



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 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	Absent	
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. Pellettiere.

## 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.

## PRESENTATION FROM THE BOARD

1) Check Presentations was made to various recipients of the 2012 Kids Recreation Trust Grant.

Chairman Mirabella called upon Freeholder Scanlon, Chairman of the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund to join him in presenting checks to the municipalities.

Freeholder Scanlon stated it was a pleasure to distribute the checks to the towns to improve their recreational facilities. She thanked Committee members Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Jalloh and Freeholder Sullivan, County Manager Faella, Directors Graziano and Zuber for all their tremendous amount of assistance and hard work. She also thanked the Public Advisory Committee, Peter Corvelli, Jr., Art Kobitz, Ralph Salerno and Chairman Mike Yesenko.

Freeholder Scanlon thanked Judy Biniaris for her assistance, Edee Maree for all her outstanding work throughout the years and Administrator Vikki Durbin-Drake for her tremendous work.

Freeholder Scanlon called upon the representatives who attended the meeting on behalf of their municipality to receive the check and say a few words relative to how they plan on using the grant funds. Each recipient thanked the Board for their support to their municipality's recreational programs and facilities.

Freeholder Scanlon also thanked Burt Zitomer Counsel for the Open Space, Historic Preservation Trust Fund for all his assistance and hard work.

Freeholder Scanlon announced that they received a \$900,000 grant for Oak Ridge Park and \$975,000 for acquisitions, both of which are Green Acre grants.

Freeholder Scanlon congratulated all the municipalities and thanked them for attending the meeting.

Chairman Mirabella announced that the Borough of Roselle Park and the Town of Westfield also received grants, but were not able to attend the meeting.

#### **OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF TAXATION**

Christopher Duryee, County Tax Administrator

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There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a shared services agreement with the County of Monmouth for the purpose of utilizing a web-based Online Tax Appeal Management Module, including its related software products, services and websites for the contract period of November 1, 2012 through November 1, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$80,000. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

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

Joseph Graziano, Director

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1. Concurring with the City of Summit's Ordinance No. 12-2996, an Ordinance amending "The Code" Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-19, Mid-Block Crosswalks (Morris Avenue at Merck Corporation). **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to apply to the New Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) for the Fiscal Year 2014 Local Capital Project Program's Local Concept Development Phase (LCD) for the Replacement of South Front Street Bridge over the Elizabeth River, City of Elizabeth, and if approved, to enter into an Agreement with the NJTPA for this funding program. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to execute a Joint Funding Agreement with the U.S. Department of Interior, U.S. Geological Survey, for the operations and maintenance of a Flood Monitoring System in the Lower Rahway River Basin, in the amount of \$14,990.00 beginning October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Kowalski asked Director Graziano to expand on item #3.

Director Graziano stated that every year a joint funding agreement is made with the Department of Interior for the operations and maintenance of a flood monitoring system in the Lower Rahway River. He stated that the water level has to be watched and the dams need to be maintained. He said the cost has remained the same over the past few years.

4. Authorizing an open-ended contract renewal with Best Uniforms, Westville, New Jersey, for a 30% off list price for the purpose of allowing employees to replenish their uniform wardrobe based on need for the Division of Park Maintenance, Division of Facilities Management, Division of Public Works & the Department of Parks & Community Renewal for a period of 24 consecutive months commencing January 4, 2013 through January 3, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$92,250.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
5. Granting permission to the Berkeley Heights Rotary Club to hang a banner on Springfield Avenue to advertise the Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast to be held on Saturday, November 3, 2012 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

Frank Guzzo, Director

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There were no questions.

