



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010

MINUTES OF THE AGENDA MEETING

Vice Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Vice Chairman Deborah P. Scanlon, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella and Freeholder Nancy Ward were present. Freeholder Rayland Van Blake and Freeholder Rick Proctor were absent.

Also present were County Manager George W. Devanney, County Counsel Robert E. Barry, Esq. and Clerk of the Board Nicole L. DiRado.

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

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

Chairman Sullivan explained the schedule of the evening's meetings which will begin with an Agenda Meeting, Executive Session and a short recess followed by the Regular Meeting.

Chairman Sullivan announced that they will begin with several presentations.

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE BOARD

1. A Presentation to Mrs. Rosa Floyd for her years of service and dedication to the Thanksgiving Food Operation

Chairman Sullivan called upon Freeholder Estrada and Freeholder Ward to join him in presenting Mrs. Rosa Floyd with a Resolution for her years of service and dedication to the Thanksgiving Food Operation. Freeholder Ward stated that Mrs. Floyd has been a lifelong resident of the City of Elizabeth since 1946 and she has dedicated 40 years to her community with the help of her husband Milton Floyd, until he passed away in 1991. Together, they delivered food and turkey baskets to the under-privileged for 20 years as they drove around from home to home. After the passing of Mr. Floyd, Mrs. Floyd continued with the help of her family and donations to continue the food operation. She has provided thousands of families with food throughout her years of service. Freeholder Ward stated that Union County honors and thanks Mrs. Floyd for her commitment to the community. She also mentioned that Mrs. Floyd has been employed with the Union County Probation Department for 30 years. She organizes day trips to Washington, D.C. for under-privileged children and organizes annual Christmas parties. Freeholder Ward added that Mrs. Floyd has been chosen as the Grand Marshal for the African Heritage Day Parade.



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Mrs. Floyd thanked the Board for the recognition and thanks God for giving her the strength to serve her community for all these years.

2. A Presentation to Dr. Karen Ensle, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, proclaiming March 14, 2010 through March 20, 2010 as “Family and Community Health Sciences Living Well Week” in Union County.

Chairman Sullivan called upon Freeholder Kowalski to join him in presenting a Resolution to Dr. Karen Ensle of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension, proclaiming March 14, 2010 through March 20, 2010 as “Family and Community Health Sciences Living Well Week” in Union County.

Freeholder Kowalski stated that Dr. Ensle has been an advocate for healthy living and has written several books for kids educating them on healthy living. Freeholder Kowalski read the Resolution aloud.

Dr. Ensle thanked the Board for the Resolution and their continued support. She said that their major initiative is to decrease obesity in children.

3. A Presentation to Michael Diplan, a student at the Union County Vocational- Technical School, for being chosen to participate in the 2009 NJAC Foundation & Wal*Mart Foundation Green Internship.

Chairman Sullivan called upon Vice Chairman Scanlon and Freeholder Mirabella to present a Resolution to Michael Diplan, a student at the Union County Vocational-Technical School for being chosen to participate in the 2009 NJAC Foundation & Wal*Mart Foundation Green Internship. Dr. Bistocchi, Superintendent of the Union County Schools also joined them. Chairman Sullivan read the Resolution aloud.

Michael thanked the Board, Union County Vocational-Technical School, Wal*Mart for the internship and also thanked Union County employee, Matt Mathan with assisting him during his internship with GIS mapping and experience in the field.

4. A Presentation to Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, Superintendent of the Union County Vocational- Technical School, proclaiming February 2010 as “National Career and Technical Education Month” in Union County.

Chairman Sullivan, Vice Chairman Scanlon and Freeholder Estrada presented Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, Superintendent of the Union County Vocational-Technical School, proclaiming February 2010 as “National Career and Technical Education Month” in Union County.

Dr. Bistocchi introduced some of the students and listed their impressive scholastic and extracurricular achievements of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools. Dr. Bistocchi



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introduced several of the principals and students and thanked Assistant Superintendant Peter Capodice for all his hard work.

