

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

#### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:06pm. 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 Rayland Van Blake were in attendance. Freeholder Nancy Ward 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.

#### RESOLUTION PRESENTATIONS FROM THE BOARD

1. A Resolution presentation was made to **Joseph Da Rold**, Plainfield's Librarian, for being chosen as the 2010 Librarian of the Year by the New Jersey Library Association.

Chairman Sullivan called upon Freeholder Kowalski to present Joseph DaRold with a Resolution for being chosen as the 2010 Librarian of the Year. Freeholder Kowalski stated that Mr. DaRold has done much work for the Plainfield Library. She said the public libraries are being adversely affected due to budget cuts and it especially affects low income families. She thanked Mr. DaRold for donating equipment to the Union County Office of Records Management.

Freeholder Kowalski asked Freeholder Mirabella to join them for a photograph, as he has been a library advocate over the years.

Freeholder Kowalski stated that the Freeholder Board will continue to support public libraries as they are vital to our community.

2. A Resolution presentation was made to the Rahway High School Water Champions: Emera De los Santos, Jenniffer Matos, Paloma Ferreyra, Moreen Famosa, Jamie Pierre and Ar-Rasheed Brisco for finding ways to save 1.6 million gallons of water per year for their school and securing a donation of high efficiency faucets, toilets and urinals from American Standards Brands for the Rahway High School.



Freeholder Kowalski introduced Elizabeth Jotz and members of the Water Champions of Rahway High School. She stated that she attended the presentation made by the Water Champions in the summer and explained that the Program is one of five pilots across New Jersey. Freeholder Kowalski read sections of the Resolution aloud. Mrs. Jotz introduced the students and thanked Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Proctor and the entire Board for the recognition. Freeholder Kowalski asked Freeholder Proctor to join them for a photograph.

3. A Resolution presentation will be made to Charley Flint, Board Chair, YWCA of Eastern Union County, for celebrating 90 years of service; declaring October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month;" and also accepting the following Resolutions on behalf of: Myrtle Smith Counts the recipient of the Legacy Award; Rose O'Hare the recipient of the Community Partner Award, and Kelly Watson, the recipient of the Corporate Partner Award.

Freeholder Kowalski called upon Vice Chairman Scanlon to join her in presenting Charley Flint with a Resolution thanking and recognizing her for the years of service she has provided to the YWCA of Eastern Union County. Freeholder Kowalski stated that Vice Chairman Scanlon has been very supportive of women issues.

Freeholder Kowalski also presented Ms. Flint with a Resolution declaring the Month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness in Union County.

Freeholder Kowalski stated that Resolutions have also been prepared for Award Recipients being recognized by the YWCA of Eastern Union County on October 7th: Myrtle Smith County, Rose O'Hare and Kelly Watson who were not able to attend the Freeholder Meeting and Ms. Flint accepted the Resolutions on their behalf.

Ms. Flint thanked the Board for the recognition and of their continued support. She gave a brief overview of the services that the YWCA of Eastern Union County provides to women and children. She mentioned that they are celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and said that they have come a long way with "empowering women and eliminating racism." She stated that the celebration will take place on Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at L'Affaire.

4. A Resolution presentation will be made to Union County employees **Helen Kirsch**, **Union County Paratransit**, who was awarded the "Administrative Employee of the Year" award and **Joe Haligowski**, **Union County Division of Motor Vehicles**, who was awarded the "Maintenance Employee of the Year" award by the Council on Special Transportation.

Chairman Sullivan asked Freeholder Estrada to join him in presenting Resolutions to Union County employees, Helen Kirsch (Kathy Carmello accepted the Resolution on



her behalf) who was awarded the "Administrative Employee of the Year" Award and Joe Haligowski for receiving the "Maintenance Employee of the Year" Award who were both recognized by the Council on Special Transportation.

Chairman Sullivan stated that this is the second time Mr. Haligowski has been the recipient of the "Maintenance Employee of the Year Award."

Mr. Haligowski thanked his colleagues, Helen Kirsch and Kathy Carmello and Tom Diego and for the support of his boss, Christopher Meehan, Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Ms. Carmello thanked Director of Human Services Frank Guzzo and Assistant Director Karen Dinsmore for their assistance in getting the Paratransit system out of the "slump" that it was in and thanked everyone for their continued support.

#### PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Union County's Emergency Management Service Mutual Aid Pilot Program

#### Presented by:

Andrew Moran, Director, Department of Public Safety Chris Scaturo, Director, Division of Emergency Management

Chairman Sullivan called upon Director of Public Safety Andrew Moran to present the Union County's Emergency Management Service Mutual Aid Pilot Program. He explained that the Powerpoint presentation will include the proposed services anticipated, the need for County-wide mutual aid, the proposed budget, the timeline, and how it compares to established programs in other counties. Director Moran thanked Director of Division of Emergency Management Chris Scaturo, Planning Analysis Coordinator Amy Wagner and Director of Division of Intergovernmental Policy and Planning Cherron Rountree as they were instrumental in putting the report together.

The presentation is attached.

Director Scaturo spoke about the proposed operation and budget. He stated that if the program is approved by the Board, they will begin the process of the license with the State and begin preparing the equipment and securing a billing company. He said that they will begin to hire the staff February, 2011 and will go "live" April 2011.

Director Moran introduced Roselle Police Officer Tom Sullivan. Officer Sullivan stated that he has been a Police Officer for thirty-two years and an EMT since 1975. He said that he has been part of the local, state, professional, paid and volunteer services and has been with the Fire Institute for eighteen years. He stated that mutual aid has been battered over the



years and the worst is waiting for an ambulance to arrive. He said that since there are no contiguous boundary lines, it creates major problems with response. He thanked the Board, Director Moran and Director Scaturo for taking these steps to assist with response. It will help all involved and will give County residents some reassurance. Officer Sullivan stated that he has seen this Program in Glouchester County and it is fantastic. He stated that at one time, Glouchester County residents were waiting forty-five minutes to an hour for response, which he claims is unacceptable and this Program has given those residents much relief.

Director Moran introduced Mike Diaz. Mr. Diaz stated that he is currently a Supervisor with the Cranford Police EMS Division and has been since 2003. He said that he originally began as a volunteer EMT in Union in 1999 and a Paramedic and an employee of Trinitas Regional Medical Center in 2006. He stated that there are times when ambulances respond twenty to thirty minutes after they are called as other towns need to be contacted to see who is available, and as a BLS responder only, so much can be done and it is very frustrating waiting for the ambulance to arrive for all involved. Mr. Diaz stated that there is a demand for daytime coverage as many volunteers are not available during the day.

Director Moran explained that New Jersey has a two-tiered system, having a Basic Life Support (BLS) and an Advanced Life Support (ALS). He stated that the BLS transfers the patients to the hospital while the ALS is hospital-based paramedics. He explained that Paramedics do not transport the patients, but they ride in the ambulance with them. Therefore, both are required to be at the scene.

Director Scaturo read a letter from Emergency Medical Services Chief Richard Badrisky of the City of Elizabeth which explained the need for mutual aid service. He was unable to attend the meeting due to a personal emergency.

Director Moran thanked the Board, EMS volunteers, and again thanked Director of Division of Emergency Management Chris Scaturo, Planning Analysis Coordinator Amy Wagner and Director of Division of Intergovernmental Policy and Planning Cherron Rountree.

Chairman Sullivan stated that it was ironic that the presentation occurred the same day that his father-in-law was rushed by ambulance to the hospital. He stated that the ambulance dispatched for Union Township responded quickly and said that if they had to wait long for a response, the results would certainly been more damaging. He said that his father-in-law was expected to go home on Monday. He thanked the responders on his family's behalf.

Freeholder Mirabella stated that he does not doubt that this service is needed, but he asked if having one ambulance was enough.

Director Moran stated that each municipality keeps different data and statics relative to a solid date on volume and so there is no way to know how often an ambulance from another



municipality is used. He stated that the County will keep track and therefore, they will see if an additional ambulance is needed.

Freeholder Mirabella asked if this service is only a supplement. Director Moran replied that it is a mutual service only and we would encourage the towns to keep and support their squads.

Freeholder Mirabella asked if we will eventually break even in costs. Director Moran stated that it could happen, but it is not anticipated. He feels that the billing will cover most of the costs.

Chairman Sullivan stated that it is important to note that it is a pilot program for one year and he feels it is a fair amount of time to see how it will work. He stated that there will be no costs incurred to the municipalities as most of the expenses will be covered by billing insurance companies.

Freeholder Van Blake stated that he noticed that during the presentation the service would be for five days per week and asked why not seven days. Director Moran stated there is more of a need during the week because volunteers have full time jobs and they have more coverage on the weekends. He stated that speaking with the towns and looking at call volumes, help is needed during the week.

Freeholder Estrada asked if the Program is for BLS not ALS. Director Moran said it is for an ALS service. Freeholder Estrada asked how many employees on a per diem basis they plan to engage. Director Scaturo stated that they would like to have 15 to 20 on hand who would be paid on a per diem basis, providing no benefits. He said that it should be enough to cover the shift, just in case someone calls out sick.