1. Amending Resolution 2012-773 to allow the County Manager to list each funding source for the 2013 Comprehensive County Youth Services Plan and Application as required by the State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission and Attorney General's Office for the funding period of January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013: The Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) in the amount of \$28,783 and Cash Match Funds of \$3,198; State Community Partnership (SCP) in the amount of \$452,098 and Family Court Services (FC) in the amount of \$252,748. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2011-959, to reflect a reallocation of funds between vendors and endorse the amended 2012 Alcohol/Drug Abuse Spending Plan, as approved by LACADA on October 2, 2012, for the period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. This amendment de-obligates \$15,100 from the total award for JFK-Steps Recovery Center and \$7,400 from the total award for Sunrise House/Dudley House, and reallocates \$3,700 to Sunrise House, \$3,700 to Turning Point, \$5,034 to Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services, \$5,033 to Trinitas Regional Medical Center and \$5,033 to Proceed, Inc. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a shared services agreement with Bergen County for the purposes of providing up to 20 secure detention beds for its juvenile detention population on an as needed basis effective November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2013 at a per diem cost of \$225.00. Additional charges will be billed to and paid by Bergen County for items listed in the preliminary report on contract parameters. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

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

Ronald Zuber, Director

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Director Zuber stated that he has an additional Resolution which pertains to the authorization of the City of Plainfield to use their CDBG dollars to continue their day care services.

Freeholder Estrada asked if the City of Plainfield approached the County. Director Zuber stated yes, and explained that it is an income funded program used for their YWCA.

Deputy Director Rountree explained further that these dollars assist the YWCA for daily child care activities. Freeholder Estrada asked about the cost. Deputy Director Rountree responded that the cost is \$30,000.

1. Authorizing the subdivision and sale of a portion of Rahway River Parkway, Block 3407, Lot 1 to the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation in the amount of \$44,000 and to further authorize the County Manager to execute any and all documents relating to this sale and final application for diversion. **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**

Freeholder Sullivan asked for an explanation of item #1. Director Zuber stated it is for the U-Turn H on Route 22 Eastbound in Union. He said it is the grassy property across from Target and Bedrooms Unlimited, which is County parkland. The Department of Transportation needs to make an acceleration lane. It falls under eminent domain. He added that there were two public hearings and there were no comments made by the public.

Freeholder Scanlon asked about the location. Director Zuber replied that it is on the median.

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 Parks and Community Renewal: John R. Knabb & Sons, Kutztown, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of providing straw for Watchung Stable, for a period of 12 months, with an option of an additional 12 months, in the amount of \$94,250. **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**
3. 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 Parks and Community Renewal: John R. Knabb & Sons, Kutztown, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of providing hay for Watchung Stable, for the contract period of 12 months from award, with an option to renew for an additional 12 months, in an amount of not to exceed \$181,875. **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

1. Appointing Junaid R. Shaikh, M.D., Montville, New Jersey, as the Union County Medical Examiner for a five (5) year term commencing on November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2017 at an annual salary of \$185,000.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept and expend State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Funds available for Successful Applicants Funded Through The FY 2012 Emergency Management Performance Grant # CFDA 94.042 in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00; consisting of up to \$55,000.00 Federal Award (with a County in-kind match of up to \$55,000.00) and an additional \$25,000.00 Federal Award to the County for disbursement to four municipalities (Elizabeth: \$10,000 and Linden, Rahway and Union: \$5,000 each). **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 2011-542, extending the contract with V-COMM for Radio Licensing Consulting Services for the period of June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$27,000.00 for a new total contract amount of \$72,000.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

4. Request for a waiver of the County's residency requirement for Mr. Art Braunschweiger, Mr. John H. Hamilton and Mr. David F. Nye, to serve as 911 Telecommunicators for the Department of Public Safety. **(Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

Freeholder Hudak asked for an explanation of item #4.

Director Moran explained that up to June of this year, the County did not provide emergency dispatch services. He said that they are fortunate to have past employees of CenCom train the County's dispatch personnel.

Freeholder Hudak made comments about the new dispatch center and being trained for the emergency medical portion.

5. Authorize the County Manager to apply, accept and expend a grant award from the NJ Department of Health for continuing the Right to Know compliance program in Union County. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Atlantic Health System to procure licensing for the TriTech VisiCad, Priority Dispatch ProQA, Priority Dispatch Aqua, and FirstWatch monitoring software systems. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
7. Authorize the County Manager to apply, accept and expend a supplemental grant entitled County Environmental Health Act, EPA Section 105 Air Pollution Control, in the amount of \$22,632.00 for the purpose of enhancing the County's ability to respond to and investigate potential sources of air pollution. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

#### **RUNNELLS SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL**

Joan Wheeler, Administrator

There were no questions.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2012-570, to include Judith Price, D.O. to the list of practitioner(s) to provide medical services to the patients/residents at Runnells Specialized Hospital. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to renew the contract with Aculabs, Inc., East Brunswick, New Jersey, to provide laboratory services to the residents/patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2013 for a total amount of \$108,000.00. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**

#### **FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

There were no additional Freeholder sponsored Resolutions.

1. Recognizing individuals and companies honored by the Cranford Chamber of Commerce at its Annual Pride in Cranford Awards Dinner. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award Kids Recreation Trust Grants 2012 to 18 municipalities in the County of Union in accordance with the Kids Recreation Trust Grant criteria as stated in said grant application, through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic

- Preservation Trust Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$1,150,057.50. **(Freeholder Deborah P. Scanlon)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to award Greening Union County 2012 Grants to the fourteen (14) municipalities, in accordance with the Greening Union County grant's criteria and funded through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund in a total amount not to exceed \$93,003.00. **(Freeholder Deborah P. Scanlon)**
  4. Congratulating Kathryn Noonan-Rotando and Tony Brennan on being honored at the Irish American Society of Union Annual Dance, Saturday, November 3, 2012. **(Freeholder Deborah P. Scanlon)**
  5. Supporting Senate Bill No. 2202 to expand the New Jersey HomeKeeper Program to be used as financial assistance to help families pay their mortgages and maintain ownership of their homes. **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**
  6. Recognizing Saturday, October 20, 2012 as Red Ribbon Day in the County of Union. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
  7. Expressing the Board's deepest sympathy to the family of Lynn H. Payne of Scotch Plains, New Jersey, in this their time of sorrow. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
  8. Congratulating John Pullara, CIC, CISR on being honored at the 2012 Outstanding Eagle Scout Award Dinner to be held Wednesday, October 24, 2012. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
  9. Congratulating Gloria Leibowitz of Westfield, New Jersey on being selected as the Hillside-Union Chapter of Hadassah, Northern New Jersey Region Woman of Valor for 2012. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
  10. Congratulating Elizabeth Police Detective Vito Tropeano on being named Citizen of the Year by the Elizabeth Chapter of UNICO. **(Chairman Mirabella and the Entire Board)**
  11. Commending Robert Jeans, Kenilworth VFW Post Commander and the members of the VFW Post for their support of the Union County Job Fair and for their support to all veterans. **(Chairman Mirabella and the Entire Board)**
  12. Expressing the Board's sincere appreciation to Dr. Thomas J. Bistocchi for his 42 year career in education, including 18 years as Superintendent of Schools of the Union County Vocational-Technical School District. **(Chairman Mirabella and the Entire Board)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Mirabella announced that there will be a 10 minute recess prior to the start of the Regular Freeholder Meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM.

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

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 9, 2012

February 16, 2012

February 23, 2012

March 1, 2012

March 8, 2012

March 15, 2012

March 22, 2012

April 5, 2012

April 19, 2012

April 26, 2012

April 26, 2012

May 3, 2012

May 3, 2012

May 17, 2012

May 31, 2012

June 14 2012

June 14 2012

June 28, 2012

June 28, 2012

July 12, 2012

July 19, 2012

August 9, 2012

August 16, 2012

September 6, 2012

September 13, 2012

September 20, 2012

September 27, 2012

October 4, 2012

October 11, 2012

October 18, 2012

October 18, 2012

November 8, 2012

November 8, 2012

Tues., November 20, 2012

November 29, 2012

December 6, 2012

December 6, 2012

December 20, 2012

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James E. Pelletiere  
 Clerk of the Board

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