Chairman Sullivan thanked them all for coming to the Freeholder Meeting and stated that they do a fine job representing Union County and the Board is enormously proud of them.

5. A Presentation to Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, Superintendent of the Union County Vocational-Technical School, proclaiming the week of February 20, 2010 through February 27, 2010 as “Future Farmers of America Week”

Chairman Sullivan presented Dr. Bistocchi with a Resolution proclaiming the week of February 20, 2010 through February 27, 2010 as “Future Farmers of America Week.” Dr. Bistocchi recognized the Horticulture teacher, Bonnie Baldsare and her students.

Ms. Baldsare thanked the Board for the recognition and stated that the following day they will be representing the school in floral designs at the Burlington Center Mall and the designs will be on display until Sunday.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Oaths of Office

- . Union County Air Traffic and Noise Advisory Board: Barbara Krause
- . Union County College Board of Trustees: Ralph Milteer
- . Union County Mental Health Advisory Board: Vasudev N. Makhija
- . Union County Public Health/Weapons of Mass Destruction Advisory Board: Warren Hehl
- . Union County Improvement Authority: Sebastian D’Elia



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RESOLUTIONS

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY CLERK

Joanne Rajoppi, Union County Clerk

Deputy County Clerk Alan Falcone represented the Office of the County Clerk.

1. Approving the **Union County Clerk's Five Year Plan** for the use of the Document Trust Fund. **(CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to **B&B Press, Somerville, New Jersey**, for the purpose of printing absentee and provisional ballots for the 2010 Primary and General Elections in an amount not to exceed **\$149,569.39. (CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to **Full Service Mailers, Inc., Garfield, New Jersey**, for the purpose of mailing Union County sample ballots for the 2010 School Board, Primary and General Elections in an amount not to exceed **\$65,781. (CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to **Royal Printing Services, West New York, New Jersey**, for the purpose of printing Union County ballots for the 2010 School Board, Primary and General Elections in an amount not to exceed **\$474,240. (CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN)**

Freeholder Mirabella asked if there could be a reduction in costs if items 2, 3 and 4 were awarded to one firm. Deputy County Clerk Falcone stated that Royal Printing Services came in lower for printing the ballots and B&B Press came in lower for printing absentee and provisional ballots, hence, it was cheaper to bid them to separate firms.

Freeholder Mirabella asked if it would be feasible to ask the vendors to bid on the items as a whole and as separate bids. Deputy County Clerk Falcone stated that he will look into it but over the years it has been cheaper to bid them out separately. He added that Full Service Mailers, Inc. is a separate firm that can only provide mailings, sorting and postage.



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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

M. Elizabeth Genievich, Deputy County Manager / Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contracts obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the **Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq:** **(CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN)**
 - a. Department of Engineering and Public Works, Division of Facilities Management: **Octagon Services, Inc., d/b/a Shelters Direct, Laurel, Maryland**, to provide and install one prefabricated guard booth in the amount of **\$34,485**.
 - b. Department of Engineering and Public Works, Division of Facilities Management: **AA Electrical Contractors & Design, Inc., Freehold, New Jersey**, to install, test and place into successful operation a new fire alarm and voice communication system for the Union County's Watchung Stable in the amount of **\$144,000**.
 - c. Department of Human Services, Office of Veterans' Affairs: **Metro Flag Company, Dover, New Jersey**, to provide American Flags with imprinted staffs for the Office of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Day 2010 and 2011 in the amount of **\$46,944**.
 - d. Department of Parks and Community Renewal: **1st Direct Products, LLC, Americus, Georgia**, to provide and deliver twenty five (25) pedal boats to the Warinanco Park Boat House in the amount of **\$50,999**.
 - e. Department of Parks and Community Renewal: **SA Food Associates, LLC, Mountainside, New Jersey**, to exercise the option to extend the contract for an additional twenty-four (24) months to provide food concession at Rahway River Park Pool in the amount of **\$9,000**. All terms and conditions remain the same.
 - f. Runnells Specialized Hospital: **High Quality Floors Corp, West Long Branch, New Jersey**, to deliver and install new flooring of the third floor at Runnells Specialized Hospital in the amount of **\$109,000**.

