



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2012  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alexander Mirabella called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Angel G. Estrada	Freeholder	Present	
Christopher Hudak	Freeholder	Absent	
Mohamed S. Jalloh	Freeholder	Present	
Bette Jane Kowalski	Freeholder	Present	
Deborah P. Scanlon	Freeholder	Present	
Daniel P. Sullivan	Freeholder	Present	
Vernell Wright	Freeholder	Present	
Linda Carter	Vice Chairman	Present	
Alexander Mirabella	Chairman	Present	

Also present were County Manager Alfred J. Faella, County Counsel Robert E. Barry, Esq. and Clerk of the Board James E. Pellettiere.

## PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

## STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

## APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

## OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Theodore Romankow, Union County Prosecutor

First Assistant Prosecutor Albert Cernadas, Jr. Represented the Office.

Mr. Cernadas congratulated and commended Bureau Chief of GIS, Matt Mathan for all his work on the two year mapping project, as mentioned in items #1 and #2.

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:35-7, approving the Union County 1000 foot Drug Free School Zone Maps as produced by the Bureau of GIS, Division of Engineering, County of Union.  
(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)

2. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:35-7.1, approving the Union County 500 foot Drug Free Zone Maps as produced by the Bureau of GIS, Division of Engineering, County of Union. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Jalloh asked what type of method is being used in items #1 and #2.

Mr. Mathan stated that they use parcel data that is digitized throughout the county and school data, along with other information provided by the Prosecutor's Office. He said they create a digital buffer and they clip out the parcel property information within the buffer.

Freeholder Jalloh asked how long it is good for. Mr. Mathan said the Prosecutor's Office will be updated every three months and will provide him with the information.

Mr. Cernadas said that any school zones that are in use or not, his office will be notified by the police departments and those changes will be made within the maps.

Freeholder Jalloh asked if there are changes that need to be made, if it will come before the Board for approval. Mr. Cernadas stated that there may be changes, and yes, they would come before the Board.

Freeholder Kowalski congratulated Mr. Mathan, Prosecutor Romankow and First Assistant Prosecutor Albert Cernadas, Jr., for their hard work on this project. She asked if the maps will be made available to each municipality.

Mr. Mathan stated that mylar copies will be filed through the courts and they will be distributed to the municipalities and the police departments. The Prosecutor's Office will determine who will have access to them online.

3. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Police Training Commission for the 2012 Law Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment Grant, Part III for the period of March 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012 in the amount of \$14,071.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to accept funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice for the 2012 DNA backlog reduction grant in the amount of \$1,332,960 for the period of October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2014. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Mr. Cernadas congratulated new Director Matt Gabriel for his work on procuring the grant as mentioned in item #4.

Freeholder Estrada stated that although he is looking forward to receiving the \$1.2 million grant for the DNA backlog reduction, he asked if the need is for within Union County or is it for other counties. Mr. Cernadas explained that it will be mostly for Union County. It also allows purchasing additional equipment and forensic scientists can be hired on a contract basis. He said three or four other counties have asked for DNA help.

Freeholder Estrada asked if it is a one-time grant. Mr. Cernadas replied, yes, it is one grant over a 2.5 year period.

Freeholder Estrada asked about hiring employees since it is only a one time grant. Mr. Cernadas stated that they are currently contract-based employees.

Freeholder Estrada commended Mr. Gabriel's work and stated that Union County is the first in the State to have the DNA equipment.

County Manager Faella interjected and stated that this allows children to be kept safe, and saves the County at the very least, \$100,000.

Vice Chairman Carter asked if it is a matching grant. Mr. Cernadas replied, no.

5. Authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to apply for and accept funding from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, Megan's Law and Local Law Enforcement Grant for the period of September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 in the amount of \$17,290. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
6. Amending Resolution Number 2012-682, in order to extend the professional services agreement with Elizabeth Deo, Roselle Park, New Jersey, for a period of five additional weeks at a rate of \$700 per week in the amount of \$3,500.00 through September 30, 2012, if needed to serve as Acting SANE Coordinator. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

#### DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Brian Riordan, Director

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There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Global Tel Link, Mobile, Alabama pursuant to state contract #61618 for the purpose of providing, at no cost to the County, an on premise based inmate telephone system that will create revenue for the County of Union for the contract period of June 4, 2012 through March 3, 2013. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

#### DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES

Joseph Graziano, Director

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1. Concurring with the City of Summit's Ordinance No. 12-2982, "Parking Time Limited on Certain Streets (Kent Place Boulevard 2-hour parking) and Turn Prohibitions designated (Glenside Avenue & Baltusrol and Baltusrol Road and Glenside Avenue)", City of Summit. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Jalloh asked if the municipalities ask for permission for work to be done on a County road. Director Graziano stated that we are asked to concur with their resolution. Freeholder Jalloh asked if there is any review for merit for their requests. Director Graziano stated that the municipality takes care of everything that is needed, we only concur with their resolution.

