



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2010

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:11pm. Roll call showed Vice Chairman Deborah P. Scanlon, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Rick Proctor and Freeholder Nancy Ward were present. Freeholder Rayland Van Blake was 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.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Sullivan called upon Vice Chairman Scanlon to make a presentation to the Union Middle School Team.

1. A Presentation to Union Middle School Team for winning second place honors at the 2009-2010 Northeast 5th and 6th Grade Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl.

Vice Chairman Scanlon stated that she had the good fortune to present Resolutions to the second place winners of the 2009-2010 Northeast 5th and 6th grade Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl which consisted of twenty students. Vice Chairman Scanlon explained that it is a scholastic, computer-team competition which was created by Harvey and Shirley Kimble in Iowa in 1989. She stated the contest is offered to forty-eight states in the United States. She said the Union Middle School Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl competed on February 24, 2010 and posted a score of 1186 and they easily outscored eight New Jersey teams and placed second overall in the Northeast Competition.

Vice Chairman Scanlon called upon Larry Petrie, the Team's Advisor. Mr. Petrie stated modestly that he only assembles the team and places them in front of a computer and the students do the rest. Mr. Petrie called upon the Team Captain, Benny. Benny thanked the Board for recognizing the team and stated that they were thrilled and surprised by the results.



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He stated that the National completion is in two weeks and said if they do well, he is hoping the Board will invite them back.

Mr. Petrie stated that they are truly a great group of individuals and he thanked the Board. Vice Chairman Scanlon also presented Mr. Petrie with a Resolution.

2. A Presentation to Roselle Catholic Girls Basketball Team congratulating them on their successful record and becoming the back to back Union County Tournament Champions in 2009 and 2010.

Chairman Sullivan and Freeholder Jalloh congratulated the Roselle Catholic High School Girls Basketball Team on their successful record, becoming back-to-back Union County Tournament Champions in 2009 and 2010. Chairman Sullivan stated that he and Freeholder Jalloh are alumni of Roselle Catholic High School and are very proud to present them with the Resolutions. He called upon the team and Coach Skrec.

Coach Skrec thanked the Board for the recognition and stated that they are a well-rounded group of girls. He stated that last year the entire team made the honor roll and this year, seven out of nine girls made the honor roll. He mentioned the impressive statistics and rankings for this year and last year's team.

Chairman Sullivan stated that as an Alumni of Roselle Catholic and a resident of Union County, the Team has provided him and Freeholder Jalloh with an enormous amount of pride.

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 eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

Note and File

Oaths of Office



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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Sullivan called for a motion to approve the following Minutes:

1. March 18, 2010 – Agenda Meeting Minutes
2. March 25, 2010 – Regular Meeting Minutes

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Jalloh, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the March 18, 2010 Agenda Meeting Minutes with Vice Chairman Scanlon abstaining and Freeholder Van Blake absent and eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the March 25, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes with 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.

Dan Aschenbach, Cranford, Cranford Committee member, stated that he was there in support of Resolution 2010-333 and thanked the Board for their support of the Cranford Fireworks.

Charlotte Brown, Elizabeth, President of the United Youth of New Jersey and President of the African Heritage Day Parade stated that she was pleased to see that the Board appreciates, supports and recognizes the children of Union County. She thanked the Board for supporting the African Heritage Day Parade and said that Freeholder Estrada was last year's Grand Marshal and has been very supportive. She recognized the long relationship she has had with Chairman Sullivan.

Jennifer Costa, Elizabeth, stated that she supports Resolution 2010-330. She said this is the only Portugal Parade in Union County and said that there is a strong Portuguese population and they are focused on their heritage and it draws more and more people every year. She said that she is grateful for the Board's support.

Slavic Umanski, Manalapan, stated that he is the President of the General Pulaski Parade Committee and said that the Pulaski Parade has significant meaning to the City of Linden and is looking forward to the Board's continued support and gave his thanks.

Jim Beuttner, Cranford, stated that he appreciates the support given for the Cranford fireworks, and is asking Cranford to give back 4% of the money allocated in order to cut the budget. He stated that the Township could afford to have \$200 less fireworks and this will help with cutting the budget. He stated that 1 to 4% cuts should be made on other items and this will help offset the proposed 4.4% budget increase.