Freeholder Kowalski asked for more information regarding the flooring in item 1 "f." Deputy County Manager Genievich stated that the old linoleum flooring is cracked allowing germs to enter and the new State specified flooring is a special type that cleans easily.

Freeholder Mirabella said that he noticed that all the vendors in item #1, with the exception of 1 "e" are from either out of Union County or the State of New Jersey. Deputy County Manager Genievich stated that they are being used as the result of being the lowest bidders.



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2. Amending Resolution No. 2009-1199, to increase the appropriation to **Garrubbo, Capece & Millman, PC, Westfield, New Jersey**, as special counsel to represent the County of Union in connection with personnel matters for the period of January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 in an additional amount of \$5,000 for a total contract not to exceed **\$60,000. (CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to **Garrubbo, Capece & Millman, PC, Westfield, New Jersey**, as special counsel to represent the County of Union in connection with personnel matters for the period of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 in an amount not to exceed **\$25,000. (CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN)**

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

Brian Riordan, Director

No requests have been submitted at this time.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES

Joseph Graziano, Director

1. Concurring with the **Township of Springfield**, granting permission to St. James the Apostle Roman Catholic Church to close South Springfield Avenue, Mountain Avenue and Shunpike Road and also granting permission to hang a banner across Mountain Avenue and Shunpike Road for the Annual Church Festival to be held from May 4, 2010 to May 8, 2010. **(CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a professional engineering service contract to **Pennoni Associates, Cedar Knolls, New Jersey**, for the design, construction administration and inspection services for the intersection improvements at Springfield and Union Avenue, Borough of New Providence, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed **\$75,701.55. (CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to award a professional engineering service contract to **The Louis Berger Group, Morristown, New Jersey**, for construction administration and inspection services for ARRA intersection improvements in various municipalities within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed **\$524,728. (CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN)**
4. Amending Resolution No. 2009-436, a contract (through the public bidding process) with **Ritacco Construction Company, Belleville, New Jersey**, for the reconstruction of South First Street Bridge, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for an additional amount of \$329,196.10 for a new contract amount of **\$4,116,839.10. {This contract is a Federally funded project.} (CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN)**



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Chairman Sullivan asked for further explanation of item #4. Director Graziano explained that it is a change order for the reconstruction of the South First Street Bridge in Elizabeth. He said when they began to dig they discovered a lot of contaminated soil that needed to be removed. He added that it is a federally funded project. Chairman Sullivan asked for the timeline of the completion of the project. Director Graziano stated that it is ahead of schedule and the bridge should be opened this upcoming May or June.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Lawrence Caroselli, Director

There were no questions.

1. Amending the **2010 Temporary Budget** in the amount of **\$320,760** as a result of notification received from the following agencies for an accumulative total of **\$187,827,265: (FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA)**
 - New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection - **\$245,070**
“County Environmental Health Act (CEHA).”
Match – County Environmental Health Act (CEHA).” \$75,690
2. An amendment to the **2010 Temporary Budget**, pursuant to the provisions of CH.96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20). **(FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Frank Guzzo, Director

Director Guzzo provided an explanation of item #1.

He stated that peer grouping dollars are provided to those counties that operate a County hospital or nursing home facility because the State recognized as far back as the late seventies that people residing in these County facilities required a higher level of care so the State provides a higher reimbursement to these facilities. He said that by Statute, those counties that receive Peer Grouping funds are required to provide only 10% of this revenue towards home health services and hospice. The remaining revenue can go into the general fund and used for any purpose. He said that Union County is the only one of a few counties receiving Peer Grouping dollars that exceeds that requirement.