Freeholder Jalloh asked about the municipalities decision, and if the County can deny their request. Director Graziano stated that it is the County's right-of-way. The County typically does not deny their request.

2. Amending Resolution Number 2007-1183, a professional engineering service contract with Maser Consulting PA, Red Bank, New Jersey, for additional engineering services associated with the Replacement of Three Culverts in Union and Springfield Townships, in the amount of \$45,840.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$310,040.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

3. Amending Resolution Number 2011-987, a professional engineering service contract with Pennoni Associates, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for additional engineering services associated with the 2009 ARRA Roadway Project, in the amount of \$35,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$320,058.50. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
4. Amending Resolution Number 2011-695, (BA#68) a contract (through the public bidding process) with M&M Construction Company, Union, New Jersey, approving Change Order No. 1 for the Froehlich Public Safety Building - Dispatch Service Area Renovations, in the amount of \$64,467.29 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$1,239,467.29. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Vice Chairman Carter asked if this is the final Change Order for the item mentioned in item #4.

Director Graziano stated that the original bid was made prior to Hurricane Irene, as a result, there were many changes made to the scope of the work. Generators needed to be hooked up, and change and upgrade to the electric in the NOC room had to be done.

5. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq; Department of Engineering, Public Works, Facilities and Park Maintenance, Division of Engineer: Jogi Construction, Livingston, New Jersey for the purpose of providing the Replacement of Three Culverts, Li9, Li56, Li73, City of Linden, Two Hundred and Ten Calendar Days (210) from Notice to Proceed, in the amount of \$768,242.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Vice Chairman Carter asked about items 2, 4 and 5.

Director Graziano stated that item #2 stated that the original bid was for two culverts in Union. However, that meant that two streets, Vauxhall Road and Burnet Avenue had to be closed at the same time, and it was denied by the Township of Union. He also stated that additional permits were required by the Department of Environmental Protection, a wet land survey was required and there were easement delays, and this resulted in the Consultants requiring extra time and costing the County additional dollars.

Vice Chairman asked about the County's cost for separating the contracts.

Director Graziano stated that \$29,600 of the \$48,000 was for costs associated with separating the contracts.

Chairman Mirabella asked how often this happens, where the towns refuse the closure of two streets after the bid goes out.

Director Graziano stated not too often. He said next time they will approach it differently.

Vice Chairman asked about #5. Director Graziano explained that it was a public bid to replace culverts on Lower Road, Elizabeth Avenue and Cranford Avenue in Linden. He said the work will begin in the fall, and should be completed within one year.

6. Authorizing the County Manager to award a professional engineering service contract with Birdsall Engineering Services Group, Cranford, New Jersey, for Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) Environmental Compliance Services and Preliminary Assessment for the Lenape Park - Trap and Skeet, Cranford, New Jersey in the amount of \$10,400. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

7. Authorizing the County Manager to award a professional engineering service contract to Neglia Associates, Lyndhurst, New Jersey, for the design, construction administration and inspection services for Intersection Improvements at Grand Avenue and Elizabeth Avenue, City of Rahway in an amount not to exceed \$59,104.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
8. Authorizing the County Manager to award a professional engineering service contract to T&M Associates, Middletown, New Jersey, for the design, construction administration and inspection services for Three Intersection Improvements at Passaic Avenue and Kent Place Boulevard, Springfield Avenue and New England Avenue, Springfield Avenue, Passaic Avenue, and Old Springfield Road, City of Summit, in an amount not to exceed \$155,420.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
9. Authorizing the County Manager to award a professional engineering service contract to T&M Associates, Middletown, New Jersey, for the design, construction administration and inspection services for the Replacement of Madison Hill Road Bridge (Ra28), City of Rahway in an amount not to exceed \$282,176.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
10. Authorizing the County Manager to award a professional engineering service contract to Parsons Brinckerhoff, Newark, New Jersey, for the design, construction administration and inspection services for Three Intersection Improvements in the Township of Union at the Vauxhall Road Intersections with Pine Street and Caldwell Avenue and at Chestnut Street and Parkview Terrace in an amount not to exceed \$122,900.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
11. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service contract to CCMS, Wall, New Jersey, for the design, construction administration and inspection services for Intersection Improvements at North Broad Street & Central Avenue, Township of Hillside, in an amount not to exceed \$65,100.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Estrada had several questions regarding intersections pertaining to items 7, 8, 10 and 11. He asked for the average cost to improve each intersection.