Freeholder Estrada commended them on their research, but asked if there was a private option that could provide the same services. Director Moran stated that they did meet with one ambulance-company which provides EMS coverage and they were willing to consult with them for a fee, however, he said there is a difference in a paid service rather than a public service. He stated that the paid service is for profit, whereas the County's concern is safety and is not profit-based. He stated that the County is not concerned if the patient has insurance, but private ambulance companies need to make a profit.

Freeholder Estrada said that he noticed that there was no breakdown in the budget for maintenance of the ambulances. Director Scaturo said that they simplified the budget and it is factored into the operational costs.

Freeholder Estrada asked if they were able to view Gloucester County's budget. Director Scaturo, replied, yes, the Director supplied them with the entire budget and for last year. Their budget was \$6,000,000, which included salaries, capital and operating.



Freeholder Estrada stated that he believes that there has not been enough options explored and said that in the long run, he does not feel that it will work fulfill the need or work out financially. He stated that he believes that a private entity and/or hospitals could provide the same service. At this point he is opposed to the program.

Chairman thanked Director Moran and Director Scaturo and all involved for the research and presentation. He stated that he believes the program is needed and hopes to see it go forward.

#### APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Sullivan called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Van Blake, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Ward absent.

Note and File

Oaths of Office

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- 1. September 2, 2010 Agenda Meeting Minutes
- 2. September 16, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 3. September 23, 2010 Agenda Meeting Minutes

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Van Blake, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Scanlon, Freeholder Estrada and Freeholder Van Blake abstaining from the September 2, 2010 Agenda Meeting Minutes and Freeholder Ward absent; six members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Scanlon and Freeholder Estrada abstaining from the September 16, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes and Freeholder Ward absent and six members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Scanlon and Freeholder Proctor abstaining from the September 23, 2010 Agenda Meeting Minutes with Freeholder Ward absent.



#### ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 710-2010 (The title of the Ordinance was read by the Clerk of the Board).

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAWS OF UNION COUNTY: ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION: BY AMENDING CHAPTER 131 — STREETS SIDEWALKS; TO ADD ARTICLE V — DUMPSTERS AND OTHER REFUSE CONTAINERS AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 104, RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS, ARTICLE II — FEES.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union that the "Laws of Union County" are hereby amended as outlined in the attached Schedule A:

Note: All text that is <u>underlined</u> is inserted/new language.

All text that is struck through is deleted language. **SCHEDULE A** 

# PART I ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

#### Chapter 104, RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

#### **ARTICLE II, Fees**

[Adopted 7-10-1980 by Res. No. 485-80; amended 3-26-1992 by Res. No. 293-92; amended 4-10-2003 by Ord. No. 569; amended 10-11-2007 by Ord. No. 658-2007; amended by Ord. No. -2010]

#### § 104-3. Copies of minutes and other government records.

- A. The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union hereby establishes the cost for copies of minutes of this Board's meetings and for all other government records maintained by the County in accordance with the New Jersey "Open Public Records Act" (OPRA) (*N.J.S.A.* 47:1A-1 *et seq.*) shall be as follows:
  - (1) First page to tenth page: No Charge.
  - (2) Eleventh page and every page thereafter: .

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- (a) \$0.05 per page per letter size page or smaller; and
- (b) \$0.07 per legal size page or larger.
- B. In accordance with the Open Public Records Act, whenever the nature, format, manner of collation, or volume of a government record embodied in the form of printed matter to be inspected, examined, or copied pursuant to this section is such that the record cannot be reproduced by ordinary document copying equipment in ordinary business size or involves an extraordinary expenditure of time and effort to accommodate the request, the County may charge, in addition to the actual cost of duplicating the record, a special service charge that shall be reasonable and shall be based upon the actual direct cost of providing the copy or copies.
- C. If an individual requestor seeks to have any government records delivered to them via facsimile, the following special service charge shall apply:
  - (1) First page to tenth page: No Charge.
  - (2) Eleventh page to thirtieth page: \$0.05 per page.

There shall be a limit of thirty (30) pages forwarded via facsimile to any requestor, per request.

#### Chapter 131, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

#### ARTICLE V, DUMPSTERS AND OTHER REFUSE CONTAINERS

- § 131-15. Establishment. There is hereby established an ordinance requiring dumpsters and refuse containers to be covered at all times and prevented from discharging into the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System of the County of Union and/or into State waters.
- § 131-16. Definitions. For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Ordinance clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory:

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- a. Municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, manmade channels, or storm drains) that is owned or operated by [insert name of municipality] or other public body, and is designed and used for collecting and conveying stormwater.
- b. Person any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- c. Refuse container any waste container that a person controls whether owned, leased, or operated, including dumpsters, trash cans, garbage pails, and plastic trash bags.
- d. Stormwater means water resulting from precipitation (including rain and snow) that runs off the land's surface, is transmitted to the subsurface, is captured by separate storm sewers or other sewerage or drainage facilities, or is conveyed by snow removal equipment.
- e. Waters of the State means the ocean and its estuaries, all springs, streams and bodies of surface or ground water, whether natural or artificial, within the boundaries of the State of New Jersey or subject to its jurisdiction.

§ 131-17. Violations – Failure to abide by the following prescribed conduct will be a violation of this ordinance: Any person who controls, whether owned, leased, or operated, a refuse container or dumpster must ensure that such container or dumpster is covered at all times and shall prevent refuse from spilling out or overflowing. Any person who owns, leases or otherwise uses a refuse container or dumpster must ensure that such container or dumpster does not leak or otherwise discharge liquids, semi-liquids or solids to the municipal separate storm sewer system(s) operated by the County of Union.

## § 131-18. Exceptions: The following exceptions will not be considered to be a violation of this ordinance:

- a. Permitted temporary demolition containers
- b. Litter receptacles (other than dumpsters or other bulk containers)
- c. Individual homeowner trash and recycling containers
- d. Refuse containers at facilities authorized to discharge storm water under a valid NJPDES permit
- e. Large bulky items (e.g., furniture, bound carpet and padding, white goods placed curbside for pickup)



- § 131-19. Enforcement. For the purpose of this ordinance, the employees of the following COUNTY OF UNION Divisions and Bureaus shall be designated as enforcement officers:
  - a. Division of Police
  - b. Bureau of Inspections
  - c. Bureau of Environmental Enforcement
- § 131-20. Penalties. Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500.00 for each violation.
- § 131-21. Severability. Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

Freeholder Estrada moved Ordinance 710-2010 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The Public Hearing and Final Reading are scheduled for October 14, 2010. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon. Roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Ward absent.

ORDINANCE NO. 711-2010 (The title of the Ordinance was read by the Clerk of the Board).

GUARANTY ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON CERTAIN GUARANTEED MORTGAGE REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2010 (OAKWOOD PLAZA-ELIZABETH) OF THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL SECURITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE AUTHORITY'S ISSUANCE OF REFUNDING BONDS.

WHEREAS, the Union County Improvement Authority (the "Authority") has been duly created by an ordinance of the Board of Chosen Freeholders (the "Board of Chosen Freeholders") of the County of Union, New Jersey (the "County"), as a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey (the "State") pursuant to and in accordance with the County Improvement Authorities Law, constituting Chapter 183 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1960 of the State, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority provided financing for the acquisition and renovation of an affordable residential development located at 380 Irvington Avenue, City of Elizabeth,



Union County, New Jersey, Block 11, Lots 45 and 1199A, known as Oakwood Plaza (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS,** the Project will provide dwelling accommodations for occupancy by persons and families of low and moderate income; and

**WHEREAS,** the Authority sold \$16,870,000 aggregate principal amount of County Guaranteed Revenue Bonds, Series 2009 (Oakwood Plaza – Elizabeth Project) (Federally Taxable) dated June 24, 2009 (the "Refunded Bonds") to finance the Project which Refunded Bonds would all mature prior to January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City of Elizabeth (the "City") had arranged a public private effort to for this housing development in combination with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA), where NJDCA was to provide the payments in the amount of \$18 million, in \$4 million increments annually, but as a result of subsequent events, including NJDCA being unable to provide said payments, the project cannot current support the present debt service schedule, which was predicated upon the receipt of same; and

**WHEREAS,** the County, City and CIS have request that the UCIA restructure the debt service for a longer term to allow the project to be self supporting, and to allow for the receipt of such NJDCA funds and other grants over a longer period of time; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is desirous of assisting in the refinancing of the Project, to the extent permitted by law, as such assistance will assure the continued availability of dwelling accommodations for occupancy by persons and families of low and moderate income; and

WHEREAS, the Authority expects to obtain funds to assist the financing of the Project through the issuance of its bonds in an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 GUARANTEED MORTGAGE REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2010 (OAKWOOD PLAZA-ELIZABETH) (the "Bonds") issued pursuant to a Bond Resolution to be adopted by the Authority entitled "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF COUNTY GUARANTEED MORTGAGE REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2010 (OAKWOOD PLAZA-ELIZABETH) (TAXABLE) OF THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000,000 IN CONNECTION WITH THE AUTHORITY=S REFINANCING OF A LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING PROJECT IN THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, COUNTY OF UNION AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS **ANNEXED** THERETO, A **TRUST INDENTURE** AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS ANNEXED THERETO, A PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS ANNEXED THERETO, AND DETERMINING



OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH" (the "Bond Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 13 ("Section 13") of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-56), prior to the issuance of the Bonds, the Authority shall make a detailed report with respect to such financing to the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County, which report shall include copies or a description of, without limitation, the various financing documents; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A 40A:5A-6 and N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80 the Authority shall make application, on behalf of the Authority, the County, and the City of Elizabeth (the "City") to the Local Finance Board in the Division of Local Government Services of the Department of Community Affairs of the State (the "Local Finance Board") for the Local Finance Board's review of the financing, including, *inter alia*, the Bond Resolution, the County Guaranty Agreement, the County Guaranty, the City Deficiency Agreement, and Continuing Disclosure Agreements (the "Financing Documents"); and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the terms of Section 37 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80) and the County Guaranty, the County shall be obligated, if necessary, to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the County without limitation as to rate or amount to make the timely payment of the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to induce the prospective purchasers of the Bonds to purchase same, the Bonds shall otherwise be secured by a guarantee ordinance adopted by the County unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteeing a portion of the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Bonds, all pursuant to Section 37 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80); and

WHEREAS, the Authority believes: (i) it is in the public interest to accomplish such purpose; (ii) said purpose is for the health, wealth, convenience or betterment of the inhabitants of the County and the City; (iii) the amounts to be expended for said purpose are not unreasonable or exorbitant; and (iv) the proposal is an efficient and feasible means of providing services for the needs of the inhabitants of the County and the City and will not create an undue financial burden to be placed upon the Authority, the City or the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of the full membership thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

Section 1. This guaranty ordinance shall be adopted by the governing body of the County in the manner provided for adoption of a bond ordinance as provided in the Local Bond Law, constituting Chapter 169 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1960 of the State, as amended (the "Local Bond Law"), codified as N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1, et seq.



Section 2. Pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of the Act, specifically Section 37 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80), the County is hereby authorized to and hereby shall unconditionally and irrevocably guarantee the punctual payment of the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$20,000,000, which Bonds are to be issued to refund the Redunded Bonds as described in the preamble hereof, on such terms and conditions as may be agreed to by and between the County and the Authority. Upon the endorsement of the Bonds referred to in Section 3 below, the County shall be unconditionally and irrevocably obligated to pay the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Bonds, when due, in the same manner and to the same extent as in the case of bonds issued by the County and, accordingly, the County shall be unconditionally and irrevocably obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the County for the payment thereof without limitation as to rate or amount when required under the provisions of applicable law.

Section 3. The Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the County Manager, the Finance Director of the County, or the County Treasurer (each an "Authorized Officer") shall, by manual or facsimile signature, execute an endorsement on each of the Bond evidencing this guaranty by the County as to the punctual payment of the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest thereon. The endorsement on each Bonds shall be in substantially the following form, and absent the fully executed endorsement in such following form on any such Bond, such Bond shall not be entitled to the benefits of this guaranty ordinance:

#### GUARANTY OF THE COUNTY OF UNION.

The payment of the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the within Bond is hereby fully, unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by the County of Union, New Jersey (the "County"), and the County shall be unconditionally and irrevocably obligated to pay the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on this Bond, when due, in the same manner and to the same extent as in the case of bonds issued by the County and, accordingly, the County shall be unconditionally and irrevocably obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the County for the payment hereof without limitation as to rate or amount when required under the provisions of applicable law.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the County has caused this Guaranty to be executed by the manual or facsimile signature of an Authorized Officer.

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Section 4. The Authorized Officers are each hereby authorized to enter into, execute and deliver in the name of the County and on its behalf, a guaranty agreement or similar instrument (the "Guaranty Agreement") setting forth such matters with respect to the guaranty authorized by this guaranty ordinance as the County or the Authorized Officer (after consultation with counsel to the County) deems appropriate, and the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby authorized, if necessary, to attest to the signature of the Authorized Officer and to affix the seal of the County to the Guaranty Agreement.

Section 5. It is hereby found, determined and declared that:

(a) This guaranty ordinance may be adopted notwithstanding any statutory debt or other limitations, including particularly any limitation or requirement under or pursuant to the Local Bond Law, but the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds which shall be entitled to the benefits of this guaranty ordinance, being an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000, shall, after their issuance, be included in the gross debt of the County for the purpose of determining the indebtedness of the County under or pursuant to the Local Bond Law.

(b) The principal amount of the Bonds entitled to the benefits of this guaranty ordinance and included in the gross debt of the County shall be deducted and is hereby declared to be and to constitute a deduction from such gross debt under and for all the purposes of the Local Bond Law (i) from and after the time of issuance of the Bonds until the end of the fiscal year beginning next after the completion of the Project, and (ii) in any annual debt statement filed pursuant to the Local Bond Law as of the end of said fiscal year or any subsequent fiscal year if the revenues or other receipts or moneys of the Authority in such year are sufficient to pay its expenses of operation and maintenance in such year and all amounts payable in such year on account of the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on all such guaranteed Bonds, all bonds of the County issued as provided in Section 36 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-79) and all bonds of the Authority issued under the Act.

Section 6. The following matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

- (a) The maximum principal amount of Bonds which are hereby and hereunder guaranteed as to the punctual payment of the principal thereof (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest thereon is and the maximum estimated cost of the Project to be financed in accordance with the transaction contemplated hereby is \$20,000,000.
- (b) The purpose described in this guaranty ordinance is not a current expense of the County and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.



- (c) A supplemental debt statement of the County has been duly made and filed in the office of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State, and such debt statement shows that while the gross debt of the County, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by this guaranty ordinance by \$20,000,000 in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the net debt of the County is not increased, and the obligation of the County authorized by or incurred pursuant to the terms of this guaranty ordinance will, be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.
- (d) All other items to be contained in a bond ordinance adopted pursuant to the Local Bond Law are hereby determined to be inapplicable to the County's guaranty of the Bonds hereby.
- Section 7. The Authorized Officers are hereby further authorized to execute such other certificates or agreements relating to this guaranty ordinance that may be required by the Authority to comply with the terms of the financing documents relating to the Bonds, including, without limitation, (i) any agreements or certificates detailing the time and method that payment under this guaranty ordinance shall be made by the County, (ii) any letters of representations or similar undertakings to be executed in connection with the sale of the Bonds, setting forth certain representations, warranties and covenants of the County as an inducement to the purchaser of the Bonds, (iii) any certificates deeming "final" (for the purposes of Rule 15c2-12 of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission) any preliminary or final Official Statements of the Authority relating to the Bonds, (iv) any continuing disclosure agreement or other instrument undertaking the secondary market disclosure obligations of the County required by said Rule 15c2-12. Such further agreements, instruments or certificates shall not abrogate the County's responsibilities hereunder.
- Section 8. The Authorized Officers are hereby further authorized to (i) manually execute and deliver and the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby further authorized to attest by manual signature to such execution and to affix, imprint, engrave or reproduce the corporate seal of the County to any agreement (including any agreement providing for the replenishment by the County of the bond reserve fund relating to the Bonds or any deficiency agreement, support agreement or other agreement providing for the payment by the County of any shortfall of revenues necessary to pay debt service on the Bonds), document, instrument or closing certificate deemed necessary, desirable or convenient by the Authorized Officers, in their respective sole discretion, after consultation with counsel to the County, to be executed in connection with the execution and delivery of this guaranty ordinance and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, which determination shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of each such



agreement, document, instrument or closing certificate by the party authorized under this guaranty ordinance to execute such agreement, document, instrument or closing certificate and (ii) perform such other actions as the Authorized Officers deem necessary, desirable or convenient in relation to the execution and delivery thereof.

Section 9. The provisions of this guaranty ordinance are severable. To the extent any clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph or provision of this guaranty ordinance shall be declared invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 10. All capitalized words and terms used but not defined in this guaranty ordinance shall have the meanings ascribed to such words and terms, respectively, in the preambles hereto.

Section 11. This guaranty ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.

Section 12. Upon the adoption hereof, the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders shall forward certified copies of this ordinance to the County Manager, County Counsel, County Bond Counsel, the Executive Director of the Authority, and the Law Office of John G. Hudak, Esq., LLC, Bond Counsel to the Authority.

Chairman Sullivan moved Ordinance Number 711-2010 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. Public Hearing and Final Reading are scheduled for Thursday, October 14, 2010. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Kowalski. Roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Ward absent.

ORDINANCE NO. 712-2010 (The title of the Ordinance was read by The Clerk of the Board).

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND DELIVERY BY THE COUNTY OF UNION OF CERTAIN AGREEMENTS IN RELATION TO CERTAIN MORTGAGE REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2010 (OAKWOOD PLAZA-ELIZABETH) OF THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY.