Director Guzzo stated that in Union County, the Freeholders allocate 70% of these funds into general human services with approximately 50% going towards home nursing care sand hospice and 50% going towards Paratransit and general human services. These dollars plug gaps in services that would go unfunded without this revenue. As an example for this year, if the Freeholders adhered to the 10% requirement we would receive about \$200,000 instead of the projected \$2,000,000 we hope to receive.



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Director Guzzo stated that he has asked the Center for Hope Hospice to come to the Freeholder Meeting and he said that he has also received letters from other Peer Grouping funded agencies that provide essential services to our seniors, as there is legislation pending that would take away even the 10% requirement.

Director Guzzo stated that he wanted the Freeholder Board to hear first-hand what services these dollars provide so that we are in a position to take a leadership role and urge other counties to reject any legislation that would remove financial support for these essential safety-net programs at the County level.

Chairman Sullivan thanked Director Guzzo for the detailed explanation.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award contracts pursuant to Request for Proposal (RFP) under the **Peer Grouping Aging Grant** to various agencies for the period of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012. Funding for the first year January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 will be in the amount of **\$508,000**. Funding for year two, January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 and year three, January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 will be contingent upon receipt of additional grant funding from the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services. This resolution would further authorize the County Manager to transfer funds among the listed agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the listed agencies fail to meet the contractual obligation. {State funding: \$508,000} **(FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Inter-Local Services Agreement with **Mercer County** to provide case management services to clients that have exceeded the 60 month lifetime limit. Under this agreement, Mercer County will reimburse Union County the sum of **\$173,000** for case management services to Union and Middlesex clients for the period of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. {State funding: \$173,000} **(FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI)**

Freeholder Mirabella asked for an explanation of item #2. Director Guzzo stated that this is an annual agreement and Union County will be provided the funds to use for clients to reengage staffing. He said that Mercer County was the lead agency on a grant application and they are awarded the funds and then they are funneled to Union County.

3. Authorizing the County Manager to award contracts pursuant to Request for Proposal to the various agencies for the period of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012 under the **Coordinated Community Care Program**. Funding for the first year January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 will be in the amount of **\$100,000**. Funding for year two January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 and year three January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 will be contingent upon receipt of additional grant funding from the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services. This resolution would further authorize the County Manager to transfer funds among the listed agencies during the contract period should services needs change and/or



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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL

Ron Zuber, Deputy Director

There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with **Newtech Recycling Inc., Somerset, New Jersey**, for the collection, demanufacturing, and recycling/disposal of electronic equipment for the period of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011 with the option to renew the contract for two (2) additional years in an amount not to exceed **\$104,550** for 2010 based on the quoted price of \$.15/lb. for monitors and televisions, and \$.12/lb for all other electronic equipment. **(VICE CHAIRMAN SCANLON)**
2. Amending Resolution No. 2010-134, for the year **2010 Union County Arts Grant Program**, to reflect a change in the account number only. **(FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into agreement with **Kean University, Union, New Jersey**, to provide consulting services for data processing and telecommunications for the period of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 in the amount of **\$60,000**. **(VICE CHAIRMAN SCANLON)**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **First Due Emergency Supply, Sewell, New Jersey**, to purchase fire fighting protective clothing for the Union County Department of Public Safety under the Homeland Security Grant Program in an amount not to exceed **\$100,000**. **(CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN)**

Chairman Sullivan asked if item #1 is being funded by Homeland Security Funds. Director Moran replied, yes.

2. Amending Resolution No. 2009-99, to allow for a provision of Local Finance Notice 2004-21 to allow local units of government to purchase certain goods and services from certain federal or New Jersey State government contracts without the requirement of public bidding pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law. **(CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN)**



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RUNNELLS SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL

Joan Wheeler, Associate Administrator

There were no questions.

