

# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alexander Mirabella called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Angel G. Estrada	Freeholder	Present	
Christopher Hudak	Freeholder	Absent	
Mohamed S. Jalloh	Freeholder	Present	
Bette Jane Kowalski	Freeholder	Present	
Deborah P. Scanlon	Freeholder	Absent	
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: Commission on the Status of Women - Sally Samuel.
2. Oath of Office: Construction Board of Appeals - Charles Medallis.
3. Oath of Office: Human Services Advisory Council - Tom Beck, Sid Blanchard, Susan Grinkervich, Richard Hlavacek, Donna Morris, Heather Mills-Pevonis and Rita Veiga.
4. Oath of Office: LACADA - Debra Apostol, Karyn Weingarten and Karen Yuschak.
5. Oath of Office: Mental Health Advisory Board - Joyce Haberer.

6. Oath of Office: Senior Citizen Disabled Resident Transportation Board - William Totten.
7. Oath of Office: Union County Transportation Advisory Board - David Amlen and James Mathieu.

## **OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR**

Theodore Romankow, Union County Prosecutor

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County Counsel Robert E. Barry, Esq. represented the Office.

1. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into a contract with GPS Insight, LLC, Scottsdale, Arizona, for rental of GPS vehicle tracking units for the period of February 1, 2012 through January 31, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Estrada asked about the purpose of the GPS vehicle tracking units.

County Counsel Barry stated that it is to keep track of employee vehicles. Freeholder Estrada asked how many vehicles will have the device. County Counsel Barry was uncertain, but it is believed it is for 90 vehicles.

Freeholder Carter asked if it was more feasible to rent the units, rather than purchase them.

County Counsel Barry was uncertain. However, Director of the Division of Purchasing Michael Yuska responded. He stated that the rental also includes the maintenance of the software, analysis and generating reports. He said that if we are to purchase the units, additional staffing would be needed.

Freeholder Estrada questioned the County Police and Paratransit system having the GPS units. Director Yuska explained that Paratransit is part of the agreement with Veolia Transportation, but it is separate and not applicable with the Prosecutor's Office.

Director of Public Safety Andrew Moran stated that he is not familiar with the Prosecutor's vehicles. However, the County Police has GPS systems in their vehicles.

Freeholder Kowalski asked how the contract price compares to last year's. County Counsel stated that he was uncertain, but will have all the answers for the Freeholders prior to the next Freeholder Meeting.

2. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into a contract for the purpose of providing annual support services, supplies and additional hardware for the Barcode, Evidence Analysis, Statistics and Tracking (BEAST) evidence logging system in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for the period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into a Professional Services Contract with various experts for litigation support and transcription services for the period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 in the amount of \$185,000.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

4. To apply for and accept funding from the FY11 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant in the amount of \$40,322 for the period October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

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

Matthew N. DiRado, Esq., Acting Director / Director, Division of Personnel

1. A resolution renewing the Union County Commodity Resale System; offering shared services opportunities for Union County municipalities to participate in the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Chairman Mirabella asked if item #1 is part of a shared service agreement. Acting Director DiRado replied, yes it is, and explained the process. He added that the County has five or six various sized fueling stations and explained the pricing.

County Manager Faella stated that he asked Deputy Director of Parks and Community Renewal Cherron Rountree and Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Government Relations and Community Outreach Amy Wagner to contact the municipalities to educate them about shared services so they could benefit from the savings.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

Brian Riordan, Director

Resolution requests have not been submitted at this time.

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

Joseph Graziano, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed non-bid contract with Simplex Grinnell, Rockaway, New Jersey for services required to be performed constituting an exception to public bidding pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (dd): Dept. of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities: Division of Facilities Management, for the purpose of providing 2120 Fire Alarm and Sprinkler System Services commencing April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2014, for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month extension for a contract not to exceed \$250,324.64. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Jalloh asked why item #1 is for a two year contract. Director Graziano stated it is a two year contract with a 2 year extension. This will allow for better pricing and there is no other competition. He explained that the wording has been changed to a 24 hour/7 day per week contract which will cut overtime costs.

