advisory Board commencing June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2014. **(Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
2. Congratulating the Literacy Volunteers on their 25th Anniversary. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Congratulating the recipients of the Pride in Cranford awards. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

4. Congratulating Ethel Washington, an employee of the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, on being named a recipient of the Community Service Award from the United Plainfield Community Development Corporation. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
5. Congratulating Clifton People, Jr., Union Township, New Jersey on being honored by the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc, Delta Pi Chapter, at their 25th Annual Citation Awards Scholarship Breakfast. **(Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Scanlon)**
6. Congratulating David Depczynski, Union County Sheriff Ralph Froelich, Gary S. Horan, and William Mealia, 2012 Union Lifetime Achievement Award Winners being recognized by the Patriots' Path Council, Boy Scouts of America. **(Chairman Mirabella and the Entire Board)**
7. Congratulating Milton Faith, PSE&G, General Plumbing and Robert Scott Fritz, honorees at the 2012 Call of Hope Gala to be held October 25 by CONTACT, a nonprofit caring & crisis hotline. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
8. Thanking Charles S. Mancuso for his many years of service as both a Board member and President of the Union County Vocational Technical School's Board of Education. **(Chairman Mirabella and the Entire Board)**
9. Congratulating Community Access Unlimited on their 32nd Gala and the three honorees, Walter X. Kalman, James W. Conroy and Irwin Sablosky. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
10. Appointing Lawrence Caroselli to the Union County Vocational-Technical School Board of Education to fill an unexpired term set to expire on October 31, 2015. **(Mirabella, Sullivan, Scanlon)**
11. Congratulating UNICO District X for developing and co-sponsoring Union County's Columbus Day Flag Raising Event. **(Chairman Mirabella and the Entire Board)**
12. Congratulating the Columbus Parade Association of Union County "500th" on the 24th Anniversary Annual Columbus Day Celebration, Sunday, October 14, 2012. **(Chairman Mirabella and the Entire Board)**
13. Congratulating the Elizabeth Public Library Board of Trustees as they celebrate the Centennial of the Elizabeth Public Library on Friday, October 5, 2012. **(Chairman Mirabella and the Entire Board)**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

To the extent known, the following item will be discussed in Executive Session:

- 1) Attorney-Client privileged communication and discussion relative to on-going contract negotiations regarding the Staten Island Railroad Line/Rahway Valley Railroad Line.

County Counsel Barry stated that pursuant to provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act a public body may enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing certain enumerated subjects. This Board will now enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing attorney-client privileged communication and discussion relative to on-going contract negotiations regarding the Staten Island Railroad Line/Rahway Valley Railroad Line.

The minutes of the Executive Session shall be separated from the minutes of the Open Public Session. The minutes of the Executive Session, redacted as appropriate and necessary, shall be available in approximately 30 days. The Clerk of the Board shall retain the original minutes until such time as the confidential limitations have been removed, at which time they shall be made available.

Upon the Board's return, it will not take formal action on the matters discussed as it is an Agenda setting meeting.

Upon a majority vote of the members present, the Board may now retire to Executive Session.

Motion to enter Executive Session.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Scanlon, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Carter, Chairman Mirabella;

Motion to return from Executive Session.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Linda Carter, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Scanlon, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Carter, Chairman Mirabella;

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Linda Carter, Vice Chairman; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Scanlon, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Carter, Chairman Mirabella;



2012 UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS' MEETING SCHEDULE

Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 7:00pm in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified. In the event an Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting are held on the same night, the Agenda Setting Session will commence at 7:00pm and the Regular Meeting will commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session.

Persons requiring a sign language interpreter should contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 908-527-4140.

REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012 at 12:00pm  
 Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

AGENDA SETTING MEETINGS

REGULAR MEETINGS

January 19, 2012

January 26, 2012

February 2, 2012  
 February 16, 2012

February 9, 2012  
 February 23, 2012

March 1, 2012  
 March 15, 2012

March 8, 2012  
 March 22, 2012

April 5, 2012  
 April 26, 2012

April 19, 2012  
 April 26, 2012

May 3, 2012  
 May 17, 2012

May 3, 2012  
 May 31, 2012

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July 12, 2012

July 19, 2012

August 9, 2012

August 16, 2012

September 6, 2012  
 September 20, 2012

September 13, 2012  
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