WHEREAS, the Union County Improvement Authority (the "Authority") has been duly created by an ordinance of the Board of Chosen Freeholders (the "Board of Chosen Freeholders") of the County of Union, New Jersey (the "County"), as a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey (the "State") pursuant to and in accordance with the County Improvement Authorities Law, constituting Chapter 183 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1960 of the State, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the "Act"); and

**WHEREAS,** the Authority provided financing for the acquisition and renovation of an Minutes of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders – Regular Meeting – Sept. 30, 2010 – Page 16 of 42



affordable residential development located at 380 Irvington Avenue, City of Elizabeth, Union County, New Jersey, Block 11, Lots 45 and 1199A, known as Oakwood Plaza (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS,** the Project will provide dwelling accommodations for occupancy by persons and families of low and moderate income; and

**WHEREAS,** the Authority sold \$16,870,000 aggregate principal amount of County Guaranteed Revenue Bonds, Series 2009 (Oakwood Plaza – Elizabeth Project) (Federally Taxable) dated June 24, 2009 (the "Refunded Bonds") to finance the Project which Refunded Bonds would all mature prior to January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City of Elizabeth (the "City") had arranged a public private effort to for this housing development in combination with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA), where NJDCA was to provide the payments in the amount of \$18 million, in \$4 million increments annually, but as a result of subsequent events, including NJDCA being unable to provide said payments, the project cannot current support the present debt service schedule, which was predicated upon the receipt of same; and

**WHEREAS,** the County, City and CIS have request that the UCIA restructure the debt service for a longer term to allow the project to be self supporting, and to allow for the receipt of such NJDCA funds and other grants over a longer period of time; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is desirous of assisting in the refinancing of the Project, to the extent permitted by law, as such assistance will assure the continued availability of dwelling accommodations for occupancy by persons and families of low and moderate income; and

WHEREAS, the Authority expects to obtain funds to assist the financing of the Project through the issuance of its bonds in an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 GUARANTEED MORTGAGE REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2010 (OAKWOOD PLAZA-ELIZABETH) (the "Bonds") issued pursuant to a Bond Resolution to be adopted by the Authority entitled "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF COUNTY GUARANTEED MORTGAGE REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2010 (OAKWOOD PLAZA-ELIZABETH) (TAXABLE) OF THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000,000 IN CONNECTION WITH THE AUTHORITY=S REFINANCING OF A LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING PROJECT IN THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, COUNTY OF UNION AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS THERETO, A ANNEXED **TRUST INDENTURE AND** RELATED INSTRUMENTS ANNEXED THERETO, A PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS ANNEXED THERETO, AND DETERMINING



## **OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**" (the "Bond Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 13 ("Section 13") of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-56), prior to the issuance of the Bonds, the Authority shall make a detailed report with respect to such financing to the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County, which report shall include copies or a description of, without limitation, the various financing documents; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A 40A:5A-6 and N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80 the Authority shall make application, on behalf of the Authority, the County, and the City of Elizabeth (the "City") to the Local Finance Board in the Division of Local Government Services of the Department of Community Affairs of the State (the "Local Finance Board") for the Local Finance Board's review of the financing, including, *inter alia*, the Bond Resolution, the County Guaranty Agreement, the County Guaranty, the City Deficiency Agreement, and Continuing Disclosure Agreements (the "Financing Documents"); and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the terms of Section 37 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80) and the County Guaranty, the County shall be obligated, if necessary, to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the County without limitation as to rate or amount to make the timely payment of the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, in order to induce the prospective purchasers of the Bonds to purchase same, the Bonds shall otherwise be secured by a guarantee ordinance adopted by the County unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteeing a portion of the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Bonds, all pursuant to Section 37 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80); and

WHEREAS, the Authority believes: (i) it is in the public interest to accomplish such purpose; (ii) said purpose is for the health, wealth, convenience or betterment of the inhabitants of the County and the City; (iii) the amounts to be expended for said purpose are not unreasonable or exorbitant; and (iv) the proposal is an efficient and feasible means of providing services for the needs of the inhabitants of the County and the City and will not create an undue financial burden to be placed upon the Authority, the City or the County.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, as follows:

Section 1. The County Manager and the Chief Financial Officer of the County (collectively, the "Authorized Officer") are hereby each severally authorized and directed, upon the satisfaction of all the legal conditions precedent to the execution or acknowledgment and delivery by the County of the Financing Documents to be so executed or acknowledged by the County.



Section 2. The Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby authorized and directed, upon the execution or acknowledgment of the Financing Documents in accordance with the terms of Section 1 hereof, to attest to the Authorized Officer's execution or acknowledgment of such documents and is hereby further authorized and directed to thereupon affix the seal of the County to such documents.

Section 3. Upon the execution or acknowledgment and attestation of and if required, the placing of the seal on the Financing Documents as contemplated by Sections 1 and 2 hereof, the Authorized Officer is hereby authorized and directed to (i) deliver the fully executed or acknowledged, attested and sealed documents to the other parties thereto and (ii) perform such other actions as the Authorized Officer deems necessary, desirable or convenient in relation to the execution and delivery thereof.

Section 4. The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union hereby authorize the performance of any act, the execution or acknowledgment and delivery of any other document, instrument or closing certificates, which the Authorized Officer, deems necessary, desirable or convenient in connection with this contemplated transaction, and the Board hereby directs the Authorized Officer to execute or acknowledge, and cause the Clerk of the Board to attest and affix the seal to any such documents, instruments or closing certificates, the authorization of which actions shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution or acknowledgment, attestation, affixation and delivery, as the case may be, thereof by such persons. Such closing certificates shall include, without limitation, (a) a determination that any information provided by the County in connection with the preparation and distribution of the (i) any preliminary official statement or supplement with relation to the Bonds is "deemed final" for the purposes and within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Rule 15c2-12") and (ii) any official statement or supplement with relation to the Bonds constitutes a final Official Statement for the purposes and within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12, (b) a determination that the County Continuing Disclosure Agreement complies with Rule 15c2-12, (c) a determination that any information provided by or on behalf of the County or relating to the County, the Project, the Financing Documents or the transactions contemplated thereby in connection with the preparation and distribution of any such Preliminary Official Statement or the Official Statement complies with Section 10 and Rule 10b-5 of the Securities Exchange Act, and (d) any representations, warranties, covenants, certificates or instruments required by any issuer of a municipal bond insurance policy or any other form of credit enhancement securing all or a portion of the Bonds or the issuer of a rating on all or a portion thereof.

Section 5. A public hearing shall be held on this ordinance on October 14, 2010 at the meeting room of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, Administration Building, Elizabeth, New Jersey.



Section 6. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to publish and post notice of this ordinance as required by law.

Section 7. Upon the adoption hereof, the Clerk of the Board shall forward certified copies of this ordinance to the County Manager, Chief Financial Officer, County Counsel, Bond Counsel to the County, the Authority, and Bond Counsel to the Authority.

Section 8. This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Chairman Sullivan moved Ordinance Number 712-2010 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. Public Hearing and Final Reading are scheduled for Thursday, October 14, 2010. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Mirabella. Roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Ward absent.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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

Sarah Thode, Coordinator of the Municipal Alliance, stated that there were several students in attendance to speak about Resolution 2010-829.

Brian Silver, Berkeley Heights Municipal Drug Alliance, stated that he is in favor of Resolution 2010-829 and thanked the Board for the opportunity to express his opinion.

Courtney McGovern, Berkeley Heights Municipal Alliance, stated that she attended a summer camp called the Lindsey Meyer Teen Institute, where they train students to become better leaders in their community. It is then shared with other students within their community to become alcohol and drug free.

Eric Whyte, Mountainside Municipal Drug Alliance, stated that he also attended the summer camp and he is associated with Governor Livingston School and is a D.A.R.E. role model. He stated that D.A.R.E. provides information to elementary schools that involves field trips and are all beneficial programs to remain drug and alcohol free. He said he is in favor of Resolution 2010-829.

Matt Gavittelli, Berkeley Heights Municipal Drug Alliance, stated that he is in favor of Resolution 2010-829. He said they had a Drunk Driving Program at school which spreads awareness and the consequences of drunk driving.



Chelsea Caan, Berkeley Heights Municipal Drug Alliance, stated that they had a program that included the Berkeley Heights and Mountainside Municipal Drug Alliances, where they had a two-day Program with mock deaths and funerals of classmates to assist in preventing the use of alcohol and drugs. The Program also included speakers and parents.

(Inaudible), Town Hall Committee held a Forum with the Union County Prosecutor and he thanked them for all their support. He thanked Jeffrey Jaegel, the Assistant Counselor and he thanked the Board and asked them to continue to support the Programs pertaining to Resolution 2010-829.

Chairman Sullivan thanked the students for attending the Freeholder Meeting in support of Resolution 2010-829. He stated that their involvement is outstanding and asked them to keep up their good work.

Rosalyn Smith, Chairman of the Local Organization Committee (LOC) and the Rahway Municipal Alliance. She thanked the Board for their support and said she looks forward to their continued support. She commented on the Rites of Passage Program in Rahway and said the LOC brings order and means from childhood to adulthood.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, wished Chairman Sullivan's father-in-law well. Chairman Sullivan thanked him for his well wishes and added that due to the EMS's quick response, his 91 year old father-in-law is doing well.

Mr. Paterson commented on Resolution 2010-829. He commended those who take part in the Municipal Alliance Program, adding that it is beneficial to the community. He stated that the Mayor of Garwood's wife is in charge of the Borough's Alliance Program and is paid \$5,000 or \$6,000. He stated that the criteria for compensation are for 150 hours of work. He claims that she does not give this time and asked the Board to look into it.

Mr. Paterson stated that pertaining to Resolution 2010-834, he feels that the municipalities should not have to match grants; instead grants should be 100%. On Resolution 2010-834 "k," he stated that he hopes the contract amount includes rock salt. On Resolution 2010-843 "l," he asked how the contract amount will be divided amongst the four firms. He mentioned that one of the vendors is Trius, Inc. and said that a representative from the firm attended a Freeholder Meeting in the past to try to persuade the Board to reinstate a contract the County had with Trius, Inc. He said that he was surprised to see the company listed as a vendor. On Resolution 2010-845, he asked what will happen to the two positions when the grant expires. On Resolution 2010-848, he made mention to an ARRA project that Director Graziano had responded to at the previous Agenda meeting. On Resolution 2010-854, he commented on the \$20,000,000 that will be given to the Union County Improvement Authority for Oakwood Plaza-Elizabeth. He asked how the dollars will be repaid.



Chairman Sullivan called upon Director of the Division of Purchasing Michael Yuska to respond to the question about Resolution 2010-843 "k." Director Yuska stated that the contract amount includes rock salt and the delivery of the same and on Resolution 2010-843 "l," he stated that there are three firms (not four), each providing different lines of parts and they have the exclusive right to each part. He stated that the contract is broken down as follows: Western Brand will receive \$35,000, Meyers Brand will receive \$20,000 and Tony Sanchez, LTD. will receive \$70,000. He stated that Trius, Inc. will receive the balance. He explained further that Trius, Inc. had bid for a truck in the past and when it was delivered to the County, it did not meet the specifications and was rejected. He added that this was not a good reason to deny them of bidding on another commodity. Trius was the lowest bidder and was awarded the contract

Chairman Sullivan responded to Resolution 2010-845, stating should the grant be withheld funding, the positions will be addressed at that time. On Resolution 2010-848, he stated that the Board does pay attention and that is the reason Director Graziano addressed the Board again. On Resolution 2010-854, he stated that the bonds for the project were refinanced and the funds are expected to come from the State.

Tina Renna, Cranford, asked for an explanation of Resolution 2010-843 "m." Acting Administrator Joan Wheeler explained that the Resolution is for the food and nutrition service department in order to prepare and blast freeze food to serve at a later time.

John Bury, Kenilworth, commented on Resolutions 2010-835 and 2010-848. He asked why the funds are coming from the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund. On Resolution 2010-854, he asked for an explanation of the \$20,000,000 that will be funded by the State.

Chairman Sullivan stated that Resolution 2010-835 is for the cost for property titles.

County Counsel Barry, Esq. interjected and stated that Resolution 2010-835 is unrelated to the Lyons Avenue acquisition.

John Hudak, Esq., Bond Counsel for the Union County Improvement Authority stated that in reference to Resolution 2010-854, it is for the refunding of existing bonds under State restrictions. He stated that Section 8 HUD money is expected as a source of revenue for the original bonds and it is committed to these bonds.



#### RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Sullivan called for a motion to adopt Resolutions 2010-823 through Resolutions 2010-868.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR ADOPTION:

**2010-823 FREEHOLDER JALLOH,** authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with **The Alzheimer's Association, Greater New Jersey Chapter, Denville, New Jersey,** to provide resources for an Alzheimer's Support Group at Runnells Specialized Hospital at no cost to the 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 Ward absent.

**2010-824 FREEHOLDER JALLOH,** authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with **Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry, New York, School of Health Sciences,** to establish a clinical affiliation for occupational therapy for the contract period of September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011 at no cost to the 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 Ward absent.

**2010-825 FREEHOLDER JALLOH,** authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Allstate Office Interiors** to purchase desks and stackable chairs for Runnells Specialized Hospital in the amount of \$4,691.08.

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 Ward absent.

**2010-826 FREEHOLDER JALLOH,** authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Aculabs Inc., East Brunswick, New Jersey,** to provide laboratory services to the residents/patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of November 1, 2010 through October 31, 2011 in the amount of **\$100,000**.



**2010-827 FREEHOLDER JALLOH,** authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Betty Ann Miller, Plainfield, New Jersey,** to provide religious services for the Protestant residents/patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of November 1, 2010 through October 31, 2011 in the amount of **\$8,000.** 

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 Ward absent.

**2010-828 FREEHOLDER JALLOH,** authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Rabbi Moshe A. Abramowitz, Elizabeth, New Jersey,** to provide religious services for the Jewish residents/patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the period of November 1, 2010 through October 31, 2011 in the amount of **\$6,600**.

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 Ward absent.

FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI, endorsing the Union County CY 2011 Alliance Plan, required by the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, which details by municipality the Municipal Alliance Activities which are planned for the funding period of January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 and to authorize the County Manager to award subcontracts to various municipalities/agencies as specified on the spending plan for the grant period of January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. This resolution would further authorize the County Manager to transfer funds among the municipalities/agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the various agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation. Municipal/agency grant recipients have an obligation to make a matching appropriation of 25% of the award and 75% in-kind match.

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 Ward absent.

**2010-830 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI,** authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to **Social Solutions, Baltimore, Maryland,** for the purchase of Efforts-To-Outcomes Impact Software and implementation and training services for the Union County Department of Human Services, Division of Youth Services for the period October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 in an amount not to exceed **\$24,600** with the option to renew in year 2011.



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 Ward absent.

**FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA,** modifying the 2010 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$66,467 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey Department of State for a program entitled: "Historical Commission Grant" for a total grant amount of \$66,467. In addition, appropriating \$46,967 from the matching funds grant entitled: "Match-Historical Commission 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 Ward absent.

**2010-832 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA,** modifying the 2010 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$8,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs for a program entitled: "Veterans' Paratransit Grant" for a total grant amount of \$20,000.

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 Ward absent.

**PREEHOLDER MIRABELLA,** modifying the 2010 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$4,466 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey Department of State for a program entitled: "Senior Art Show 2011 Grant" for a total grant amount of \$4,466.

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 Ward absent.

**2010-834 VICE CHAIRMAN SCANLON,** authorizing the County Manager to execute any and all agreements for a FY 2011 project grant from the **New Jersey Historical Commission** in the amount of **\$20,000**. Union County will provide a 50% in-kind match.

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 Ward absent.

2010-835 VICE CHAIRMAN SCANLON, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with A.M. Title Agency, Inc., Elizabeth, New Jersey, for title work on behalf of, and



in conjunction with, the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund for a total amount not to exceed \$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 Ward absent.

2010-836 VICE CHAIRMAN SCANLON, authorizing the County Manager to award a matching grant to the Merchants & Drovers Tavern Museum Association, Rahway, New Jersey, for the purpose of assisting in the repairs to the exterior of the historic building which was damaged by a vehicle accident, through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund in an amount not to exceed \$17,239.74.

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 Ward absent.

**VICE CHAIRMAN SCANLON,** authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with **Joseph A. Mancuso, Piscataway, New Jersey,** to provide advisory consulting services with regard to the implementation of an Interim Organizational Structure of the Union County Arts Center, Rahway, New Jersey on behalf of the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund for a total amount not to exceed \$20,500.

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 Ward absent.

2010-838 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to MedGyn, Lombard, Illinois, for the purchase of four (4) digital video colposcopes and imaging data systems for Union County's Sexual Assault Response Team/Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program to be used in participating hospital exam rooms for the purpose of forensic sexual assault exams in the amount of \$36,510.52. This contract should be issued as an allowable exception to public bidding under Local Public Contracts Law N.I.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(dd). This purchase is grant funded.

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 Ward absent.

2010-839 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Complete Care, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, to provide pre-employment physical



examinations to police officer candidates of the John H. Stamler Police Academy for the period of June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

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 Ward absent.

2010-840 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Louis B. Schlesinger, PhD, Maplewood, New Jersey, for consultation and testimony at trial for the period of July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011 in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.

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 Ward absent.

2010-841 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with The Institute for Forensic Psychology, Oakland, New Jersey, to provide psychological examination to police officer candidates of the John H. Stamler Policy Academy at a rate of \$325 per examination for the period of June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011. The John H. Stamler Police Academy will refer a maximum of fifty (50) candidates during this period in an amount not to exceed \$16,250.

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 Ward absent.

2010-842 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, amending Resolution No. 2008-935, a bid agreement with Turnout Fire & Safety, Jersey City, New Jersey, to purchase additional uniforms for the Police Academy in an additional amount of \$4,119.42 for a total amount not to exceed \$24,716.52.

- 2010-843 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. <u>Department of Administrative Services</u>, <u>Division of Motor Vehicles</u>: **Jesco**, **Inc.**, **South Plainfield**, **New Jersey**, to provide and deliver 1 excavator for the



- Department of Parks and Community Renewal, Division of Golf Operations in the amount of \$53,984.
- b. <u>Department of Administrative Services</u>, <u>Division of Motor Vehicles</u>: **Cammps Hardware & Lawn Products**, **Inc.**, **Belle Mead**, **New Jersey**, to provide and deliver 2 compact tractors with loaders for the Department of Parks and Community Renewal and 2 utility vehicles for the Division of Golf Operations for a total amount of \$114,316.
- c. <u>Department of Administrative Services</u>, <u>Division of Motor Vehicles</u>: **Storr Tractor Company, Branchburg, New Jersey,** to provide and deliver 1 flail mower and 2 rotadarions for the Department of Parks and Community Renewal for a total amount of **\$29,915**.
- d. <u>Department of Administrative Services</u>, <u>Division of Motor Vehicles</u>: **Storr Tractor Company, Branchburg, New Jersey,** to provide and deliver 4 marking systems for the athletic fields for the Department of Parks and Community Renewal in the amount of **\$25,860**.
- e. Department of Administrative Services, Division of Motor Vehicles: Storr Tractor Company, Branchburg, New Jersey, to provide and deliver 2 walkgreensmowers for the Department of Parks and Community Renewal in the amount of \$19,430.
- f. Department of Administrative Services, Division of Motor Vehicles: Storr Tractor Company, Branchburg, New Jersey and Wilfred MacDonald, South Hackensack, New Jersey, to provide and deliver 1 Wiedenmann XP6 Deep Tine Aerator and 1 Verti-Drain 7316 Deep Tine Aerator for the Department of Parks and Community Renewal for a total amount of \$49,906.
- g. Department of Administrative Services, Division of Motor Vehicles: Wilfred MacDonald, Inc., South Hackensack, New Jersey, to furnish and deliver 2 fertilizer spreaders, 1 broadcast spreader, 1 overseeder and 2 turf sweepers for the Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities, Division of Park Maintenance in the amount of \$100,476.
- h. Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management: National Fence Systems, Avenel, New Jersey, to provide materials, installation, repairs of fencing systems, metal and wood fencing of various sizes in various County owned or leased properties in an amount not to exceed \$133,280.



- i. Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities, Division of Park Maintenance: T. Farese & Sons, Newark, New Jersey, to provide waste disposal service for self-contained roll-off compactors and enclosed sealed containers in various County owned or leased properties. Vendor to provide compactors and containers including pick-up and removal of solid waste pursuant to the specified services for the contract period of November 1, 2010 through October 31, 2012 in an amount not to exceed \$169,166.40.
- j. Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities, Division of Park Maintenance: Peters Chemical Co., Hawthorne, New Jersey and Reed & Perrine, Tennent, New Jersey, to provide and deliver calcium chloride pellets and flakes for a period of 24 consecutive months for a total amount not to exceed \$36,305.92.
- k. Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities, Division of Public Works: Atlantic Salt Inc., Lowell, Massachusetts, to provide and deliver rock salt for a period of 24 consecutive months in the amount of \$796,000.
- l. Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities, Division of Public Works: Trius, Inc., Bohemia, New York; Cliffside Body Corp., Fairview, New Jersey and Tony Sanchez LTD, Ledgewood, New Jersey, to furnish and deliver snow plow, salt spreader equipment parts and accessories for a period of 24 consecutive months for a total amount not to exceed \$125,000.
- m. Runnells Specialized Hospital: E & A Supply, Inc., Plainfield, New Jersey, to provide one blast chiller/shock freezer for Runnells Specialized Hospital in the amount of \$21,820.65.

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 Ward absent.

**2010-844 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN,** amending Resolution No. 2010-22, to reflect the name change of Roth & Horowitz to **Roth D'Aquanni, LLC, Springfield, 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 Ward absent.

2010-845 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, authorizing the County Manger to apply for a New Jersey Department Environmental Protection Recycling Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$630,000, to execute all necessary documents and adopt the proposed spending plan. The grant will partially fund 2 positions, 4 household hazardous waste programs, 4



electronic recycling events and drop off programs, mobile paper shredding events, a tire recycling program, municipal recycling enhancement grants, as well as associated advertising for the programs.

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 Ward absent.

**CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN,** concurring with the **Township of Cranford,** granting permission to the Lupus Foundation of America, New Jersey Chapter to hang a banner across Springfield Avenue near the intersection of Pawnee Road from September 20, 2010 to October 4, 2010 announcing the Lupus Walk/Run to be held on October 3, 2010.

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 Ward absent.

2010-847 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, authorizing the County Manager to approve the revisions to the Union County Annual Transportation Plan (ATP) for State Aid 2009.

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 Ward absent.

2010-848 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, authorizing the purchase of the property at 13-15 Lyons Place, Elizabeth, New Jersey in the amount of \$250,000 and an additional sum of not more than \$2,500 for costs associated with the purchase including but not limited to obtaining a survey, title search and title insurance for a total amount not to exceed \$252,500 and authorizing the County Manager to execute a contract for purchase upon terms and conditions and any other documents required to effectuate the purchase.

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 Ward absent.

2010-849 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, concurring with the Township of Springfield, granting permission to the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce to close Mountain Avenue, between Caldwell Place and Morris Avenue from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> (rain date Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>) for the Fall Festival. Also, granting permission to the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce to hang a banner on Mountain Avenue and on Meisel Avenue from October 1, 2010 to October 26, 2010.



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 Ward absent.

2010-850 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, concurring with the Township of Union's Resolution No. 2010-216 – deleting a bus stop along Stuyvesant Avenue, southbound, on the westerly side thereof at, Pleasant Parkway – Far Side, beginning at the southerly curb line of Pleasant Parkway and extending 100' southerly there from (Rimmele's Flower Shop).

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 Ward absent.

2010-851 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept and expend a State of New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety/Division of Highway Traffic Safety Grant entitled: Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund for the purpose of purchasing checkpoint safety equipment in the amount of \$4,445.25.

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 Ward absent.

2010-852 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, amending Resolution No. 2010-756, a contract with Sprint/Nextel Wireless to reflect a change in the account number only.

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 Ward absent.

2010-853 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, authorizing the County Manager, to enter into a contract with Continuum Voice & Data Systems, Syracuse, New York, to provide software maintenance to the County's records management system, OnBase, for a period of 24 months (October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2012) with an option to renew for an additional 24 months pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15 (1)(dd) in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for the first 24 months, and to rescind Resolution Number 2010-761, the previously awarded service contract.

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 Ward absent.

**2010-854 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN,** a resolution providing the consent of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union to the issuance by the Union County Improvement



Authority of its Guaranteed Mortgage Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2010 (Oakwood Plaza-Elizabeth) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 for the affordable residential development known as Oakwood Plaza (The "Project").

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 Ward absent.

2010-855 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a one-year Pilot Program for Emergency Medical Services mutual aid which would help provide additional resources to municipalities.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Scanlon, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Estrada voting in the negative on Resolution 2010-855 and Freeholder Ward absent.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE LAUDATORY IN CONTENT:

**2010-856 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA,** acknowledging **Helen E. Kirsh,** an employee of Union County Paratransit, who was recently awarded "Administrative Employee of the Year" by the Council on Special Transportation.

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 Ward absent.

**2010-857 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA,** acknowledging **Joseph Haligowski**, an employee of Union County Division of Motor Vehicles, who recently was awarded the "Maintenance Employee of the Year" by the Council on Special Transportation.

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 Ward absent.

**2010-858 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA,** proclaiming September 15, 2010 through October 15, 2010 as **"Hispanic Heritage Month"** in Union County.



**2010-859** FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI, congratulating Justin Van Ostenbridge, Boy Scout Troop 75, Cranford, New Jersey, on attaining his Eagle Scout Award.

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 Ward absent.

**2010-860** FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI AND CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, congratulating Carrie Bilenker for being elected "Girls Nation President," the first from New Jersey since 1971. Jersey Girls State is a program of the American Legion Auxiliary.

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 Ward absent.

**2010-861 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI AND THE ENTIRE BOARD,** proclaiming the month of October, 2010 as **"Domestic Violence Awareness Month"** in 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 Ward absent.

2010-862 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD, celebrating the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Columbus Day Flag Raising Event in 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 Ward absent.

**2010-863 VICE CHAIRMAN SCANLON AND THE ENTIRE BOARD,** designating the month of October, 2010 as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in 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 Ward absent.

2010-864 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN AND FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI, recognizing Barbara Wirkus who will be honored by the Libraries of Union County Consortium on October 5, 2010 at the Linden Public Library.



2010-865 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN AND FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI, recognizing Marilyn Coplan who will be honored by the Libraries of Union County Consortium on October 5, 2010 at the Linden Public Library.

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 Ward absent.

**2010-866 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN AND FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI,** recognizing **Pat Tumulty** who will be honored by the Libraries of Union County Consortium on October 5, 2010 at the Linden Public Library.

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 Ward absent.

2010-867 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN AND FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI, recognizing Conoco-Phillips who will be honored by the Libraries of Union County Consortium on October 5, 2010 at the Linden Public Library.

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 Ward absent.

**2010-868 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN AND THE ENTIRE BOARD,** proclaiming September 26, 2010 as **"Mesothelioma Awareness Day"** in 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 Ward absent.

2010-869 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN AND FREEHOLDER WARD, expressing the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Rosa Floyd, in this, their time of sorrow.



#### PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Danny Denunzio, Superintendant of the Department of Public Works, Union, thanked Vice Chairman Scanlon and the entire Board for a shared service that assisted with technical and equipment and is looking forward to future shared services with the County. He stated that they have established a nice relationship with Director of the Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities, Joseph Graziano and Director of the Division of Public Works, Joseph Policay.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, stated that he does not support Resolution 2010-855. He asked where the ambulance will be located.

Chairman Sullivan replied that the ambulance will be located at the Public Safety Building in Westfield.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, said that he believes that Cranford could help to get a partnership started.

Mr. Paterson stated that the Kids Recreation Trust Fund is granting the Borough of Garwood funds towards their recreation area. He stated that they are trying to reach \$2.5 million dollars and were granted \$150,000 last year from the Kids Recreation Trust and is hoping for \$200,000 this year.

Mr. Paterson said that he read a newspaper article in the Star Ledger and it was reported that Union County is ranked the third highest in taxes. He said the budget is a half billion dollars and he questioned the spending. He urged the Board to try to lower taxes.

Mr. Paterson made comments pertaining to the Tomato Contest at MusicFest and apologized for upsetting Chairman Sullivan at a previous Freeholder Meeting. He also apologized to the winner of the Tomato Contest.

Mr. Paterson commented on Freeholder Proctor's candidacy for Mayor of Rahway. He stated that his biography did not include that he is currently a Freeholder.

Tina Renna, Cranford, mentioned that a newspaper article states that Union County is ranked the third highest paid taxes in the State and ninth in the nation. She spoke about the EMS Pilot Program and said she found it to be disturbing. She stated that she has been receiving calls and e-mails from disturbed Emergency Medical Technicians, stating that they were not notified of this evening's Freeholder Meeting. She stated that the County offers emergency alerts and claims that it is not being used. She had many questions and concerns



about the EMS Pilot Program. She said that there were no handouts provided to the public and the presentation was hard to follow.

Ellen Dickson, Summit, stated that she has received calls and e-mails asking why the County is getting involved in Emergency Medical Services. She admitted that she missed half of the presentation and asked if the County plans on taking over Emergency Medical Services. She stated that Summit has a volunteer EMS and they do a terrific job and they are looking for some input.

John Bury, Kenilworth, stated that in reference to the EMS Program, if the ambulances are located in Westfield, he does not believe that they will respond to Berkeley Heights and added that most of the residents of Westfield have insurance.

Mr. Bury made comments regarding the Tomato Contest at MusicFest. He also commented about Meredith Whitney (a financial banking analyst), the pension plan and tax increases for next year.

Tom Sullivan, Roselle, stated that he has been an EMT volunteer for more than thirty-seven years and said that the number of volunteers is dwindling and there is no guarantee with volunteers. He said that when an ambulance is needed, there needs to be some type of guarantee that one will show up. He said by viewing a volunteer roster it looks good, but, volunteers could only give up so much of their time. He stated that we cannot keep relying on neighboring towns to use their manpower, while leaving their towns uncovered.

#### FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Kowalski thanked the Water Quality Champions from Rahway, whom we honored earlier this evening. These students took on the project of monitoring water quality and followed through, and it is a credit to them and to Rahway High School.

Freeholder Kowalski also thanked Joe DaRold, the Director of the Plainfield Public Library, for the great work he has done for the library and for the people of Plainfield. Joe oversees many historic preservation projects, including the Plainfield Library's historic photo archive. She said that there were some of their photos in the Union County section of the Star-Ledger and other publications.

Freeholder Kowalski stated that she is very pleased to announce that the official opening of the new Academy of Performing Arts High School at the Union County Vo-Tech Schools campus will take place next Thursday, October 7. She said that this is a unique program in partnership with Kean University that is designed to help more Union County residents take advantage of career opportunities in the performing arts, which as you know is an economic engine for growth throughout our region. She said this new institution will house a rigorous academic program along with a theatre and studios for dance, acting, and recording.



Freeholder Kowalski said that in addition to building experience and technique in performance, students will also be able to develop skills in directing and technical crafts associated with the performing arts. The four-year program culminates with a senior year at Kean University where students take a full freshman college course load.

Freeholder Kowalski thanked Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, Superintendent of the Union County Vo-Tech Schools, and Dr. Dawood Farahi, President of Kean University, for working together to provide more young people in Union County with the opportunity to find a rewarding and satisfying place in today's challenging economy.

Freeholder Kowalski stated that the last few weeks have been very busy around the county, and she shared a few highlights. She stated that last week, we hosted the Fishing Derby for people with disabilities at Echo Lake Park last Saturday. She thanked the young students from UMDNJ who volunteered. She stated that it was beautiful, sunny Saturday, and there were dozens of people out with their fishing poles and some even caught some fish!

Freeholder Kowalski announced that on Sunday, our Harvest Festival at the Trailside Center in the Watchung Reservation was a big success and she, Chairman Sullivan County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi helped judge the Scarecrow Contest, and the kids who made scarecrows had a great time and came up with some very creative scarecrows.

Freeholder Kowalski stated that in a partnership with the Springfield AAA Auto Center, we did a Check Your Child Safety Seat day, and many parents came in and were very relieved to have their children's car seats checked so that they were properly installed.

Freeholder Kowalski stated that that there many County employees attended the Eagle Scout ceremony for Eric Whyte of Mountainside. Eric's project included redesigning and beautifying the area around our Watchung Stables, and he did a great job. Many thanks to Eric and his scout troop and his family. He does a lot of volunteer work and she believes that he will be a good leader for our community in the future.

Freeholder Kowalski stated that the County has many events. There are also a lot of volunteers helping with cleanups, and she stated that she helped with one at the Ashbrook Reservation in Scotch Plains last week. Volunteers from our Adopt-a-Park groups and the Rahway River Association hiked through the park and trimmed invasive plants and made note of the plants that we want to protect.

Freeholder Kowalski congratulated the SAGE Senior Center volunteers who were honored in Summit last week for the great work they do in supporting our seniors and also to the RSVP organization, who held a luncheon last week for their volunteers. She stated that it was sponsored by Trinitas Hospital and Union County. She said there were a lot of our most active, lively seniors, and it was great to spend some time with them.



Freeholder Kowalski also announced the Family Day Open House at Abraham Clark High School in Roselle. Kudos to the new principal, Ms. Tanner-Oliphant, and to the teachers, students, and parents who are turning the school around.

Freeholder Kowalski stated that she is looking forward to Four Centuries in a Weekend on October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. She stated that there are a lot of great events in our parks and urged the public to check the County's web site for the schedules.

Freeholder Van Blake thanked those who attended the meeting on behalf of the EMS Pilot Program. He stated that our communities are in dire need of this Program and stressed that it is a "pilot" program at this point.

Freeholder Van Blake stated that he was impressed by the youngsters from the Municipal Alliance and said that he would like to see the Alliances join together so they could learn from each other to make the Alliance stronger.

Freeholder Mirabella commended the kids from the Municipal Alliances for attending the Freeholder Meeting.

Freeholder Mirabella stated that Red Ribbon Day in Union County is set for Saturday, October 23, at Nomahegan Park in Cranford. Red Ribbon Day kicks off a weeklong series of activities aimed at helping families prevent substance abuse. He stated that in the past years, the Freeholder Board has worked with Prevention Links and the Union County D.A.R.E. Officers Association to make Red Ribbon Day a success. He stated that there will be free childrens' activities, including a petting zoo, moonwalks, games, and a helicopter landing. He said new to the lineup of activities, Prevention Links is also sponsoring its first Red-Ribbon Four Miler, on a USATF Certified course. He said that there is a new Red Ribbon Family Fun Walk to raise funds that will help Prevention Links in its efforts to raise awareness about substance abuse.

Freeholder Mirabella said for more information on Red Ribbon Day to call Prevention Links at 732-381-4100.

Freeholder Mirabella invited everyone to participate in the County's Second Annual Columbus Day Flag Raising at the Courthouse beginning at 1:30 p.m. He thanked members of Plainfield's UNICO and UNICO District X, which encompasses Union County, for helping to organize this event.

Freeholder Mirabella stated that the event features keynote speeches from former New Jersey Acting Governor and former State Senator Don DiFrancesco, who helped create the New Jersey Italian and Italian-American Heritage Commission, and UNICO National President Chris DiMattio, head of the nation's largest Italian-American service organization. County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi will be on hand to talk. We also expect to hear from the Italian Consulate, Andrea Barbaria from Newark. He said that Italian-Americans continue to make Minutes of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders – Regular Meeting – Sept. 30, 2010 – Page 38 of 42



extraordinary contributions to the rich, diverse fabric of America, a country we all love, and who our ancestors helped discover and build.

Freeholder Mirabella said that a Resolution will be presented at the event and a reception will follow inside the Courthouse rotunda. He stated that cultural materials will be available for distribution.

County Manager Devanney explained that the Program that Director Moran presented was born from municipalities and Emergency Management Services who contacted the County to seek assistance. There were questions as to why another entity does not get involved, but he stated clearly, it does not happen. He said last October the County held a Forum with our Public Safety Department and the municipalities throughout the County and to his recollection, most, if not all of the municipalities had representation at the Forum. He stressed that this is a mutual aid service and will only respond if called upon, adding it is simply a supplement and it is not meant to replace volunteers. He praised the volunteers and said that they are a very important part of the system and they should be treated with the utmost respect. He explained that some towns are being bumped to a third town for response and sometimes no one responds or there is a very long wait time for an ambulance to arrive. He stated that these are lives are in jeopardy and there is no state law which requires someone to respond.