Director Graziano stated that the intersections differ due to design of lights and ramps. He said the average intersection ranges from \$40,000 to \$50,000 and the construction cost is approximately \$225,000 per intersection.

Freeholder Estrada asked if items 8 and 9 included design costs. Director Graziano stated that they need to go out to bid for the actual contract.

Freeholder Estrada asked if there is money set aside for replacing the bridge as mentioned in item #9. Director Graziano replied, yes, it is all capital funds.

12. Amending Resolution Number 2011-750, a Professional Engineering Service contract with Birdsall Services Group, Cranford, New Jersey, decreasing the contract amount by \$73,110.00 for a new contract amount of \$190,890. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Sullivan asked for an explanation of the reduction of the contract amount mentioned in item #12.

Director Graziano explained that this item was reduced by \$73,000 for Birdsall Services. This is a EECBG granted funded project from last year. There is a certain time limit given to spend the dollars given on these projects. He said they applied the dollars to a solar project for Runnells Specialized Hospital, and were able to use all the funds. He said since the project was smaller, the scope of work had to be changed and it resulted in a lower contract amount of

\$73,000 to Birdsall Services.

Freeholder Sullivan asked for the original contract amount. Director Graziano replied it was \$264,000 for Birdsall Services part of the project, which now has been decreased by \$73,000. Freeholder Sullivan asked for their part is of the project is complete. Director Graziano stated that it is not complete. He will advise the Board of the completion date on the Runnells Solar project.

13. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq; Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management: Division of Facilities Management and Runnells Specialized Hospital; Capozzi Overhead Door, Inc., Nutley, New Jersey to exercise the extension option to provide overhead door maintenance; repair and replacement for an additional twenty four (24) months, for the contract period of August 1, 2012 through July 31, 2014 in the amount of \$264,284.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
14. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq; Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management: Division of Facilities Management and Runnells Specialized Hospital: Automatic Door Systems, North Arlington, New Jersey, to exercise the extension option to provide automatic/sensor controlled doors maintenance; repair and replacement for an additional twenty four (24) months, for the contract period of August 27, 2012 through August 26, 2014 in the amount of \$111,800.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
15. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq; Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management: Division of Facilities Management and Runnells Specialized Hospital: Automatic Door Systems, North Arlington, New Jersey, to exercise the extension option to provide entrance/office door maintenance; repair and replacement for an additional twenty four (24) months, for the contract period of August 27, 2012 through August 26, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$166,914.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Estrada asked about items 13, 14, and 15.

Director Graziano stated that they are three separate contracts. He said that item #13 is the original contract from 2010 through 2012 for \$293,000 and only \$21,000 was used due to light winters and the doors being newer. He stated that they anticipate spending more money this year, as some doors will need to be replaced and repaired. He said the bids went out for maintaining and purchasing the garaged doors.

Director Graziano stated that the sliding automatic doors are for the Administration building entrance, the rear of the Courthouse and numerous sensor doors at Runnells Specialized Hospital. He stated that they only used \$19,000 out of the last contract of \$111,000.

Freeholder Estrada said that since we have been way below the contract prices, he asked about the remaining funds.

Director Graziano said it is an open purchase order for operating dollars. He said at the end of the year, we could use it for other departments. He stated for the next contract they will probably not go out to bid for as much.