1. Amending Resolution No. 1163-2009, a contract with **Direct Supply, Milwaukee, Wisconsin**, for the purpose of adding a capital account number and dollars for the purchase of floor materials, and furniture as part of the renovation of two day rooms on the second floor for the period of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 in an additional amount of \$11,215.97 for a new total amount of **\$64,215.97. (FREEHOLDER JALLOH)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Choice Rehab, Marlton, New Jersey**, to provide occupational therapy services for the residents/patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the period of April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011 in the amount of **\$687,440. (FREEHOLDER JALLOH)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Holsman Healthcare, LLC, Belleville, New Jersey**, to provide physical therapy services for the residents/patients of Runnells Specialized Hospital for the period of April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011 in the amount of **\$20,000. (FREEHOLDER JALLOH)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **InterStaff, Inc., Owings Mills, Maryland**, to provide supplemental physical therapy services for the residents/patients of Runnells Specialized Hospital for the period of April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011 in the amount of **\$225,500. (FREEHOLDER JALLOH)**

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Dennis Scott Kobitz, Administrator

Administrator Kobitz stated that he wanted to add some information regarding Freeholder Mirabella's questions about the bids for the County Clerk's office. He stated that at one time those items went out to bid as a package, but now they are bid out separately. He said that he and the County Clerk bid together as one to Royal Printing because there is only a short period to get election items done and the ballots need to be specifically water marked and coded or the machines will not be able to read them and it is too difficult to have one company do everything that is needed in such a short time period.

Freeholder Mirabella thanked him for the explanation.

Freeholder Estrada asked if all the polling locations are handicap accessible. Mr. Kobitz stated that they are now, because two years ago he applied for State grants to purchase the ramps. He said that they used to rent them. Mr. Kobitz explained that the Union County Public Works Department



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lends them a truck to have the ramps installed the day before Election Day and then removed the day after. He stated that a total of four polling places are used, three are houses of worship (who have refused to have the ramps permanently installed) and Pioneer Manor as a polling place until it was razed. In its place, we were using School #6, but this year they are pulling out of School #6 and will be using the Elizabethport Recreation Center that can house three districts, which are already handicap accessible. He added that the bathrooms in all the polling locations are not handicap accessible.

1. Approving a pre-qualified list of vendors to provide transportation services for the **voting machines. (CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN)**

Freeholder Mirabella asked how many vendors are on the list and if the list consists of the same vendors as last year. Mr. Kobitz stated that the list consists of three companies this year and the cost is the same as last year, being \$72 per machine. He said that they are saving on overtime by using a third company because they are finished by the County's closing time.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with **Liberty Transport, Union, New Jersey**, for the purpose of transporting voting machines to and from polling locations throughout the County during the 2010 Election cycles in the amount of **\$40,000. (CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with **University Van Lines, Rahway, New Jersey**, for the purpose of transporting voting machines to and from polling locations throughout the County during the 2010 Election cycles in the amount of **\$40,000. (CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with **Princeton Van Service, Ewing, New Jersey**, for the purpose of transporting voting machines to and from polling locations throughout the County during the 2010 Election cycles in the amount of **\$20,000. (CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with **Royal Printing, West New York, New Jersey**, for the purpose of printing voting authority books, poll books, and all other printing needed to run an election within the County during the 2010 Election cycles in the amount of **\$110,000. (CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN)**



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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Robert E. Barry, Esq., County Counsel

There were no questions.