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: Jesco Co., Inc, South Plainfield, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing a John Deere Backhoe Loader, in the amount of \$126,737.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Estrada asked if item #2 is to replace the backhoe loader. Director Graziano replied, yes, and the replacement will be a little larger.

Chairman Mirabella asked what happens to the old backhoe loader. Director Graziano stated that it goes to auction.

3. Amending Resolution Number 2008-1079, a Professional Engineering Service contract with T&M Associates, Middletown, New Jersey to provide additional engineering and construction support services for the overtopping protection of Seeley's Pond Dam - Lake Surprise Dam Rehabilitation, as approved by NJDEP Dam Safety, in the amount of \$43,200.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$236,812.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Jalloh asked what caused the price change in item #3 .

Director Graziano stated that the State changed the design of the dam, which resulted in a change in contract price. Since T&M Construction was the original vendor, they remained with them.

4. Resolution concurring with the City of Summit granting permission to Our House Foundation to close Broad Street from Summit Avenue to Maple Street between 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 6, 2012 for the 5-Mile Run Event. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
5. Resolution concurring with the Township of Berkeley Heights granting permission to the Berkeley Heights Youth Soccer Club to hang a banner across Springfield Avenue from April 23, 2012 to May 7, 2012 to advertise their "Berkeley Heights Travel Soccer Tryouts May 6 for Fall 2012/Spring 2013 Season League Play". **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
6. Amending Resolution Number 808-2004, a Professional Engineering Service contract with T&M Associates, Middletown, New Jersey to provide construction administration and inspection services for the Prospect Street Culvert Replacement (Su21), in the amount of \$83,900.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$197,776.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Jalloh asked what caused the price change in item #6.

Director Graziano explained that the State changed the design from a four to a three sided culvert. The monies cannot come from State funding rather the extra cost will come from capital funds.

7. Rescinding Resolution Number 2009-838, and authorizing the County Manager to apply for and if awarded enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the 2010 Local Bridges, Future Needs for the Rehabilitation of Summer Street (El-4) over the Elizabeth River, City of Elizabeth, in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Sullivan asked for an explanation of item #7. Director Graziano explained that the South Front Street Bridge dollars are being reallocated for the time being as the bridge will take some time. Freeholder Sullivan asked when the bridge was replaced last. Director Graziano explained that the deck is only be replaced at this time, but he will advise when the bridge was replaced.

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**Bibi Taylor, Director

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Resolution requests have not been submitted at this time.

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**Frank Guzzo, Director

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1. Authorizing the County Manager to subcontract with Prevention Links to facilitate Suicide Prevention Education Training for the period of March 1, 2012 - March 31, 2012 in the amount not to exceed \$1,597.00. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract, pursuant to Request for Proposal (RFP), to Sage Eldercare, Inc. for the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) for the period of April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013, in the amount not to exceed \$57,000.00 with funding provided by the Area Plan Contract, New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Jalloh asked about the funding source for item #2. Director Guzzo stated that the funds come from the State and the contract is for this purpose. He said the County funds the program and then is contracted out to Sage Eldercare.

3. Amending Resolution Number 2010-353, renewing the lease agreement for the Youth Services Bureau with Morning Star Community Development Urban Renewal Corporation, to clarify the 2012 expiration date and account number and to authorize the short term continuance of the lease on a month-to-month basis at the current fixed rate of \$6,732 per month not to exceed \$40,392 for a period of no more than six months beginning May 1, 2012 and ending no later than October 31, 2012. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL**Ronald Zuber, Director

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There were no questions.