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John Bury, Kenilworth, asked for an explanation of Resolution 2010-327. He said that he thinks that it is for real estate appraisals and asked if the inventory is for County-owned property and if it is State mandated.

Director of Finance Larry Caroselli explained that many years ago, the State required that inventory take place on fixed assets and since it has been about ten to twelve years since the last inventory, he felt that it was an appropriate time to have it performed.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, made comments to Resolutions 2010-330 through 2010-338. He stated that he is not opposed to the donations, but said since the Open Space, Recreation Preservation Trust Fund is a fixed tax, he asked if the money can come from that Fund. He said the budget is a fluctuating tax and asked why this cannot be transferred into the Open Space, Recreation Preservation Trust Fund since the rates are fixed.

Chairman Sullivan replied to Mr. Paterson's inquiry and said that Mr. Paterson's suggestion is not eligible under the rules of the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund. Mr. Paterson asked who sets the rules. Chairman Sullivan replied that the rules are implemented by the State.

Mr. Paterson commented on Resolutions 2010- 345, 2010-346, 2010-348, 2010-350, 2010-351 and 2010-352, regarding the "not to exceed" terminology. He asked if it automatically means that it is for not competitive bidding.

County Manager Devanney stated that they are all Request for Proposals (RFP) to a number of firms and they are not competitive bids. He said that many are Stimulus dollars and meet the State and Federal requirements.

Director of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Joseph Graziano stated the RFP goes to multiple consulting firms that have been approved in the beginning of the year. He said that the RFP's are given to a minimum of three firms, and in some cases to four or five firms and proposals are submitted and evaluated.

Mr. Paterson said that if they are bidding on quantity, then why are the Resolutions reading "not to exceed."

Pat Field, Hillsborough, stated that he was there to represent the Plainwood Square Merchants Association Concert Series. She urged the Board to consider the funding so the Plainfield summer concert series could take place again this year, as it is good for business and the community.

Manny LaCosta, Elizabeth, thanked the Board for their continued support as mentioned in Resolution 2010-339. He said the concerts bring tens of thousands of people to Elizabeth and it is beneficial to the businesses. He said that he applauds the Freeholders for their efforts for all that they do on a daily basis and said that he appreciates their continued support.



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RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Sullivan called for a motion to adopt Resolutions 2010-322 through 2010-370.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR ADOPTION:

- 2010-322** **FREEHOLDER JALLOH**, amending Resolution No. 2008-659 (BA. #104-06), bid award to **Modern Medical, Farmingdale, New York**, for maintenance and repair of hospital equipment for the period of September 29, 2008 through September 28, 2010 in an additional amount of \$22,971.98 for a new total contract amount of **\$137,831.90**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

- 2010-323** **FREEHOLDER JALLOH**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Standard Textile, Cincinnati, Ohio**, to purchase uniforms through NJHA Group Purchasing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:9-87 & 88 for the period of April 2, 2010 through December 31, 2010 in the amount of **\$8,800**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

- 2010-324** **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to award subcontracts to the listed agencies in the total amount of **\$1,171,212** to provide primary medical care, other medical related services and legal services to people with HIV/AIDS, for the contract period of March 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011. This resolution would further authorize the County Manager to transfer funds among the agencies listed during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the listed agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

- 2010-325** **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to award subcontracts to the listed agencies in the total amount of **\$351,710** to provide support services to people with HIV/AIDS, for the contract period of March 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011. This resolution would further authorize the County Manager to transfer funds among the agencies listed during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the listed agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation.



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On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

- 2010-326 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA**, authorizing the use of competitive contracting for the selection of a credit card services concessionaire pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 1999, c.440 (c.40A:11-4.1) are desired to be contracted.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

- 2010-327 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **CBIZ Valuation Group, LLC, Germantown, Wisconsin**, to provide a complete physical inventory of all assets in an amount not to exceed **\$31,800**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

- 2010-328 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).

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

- 2010-329 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA**, an amendment to the Temporary 2010 Budget in the amount of \$1,603,076 as a result of notification received from the following agencies for an accumulative total of **\$242,645,778**.