1. Amending Resolution No. 2009-1058, to increase the appropriation to **Palumbo & Renaud, Cranford, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled **Catherine Alexander v. UC, et als** for an additional sum of \$20,000 for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$95,000. (CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN)**
2. Amending Resolution No. 2009-1050, to increase the appropriation to **DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP, Teaneck, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled **Jonathan Dawkins v. UC, et als** for an additional sum of \$10,000 for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$20,000. (CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN)**
3. Amending Resolution No. 2009-850, to increase the appropriation to **Krevsky Silber Brown & Bergen, Cranford, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled **Catherine Alexander v. UC, et als** for an additional sum of \$10,000 for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$30,000. (CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN)**
4. Amending Resolution No. 2009-1053, to increase the appropriation to **Edward Kologi, Esq., Linden, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled **Jonathan Dawkins v. UC, et als** for an additional sum of \$10,000 for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$20,000. (CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN)**
5. Approving **NextG Networks of N.Y., Inc.'s** occupancy of public rights-of-ways within the County of Union for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, repairing, maintaining and replacing a telecommunications system. **(CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN)**
6. Amending Resolution No. 2009-1143, to approve additional **Qualified Shorthand Reporters** for the period of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. **(CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to **Judith L. DiAntonio, Clark, New Jersey**, for Court Reporting Services in an amount not to exceed **\$20,000. (CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

George W. Devanney, County Manager

There were no questions.



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1. Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with **CWA Local 1080** effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013. **(CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN)**

FREEHOLDERS

FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH

1. Proclaiming the month of March 2010 as **“National Nutrition Month”** in Union County.
2. Proclaiming the month of March 2010 as **“National Professional Workers Month”** in Union County.

FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI

1. Expressing appreciation and commending the **Elizabethtown Gas Company** for its leadership role in promoting the partnership of public and private sectors in support of the arts in Union County.
2. Expressing appreciation to the **National Arts Program Foundation** and commends **Leonard E. B. Andrews, (1925 – 2009) Founder and Chairman**, for his leadership role in promoting appreciation and recognition of individual artistic achievement and its importance to community spirit.
3. Congratulating **Michael Van Liew, Boy Scout Troop 80, Cranford, New Jersey**, on attaining his Eagle Scout Award.
4. Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of **James H. Williams, Cranford, New Jersey**, in this, their time of sorrow.
5. Congratulating **Sarah Armstrong, Cranford**, on winning the Design Award from the Art Educators of New Jersey during Youth Art Month.
6. Congratulating **Zachary Kozak, Boy Scout Troop 83, Kenilworth, New Jersey**, on attaining his Eagle Scout Award.

FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA

1. Congratulating the **Union County Utilities Authority, Winning Strategies, 3 North Productions, City of Rahway** and **Mayor James J. Kennedy** for their efforts helping the Union County Utilities Authority receiving the Silver Mercury Award for the Public Awareness Campaign.



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FREEHOLDER NANCY WARD

1. Appointing the following to the **Union County Air Traffic & Noise Advisory Board** for a term commencing January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011: **Lynn Brown, Fanwood.**
2. Appointing the following to the **Union County Senior Citizens and Disabled Resident Transportation Advisory Board** for a term commencing January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012: **William Manhardt.**

VICE CHAIRMAN DEBORAH P. SCANLON

1. Authorizing the County Manager to execute and sign any and all contracts, agreements and documents to accept a grant from **PSE&G, Newark, New Jersey**, in the amount of **\$3,000** on behalf of the Rutgers Master Gardeners of Union County for improvements to the Trailside Garden Pathway Project.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL P. SULLIVAN

2. Appointing the following to the **Union County Transportation Advisory Board** to represent the City of Linden for a term commencing January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010: **Ron Stefanowciz, Linden (Delegate); Steven Eisenberg (Delegate) and Steven Friedman, (Alternate) Springfield; Stephen Thorpe, Winfield.**
3. Proclaiming the month of April 2010 as **“Parkinson’s Disease Awareness Month”** throughout the County of Union.
4. Opposing pending legislation, Senate Number 201, requiring local government entities to put all documents produced in the course of business on the website without providing adequate funding to do so.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL P. SULLIVAN AND FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA

1. Congratulating the **Hilltopper Club of Saint Mary’s High School, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, on celebrating their 10th Anniversary on April 15, 2010.



