



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski and Freeholder Rayland Van Blake were present. Vice Chairman Deborah P. Scanlon, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Rick Proctor 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.

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

Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was led by the Clerk of the Board.

PRESENTATION TO THE PUBLIC

1. A Resolution was presented to **Kathleen Naymola** for 35 years of service as the head of Community Development, Housing and Urban Development.

Chairman Sullivan called upon Director of Parks and Community Renewal Alfred Faella and Kathleen Naymola. Director Faella stated that they were presenting Ms. Naymola with a Resolution for her thirty-five years of dedicated service to the community as the head of Community Development, Housing and Urban Development. He read the Resolution aloud.

Director Faella thanked Diane Johnson, the Director of HUD Newark Regional Office for coming and her partnership with Union County on Community Development projects.

Chairman Sullivan also thanked and congratulated Ms. Naymola on her retirement.

Ms. Naymola said that it was wonderful to help people in a County that she grew up in and said that the local programs that Director Faella runs makes her job easier.

Freeholder Proctor entered the meeting.



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PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Chairman Sullivan called upon Director of Human Services Frank Guzzo for the next presentation.

“Green Jobs = Green Skills Grant”

Presentation by:

Frank Guzzo, Director, Department of Human Services
Noel Christmas, President, Local 601, Utility Workers Union of America, New Jersey

Director Guzzo stated that he mentioned at a previous Freeholder Agenda Meeting that he would ask a representative of the Utility Workers Union of America to attend a meeting to make a presentation for “Green Jobs = Green Skills Grant.” Director Guzzo explained that Resolution 2010-784, on tonight’s Agenda, is a competitive grant and has been awarded to Union County, the only county in the country to receive this grant. He stated that it is for safety training, having emphasis on women and minorities for green jobs. He stated that this will enable this type of industry to remain competitive.

Director Guzzo introduced the President of Local 601, Noel Christmas.

Mr. Christmas stated that he is a Union County resident, President of Local 601 and Chairman of the New Jersey State Council. He stated that the goal of the Utility Workers Union of America is to train the underemployed and the unemployed by laborers for green jobs. He stated that they will be guaranteed employment in this field and become part of the union.

Chairman Sullivan thanked him for his help in obtaining the grant and said that he appreciates their partnership in the past and looks forward to their partnership in the near future. He thanked Mr. Christmas and the union.

Chairman Sullivan announced that there was a need to enter Executive Session as there are Resolutions on the Agenda that needed to be discussed prior to adoption.

Chairman Sullivan called upon Michael Murray of the Union County Alliance Newspaper to address the Board and the public prior to entering Executive Session.

Mr. Murray stated that there was a recent publication of the Union County Directions that is published by the Union County Alliance which was scheduled to be mailed in the early part of last week, a flow chart and production schedule of MusicFest. He stated that all the information that was required of the County was received by the Alliance’s deadline.



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However, all 200,000 papers sat at the mail house, which, resulted in the newspapers reaching residences after MusicFest had occurred. He stated that he spoke to the printer and the mail house and the Alliance's attorney and they are seeking compensation. He re-emphasized that the County's responsibility was done in a timely manner and he believes that it was one of the best newspapers that has been produced. He said the error was the result of production and the outside printer that was hired.

Chairman Sullivan asked Mr. Murray to keep the Board abreast of the situation and thanked him for his explanation.

Mr. Murray stated that he will keep County Manager Devanney informed on the progress.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

1. Contract negotiations with the Union County Performing Arts Center
2. Contract negotiations with the Union County Improvement Authority relative to the Oakwood Plaza Redevelopment Project
3. Contract negotiations relative to the Union County Animal Shelter
4. Contract Negotiations with the Union County Utilities Authority relative to COVANTA
5. A matter falling within Attorney-Client privileged communication

County Counsel Barry, Esq. stated that pursuant to provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act a public body may enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing certain enumerated subjects. This Board will now enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations with the Union County Performing Arts Center, contract negotiations with the Union County Improvement Authority relative to the Oakwood Plaza Redevelopment Project, contract negotiations relative to the Union County Animal Shelter, contract Negotiations with the Union County Utilities Authority relative to COVANTA and a matter falling within Attorney-Client privileged communication.

The minutes of the Executive Session shall be separated from the minutes of the Open Public Session. The minutes of the Executive Session, redacted as appropriate and necessary, shall be available in approximately 30 days. The Clerk of the Board shall retain the original minutes until such time as the confidential limitations have been removed, at which time they shall be made available.



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Upon the Board's return, it may or may not take formal action on the matters discussed.

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

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

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

Chairman Sullivan apologized to the public for the lengthy Executive Session, stating that Resolution 2010-808 needed further discussion. He thanked them for their patience.

County Counsel Barry, Esq. stated that there were two additional items discussed during the Executive Session, one pertaining to contract negotiations with the Union County Improvement Authority relative to the solar panel program and the other pertained to personnel matters.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Sullivan called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Jalloh, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Scanlon and Freeholder Mirabella absent.

Note and File

Oaths of Office



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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Sullivan called for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2010. On a motion made by Freeholder Jalloh and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Scanlon and Freeholder Mirabella absent.

1. August 19, 2010 – Regular Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Mary Ellen Taylor, Berkeley Heights, asked for the amount of the funds that will be used towards the program entitled “Children’s Justice Act Grant” and asked how the money will be spent as mentioned in Resolution 2010-785. She also asked for an explanation of Resolution 2010-786.

Director of Finance Larry Caroselli explained that Resolution 2010-785 is a grant for the Prosecutor’s Office that will be used towards the Child’s Advocacy Center. He also explained that Resolution 2010-786 is for salaries for the Bureau of Health.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, commented on Resolution 2010-784. He commended the Union Workers Utilities Authority for helping the underemployed and the unemployed. He stated that he is pleased to see union members assisting non-union members with employment.

On Resolution 2010-793, he asked for the amount of the bonds. On Resolution 2010-794, he asked why the change in vendor. On Resolution 2010-801, he asked why there is a change order in the amount of \$93,000 and on Resolution 2010-802, he found the specifications of the contract to be interesting.

Chairman Sullivan explained that Resolution 2010-793 is for recent bonds being issued in cooperation with the Federal government to build the Embassy Suites in Elizabeth. Director Caroselli explained further that the basic allocation will be provided through the stimulus program that provides tax relief for private businesses via the Union County Improvement Authority. He stated that they are revenue bonds and it is not the responsibility of the government to repay the bonds. He stated that the Resolution needs to be adopted in order to obtain the Recovery Zone Facility Bonds.

Chairman Sullivan emphasized that the County is not responsible for repayment of the bonds.



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Director of Parks and Community Development Alfred Faella stated that the bonds are for individual firms affected by the economy, totaling \$15,568,000.

Chairman Sullivan stated that the construction of the Embassy Suites will provide 350 people with construction jobs and 50 people with permanent jobs. It will also provide \$650,000 in tax revenue for the City of Elizabeth.

County Counsel Barry, Esq. stated that in reference to Resolution 2010-794, Dominion Voting Systems acquired all of the assets of Sequoia Voting Systems and they assigned the on-going maintenance originally with Sequoia Voting Systems had to be reassigned to Dominion Voting Systems.

Director of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Joseph Graziano stated that the reason for Resolution 2010-801 is a result of his department taking over the maintenance for the Juvenile Detention Center in Linden and the new Child Advocacy Center in Elizabeth, along with other buildings from the Parks Department. He stated that this includes fifty to seventy beds in the Juvenile Detention Center and janitorial and chemical supplies for the Juvenile Detention Center and other buildings. He stated that the funds for the new jail supplies have been transferred to his budget from the Department of Human Services.

Director Graziano stated that the construction in Westfield is two doors down from a vacant property and since the County uses it for parking, in turn the County will pave the lot.

Chairman Sullivan announced that he was informed by Director Graziano that the work on the new Public Safety building in Westfield will be completed by the end of September, weather permitting, thereby, it will be operational on October 1, 2010.

Jim Buettner, Cranford, stated that during the presentation that referred to Resolution 2010-784, Mr. Noel Christmas of Local 601, stated that forty-seven people have already been trained in the summer under the "Green" grant. He asked how many people received jobs from that training program.

Director Guzzo explained that the program that Mr. Christmas referred to is not the partnership with the grant that was used for the youth summer training. He stated it is unrelated. He explained that the grant that Mr. Christmas referred to has not yet commenced. He stated that the Federal grant needs certain levels of services and they typically expect quarterly progress reports. He said the program they will begin with 91 individuals for green employment, 171 for solar panel training and the third tier will consist of 166 for utility workers and they will be guaranteed a job once they successfully complete the training.

Tina Renna, Cranford, stated the Resolution 2010-779 mentions an attachment, however, she said there is no attachment. On 2010-793, she asked if the Recovery Zone Facility Bonds include Federal dollars received and asked if the amount will cover all costs including attorney



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fees and salaries of the Union County Improvement Authority staff. On Resolution 2010-788, she stated that the Kids Trust Fund states that \$20,000 per year will fund the Union County Baseball Association. She asked what the relationship is with the Union County Baseball Association and Union County. She also asked if it is an open ended contract and added that their mission is not mentioned on the County's website.

Ms. Renna asked which Resolutions were being voted on that required a two hour discussion in Executive Session.

Clerk of the Board Nicole DiRado mentioned the list of vendors for Resolution 2010-779 and they are: 1 Job, Inc., AFHE (Advancement for Haitian Education), B&M Consultants, Inc., Elizabethport Presbyterian Center, Union County College, Urban League of Union County, Inc. Venture & Venture, Inc., Workforce Advantage, YWCA of Central New Jersey.

Director Guzzo added that Temporary Assistance to Needy Families is a public assistance grant to help with getting individuals off of welfare and added that the vendors need to be on the State's eligibility list. He stated that there is a Request for Proposal (RFP) which the County follows in selecting vendors.

Chairman Sullivan called upon Director of Parks and Community Renewal to respond to Resolution 2010-788. Director Faella stated that there is no direct relationship with the Union County Baseball Association, only that Union County supports the league. He stated that this is an avenue for young individuals to play baseball who cannot afford other leagues and it is open to all races and ethnic groups.

Chairman Sullivan called upon Director Caroselli to respond to Resolution 2010-793. Director Caroselli stated that the purpose of the Resolution it is to provide tax incentives for small businesses. He stated that the Union County Improvement Authority will not be receiving \$15 million and the total cost of the budget has not been yet determined. He stated that the Union County Improvement Authority is the entity for which the bonds are being secured and no salary or fees will be taken from the Union County Improvement Authority.

Chairman Sullivan apologized for the length of time they were in Executive Session. He stated that there were several items to be discussed and Resolution 2010-808 needed further discussion prior to adoption.

John Bury, Kenilworth, asked if Chairman Sullivan was certain that they were discussing Resolution 2010-808.

Chairman Sullivan stated that there were five items plus two additional items that were discussed during Executive Session. He said that there was one Resolution discussed, and the possibility of more could have been added to tonight's Agenda.



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RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Sullivan called for a motion to adopt Resolutions 2010-772 through 2010-820.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR ADOPTION:

- 2010-772 FREEHOLDER JALLOH**, amending Resolution No. 2009-1166, a contract with **Penn Jersey Paper Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania** for an **additional \$7,000** to purchase equipment for the Housekeeping Department at Runnells Specialized Hospital for a new contract amount of **\$110,000**.

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

- 2010-773 FREEHOLDER JALLOH**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Cream-O-Land, Florence, New Jersey** for the purchase of milk and dairy products for Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 in the amount of **\$132,000**.

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

- 2010-774 FREEHOLDER JALLOH**, amending Resolution No. 2009-571, a contract with **VIP Special Services, LLC, West Orange, New Jersey** to reflect a **change in account number** only.

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

- 2010-775 FREEHOLDER JALLOH**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a clinical affiliation agreement with **Lincoln Technical Institute, Edison, New Jersey** to cooperate in providing clinical facilities in nursing for students enrolled in the Practical Nurse Program for the contract period September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2010 at no cost to the County.

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



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- 2010-776 FREEHOLDER JALLOH**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a clinical affiliation agreement with **Rutgers College of Nursing, Newark, New Jersey** for graduate nursing education for the contract period August 2, 2010 through August 3, 2012 at no cost to the County.

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

- 2010-777 FREEHOLDER JALLOH**, amending Resolution No. 2010-376, a contract with **Direct Supply, Milwaukee, Wisconsin**, for the purchase of equipment and furniture for an **additional \$13,000** for a total contract amount of **\$82,215.97**.

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

- 2010-778 FREEHOLDER JALLOH**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with **Drexel University, College of Nursing and Health Professions, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**, to establish a clinical affiliation for nursing education for the period of July 2, 2010 through June 30, 2011, to renew automatically at no cost to the County.

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

- 2010-779 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to award contracts to the attached agencies for the ten (10) month period September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 under the **Work First New Jersey Program** in the total amount not to exceed **\$1,433,862**. 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 its contractual obligations.

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

- 2010-780 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to endorse and approve the **2011 Comprehensive County Youth Services Plan and Application Update** in the amount of **\$769,252** as required by the State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission for funding period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.



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

- 2010-781 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, amending Resolution No. 2009-551, to extend the contract period through June 30, 2011. This extension will allow for maximum use of available American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Grant dollars from the **New Jersey State Department of Labor and Workforce Development** in the form of Individual Training Contracts. The training providers will be taken from the New Jersey State Eligible Training Provider List.

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

- 2010-782 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a shared services agreement with **Bergen County** for the purposes of providing up to 20 secure detention beds for its detention population on an as needed basis effective November 1, 2010 through October 31, 2011 at a per diem cost of **\$225**.

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

- 2010-783 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA**, modifying the 2010 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of **\$9,431** as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: **“Law Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment Fund Grant”** for a total grant amount of **\$25,620**.

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

- 2010-784 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA**, modifying the 2010 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of **\$1,000,840** as a result of notification received from the U.S. Department of Labor for a program entitled: **“Green Skills = Green Jobs Grant”** for a total grant amount of **\$1,000,840**.

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



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- 2010-785 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA**, modifying the 2010 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of **\$24,161** as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey Department of Children and Families for a program entitled: **“Children’s Justice Act Grant”** for a total grant amount of **\$24,161**.

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

- 2010-786 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA**, modifying the 2010 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of **\$469,981** as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services for a program entitled: **“LINCS Grant”** for a total grant amount of **\$469,981**.

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

- 2010-787 VICE CHAIRMAN SCANLON**, authorizing the County Manager to authorize payment to the **City of Summit, New Jersey** for deer management efforts conducted in part on property owned by the County of Union, per policy established in Resolution No. 115-2005 in the amount of **\$5,000**.

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

- 2010-788 VICE CHAIRMAN SCANLON**, authorizing the County Manager to sponsor the **Union County Baseball Association** and designating the Kids Recreation Trust Fund as a source of funds in the amount of **\$20,000 per year**.

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

- 2010-789 VICE CHAIRMAN SCANLON**, authorizing the County Manager to apply for, administer and dispense the **Neighborhood Stabilization Funds** as authorized by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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



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- 2010-790 VICE CHAIRMAN SCANLON**, authorizing the County Manager to apply for funding from the **New Jersey Department of Transportation** for the Echo Lake Bikeway Extension 2011, in the amount of **\$346,955** with the amount of **\$87,000** that would be used as a **County match**.

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

- 2010-791 VICE CHAIRMAN SCANLON**, amending Resolution No. 2009-544, for the **2009 Consolidated Action Plan** to include projects funded with program income from the City of Linden and the City of Plainfield.

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

- 2010-792 VICE CHAIRMAN SCANLON**, amending Resolution No. 2010-507, for the **2010 Consolidated Action Plan** to include program income funded projects from the County of Union, City of Linden, City of Plainfield and City of Rahway.

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

- 2010-793 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, authorizing the County Manager to authorize **Union County Improvement Authority** to coordinate the issuance of **Recovery Zone Facility Bonds**.

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

- 2010-794 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, authorizing the **assignment of the professional service contract** originally awarded to Sequoia Voting Systems, Denver, Colorado to **Dominion Voting Systems, San Leandro, California**.

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

- 2010-795 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the **ARRA Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant**,



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Multi-Jurisdictional Gang, Gun and Narcotics Task Force Grant in the amount of **\$231,264**.

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

2010-796 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, authorizing a County **auction of surplus material** in accordance with Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq to be held on October 13, 2010.

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

2010-797 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, Public Works and Facilities: **GPC Inc., Millburn, New Jersey**, to provide alteration and expansion to the Ruotolo Building, 32 Rahway Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey in the amount of **\$929,000**.
- b. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities: **Union Paving & Construction Company, Mountainside, New Jersey**, for the replacement of Burnet Avenue/Culvert Un26 over stream 10-37-2, Township of Union in the amount of **\$333,851**.
- c. Department of Engineering and Public Works, Division of Facilities Management: **DavEd Fire Systems, Inc., Hackensack, New Jersey**, to provide fire alarm service (installation, inspection, testing and repair) in various County-owned or leased properties for a period of twenty-four consecutive months in the amount of **\$336,000**.
- d. Department of Engineering and Public Works, Division of Facilities Management: **Runnells Specialized Hospital: Pennetta Industrial Automation, LLC, Jersey City, New Jersey**, to provide installation, repair and maintenance of automatic temperature controls, automatic transfer switches, emergency generators, boilers, chillers, hot water and chilled water pumps, sump pumps, sewer ejectors, city water pressure boosting pumps, stairwell pressurization systems and smoke evacuations systems in various County owned or leased properties for a period of twenty-four consecutive months in the amount of **\$336,972**.



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- e. Department of Parks and Community Renewal: John R. Knabb & Sons, Kutztown, Pennsylvania, to furnish and deliver hay to the shed of the Watchung Stable for a period of twenty-four consecutive months in the amount of **\$334,650.**
- f. Department of Parks and Community Renewal: John R. Knabb & Sons, Kutztown, Pennsylvania, to furnish and deliver straw to the shed of the Watchung Stable for a period of twenty-four consecutive months in the amount of **\$137,500.**
- g. Department of Public Safety, Division of Health: Turn Out Fire & Safety, Jersey City, New Jersey, to exercise a twenty-four month extension option to provide uniform services for the period of December 31, 2010 through November 30, 2012 in the amount of **\$10,942.**
- h. Department of Human Services, Office of Paratransit System: Summit Truck Body, Inc., Summit, New Jersey, to provide collision repairs, body and frame alignment, wheel alignment, replacement of parts, painting, and refinishing vehicle with bodies constructed of aluminum, fiberglass or steel for buses and shuttle vans over 8,600 lbs. for the period of October 27, 2010 through October 26, 2012 in the amount of **\$123,000.**

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

- 2010-798** **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN,** authorizing the County Manager to award a professional construction administrative service contract to **Pennoni Associates, Haddon Heights, New Jersey** for construction administrative services for the Broad Street Road Rehabilitation, City of Summit, New Jersey, for a sum not to exceed **\$105,342.50.**

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

- 2010-799** **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN,** authorizing the County Manager to execute a joint funding agreement with the **U.S. Department of Interior, U.S. Geological Survey,** for the operations and maintenance of a Flood Monitoring System in the Lower Rahway River Basin, for the contract period October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 for a sum not to exceed **\$14,430.**



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

- 2010-800** **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, granting permission to the **Borough of Roselle Park** to hang a banner across Chestnut Street from Tuesday, September 7, 2010 to Monday, September 20, 2010 for the “Cruisin’ Night Car Show” to be held on Saturday, September 18, 2010.

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

- 2010-801** **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, requesting Change Order #1 to original Resolution No. 2009-320, for the purpose of **increasing the current bid amount by \$92,827.90** with **Positive Attitude, Marlboro, New Jersey** for a sum not to exceed **\$556,967.40**.

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

- 2010-802** **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, amending Resolution No. 2010-159, to extend the existing employee parking lease agreement with **440 North Avenue, East LLC, Westfield, New Jersey** for the period of July 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010 at **no cost** to the County of Union. (In lieu of rent, the Union County Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities will pave the parking area with blacktop. The value of paving is equal to the rent payment due from the County).

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

- 2010-803** **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, concurring with the **Township of Scotch Plains** granting permission to the **Department of Parks and Recreation and the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association** to hang a banner across Park Avenue at the intersection of Front Street and Park Avenue from Wednesday, September 15, 2010 to Monday, October 4, 2010 to advertise Scotch Plains Day to be held Sunday, October 3, 2010. Also granting permission to close Park Avenue between Westfield Avenue and Front Street on Sunday, October 3, 2010 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.

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



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- 2010-804** **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, amending Resolution No. 2009-1039, a contract awarded to **GRA Architects, Clark, New Jersey**, for the Union County Child Advocacy Center in Elizabeth, Jersey to reflect a change in account number only.

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

- 2010-805** **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, amending Resolution 2010-560 dated June 10, 2010 to increase the appropriation to **Bauch, Zucker, Hatfield, LLC, Springfield, New Jersey** Special Counsel in the matter entitled **Catherine Alexander v. UC, et als** for an additional sum of \$12,207.03 for a final total contract amount not to exceed **\$132,207.03**.

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

- 2010-806** **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, appointing **Weber Dowd Law, Woodland Park, New Jersey** to represent Correction Officer Alvin White in the matter entitled **Edwin Reyes v. UC, et al.** for a sum not to exceed **\$10,000**.

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

- 2010-807** **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, appointing **LaCorte, Bundy, Varady & Kinsella, Union, New Jersey** to represent Correction Officer Eric Williams in the matter entitled **Edwin Reyes v. UC, et al.** for a sum not to exceed **\$10,000**.

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

- 2010-808** **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, authorizing the County Manager to make available to the Rahway Arts District through the Union County Performing Arts Center the amount sum of **\$10,000** to foster cultural arts and economic development in the region.

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



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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE LAUDATORY IN CONTENT:

- 2010-809 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, congratulating **Kathleen Naymola** for 35 years of service as the head of Community Development for Housing and Urban Development, Newark, New Jersey.

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

- 2010-810 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, congratulating the **YWCA of Eastern Union County** for celebrating 90 years of service.

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

- 2010-811 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, congratulating **Myrtle Counts, Roselle, New Jersey**, for being selected by the YWCA of Eastern Union County at their 90th Anniversary Celebration as the recipient of the Legacy Award.

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

- 2010-812 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, congratulating **Rose O'Hare, Cranford, New Jersey**, for being selected by the YWCA of Eastern Union County at their 90th Anniversary Celebration as the recipient of the Community Partner Award.

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

- 2010-813 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, congratulating **Kelly Watson, Fanwood, New Jersey**, for being selected by the YWCA of Eastern Union County at their 90th Anniversary Celebration as the recipient of the Corporate Partner Award.

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



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- 2010-814 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD**, extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of **Lt. Jim Pfeiffer, Jr.**, a Westfield Fire Fighter and instructor at the Union County Fire Academy, in their time of sorrow.

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

- 2010-815 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, proclaiming the month of September 2010 as **"Childhood Cancer Awareness Month"** in Union County.

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

- 2010-816 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN AND THE ENTIRE BOARD**, congratulating the **Visual Art Center of New Jersey** the award recipient honored by the Board of Trustees of SAGE Eldercare at their 56th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, September 22, 2010.

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

- 2010-817 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN AND THE ENTIRE BOARD**, congratulating the **Rotary Club of Berkeley Heights Medical Alert Program** the award recipient honored by the Board of Trustees of SAGE Eldercare at their 56th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, September 22, 2010.

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

- 2010-818 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN AND THE ENTIRE BOARD**, congratulating **Mary Close** the award recipient honored by the Board of Trustees of SAGE Eldercare at their 56th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, September 22, 2010.

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

- 2010-819 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN AND THE ENTIRE BOARD**, congratulating **Grace Holzer** the recipient honored by the Board of Trustees of SAGE Eldercare at their 56th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, September 22, 2010.



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On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Ward, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Scanlon and Freeholder Mirabella absent

2010-820 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN AND THE ENTIRE BOARD, congratulating **Stacy Siddon** the award recipient honored by the Board of Trustees of SAGE Eldercare at their 56th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, September 22, 2010.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Ward, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Scanlon and Freeholder Mirabella absent

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

Chairman Sullivan called for a motion to suspend the rules. On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Van Blake, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Scanlon, Freeholder Mirabella and Freeholder Ward absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Chairman Sullivan stated that he was confused as to why the Governor's administration has stopped the New Jersey Transit Planning Authority from continuing with the ARC tunnel project as mentioned in Resolution 2010-821. He stated that it was a bipartisan unanimous vote to put the funds in place for the project. He said the mass transit tunnel is desperately needed.

Ellen Dickson, Summit, stated that Governor Christie is trying to slow down the project and to renegotiate the contracts. She stated that she attended a meeting where the project was discussed and Assemblyman Joseph Cryan and Freeholder Kowalski were also in attendance. She claims that Assemblyman Cryan also believes that Governor Christie is not cancelling the project, but putting it on hold for now.

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Chairman Sullivan called for a motion to adopt Resolutions 2010-821 and 2010-822.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION IS BEING OFFERED FOR ADOPTION FROM THE FLOOR:



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- 2010-821** **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, expressing the Board's strong support for the **Access to the Region's Core (ARC) Mass Transit Tunnel Project** under the Hudson River. This project would bring \$3 billion dollars to New Jersey creating 6,000 construction jobs every year for ten years and 44,000 permanent jobs.

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

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION IS LAUDATORY IN CONTENT:

- 2010-822** **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, expressing the Board's deepest condolences to the family of **Reverend Monsignor Louis F. Fimiani**, in this, their time of sorrow.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Ellen Dickson, Summit, stated that she attended the affordable housing meeting which was held at the Union County College Kellogg building. She wants to know how foreclosures are being monitored. She stated that so far the rate of foreclosures have been 50% higher in 2010 than in 2009 and asked how the foreclosures are affecting the County's budget.

Director Caroselli stated that the County collects its tax payments directly from the municipalities directly, not the residents and we are statutorily required to collect 100% and the municipalities are required to pay by the State Statute. He stated that to date, there has been no tardiness or efficiencies in collecting from the municipalities.

Director Faella stated that in reference to housing, the Union County Foreclosure Task Force was established to monitor foreclosure problems and they are working with agencies and grant dollars to help families facing foreclosure to remain in their homes. Other programs include outreach and door to door assistance.

Mary Ellen Taylor, Berkeley Heights, stated that there are 54 million people in the country who are disabled and they should have the rights to work. She stated that caregivers are abused because they advocate for the disabled. She made comments pertaining to ADA violation with the court system. Ms. Taylor thanked Director Guzzo for his assistance with transportation, but added that they hit a "road block." She thanked the Board for their time and for allowing her to speak without interruption.



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Joseph Dougherty, Elizabeth, commented on Galluzzo disposal waste dumpsters that have been moved to the “Bayway” section of Elizabeth. He read a statement involving the noise, air pollution from the exhaust systems of the trucks and the speed in the early morning hours. He stated that he addressed the County Engineer and County Counsel and he was advised that their actions were legal. He stated that the residents in the area were not advised in advance of the move.

Chairman Sullivan stated that Galluzzo Disposal Waste has purchased a site in Newark and should be relocating soon.

Jim Buettner, Cranford, commented on Resolution 2010-784. He stated that earlier in the evening it was mentioned that 47 people were trained in the summer and asked about the summer training program. He asked if Director Guzzo can give another presentation in four to six months with an update on the “green” training project.

Mr. Buettner asked if the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meetings have been scheduled. He asked for the status of the Parks Master Plan and about the plans for Oak Ridge Park.

Mr. Buettner commented on the \$10 on-site parking at MusicFest. He stated that he asked for a receipt, but they were not able to provide him with one. He asked who is keeping track of the money collected and asked for the amount.

Mr. Buettner stated that the Board voted to allow \$670,000 for the East Coast Greenway and he asked how many people use it for \$170,000 that was funded by Union County.

Mr. Buettner stated that he read an article in the newspaper that the Board voted in favor of having 100 tiles removed from a Cranford school in the amount of \$10,000, while the tiles are worth \$7,000. He asked if the tiles will be sold and will the County be reimbursed.

Director Guzzo explained that the summer internship consisted of 47 people. He stated that it is a specific component of the Youth Summer Employment program, whereas 47 youths graduated and received a certificate. This allows them to work in a retail environment and they also received a stipend.

Director Guzzo stated that he will ask the Workers Union to return with an update of the Program.

Chairman Sullivan stated that he agrees with the idea of an update of the green program. He stated that when the Parks Master Plan becomes available to the Board, it will be shared with the public and it will include the plans for Oak Ridge Park. He stated that no one can really determine how many people use the East Coast Greenway, but it allows for the continuation



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of the Olmsted Legacy. He stated that the project is an on-going project that has been funded by the State.

Chairman Sullivan stated that he is not aware of the plans for the tiles which were removed from the Cranford school.

Freeholder Kowalski interjected stating that the Cranford Historical Preservation Advisory Board made the proper arrangements to see if the tiles could be salvaged, as the building will be razed. It was determined by the State that they are historical. A preservation specialist from the Midwest has to travel here, remove, clean and have the tiles reconstructed in a frame. She added that a proper place will be found to have it displayed.

Chairman Sullivan responded to a previous speaker about the amount of money that was collected for parking at MusicFest.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, asked about the plan for Oak Ridge Park. He stated that the County Fair was not advertised enough and it was poorly attended. He stated that MusicFest is costly having shuttle service, personnel, maintenance and insurance costs and complained that there is no line item in the budget. He stated that the County should not be in the entertainment business. He asked who won the Zucchini and Tomato Contest and said that he was sure that no one on the Board would know.

Chairman Sullivan stated that he could not recall the winner's name, but advised Mr. Paterson that he knew the location of their residence. Mr. Paterson remained impressed.

Mr. Paterson spoke about the parking garage and solar panels and commented about cost v. savings. He commented on the County boats, the stairwell project and the new banquet facility.

Tina Renna, Cranford, asked who covers the cost for issuing bonds. She commented on the ARC Tunnel project, adding that she would benefit from the Tunnel as it is in close proximity to her home, but added that accountability needs to be done.

Ms. Renna stated that she wants the entire cost of MusicFest posted on the County's website. She claims that she submitted 31 OPRA requests for MusicFest 2009 and will not submit any for this year's MusicFest as she did not get any answers. She added that people are losing homes and government should not be in the entertainment business. Ms. Renna stated that she saw food in the garbage and stated that it should have been brought to a soup kitchen. She commented about tracking the money collected for the on-site parking.

Ms. Renna said that there was not a press release about people lost in the swamps coming from MusicFest and rescue from several municipalities, the State of New Jersey and New York had to assist. She stated that this only proves that the County Police cannot handle crowds. She commented on the West Nile Mosquitoes.



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Ms. Renna commented on two mailings which announced MusicFest. She made mention of the large photos that depicted the crowds and entertainment at MusicFest that were on display in the Freeholder Meeting Room.

Terrance Harrison, Cranford, thanked the Board for providing MusicFest. He said that he had a great time. He said that he approached the Board at a Freeholder Meeting in May about having Disk Golf Courts at Oak Ridge Park and he offered his assistance from cleaning up the park to design the disk golf courts, and just wanted to remind the Board of his offer to help.

John Bury, Kenilworth, asked how much Overlook Hospital paid to become the main sponsor. He attended the County Fair and MusicFest all four days and he was not able to find the Vegetable Contest area. He asked how many tomatoes entered the contest.

Chairman Sullivan stated that he was on-hand to judge the contest with the Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

County Manager Devanney stated that the County has a three year contract with Overlook Hospital for a total of \$100,000.

Director Caroselli stated that in reference to the Embassy Suites, the cost of issuing the bonds are factored in and the developer is responsible for repaying all associated costs.

Chairman Sullivan stated that he was at a Summit Council Meeting and only ten people from the public were only given three minutes to speak for a total of 30 minutes. He said no one was permitted to speak at the meeting who spoke at a previous meeting regarding the same subject matter. He explained to Ms. Dickson that residents are permitted to speak once, during each public comment portion.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS
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Freeholder Kowalski announced that the County introduced the Union County Wellness Discount Program last week. The Program was designed to help lower the cost of prescription drugs for Union County residents who have no insurance coverage, or who have insufficient coverage. All you need is a Wellness Program card, which is good at any participating pharmacy. When the pharmacist or cashier scans your card, a computer database will compare the available discounts and provide you with the best one. We are distributing the cards at County events, and you can also download one from our website. Just visit www.ucnj.org/wellnessdiscount.



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If you have no Internet access, you can leave a voice message with your name and address at our Wellness Program hotline, and we will mail one to you. The hotline number is 908-527-4750.

Freeholder Kowalski also mentioned that yesterday, the County completed its shared service agreement with Fanwood by assuming its public safety dispatch system. The arrangement will result in significant savings for Fanwood of almost \$230,000 over its first three years. The shared dispatch system will cover all Fanwood emergency services including Police, Fire, and EMS.

Freeholder Kowalski stated that this new shared service agreement accomplishes the best of both worlds, which is to cut costs for a local government while continuing to improve services that benefit all Union County residents. She said now, that the shared system is in place, the Union County Police Dispatching Center will serve as the call center for Fanwood.

Freeholder Kowalski announced that on September 25th from 10:00 to 2:00, at the new Public Safety Building in Westfield, the County will be collecting old medicine for proper disposal.

County Manager Devanney congratulated the Department of Public Safety on assuming the 911 dispatching system this week. He stated that they will be approaching other municipalities to explain how the shared service and the system works and how it will save their residents tax dollars. He congratulated Director of Public Safety Andrew Moran on a job well done.

County Manager Devanney commented on a previous speaker's remarks about seeing wasted food in a dumpster at MusicFest. He stated that the food was contaminated, wet and soiled. The edible leftover food was donated to an Elizabeth homeless shelter.

County Manager Devanney gave a list of outside contracts awarded to produce MusicFest at a total cost of \$500,000. He stated that sponsorships total \$150,000 so the cost was \$350,000 not millions of dollars as previous speakers have implied for the County's cost for MusicFest.

County Manager Devanney read newspaper articles and letters from sponsors, bands and e-mails that referenced how well-received MusicFest has become, they spoke about the free entertainment and how they look forward to future Union County MusicFests. The letters, articles and e-mails are attached. He added that the Crown Plaza Hotel in Clark was sold out, which helps local businesses and the economy and all this puts Union County on the map.

County Manager Devanney gave a big thanks to Administrator of Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Vikki Durbin-Drake. He stated that this was the first



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year that she was involved in organizing MusicFest, and she did not “miss a step.” He stated that it ran smoothly, better than last year. He also thanked Planning Analysis Coordinator Amy Wagner, Intergovernmental Relations Cherron Rountree and Program Coordinator Ellen Chase for their hard work. He thanked the Directors and asked them to pass his thanks on to their staff.

Chairman Sullivan gave an update on the road paving project. He stated that as of this week sixteen County roads have been paved. Oak Ridge Road is also on the list to be paved in November. He thanked the Public Works Department and Director Graziano and his staff.

Chairman Sullivan spoke about the economy and the Recovery Facility Zone Bonds and stated that the construction of the Embassy Suites in Elizabeth will provide many people jobs in construction and permanent jobs. He said that he finds it amazing that people are having issues with something as positive as this.

Chairman Sullivan stated that MusicFest is an outstanding event and praised County Manager Devanney, Administrator of Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Vikki Durbin-Drake and the County Police. He was pleased to announce that there was barely an incident having approximately 80,000 people attend.

Chairman Sullivan clarified comments of a previous speaker that the people who were lost in the swamps were coming from the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools, where they parked their car and did not take a shuttle. They were not coming from MusicFest. He stated that they are from Delaware and are not familiar with the area. He stated that the County Police tried to get to rescue them, but were unable to reach them and other emergency rescue teams were contacted. He stated that this could have ended as a real tragedy, but did not.

Chairman Sullivan stated that he was asked to announce the winners of the Zucchini and Tomato Contest on Sunday, September 12th at 2:00 and the winners were very proud of their accomplishments. He said he was appalled by individuals who laughed at them and they should feel ashamed. He urged them to attend the next Freeholder Meeting to apologize to the Contest winners.

Chairman Sullivan urged everyone to attend POW/MIA Day which will be held on the Courthouse steps on Friday, September 17th at 11:15am.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sullivan called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:55pm. On a motion made by Freeholder Proctor and seconded by Freeholder Van Blake, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Scanlon, Freeholder Mirabella and Freeholder Ward absent.



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The voucher list through September 8, 2010 will be available for public perusal in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.



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UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS' 2010 MEETING SCHEDULE

Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 7:00pm in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified. In the event an Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting are held on the same night, the Agenda Setting Session will commence at 7:00pm and the Regular Meeting will commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session.

Persons requiring a sign language interpreter should contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 908-527-4140.

Agenda Setting Meetings

September 23

October 7

November 4

Wed., December 8

Wed., December 22

Double Meeting

Double Meeting

Regular Meetings

September 30

October 14

Tues., November 23

Wed., December 8

Wed., December 22


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

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Madeline Brigantino

From: Nicole Dirado
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2010 12:36 PM
To: Madeline Brigantino
Subject: FW: CROSSROADS MusicFest experience....

From: George Devanney
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2010 10:23 AM
To: Nicole Dirado
Subject: FW: CROSSROADS MusicFest experience....

From: LeeXXRoads@aol.com [mailto:LeeXXRoads@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2010 6:50 PM
To: George Devanney
Subject: CROSSROADS MusicFest experience....

I took great pride on being a sponsor of Union County's MusicFest this year, as its grown into not just Union County's, but NEW JERSEY's premier festival experience. Seeing tens of thousands of county, state, and even out of state residents immensely enjoying the best national music acts, alongside our own local bands has been beyond inspirational. This Fest highlights the county's businesses and thriving arts scene in an unmatched way, and brings us MUCH needed exposure in a hurting economy.

MusicFest's rare ability to provide entertainment for music fans, art enthusiasts, kids, parents, food lovers and more, with a very well behaved crowd, is a testament to how diverse and essential this Fest is. George Devanney and the Board of Chosen Freeholders could not have produced a better experience for the delighted people in attendance. THANK YOU for creating the most perfect vehicle for showcasing Union County's best, and i'd be honored to be involved in hopefully many more MusicFests to come.

Lee Frankel
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To the Members of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders,

On behalf of the Fusion Art & Music Showcase, I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to the board for providing my organization with the opportunity to bring a taste of the vibrant local cultural arts scene to the 2010 Union County MusicFest.

Thanks to the board's dedication to the local arts, this year's Fusion Showcase was a remarkable success enjoyed by hundreds of attendees and enthusiastic audience participants.

Fusion was honored to feature the work of 15 extraordinary young artists during this year's MusicFest, where they were able to showcase their work for public viewing for the very first time in their budding careers. Thanks to the generosity of the Board of Chosen, Fusion was also able to provide a wide variety of art supplies for the public to take part in live art activities and artistic collaborations.

Were it not for the support of the Union County government, non-profit cultural arts organizations like the Fusion Art & Music Showcase would not be able to expose the public to the wealth of creative artists living right here in Union County.

On behalf of Fusion Management and its family of artists, we would like to thank each and every member of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and County Manager George Devanney for their unwavering commitment to the cultural arts. Your generous support of the local arts has fostered a thriving creative culture that is one of the many things that makes Union County such a wonderful place to live!

Sincerely,

Katie Paster

Executive Director

Fusion Art & Music Showcase

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Sent: Friday, September 17, 2010 12:37 PM
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Being one of the artist to be able to play the Crossroads stage at Music Fest, I was first honored and privileged. The overall experience of the day went great! First by parking right by the stage, and an amazing crew to work with and help make us sound the best that we could. The idea of the Crossroads stage is a great concept. It gives Union County the ability to show off it's up and coming talent (such as: Chocolate Bread, The Ugly Club, and myself included). The show really gave me a great opportunity to get my name, and music out to ears of people from Union County of all ages. It's always hard to get in front of a large crowd and not have a venue/show be 21+, and this show gave me a good opportunity to expand my list of listeners. I would say this should continue to stay a huge part of the festival, and be very highly looked upon! Without the support of everyone, it wouldn't have been successful, and giving local talent a chance to display itself really lets people know that you care about them being there, and being involved!

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To: George Devanney
Subject: Fwd: MusicFest 2010 - Note from Xroads band

From: theelephantintheroomband@gmail.com
To: info@xxroads.com
Sent: 9/16/2010 4:31:08 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: [MusicFest 2010](#)

We would like to thank Union County for putting on an amazing,well organized festival this year. This was our first festival as a band and it couldn't have gone any better. For starters we were not one of the national acts booked,but a local band out of Union County. We felt as if we were one of the national bands by how good the MusicFest staff treated us. We have been going to MusicFest for the last 4 years and this was by far the best one yet. As a band i can honestly say this was our biggest and best performance of are career. As more people heard us more people were surrounding the stage,which was an amazing site. By the end of our set there was a huge line of people waiting to purchase our CD and get a signed autograph from us.We were surprised yet very excited. We ended up selling more CD's then we have ever sold and picked up A LOT of new fans. This festival is such a great thing for the county and should continue to get bigger and better in years to come. So once again thank you for letting us be apart of it,look forward to doing it again next year!

Joseph Savino Jr.-The Elephant In The Room



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Zombies rock Union County MusicFest

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Rod Argent of The Zombies performs Sept. 12 at the Union County MusicFest in Clark, N.J.

(photo by Chris M. Junior)

By Chris M. Junior

There are bigger, better-known music festivals in America, but few (if any) take place in the suburbs, featuring top-shelf name talent and offering free admission.

The Union County MusicFest offers all of that and more, making central New Jersey the place to be

every September for rock fans looking to check out legends, locals and the latest hit makers. Previously held in Cranford's Nomahegan Park, the UCMF moved in 2009 to Clark's Oak Ridge Park, also the site of this year's edition. On Sept. 11, the scheduled talent lineup included Willie Nile, OK Go, The Bravery and Train.

Taking the Overlook Hospital Stage around 2:30 p.m. that sunny Saturday was Soul Asylum, which got right down to business with a feisty version of "Somebody to Shove." With a smile almost as big as the holes in the knees of his jeans, frontman Dave Pirner worked in a few lines of the Wings hit "Silly Love Songs" during his band's own "Misery."

Pirner took time during a well-paced set to dedicate a song to late bassist Karl Mueller, while also sending out "Black Gold" to the Gulf of Mexico and its oil-covered wildlife.

Later that afternoon on the TD Bank Stage, former D Generation leader Jesse Malin and his current backing band, the St. Marks Social, tore through tunes from his solo albums. While Malin's between-song banter leaves something to be desired, his rough-and-tumble music is much more focused. "Queen of the Underworld" and "Brooklyn," both from his solid solo debut, "The Fine Art of Self Destruction," were highlights of the set; a cover of The Replacements' rowdy "Bastards of Young" was transformed into a piano ballad.

The scheduled lineup for Sept. 12 rivaled that of the previous day and included Nils Lofgren, Suzanne Vega and Spoon. The conditions, however, were not nearly as good, a fact noted by Zombies singer Colin Blunstone, who during his band's afternoon set apologized for bringing a bit of British weather to New Jersey.

Blunstone also provided a forecast of The Zombies' future: a new album in 2011 to mark the 50th anniversary of the band. Following a performance of a promising new song called "Any Other Way," keyboardist Rod Argent added that the new Zombies album is about two-thirds finished.

Of course, The Zombies also acknowledged their storied past, performing select songs from the cult classic "Odessey and Oracle," including the hit "Time of the Season," which featured a long, furious organ solo by Argent.

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