- . City of Newark – **\$1,603,076**
“Ryan White 2010 HIV Grant”

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

- 2010-330 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to make available to the **Elizabeth Portugal Day Committee** the sum of **\$4,000**.



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On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

- 2010-331 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA,** authorizing the County Manager to make available to the **African Heritage Day Parade** the sum of **\$4,000.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

- 2010-332 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA,** authorizing the County Manager to make available to the **General Pulaski Parade Committee** the sum of **\$4,000.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

- 2010-333 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA,** authorizing the County Manager to make available to the **Cranford Fireworks** the sum of **\$5,000.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

- 2010-334 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA,** authorizing the County Manager to make available to the **Strike Merchants Scholarship Foundation** the sum of **\$2,500.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

- 2010-335 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA,** authorizing the County Manager to make available to the **Plainwood Square Merchants Association Concert Series** the sum of **\$4,000.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

- 2010-336 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA,** authorizing the County Manager to make available to the **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Fireworks** the sum of **\$4,000.**



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On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

- 2010-337 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to make available to the **New Jersey Historic Preservation Conference** the sum of **\$2,500**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

- 2010-338 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to make available to the **Columbian Festival** the sum of **\$4,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

- 2010-339 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to make available to **Melly Mel Productions** the sum of **\$8,000** for the Elizabeth Avenue Carnival and the Elizabeth Waterfront Concert.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

- 2010-340 FREEHOLDER WARD**, re-appointing the following members to the Senior Citizen & Disabled Resident Transportation Advisory Board for a term commencing January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012: **Rosemary Coppola, Beatrice Lieberman, Patricia Rufolo and Beverly Warmbrand**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

- 2010-341 FREEHOLDER WARD**, re-appointing the following members to the Union County Air Traffic and Noise Advisory Board to represent the City of Rahway for the term commencing January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011: **Jeffery Robinson (Delegate) and Joseph Paszek (Alternate)**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.



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- 2010-342** **VICE CHAIRMAN SCANLON**, amending Resolution No. 2009-565, to reflect the name change of MAR Acquisition Group, LLC to **84-86 First Street Housing, LLC, Elizabeth, New Jersey.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

- 2010-343** **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 Parks & Community Renewal, Division of Golf Operations: **Us eDirect, Huntington, New York**, to exercise an extension option for the computerized golf reservation system. This contract has an ending date of January 13, 2012 in an amount not to exceed **\$68,504.52.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

- 2010-344** **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, amending Resolution No. 2009-377, (BA #27), a bid award to **Alper Enterprises, Moorestown, New Jersey**, approving Change Order No. 1 for additional work performed for the slate roof repairs to the former Park Headquarters Building located in Warinanco Park, Elizabeth, New Jersey in an additional amount of \$8,886 for a new contract amount of **\$293,886.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

- 2010-345** **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a professional engineering service contract with **Neglia Engineering Associates, Lyndhurst, New Jersey**, for design, construction administration and inspection services for the 2010 County aid road resurfacing project for various County municipalities in amount not to exceed **\$249,500.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.



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- 2010-346** CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a professional engineering service contract with **Maser Consulting, Red Bank, New Jersey**, for the design engineering, construction administration and inspection services for the replacement of three culverts in the City of Linden, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed **\$287,080. (CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN)**

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

- 2010-347** CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a professional engineering service contract with **Maser Consulting, Red Bank, New Jersey**, for the design, engineering construction administration and inspection services for the replacement of three culverts in the City of Plainfield, New Jersey, Townships of Scotch Plains and Springfield, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed **\$287,080.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

- 2010-348** CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a professional engineering service contract with **Alaimo Group, Mt. Holly, New Jersey**, for design, construction administration and inspection services for the replacement of three culverts in Berkeley Heights, Roselle and Summit, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed **\$340,000.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

- 2010-349** CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a professional engineering service contract with **Key Tech, Keyport, New Jersey**, for on-call testing services for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 in an amount not to exceed **\$85,000.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

- 2010-350** CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a professional engineering service contract with **T&M Consulting, Middletown, New Jersey**, for design, construction administration and inspection services for the intersection