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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

1. Potential Real Estate Acquisition

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 potential real estate acquisition.

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 may or may not take formal action on the matters discussed as it is an Agenda Meeting.

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

Chairman Sullivan called for a motion to enter Executive Session. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor and Freeholder Van Blake absent.

Chairman Sullivan called for a motion to return to the Agenda Meeting. On a motion made by Vice Chairman Scanlon and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor and Freeholder Van Blake absent.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sullivan called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor and Freeholder Van Blake absent.



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UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS' 2010 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.

Agenda Setting Meetings

March 18

April 1
April 15

May 6
May 20

June 10 Summer Session – Double Meeting

June 24 Summer Session – Double Meeting

July 8 Summer Session

August 5 Summer Session

September 2
September 23

October 7

Regular Meetings

March 11
March 25

April 8
April 22

May 13
May 20

June 10

June 24

July 29

August 19

September 16
September 30

October 14



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November 4

Tues., November 23

Wed., December 8

Double Meeting

Wed., December 8

Wed., December 22

Double Meeting

Wed., December 22


Nicole L. DiRado, RMC, MPA
Clerk of the Board

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**NJ COUNTY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS
TOTAL COMPARATIVE COST PER PUPIL – 2008-2009***

DISTRICT BUDGET

	<u>District</u>	<u>Cost Per Pupil</u>	<u>State Average</u>
1.	Bergen	\$26,313	\$17,037
2.	Passaic	\$20,633	\$17,037
3.	Morris	\$20,250	\$17,037
4.	Warren	\$19,610	\$17,037
5.	Hudson	\$19,438	\$17,037
6.	Somerset	\$19,426	\$17,037
7.	Sussex	\$18,972	\$17,037
8.	Cape May	\$18,970	\$17,037
9.	Middlesex	\$18,946	\$17,037
10.	Atlantic	\$16,563	\$17,037
11.	Monmouth	\$16,220	\$17,037
12.	Essex	\$16,129	\$17,037
13.	Gloucester	\$15,829	\$17,037
14.	Cumberland	\$15,823	\$17,037
15.	Mercer	\$15,730	\$17,037
16.	Camden	\$14,604	\$17,037
17.	Salem	\$13,871	\$17,037
18.	Union	\$13,405	\$17,037
19.	Burlington	\$12,200	\$17,037
20.	Ocean	\$11,965	\$17,037
21.	Hunterdon	\$9,240	\$17,037

*Source: NJ Department of Education School Report Cards – 2008-2009

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TOTAL COMPARATIVE COST PER PUPIL EXPENDITURE*
2008-2009
DISTRICT BUDGET**

	<u>District</u>	<u>Cost Per Pupil</u>	<u>State Average</u>
1.	Winfield	\$18,907	\$15,168
2.	Roselle	\$16,775	\$15,168
3.	Elizabeth	\$16,600	\$15,168
4.	Linden	\$16,129	\$15,168
5.	Springfield	\$15,766	\$15,168
6.	Plainfield	\$15,308	\$15,168
7.	Summit	\$15,003	\$15,168
8.	Mountainside	\$14,866	\$15,168
9.	Union	\$14,769	\$15,168
10.	Hillside	\$14,677	\$15,168
11.	Berkeley Heights	\$14,664	\$15,168
12.	New Providence	\$14,217	\$15,168
13.	Roselle Park	\$13,876	\$15,168
14.	Kenilworth	\$13,795	\$15,168
15.	Scotch Plains/Fanwood	\$13,759	\$15,168
16.	Rahway	\$13,672	\$15,168
17.	Cranford	\$13,565	\$15,168
18.	UCVTS	\$13,405	\$17,037**
19.	Westfield	\$13,220	\$15,168
20.	Clark	\$12,919	\$15,168
21.	Garwood	\$11,843	\$15,168

***COUNTY AVERAGE \$14,654**

****STATE AVERAGE FOR COUNTY-VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOLS**