



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

MARCH 11, 2010

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 8:18pm. Vice Chairman Deborah P. Scanlon, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella were present. Freeholder Rick Proctor, Freeholder Rayland Van Blake and Freeholder Nancy Ward were absent.

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

Freeholder Ward entered the meeting at this point.

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.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Sullivan called for a motion to approve the Communications. 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.

Note and File

Oaths of Office

ORDINANCE FOR FINAL READING

ORDINANCE NUMBER 702-2010 (The title of the Ordinance was read by the Clerk of the Board).

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL BUNKERS AT GALLOPING HILL GOLF COURSE IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, APPROPRIATING THEREFORE THE SUM OF \$200,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM CAPITAL SURPLUS OF THE COUNTY.



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BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The County of Union, New Jersey (the "County") is hereby authorized to construct additional bunkers at Galloping Hill Golf Course in, by and for the County. Said improvement shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable thereof.

Section 2. The sum of \$200,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the improvement authorized and described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be raised from Capital Surplus of the County. The sum of \$200,000 is hereby appropriated from Capital Surplus of the County to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 3. Said improvement is a lawful capital improvement of the County having a period of usefulness of at least five (5) years. Said improvement shall be made as a general improvement, no part of the cost of which shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 4. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this capital ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and is available for public inspection.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.

This meeting is now open to the public for commenting
on Ordinance Number 702-2010 only.

Jim Beuttner, Cranford, stated that he is opposed to replacing bunkers at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and asked why the original bunkers were removed. He suggested that free labor or using individuals from the S.L.A.P. Program, the staff from the Parks and Economic Development Department or staff from the Division of Golf Operations should be used to dig the holes to fill them with sand for the bunkers in order to save money.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, asked if the purpose of Ordinance 702-2010 is to speed up the play of golf.

Tina Renna, Cranford, stated that she is opposed to Ordinance 702-2010, especially during these tough economic times. She stated that Union County does not need a world class golf course.

Chairman Sullivan read an e-mail from a regular golfer who resides in Westfield. The e-mail stated that he visited the Galloping Hill Golf Course and the new driving range exceeds his most "wildest expectations" even though it is not yet complete. He stated that the improvements and the added



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facilities will attract many players. The e-mail also stated that he believes that closing the Oak Ridge Golf Course was a wise business decision.

Freeholder Mirabella moved Ordinance Number 702-2010 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. Vice Chairman Scanlon seconded the motion. Roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor and Freeholder Van Blake absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on Resolutions being offered for adoption only.

Gerry Gallagher, Mountainside, stated that he is in favor of Resolution 2010-225 which pertains to Peer Grouping. He stated that the Center for Hope Hospice is essential for the uninsured and underinsured. He thanked the Board for their continued support. He said that they received \$9,000 less this year, but it is still appreciated.

John Bury, Kenilworth, spoke about Resolutions 2010-241 and 2010-242 which pertains to outside counsel. He remarked that the individuals of the private sector do not benefit from outside counsel. On Resolutions 2010-254 through 2010-257, he asked if the County is trying to cut back on spending money for legal fees. He asked for an explanation of Resolution 2010-262.

Labor Relation Consultant, Joseph Salemme, responded to Mr. Bury's inquiries. He stated that CWA Local 1080 represents four hundred employees in the Division of Welfare. He said it is for a four year contract that began July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013 and the salary increments are 3% in 2009, 0% in 2010, 0% in 2011 and 3% in 2012.

Mary Ellen Taylor, Berkeley Heights, thanked Mr. Gallagher for his comments about Peer Grouping and the Center for Hope Hospice. She also stated that she is opposed to spending \$200,000 for bunkers for the Galloping Hill Golf Course. She said she would rather see the money go towards the Peer Grouping as mentioned in Resolution 2010-225.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, asked if the flags from the Flag Company mentioned in item 2010-240 "c" are made in the United States. On Resolution 2010-245 he claims that it is a lot of money for construction administration; on Resolution 2010-249, he said that he appreciates the Federal funds; on 2010-254, he mentioned that the legal firm is the Borough of Garwood's counsel; on Resolution 2010-262, he thanked and commended Mr. Salemme; on Resolution 2010-272, he asked who is granting the Silver Mercury Award and asked for the purpose of the Award.

Chairman Sullivan stated that the flags mentioned in Resolution 2010-240 are made in Dover, New Jersey.



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Director of the Department of Public Works and Engineering Joseph Graziano answered the previous speaker's question about Resolution 2010-245. He stated that the project consists of twenty-seven intersections throughout Union County which is a federally funded project through Stimulus funds and they are typically very demanding with certain guidelines and added that there will be an inspector at each project and each project will be done simultaneously. He stated that he does not want to jeopardize the \$4.5 million that the County will be receiving in total.

Tina Renna, Cranford, stated that the County is out-of-touch in regards to the golf bunkers; she claims that the pedal boats mentioned in Resolution 2010-240 "d" are expensive; on 2010-241 is for last year's contract; on 2010-242 special counsel is starting at \$25,000 for this year and she asked if they are near settling; on Resolution 2010-254; she remarked that Mr. Renaud is the Vice Chairman of the Union County Democratic Committee.

In reference to Resolution 2010-257, Mrs. Renna stated that Jonathan Dawkins remains on life support and his family is suing the County for \$44,000,000. In reference to Resolution 2010-263, she stated that the Agendas for the Freeholder Meeting are not always posted on the County's website. He said the Union County Watchdog Association submits OPRA requests and when responses are received they are posted on the Association's website.

County Counsel Barry responded to Mrs. Renna's inquiry about Resolution 2010-241, he said it is to authorize \$5,000 for the contract from last year for the period of January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. He said that Resolution 2010-242 is for a contract for \$25,000 pertaining to personnel matters that may arise.

RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Sullivan called for a motion to adopt Resolutions 2010-221 through 2010-274.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR ADOPTION:

- 2010-221 FREEHOLDER JALLOH**, 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**.

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.

- 2010-222 FREEHOLDER JALLOH**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Choice Rehab, Marlton, New Jersey**, to provide occupational therapy services for the



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residents/patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the period of April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011 in the amount of **\$687,440**.

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.

- 2010-223 FREEHOLDER JALLOH**, 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**.

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.

- 2010-224 FREEHOLDER JALLOH**, 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**.

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.

- 2010-225 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, 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.

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.

- 2010-226 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, 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



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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.

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.

2010-227 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI, 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 if any of the listed agencies fail to meet the contractual obligation.

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.

2010-228 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI, amending Resolution No. 2010-134, for the year **2010 Union County Arts Grant Program**, to reflect a change in the account number only.

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.

2010-229 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA, 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**:

- New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection - **\$245,070**
“County Environmental Health Act (CEHA).”
Match – County Environmental Health Act (CEHA).” \$75,690

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.

2010-230 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA, an amendment to the **2010 Temporary Budget**, pursuant to the provisions of CH.96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20).



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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.

- 2010-231 FREEHOLDER WARD**, 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.**

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.

- 2010-232 FREEHOLDER WARD**, 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.**

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.

- 2010-233 VICE CHAIRMAN SCANLON**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with **Newtech Recycling Inc., Somerset, New Jersey**, for computer and electronic recycling services for a two year contract period in the amount of **\$104,550 for 2010.**

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.

- 2010-234 VICE CHAIRMAN SCANLON**, 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.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh abstaining from Resolution 2010-234 and Freeholder Proctor and Freeholder Van Blake absent.

- 2010-235 VICE CHAIRMAN SCANLON**, 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.



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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.

- 2010-236** CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, approving the **Union County Clerk's Five Year Plan** for the use of the Document Trust Fund.

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.

- 2010-237** CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, 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**.

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.

- 2010-238** CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, 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**.

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.

- 2010-239** CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, 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**.

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.

- 2010-240** CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, 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**:

- a. Department of Engineering and Public Works, Division of Facilities Management: **Octagon Services, Inc., d/b/a Shelters Direct, Laurel,**



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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**.

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.

2010-241 **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, 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 contract 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**.

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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- 2010-242** CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, 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**.

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.

- 2010-243** CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, 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.

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.

- 2010-244** CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, 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**.

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.

- 2010-245** CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, 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 Improvement in various municipalities within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed **\$524,728**.

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.

- 2010-246** CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, 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, in an additional amount of \$329,196.10 for a new contract amount of **\$4,116,839.10**.



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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.

- 2010-247** **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, 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**.

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.

- 2010-248** **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, amending Resolution No. 2009-99, which allowed the County Manager to accept a grant from the **State Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness** for the purpose of updating the County's Pictometry aerial images, to now include the following language: 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.

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.

- 2010-249** **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, approving a pre-qualified list of vendors to provide transportation services for the **voting machines**.

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.

- 2010-250** **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, 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 an amount of **\$40,000**.

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.

- 2010-251** **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with **University Van Lines, Rahway, New Jersey**, for the purpose of transporting voting



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machines to and from polling locations throughout the County during the 2010 Election cycles in the amount of **\$40,000**.

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.

- 2010-252** CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, 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**.

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.

- 2010-253** CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, 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**.

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.

- 2010-254** CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, 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**.

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.

- 2010-255** CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, 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**.

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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- 2010-256** CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, 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**.

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.

- 2010-257** CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, 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**.

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.

- 2010-258** CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, 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.

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.

- 2010-259** CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, amending Resolution No. 2009-1143, to approve additional **Qualified Shorthand Reporters** for the period of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

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.

- 2010-260** CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to **Judith L. DiAntonio, Clark, New Jersey**, for Court Reporting Services for the period of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 in an amount not to exceed **\$20,000**.

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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- 2010-261** CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, appointing the following to the **Union County Transportation Advisory Board** for a term commencing January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010: **Ron Stefanowciz, Linden (Delegate); Steven Eisenberg (Delegate) and Steven Friedman, (Alternate) Springfield; and Stephen Thorpe, Winfield.**

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.

- 2010-262** CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, 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.

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.

- 2010-263** CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, 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.

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.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE LAUDATORY IN CONTENT:

- 2010-264** FREEHOLDER JALLOH, proclaiming the month of March 2010 as **“National Nutrition Month”** in Union County.

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.

- 2010-265** FREEHOLDER JALLOH, proclaiming the March 2010 as **“National Professional Workers” Month** in Union County.

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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- 2010-266 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, 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.

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.

- 2010-267 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, 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.

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.

- 2010-268 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, congratulating **Michael Van Liew, Boy Scout Troop 80, Cranford, New Jersey**, on attaining his Eagle Scout Award.

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.

- 2010-269 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of **James H. Williams, Cranford, New Jersey**, in this, their time of sorrow.

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.

- 2010-270 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, congratulating **Sarah Armstrong, Cranford, New Jersey**, on winning the Design Award from the Art Educators of New Jersey during Youth Art Month.

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.

- 2010-271 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, congratulating **Zachary Kozak, Boy Scout Troop 83, Kenilworth, New Jersey**, on attaining his Eagle Scout Award.



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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.

- 2010-272** **FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA**, 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.

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.

- 2010-273** **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, proclaiming the month of April 2010 as **“Parkinson’s Disease Awareness Month”** throughout the County of Union.

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.

- 2010-274** **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN AND FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, congratulating the **Hilltopper Club of Saint Mary’s High School, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, on celebrating their 10th Anniversary on April 15, 2010.

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is now open to the public for the purpose of commenting on any matter.

Maryellen Taylor, Berkeley Heights, stated that the parking sign fines for the handicap have not yet been changed from \$100 to \$250. She claims that it is disrespectful to the disabled. She said the website should be designed better for disabled services and said that there is no funding available in the County for the disabled ages 23 to 65. Ms. Taylor also feels that the disabled and soldiers should be invited into the MusicFest VIP tent.

John Bury, Kenilworth, stated that he is pleased with the improvements to the County’s website. He stated that most of the elected representatives in New Jersey are “out of touch.” He stated that there are major problems with the County’s retirement plans, lobbying, insurance health benefits, MusicFest, the budget and legal fees must be negotiated to lower the budget and health



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insurance benefits for the County employees should be cut. He asked for an explanation of 2010-262.

Director Caroselli stated that over the last few years, many of the Unions have negotiated and the employees have given up their raises for lifetime benefits after putting in the required years of service. He stated that these monies have been set aside for them to retire after 15, 20 or 25 years of service.

Jim Beuttner, Cranford, asked Chairman Sullivan to explain his support of Resolution 2010-263 that opposes the requirement of local government entities to put all documents produced on websites without providing adequate funding to do so.

Mr. Beuttner stated that Chairman Sullivan read an anonymous e-mail regarding the golf course and asked him to reveal the source. He stated that he attended the last Freeholder Meeting and said the by-laws for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board have been amended and there was no explanation as to why public speaking has been removed. He stated that the by-laws list three objectives.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, stated that the Citizens Budget Review Committee works for the citizens of the County and the public would like to get involved. He stated that the Board is in favor of the Senate Bill mentioned in Resolution 2010-263 without knowing the details. Mr. Paterson's opinion is that this Bill will be taking away local control and asked why the Board opposes the Bill. He made remarks about Freeholder Van Blake's position as a Freeholder.

Tina Renna, Cranford, asked where Freeholder Jalloh is employed. She said that she could only assume that it is by Kean University since he abstained from Resolution 2010-234. She made remarks about e-mails the Board receives and stated that they are public information.

Mrs. Renna stated that she is the administrator for the Union County Watchdog Association's Budget Committee and they will be having a roundtable meeting and the Freeholders will be invited. She made comments about OPRA requests and lifetime health benefits for the County employees.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Kowalski made comments pertaining to the cuts in funding for the services that the Department of Human Service provides, including the disabled. She said she was pleased that Mr. Gallagher came to the Freeholder Meeting to speak about the childrens' after-care program. She stated that unfortunately, it appears that more funding cuts are going to happen. She urged the public to contact State representatives as they are the decision makers.

Freeholder Kowalski reminded everyone that daylight savings time begins on Sunday, March 14th and to check and replenish their emergency kits. She said she is very proud of the students and



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administration of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools and is pleased to see that Union County is the lowest cost per pupil expenditure compared to Vocational-Technical Schools throughout New Jersey.

Freeholder Kowalski announced that the Teen Arts Show will be held at Union County College on March 18th and March 19th from 9:00-2:00, which will consist of music, theater, dance and visual arts.

Freeholder Mirabella stated that in reference to Resolution 2010-272, the Union County Utilities Authority received a Public Service Award for their Public Safety Advertisement, a four or five minute video showing how waste is turned into energy.

Freeholder Mirabella spoke of the upcoming ribbon cutting for the new Linden Fire Station located at 1 South Wood Avenue, the new Linden Library that should be opened soon and the Linden Fire Station located on St. George's Avenue and Dewitt Street that opened in September. He said that this was all made possible by the Union County Improvement Authority, the County of Union and the City of Linden.

Freeholder Estrada congratulated Irish-Americans on St. Patrick's Day. He stated that he is a graduate of St. Patrick's High School and said that everyone takes pleasure in celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

Freeholder Estrada stated that he attended the National Association of Counties Conference in Washington, D.C. and Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi spoke about the importance of the American Recovery Reform and how it has affected the entire country. Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius spoke of the importance of the Health Insurance Reform Legislation, which is being considered. Freeholder Estrada stated that the public option should be a part of the process and this issue has split our nation. Secretary Sebelius spoke of the importance of pre-existing conditions and the importance of getting people back to work. Additionally, she spoke of the potential for Comprehensive Immigration Reform legislation.

Freeholder Estrada stated that last week three people died in our country from the H1N1 virus, which is evidence that it still exists and reoccurrences are expected.

Freeholder Estrada stated that it is critical to fill out the Census questionnaire and return. This is the way government determines aid and assistance for local communities. He said it helps structure our State and the nation.

Freeholder Jalloh reminded the public that Runnells Specialized Hospital Foundation Casino night is an important fundraiser that will be held on March 26th.

Freeholder Jalloh stated that even though the media has not been talking about much about the devastation in Haiti, donations are still needed. He commends the staff at the Haitian Resource Centers for all their hard work.



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Freeholder Ward announced that the Union County Commission on the Status of Women will be hosting the 18th Annual Women of Excellence Awards. She mentioned the names of the women who will be honored this year, including our own, Marie Oakie, who will be honored for all the years she dedicated to Government. She stated that a dinner will be held in their honor at the Westwood on March 26th.

Vice Chairman Scanlon announced that the County will be sponsoring a recycling event for electronic equipment on Saturday, March 27 from 9am to 2pm at the Alcatel-Lucent Facility, 600 Mountain Avenue, New Providence and all residents of Union County are eligible to participate at no cost. There is a limit of six electronic items per car and the equipment will be disposed of in an environmentally proper manner.

Vice Chairman Scanlon also announced that March is National Womens' History Month and it so happens that this is a census year. In celebration of both, she cited some information that the Census Bureau has collected about women, which shows how far women have come, how much they have contributed and how much more our generation can contribute as we make our own place in history.

Vice Chairman Scanlon stated that the St. Patrick's Day Parade has been rescheduled for March 27th due to the anticipated heavy rains.

Chairman Sullivan replied to a previous speaker's question regarding his opposition to Resolution 2010-263 is based on unfunded mandates. He stated that e-mails sent to the Board is considered a public document and he did not reveal the person's name as he felt that it was inappropriate, however, he said if anyone would like to see the e-mail, it was available to them. He said that Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) is a disaster and Republicans and Democrats are trying to reform it.

Chairman Sullivan announced that he loves being Chairman of the Freeholder Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sullivan called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35pm. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor and Freeholder Van Blake absent.

The voucher list through March 3, 2010 will be available for public perusal in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.



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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 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



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