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improvement project Centennial Avenue Corridor, Township of Cranford, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed **\$161,900.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

- 2010-351** CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a professional engineering service contract with **Pennoni Associates, Haddon Heights, New Jersey**, for construction administration and inspection services for the ARRA 2009 road resurfacing project in various municipalities in the County in an amount not to exceed **\$230,058.50.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

- 2010-352** CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a professional engineering service contract with **Birdsall Services Group, Cranford, New Jersey**, for design, construction administration and inspection services for the 2010 ARRA road resurfacing project in Municipalities in the County in an amount not to exceed **\$240,617.90.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

- 2010-353** CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a lease agreement with **Morning Star Community Development Urban Renewal Corporation, Inc., Linden, New Jersey**, for the purpose of leasing space for the Union County Division of Youth Services Bureau, 1130 E. St. George Avenue, Linden, New Jersey, for the period of May 1, 2010 through April 31, 2011 to include the option to renew the lease for one additional year in an amount not to exceed **\$159,984.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

- 2010-354** CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, amending Resolution No. 2007-742, a professional engineering service contract with **Netta Architects, Springfield, New Jersey**, for the purpose of providing additional architectural services for the Union County Courthouse elevator modernization and replacement in an additional amount of \$10,200 for a new contract amount of **\$189,100.**



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On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

- 2010-355** **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with **GTBM, Inc., East Rutherford, New Jersey**, to upgrade an existing Mobile Data Computer project in an amount not to exceed **\$148,546.03**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE LAUDATORY IN CONTENT:

- 2010-356** **FREEHOLDER PROCTOR**, commending the following **MRC (Medical Reserve Corps)** volunteers for their assistance in the H1N1 vaccination campaign:

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| . Angela Mattos, RN | . Linda Hartley, RN |
| . Barbara McDevitt, MD | . Lourdes Duque, NP |
| . Benee Graff, RN | . Lucille Marro, RN |
| . Betty Woodruff, RN | . Mae Lopina, RN |
| . Bob Pipchick | . Margaret Phearson-McCue |
| . Brenda Ash, RN | . Nancymarie Bride, RN |
| . Cecilia Reyes, RN | . Pam Kaczor, RN |
| . Maureen Chapnick, RN | . Pam Yu-Ping Lee, PA |
| . Christine Tarantino, RN | . Peg Pipchick, RN |
| . Diane McVey, RN | . Rachel Herz, RN |
| . Eugene Reiss | . Thomas McCue |
| . Jeanne Jensen, RN | . Tim Healy |
| . Joan McTeigue, RN | . Vicky Doty, RN |
| . Joann Goldstein, RN | . Victoria Romano, RN |
| . Julie Diddell, RN | . Viera Bigosinski, RN |
| . Kate Evans, RN | . Wildina Enjambre, RN |
| . Libby Reiss, RN (ret) | . Dr. Barbara McDevitt |
| . Dr. Patricia Castaldi, Dean of the Union County College Nursing Program | |
| . Trinitas School of Nursing | |
| . Union County College | |

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.



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2010-357 VICE CHAIRMAN SCANLON, congratulating the 2010 Shade Tree Poetry Contest Winners.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

2010-358 VICE CHAIRMAN SCANLON, congratulating and recognizing the achievements of the Union Middle School Team for winning second place honors at the 2009-2010 Northeast 5th and 6th Grade Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

2010-359 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN AND FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA, congratulating Father Donald Hummel on being honored by the Union County Human Relations Commission with the Unity Award for Achievement.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

2010-360 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, congratulating CONTACT We Care on being honored by the Union County Human Relations Commission with the Unity Award for Achievement.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

2010-361 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, congratulating Restore Ministries on being honored by the Union County Human Relations Commission with the Unity Award for Achievement.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

2010-362 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, congratulating Joseph Bonacorso on being honored by the Union County Human Relations Commission with the Unity Award for Achievement.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.



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2010-363 **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, congratulating **Jordan Siegel** on being honored by the Union County Human Relations Commission with the Unity Award for Achievement.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

2010-364 **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, congratulating **Rosa Floyd** on being honored by the Union County Human Relations Commission with the Unity Award for Achievement.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

2010-365 **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, congratulating **Westminster Comforters** on being honored by the Union County Human Relations Commission with the Unity Award for Achievement.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

2010-366 **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, congratulating **Elisa Sanaman** on being honored by the Union County Human Relations Commission with the Special Unity Award for Achievement.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

2010-367 **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, congratulating **Annie Lucas** on being honored by the Union County Human Relations Commission with the Special Unity Award for Achievement.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

2010-368 **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, congratulating **Sandra Cureton** on being honored by the Union County Human Relations Commission with the Special Unity Award for Achievement.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.



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2010-369 **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, congratulating **Flor Gonzales** on being honored by the Union County Human Relations Commission with the Special Unity Award for Achievement.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

2010-370 **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN AND THE ENTIRE BOARD**, congratulating **Denise Laspata, Director, Division of Personnel Management and Labor**, on her retirement and commending her for her years of service to Union County.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Mary Ellen Taylor, Berkeley Heights, thanked the Union County Watchdog Association for taping the budget hearings. She made comments pertaining to the discussions made during the Prosecutor and Surrogates budget hearings. She suggested that the budget hearings be monitored.

John Bury, Kenilworth, stated that there is an item in the budget for \$22 million that has been labeled as DDT, Institution for Development for the Disabled and Maintenance of Patients for State Institutions for the Mentally Retarded. He said that according to the New Jersey Statute, the County pays for patients who enter these facilities and the County is reimbursed. He stated that going back to 2003-2004 the Revenue and Appropriations were equal, but looking at the audits on the website, most counties do not have their audits posted, however Union County does. He remarked that Union County has a good website. He stated that the non-budget revenue has an item listed as DDT Institute of Developmental Disabled for \$550,000 and \$593,000 and the other Counties who have audits listed do not have that item listed at all. He claims that Union County is making a profit of \$600,000 off the mentally retarded.

Chairman Sullivan called upon Director of Finance Larry Caroselli to respond.

Director Caroselli explained that the amounts contained in the budget is for Revenue and Appropriations. He said that the County is responsible for 12.5% of the costs associated with Union County residents who are housed in the developmental institutes in New Jersey. He stated that he believes that Mr. Bury was speaking of the money collected in the Miscellaneous Revenue not anticipated. He said that other counties may include it in the anticipated value, but Union



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County separates the State monies as the State might be estimating over and above the original estimate for Union County.

Director Caroselli explained further that at the time of the Budget adoption, the appropriations and revenue have been put in place by the State. He stated that during the year, the State may collect other monies for individuals that may enter into these institutions from April through December. He stated that these monies are paid by the State, not the residents, and the County is not making money off the disabled. He reiterated that the County is responsible for 12.5% of the cost and this may increase to 15%.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, stated that he appreciated Director Caroselli's explanation, however, part of the non-budget revenue is for the cell tower that sits on County owned land in Scotch Plains. The line item is for approximately \$8 million. He asked if these monies remain in the fund balance throughout the year.

Mr. Paterson said that when he was at the budget hearing Freeholder Mirabella stated that the Capital Expenditure portion of the budget hearing will be held at a later date. He stated that he was under the impression that it was scheduled for this evening, but the meeting was not open to the public.

Chairman Sullivan stated that the Fiscal Committee had a meeting and Freeholder Mirabella, Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, will have comments in the Freeholder portion of the Meeting regarding the Capital Expenditure portion of the Budget Hearing.

Mr. Paterson stated that he was disappointed that the Freeholders did not attend the Citizens Review Committee meeting and said that it will be viewed on Channel 35 but was not sure when. He urged the Board to view it before voting on the budget.

Mr. Paterson made comments pertaining to Resolutions 2010-346, 2010-347, 2010-348, 2010-350 and 2010-352. He said that on the NJpoliticker.com website there was a report about firms who has given political donations in 2009 and the same names were mentioned as in aforementioned Resolutions.

Nancy Twaskas, Elizabeth, stated that she went golfing at Ashbrook Golf Course and mentioned that the War Memorial plaques are missing and others are in disrepair. She urged the Board to have them repaired and/or replaced prior to Memorial Day. She also stated that she noticed that at least fifty trees have been removed. She said that she only played the front nine holes and said that it is possible that even more trees may have been removed.