1. 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: Russell Reid, Inc. d/b/a Mr. John, Inc., for the purpose of providing the rental of portable toilets, for a period of 24 months from date of contract, with an option of a 24 month extension, in the amount of \$48,846.00 (representing a reduction of \$21,150 from the previous contract). **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**
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: Ray's Food & Ice Cream Concessions, for the purpose of providing Food Concessions at Warinanco Park Snack Stand, Rahway Park Snack Stand and Watchung Loop Snack Stand, for a three year period, in the amount of \$3,500 per year for a total of \$10,500.00. **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**
3. Proclaiming the week of April 9, 2012 through April 14, 2012 as "National Community Development Week" in Union County. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**

4. Recognizing Diane Johnson and representatives of the Newark Field Office of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for their efforts. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
5. Resolution Thanking Ann J. Ferguson for hosting the 2012 Union County Community Development Week Recognition Program on April 11, 2012 at the John T. Gregorio Tower, Linden. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
6. Amending Resolution Number 2011-135 to reallocate \$148,299 from 82 First Street Elizabeth Housing LLC, Elizabeth, New Jersey to 84-86 First Street, LLC Project in the 2009-2010 Consolidated Plan. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
7. Congratulating Barbara Fuller, Assistant Administrator of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, upon her retirement from the County of Union and commending her for her years of dedicated service. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
8. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement with Edmunds & Associates, Robbinsville, New Jersey, for the support and maintenance of the financial accounting and electronic requisition system in the amount of \$19,635.00 for the contract period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**
9. Awarding a contract to This Is It! Productions, Inc., Hoboken, New Jersey, for the planning, production, promotion and management services for the 2012 Summer Arts Festival to take place each Wednesday Evening from July 11, 2012 to August 29, 2012 at either Echo Lake Park in Mountainside, New Jersey or Oak Ridge Park in Clark, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$59,600 (of which \$10,000.00 will be offset by corporate sponsorships). **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**

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

Andrew Moran, Director

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Resolution requests have not been submitted at this time.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2011-701 updating the reimbursement rate to reflect current Medicare and Medicaid fee schedules for BLS emergency. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**  
Chairman Mirabella asked if item #1 is the result of Medicare/Medicaid changes. Director Moran replied yes, as Medicare only allows one bill per patient. This is to reflect the updated and current Medicare and Medicaid rates, reimbursed to the County for EMS. He added that transportation has increased by \$4.00, but it now includes mileage.
2. Amending Resolution Number 2011-542, to reflect a change in the account number only. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to apply, accept and expend grant funds from the National Association of City and County Health Officials in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Union County Medical Reserve Corps Capacity Building Grant. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

#### **RUNNELLS SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL**

Joan Wheeler, Administrator

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Finance Director Michael Drummond represented the Hospital.

1. 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: Runnells Specialized Hospital: 2K's Commercial Kitchen Service & Repair Inc., Fords, New Jersey, for the purpose of maintaining and repairing kitchen equipment, April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$50,400.00. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
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: Runnells Specialized Hospital: Reporters Transcription Center, for the purpose of providing Medical Transcription Service, April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$50,960.00 for a period of 24 months. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 2011-921, an agreement with Holsman Healthcare, LLC, Belleville, New Jersey, extending the current contract an additional sixty (60) days to provide occupational therapy services for the residents/patients of Runnells Specialized Hospital in an amount not to exceed \$79,000.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$1,049,125.00 for the period of April 1, 2012 through May 31, 2012. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
4. Amending Resolution Number 2011-354, an agreement with InterStaff, Inc., Owings Mills, Maryland, extending the current contract an additional sixty (60) days to provide supplemental physical therapy services for the residents/patients of Runnells Specialized Hospital in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 for a new total contract not to exceed \$288,600.00 for the period of April 1, 2012 through May 31, 2012. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**

Freeholder Wright asked why there is a two month extension for items #3 and #4, and asked if it is an extension of last year's contract. Mr. Drummond explained that they are extensions from last year and the contracts were ending at the end of March. He said that many bid proposals were returned and they are in the process of evaluating them and need more time.

County Manager Faella interjected and stated that this is another effort for receiving the lowest possible contract price, resulting in the contract extension.

5. Amending Resolution Number 2011-353, an agreement with Holsman Healthcare, LLC., Belleville, New Jersey, extending the current contract an additional sixty (60) days to provide supplemental physical therapy services for the residents/patients of Runnells Specialized Hospital in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$147,500.00 for the period of April 1, 2012 through May 31, 2012. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**

#### **OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL**

Robert E. Barry, Esq., County Counsel

County Counsel Barry, Esq. stated that he will have an additional Resolution for the next Freeholder Meeting for Inter-local Service Agreements with Union County and the Union County Utilities Authority.

1. Approving the transfer of 13-15 Lyons Place, 101-107 Rahway Avenue and 109-115 Rahway Avenue to the Union County Improvement Authority pursuant to NJSA 40:37A-77 for purposes of the construction of the New Family Courthouse. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**  
  
Freeholder Sullivan asked if there is a demolition date available for item #1. County Counsel Barry, Esq. stated that demolition bids have been received and are being awarded.  
  
Director Graziano interjected and said that he just received word that the demolition will begin April 2nd to April 12th for the entire site.
2. Amending Resolution Number 2012-240 to increase the appropriation to Bauch Zucker Hatfield, LLC, Springfield, New Jersey Special Counsel in the matter entitled Stephen McGuire v. UC, et als. in the amount of \$20,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$75,000.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 2012-127 adding 2 intersections to the Traffic Control Signal Monitoring System Cost Sharing Agreement with the City of Rahway. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

#### **OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER**

Alfred J. Faella, County Manager

1. Enter into an agreement with the Union County Performing Arts Center for the purpose of presenting three events entitled Sensory Friendly Theatre for Children with Autism and their families in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

There were no questions.

Chairman Mirabella said he was glad to see that the project is moving forward.

#### **FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

Freeholder Jalloh stated that he will have an Ordinance from the Fiscal Committee regarding County vehicle usage.

1. Recognizing March 2012 as “National Nutrition Month” and commemorating the Get Moving, Get Healthy, NJ nutrition and health education provided by Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Proclaiming Friday, April 27, 2012, Arbor Day in the County of Union. **(Freeholder Deborah P. Scanlon)**
3. Appointing Stephen Thorpe as a member to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board to represent the Township of Winfield and Jack Molenaar to represent the Borough of Fanwood from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012. **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**
4. Proclaiming March, 2012 as “Social Work Month” in the County of Union. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**



5. Appointing Roger Stryeski and Patrick McShane as Delegate members and Thomas Dean as an Alternate member to the Union County Air Traffic and Noise Advisory Board to represent the Borough of Roselle for a term commencing January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
6. Recognizing the Springfield Free Public Library as it celebrates 80 years of service. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
7. Congratulating and commending Leonard Schley of Roselle Park for completing 50 years of active service as a member of the Roselle Park Fire Department. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
8. Supporting United States Senate Bill (S.2093), the Preserving American Homeownership Act, sponsored by Senator Robert Menendez, to create a program to reduce the mortgage principal for eligible homeowners. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
9. Congratulating eight (8) Boy Scouts from St. John the Apostle Boy Scout Troop 330 that have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. The eight scouts are: Brian Butterly, Matt Diorio, Daniel Kondracki, Patrick Moore, Charles Nary, Vincent Polakowski, Alex Reyes and Daniel Sheldon. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM.

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

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

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June 28, 2012

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July 12, 2012

July 19, 2012

August 9, 2012

August 16, 2012

September 6, 2012

September 13, 2012

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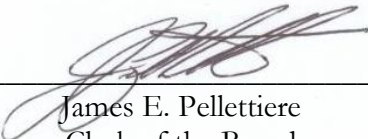
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James E. Pellettiere  
Clerk of the Board

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