County Manager Devanney explained that this is a Pilot Program and it will serve the entire county, not just Westfield. He said the municipalities will be comforted in knowing that the County can respond five days per week, if needed. He said the calls and locations will be monitored and the location of the ambulance may be adjusted, if deemed necessary. County Manager Devanney stated that he wholeheartedly supports the Resolution of the EMS Pilot Program.

Vice Chairman Scanlon stated that her family recently required emergency response and it was very comforting to know that an ambulance would show up quickly. She stated that she lives in Union and their Emergency Medical Service is through the Union Township Fire Department and they were very professional and had total knowledge of their job. She thanked them for their tremendous assistance in early September.

Chairman Sullivan announced that with the flick of a switch, you will be able to see the new County of Union website which is going live tonight on the internet. This website offers the public a streamlined site that is easier to use. It is also easier to navigate and it has modern features including social networking support, multimedia and interactive items. The website address is the same: <a href="www.ucnj.org">www.ucnj.org</a>.

Chairman Sullivan stated that the creation of the new Union County Website's top priority being an informative, useful site for the general public. The County staff and Union County-based Web Creations have worked hard over the summer months to make it easier



for people to find information on the new web site. He stated that some input we received about the existing web site was that some information was missing or was hard to find. The County undertook a major renovation with the goal of making information more complete, and easily accessible. The new site is designed to encourage more citizen participation and allow better access to government. He stated that the website will also present a positive image of the County that may help attract tourism and economic development as well and by making information more accessible online, the number of calls and visits to County offices will be reduced, which reduces costs for the County and the taxpayers. He stated that citizens will be able to find more of what they need online, often saving a trip to County offices, which is especially helpful for residents living in outlying areas or with residents having difficulty traveling.

Chairman Sullivan stated that there are green and orange roadwork construction signs posted around the County that read "Putting America to Work." Many of these signs identify Union County projects funded by \$11 million in Federal tax dollars through President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). He said that this is just part of the \$23 million that ARRA funds have pumped into the Union County economy so far. In addition to roadwork, the funds have gone to crime prevention and other public safety programs.

ARRA funds have also helped us provide more meals for senior citizens, assistance for persons dealing with housing and foreclosure issues, and programs for job training and literacy to help more Union County residents find a place in today's challenging economy.

The roadwork includes resurfacing and intersection improvements to help make our streets and neighborhoods safer for vehicles, pedestrians, and bike riders, too. Some of the work also involves compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. These infrastructure improvements put shovels in the ground and create new jobs in Union County. This benefits our local businesses, and helps to strengthen the economy throughout Union County, so despite the temporary inconveniences, he welcomes the green and orange signs.

Chairman Sullivan restated County Manager's comments about the EMS Pilot Program being a supplement to whatever the municipalities already have in place. It is not to "take over." He said having the experience that morning of calling 911 Dispatch and how quickly they responded saved his father-in-law's life.

Chairman Sullivan congratulated the County and the Borough of Fanwood on the 911; the County recently took over the dispatching for Fanwood dispatching that recently commenced and is going well.

Chairman Sullivan announced the opening of Snyder Avenue Park in Berkeley Heights and said it was made possible because of the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.



Chairman Sullivan stated that there is a Referendum on the Oakwood Park Project in New Providence and he urged the residents of New Providence to visit Snyder Avenue Park in Berkeley Heights.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Sullivan called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm. 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 Ward absent.

The voucher list through September 22, 2010 will be available for public perusal in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.



#### 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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Regular Meetings

October 7 October 14

November 4 Tues., November 23

Wed., December 8 Double Meeting Wed., December 8

Wed., December 22 Double Meeting Wed., December 22

#### **UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

October 14, 2010 11:00am Division on Aging Area Plan Contract 2011

Plainfield Senior Center, 400 E. Front St., Plainfield

Clerk of the Board

NLD:mb

# **PROPOSAL**

### Union County Bureau of Emergency Medical Services



# History

- Public Safety Shared Services Forum
  - October, 2009
- Ranking Potential Shared Services
  - Cooperative Purchasing In Place
  - County Dispatching Services In Place
  - Countywide EMS Services Pending



# History

- Survey regarding EMS Shared Service
- EMS Roundtable on June 15, 2010
- Further research on shared EMS
  - Data Collection

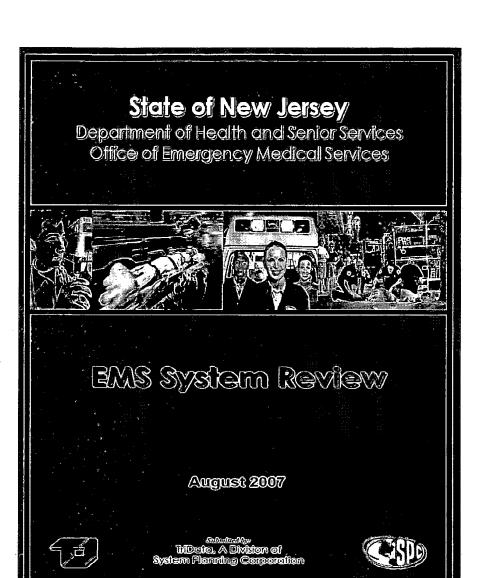


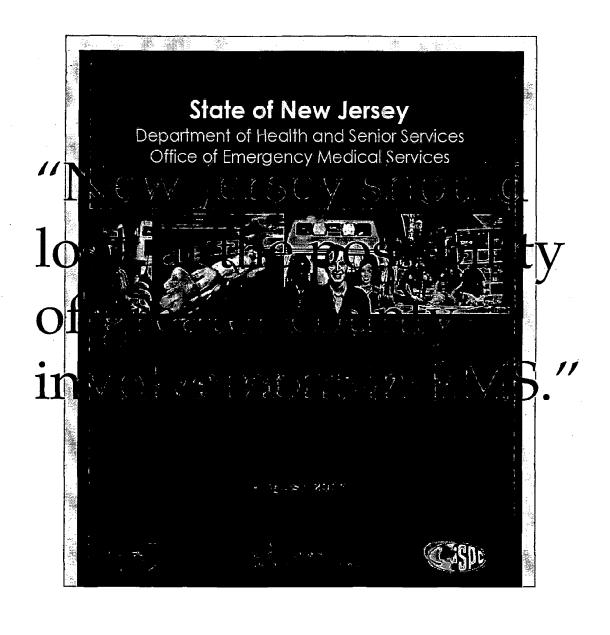
### Need

EMS Mutual Aid Calls



- Mutual Aid vs. Home Community
- Low Membership Availability





# **Proposed Operation**

- Hours of Operation
  - Monday Friday 6:30 am 6:30 pm
- Staffing
  - Per Diem staff
- Ambulances
  - 1 per shift
  - 2 Ambulances



# Budget

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|---|------------------------|----------|-----------------|--|
| 1 | Ambulance Purchase     | \$2,500  | N/A             | Radio purchase & installation          |
| 2 | Ambulance Painting     | \$4,000  | N/A             | ·                                      |
| 3 | Equipment/Stock        | \$32,000 | N/A             |  |
| 4 | Insurance              | N/A      | \$15,000        |  |
| 5 | Personnel              | N/A      | \$106,080.00    | 1 ambulance x 12 hrs. /day x 5 days/wk |
| 6 | Personnel Additional   | N/A      | \$3,400         | Standby for County sponsored events    |
| 7 | Medical Director       | N/A      | N/A             |  |
| 8 | Billing Company        | \$0      | \$0             | 6% of revenue collected                |
| 9 | NJ State Licensing Fee | \$0      | \$0             | Waived for governmental agencies       |

# Billing

- Bill for service
  - \$550 per transport
- Outsource Billing
  - 6% of Revenue Collected



# Billing

#### Anticipated Revenue

Health Insurance:
Full payment

Auto / Workers Comp: \$150 - \$300

■ Medicare (\$380 allowed): \$304 (80%)

Medicaid: \$58

#### Average \$300 per call

- 582 annual calls
- 2.5 per day (5 days a week)



### Outcomes

- Measure of Success
  - Cost
  - Call Volume
  - Revenue
  - Feedback



### **Time Line**

- October, 2010
  - Begin Licensing Process
  - Paint Ambulance
  - Spec / Purchase Equipment
- November, 2010
  - Paint 2<sup>nd</sup> Ambulance
  - Receive Equipment
- December, 2010
  - Develop SOPs
  - Begin RFP for Billing Company

## **Time Line**

- January, 2011
  - Secure Billing Company
  - Finalize Licensing
- February, 2011
  - Hire Staff
- March, 2011
  - Train Staff
  - Review Equipment
- April, 2011
  - Operational

# Comparison

#### Cranford EMS

- Created 2005
- Monday Friday
- 2 Ambulances

#### Gloucester County

- Created 2007
- 24/7 serving 14 municipalities
- 23 Ambulances



# Questions