Chairman Sullivan stated that he will speak to Director of the Division of Golf Operations Armando Sanchez and will have answers for her at the next Regular Meeting.



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Jim Beuttner, Cranford, spoke of articles in the Start Ledger regarding Senate Bills that are at the State level and he urged the Board to support these bills via Resolutions which pertain to setting a limit to salaries of any New Jersey public employee stating that they should earn less than the Governor and the other Senate Bill states limitations on the Pay to Play process.

Mr. Beuttner stated that there were pages of listings of foreclosures and remarked that residents of Union County are in need of help. He stated that taxpayers are overburdened. He thanked the Board for the \$5,000 for the Cranford fireworks, but urged them to reduce it by 4%. He suggested other ways to reduce the budget.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Kowalski said that in reference to the previous speaker, the County has taken action to help with the foreclosure problem in Union County. Director of Human Services Frank Guzzo and Director of Parks and Community Renewal Al Faella and County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi have put a foreclosure task in place. She urged the County residents to check the County website and advise those that are in need, as they may not know that there is help available.

Freeholder Kowalski stated that the Census 2010 is a national issue and said that on Monday, April 12th on the Courthouse steps in Elizabeth, the U.S. Census Bureau, the Mayor of Elizabeth J. Christian Bollwage and other representatives will be in attendance along with a mail truck at noon and they will be able to help with questions about the census form.

Freeholder Kowalski spoke about the New Jersey Historic Preservation Conference mentioned on the evening's Agenda. She said that it will be held at the new Union County College Kellogg Building located in Elizabeth on Wednesday, June 2nd. She said that it is an honor to have it take place in Elizabeth and added that it is an appropriate place as there are several historical sites in and around the City. She said that there will be hundreds of people coming from around the state and will be touring Warinanco Park and Downtown Elizabeth and she is proud to sponsor the Conference.

Freeholder Kowalski stated that she accompanied Freeholder Estrada at Groundworks Elizabeth Clean up in Mattano Park and mentioned that there were many students from Elizabeth High School that participated in the cleanup efforts.

Freeholder Kowalski mentioned that she, along with Chairman Sullivan, Vice Chairman Scanlon and Freeholder Estrada attended the Women of Excellence dinner and said it was an enjoyable evening with a broad range of categories of outstanding women who are among our community.

Freeholder Mirabella recognized former Freeholder Chester Holmes that was in the audience and made mention of the Strike Merchants Scholarship Fund that Freeholder Holmes champions and the Board continues to support. He stated it was great seeing Mr. Holmes.



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Freeholder Mirabella announced that the Fiscal Capital Budget hearing will be held on April 22, 2010 at 6:00pm.

Freeholder Estrada stated that he attended the Freeholder Scholarship Award evening that was held at Union County College. He mentioned that Chairman Sullivan, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Jalloh were also in attendance. He thanked those who gave donations.

Freeholder Estrada stated that he and Freeholder Kowalski attended the Relay for Life that was held at the Union County Vocational-Technical High School. He stated that \$200,000 was raised by young individuals and their seriousness was evident of how cancer has had an impact on them.

Freeholder Estrada stated that in reference to the 2010 Census, the Cities of Elizabeth and Plainfield has fallen just below the minimum of mailing back the census questionnaires. He urged the public to fill them out and mail them back and is it vital to our community.

Vice Chairman Scanlon stated that in reference to a previous speaker about the list of foreclosures mentioned in the newspaper, she explained that many homes have been redeemed via refinancing for lower rates, making it more affordable which results in homeowners saving their homes. She said even though they make the papers, it is not as bleak as it seems.

Vice Chairman Scanlon spoke about the Kids Recreation Trust Fund. She stated that every year they announce the funding for local recreation improvements through the Kids Recreation Trust Fund. She said that for 2010 the County has received \$1,000,000 in dollar-for-dollar matching grants for municipal recreation projects, scholarships and safety equipment. She said that over the past six years, these monies have funded many worthy projects that have helped families throughout Union County engage their children in more healthy outdoor activities. The Trust Fund is part of the Union County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, which was established in 2000 by popular referendum and we continue to be grateful for the public spirit that motivated Union County voters to approve the Trust Fund referendum with overwhelming support.

Vice Chairman Scanlon acknowledged former Freeholder Holmes' attendance.

Chairman Sullivan spoke about the Westfield/Mountainside Human Services Consolidation. He stated that the Board has been encouraging municipalities to adopt shared service measures because they help local governments save money and manage their budgets more effectively. He stated that the Westfield council recently passed a measure that will transfer its social services caseload, along with that of Mountainside, to the Union County Department of Human Services. The move is expected to save about \$100,000 on the Westfield budget. He said it is a clear-cut example of the ways that municipalities can use existing County resources that are available to them. He stated that the Board has been proactive in pursuing cost saving initiatives such as shared I.T. services and shared purchasing. He congratulated the Towns of Westfield and Mountainside.



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Chairman Sullivan stated that a previous speaker mentioned the Union County website. He stated that Union County received the Website Award. He said a survey of county websites was just conducted by the New Jersey Taxpayers' Association, the Rutgers School of Public Affairs and Administration, the New Jersey Foundation for Open Government and Common Cause of New Jersey. He explained that the survey looks at 49 criteria which covered five areas: contact information for county officials and employees, public meetings, allocation of resources, equipment and descriptive details. He said that he was pleased to report that Union County did very well and we outranked all, but four counties.

Chairman Sullivan also mentioned that a spokesperson for Common Cause said that websites are a very useful indicator of overall transparency in County government. He said he is proud of the fact that the Union County website does a good job by that standard and we will continue to evaluate our website for Union County residents.

Chairman Sullivan spoke about the Disaster Assistance for Union County residents. He stated that Federal Disaster Aid has been made available for homeowners, renters and business owners affected by severe storms and flooding in March. He said that residents of Union County can register for Disaster Assistance by calling the U.S. Department of Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or can register online.

Chairman Sullivan stated that he attended the Freeholder Scholarship Award event at Union County College. He said that twelve hundred scholarships have been awarded from Union County and the students have been enormously grateful. He said it is great to see policies implemented by the Freeholder Board take place.

Chairman Sullivan commented on the Elizabeth Parking Facility project. He stated that Tuesday, April 13th at 11:00am, the County will be joining the City of Elizabeth to celebrate the official groundbreaking for the new Parking Facility project downtown, just a block away from this building. He said the new Parking Facility is a \$40 million collaborative effort between the Elizabeth Parking Authority, the City of Elizabeth, Union County College and the County of Union. The project includes a 1,500 space parking facility and 27,000 square feet of mixed commercial and office space and said it is the kind of civic project that we need to jump start our economy and create jobs. The construction will generate about 200 jobs while work is in progress and another 60 permanent jobs will be associated with the facility after completion. He said the parking problem in this area has been a key factor in holding back the downtown community from its full economic potential, so we anticipate a positive overall impact.

Vice Chairman Sullivan also noted that the new parking spots and commercial opportunities will compliment the growing presence of Union County College, which recently opened the new Elizabeth I. Kellogg Building. He thanked the Parking Authority, the City of Elizabeth and Union County College for working with the County to move the project forward.



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Chairman Sullivan announced that Director of Finance Larry Caroselli celebrated his 60th birthday two weeks ago and he wished him a happy birthday.

Chairman Sullivan also announced that Director of Division of Personnel Management and Labor Relations Denise LaSpata is retiring next week and will be truly missed. She has been with Union County for more than 28 years. He added that her husband recently retired from the Elizabeth Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sullivan called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

The voucher list through March 24, 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.

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Agenda Setting Meetings

April 15

May 6

May 20

Double Meeting

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

November 4

Wed., December 8

Double Meeting

Wed., December 22

Double Meeting

Regular Meetings

April 22

May 13

May 20

June 10

June 24

July 29

August 19

September 16

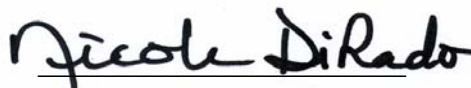
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