16. Authorizing the County Manager to enter in a contract obtained through public bidding (BA-#39-12) with Wilfred MacDonald, S. Hackensack, New Jersey for the purchase of lawn mowers in an amount of \$186,788.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
17. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Engineering, Public Works, Facilities & Park Maintenance, Division of Engineering : Let It Grow, River Edge, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Nomahegan Park Lake Restoration Project, Two Hundred Seventy Five Calendar Days from Notice to Proceed, in the amount of \$1,495,358.50. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
18. Resolution concurring with the Borough of Fanwood granting permission to the Fanny Wood Day Committee, to close Martine Avenue from South Avenue to La Grande Avenue and South Avenue, from First Street to Second Avenue on Sunday, September 30, 2012 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to hold the 2012 Fanny Wood Day Celebration. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
19. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract to Paul Cowie & Associates, Lake Hiawatha, New Jersey for the development of the Union County's Five-Year (2013-2017) Community Forestry Management Plan, in accordance with the requirement of the New Jersey Shade Tree & Community Forestry Assistance Act (P.L. 1996, Chapter 135), in the amount of \$6,750.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
20. Resolution granting permission to the Township of Scotch Plains to hang a banner across Park Avenue at the intersection of Front Street and Park Avenue from September 4, 2012 through October 7, 2012 for Scotch Plains Day, which is sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association. Also, granting permission to close Park Avenue between Westfield Avenue and Front Street from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 7, 2012. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
21. Resolution concurring with the Township of Berkeley Heights granting permission to the Summit Medical Group to hang a banner across Springfield Avenue, from September 1, 2012 to September 30, 2012 for the Sports & Health Event to be held on Sunday, September 30, 2012 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
22. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Laws, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities: Bristol – Donald, Newark, New Jersey – Lot 1–Viking Cives in the amount of \$100,000 and Lot 3-Meyers in the amount of \$6,950; Dejana Truck & Utility Company, Kings Park, New York – Lot 2 – Western in the amount of \$29,600 and Lot 6 – in the amount of \$22,500; Henderson Products, Inc., Manchester, Iowa – Lot 4-Henderson in the amount of \$90,000; Trius, Inc., Bohemia, New York, Lot 5 – Warren in the amount of \$23,750; Tony Sanchez, LTD, Ledgewood, New Jersey, Lot 7 – Gledhill in the amount of \$19,000 for a contract period of 24 consecutive months for a total contra amount of \$291,800. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
23. Resolution granting permission to the City of Linden to close Wood Avenue from U.S. Routes 1 and 9 to Gibbons Street to hold their 62nd Annual Halloween Parade to be held on Sunday, October 28, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**Bibi Taylor, Director

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Comptroller Frank Padnusniak represented the Office.

Chairman Mirabella asked if the items listed on the Agenda were results of grants. Mr. Padnusniak replied, yes. There were no other questions.

1. Resolution Modifying the 2012 Budget in the amount of \$261,565 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a program entitled: County Environmental Health Act (CEHA). **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**
2. Resolution Modifying the 2012 Budget in the amount of \$25,941 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children & Families for a Program Entitled: Sexual Assault, Abuse and Rape Care. **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**
3. Resolution Modifying the 2012 Budget in the amount of \$206,400 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a Program Entitled: Community Service Block Grant. **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**
4. Resolution Modifying the 2012 Budget in the amount of \$217,820 as a result of notification received from the US Department of Justice for a Program Entitled: Justice Assistance Grant. **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**
5. Resolution Modifying the 2012 Budget in the amount of \$1,332,960 as a result of notification received from the US Department of Justice for a Program Entitled: DNA Backlog Reduction Program. **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**
6. Resolution Modifying the 2012 Budget in the amount of \$171,000.00 as a result of notification received from an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Union and City of Linden for a Program Entitled: Linden: ILSA - Control Monitoring System. **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**
7. Resolution Modifying the 2012 Budget in the amount of \$14,071 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program Entitled: Law Enforcement Officers Training & Equipment Fund - LEOTEF. **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**Frank Guzzo, Director

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1. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and obtain a grant from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) for approximately \$206,976 in FY2013 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding for the grant period of October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2014 and to recognize and accept that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from NJDCA, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

2. Amending Resolution Number 2011-788, to correct a grant term to read August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2013 for Collaborative Support Programs of NJ/Bridgeway (NJ39-C7-15-001) project. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Human Services / Paratransit System: Summit Truck & Auto Body Inc., Summit, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing collision repairs, body work and paint services for heavy duty buses and shuttle vans, to exercise the twenty-four (24) month extension option period of October 27, 2012 through October 26, 2014, in the amount of \$123,000. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Human Services, Division on Aging: American Repair, Inc., Brooklyn, New York; Culinary Depot, Munsey, New York; Sam Tell and Son's, Farmingdale, New York; Todd Devin Food Equipment, Yardley, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of providing Kitchen Equipment to replace the kitchen equipment at 1025 Pennsylvania Avenue, Linden, New Jersey in the total amount of \$102,409.54. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to accept the Merck Dollars for Doers award in the amount of \$500.00. The award resulted from Union County Youth Services, Project Management Team's successful implementation of the Merck/Rahway Toastmaster 2011 Summer Project for Youth. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to award subcontracts in accordance with the NJ Department of Children and Families approved plan for Union County's utilization of the 2012-2013 Family Support and Prevention (FSP) Grant for the subcontract period of October 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 in the amount of \$250,000. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with NJ TRANSIT to secure grant funding in the amount of \$125,000 with a 100% match of \$125,000 for a total of \$250,000 for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014 inclusion in NJ Transit's Consolidated Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Grant Application, submitted to the Federal Transit Administration for Federal Transportation assistance authorized by Section 3037 of the Transportation Equity Act of 21st Century (TEA-21). **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Scanlon asked for an explanation of item #7. Director Guzzo explained that these are annual federal dollars received for the Paratransit System to provide rides for seniors and the disabled.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL**

**Ronald Zuber, Director**

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Deputy Director Cherron Rountree represented the Department.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2011-590 awarding a contract to Alliance Telecommunications Contractors, Inc., Parsippany, New Jersey, to increase the contract \$45,000 for a new contract amount of \$125,000. **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**

Chairman Mirabella asked about the nature of item #1. Deputy Director Rountree stated that it

is for all internal wiring for all the County buildings. She said there has been a significant increase from the last contract. It is a 24 month extension, and there is a new lease on Parker Road in Elizabeth, along with the increase of cable and wiring costs. The contract price includes equipment and labor.

County Manager Faella interjected and stated that they are in the process of forming a subcommittee for the IT Department to look at different way of improving information technology.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Andrew Moran, Director

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1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Springfield to provide dispatch services to include answering the Township of Springfield 9-1-1 calls in return for a contracted amount paid to the County in an amount not to exceed \$95,000.00 for the first year with a fixed 2% increase for the remaining two (2) years of the three (3) year term. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Sullivan asked how many towns are participating in the Dispatch Agreement as mentioned in item #1.

Director Moran replied that there are currently eight municipalities participating.

Freeholder Sullivan complimented Director Moran, his department and the Board for pursuing the expansion of the dispatching center's shared service with the municipalities. He said when CenCom closed, the towns were in put in a dire situation and he is pleased the County was able to step in. He stated that it is only a matter of time when the other towns will begin to participate.

Director Moran said that the Dispatch Center will open on October 1st. He thanked the Board for their support and for the team effort for the temporary dispatch center.

Freeholder Sullivan asked about the municipality's feedback. He stated that the Township of Springfield has extended their contract and the County has become their primary 911 response, and the County is also dispatching their Fire Department and Rescue Squad. He said that there has been an overwhelming positive response compared to what other municipalities have chosen.

Freeholder Estrada asked if the Township of Springfield was dispatching their fire, 911 and EMS calls. Director Moran said they were with CenCom, but when they closed, they saw a significant way to save money with the shared service. He said the 911 equipment costs about \$400,000 plus there is maintenance fees involved. He said they will save quite a bit of money by the County doing all three services for them.

Freeholder Estrada asked how many employees are hired to provide the service. Director Moran stated that there are two full timers and a 911 uniform officer.

County Manager Faella stated that there will be a report at the end of the year which will include all services provided, and its costs.

Freeholder Sullivan stated that the municipalities will no longer need to have their uniform officers to answer these calls. They will be doing what they were trained to do.

Director Moran agreed and said it will allow them to be on the streets protecting the citizens.

**RUNNELLS SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL**

Joan Wheeler, Administrator

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County Manager Faella asked Director Guzzo to explain item #6.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an affiliation agreement between Runnells Specialized Hospital, Union County Immunization Program and Trinitas School of Nursing for educational experiences in clinical areas for students enrolled in the Trinitas School of Nursing for the period of September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013 at no cost to the County. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Shanthi Chezian, MD, South Plainfield, New Jersey, to provide professional psychiatric services to the patients/residents of Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013 at the rate of \$112.5/hour for a total contract amount of \$147,378.00. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Reverend Betty Ann Miller, Plainfield, New Jersey, to provide protestant services to the residents/patients of Runnells Specialized Hospital for the period November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Rabbi Moshe A. Abramowitz, Elizabeth, New Jersey, to provide Jewish religious services to the residents/patients of Runnells Specialized Hospital for the period November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$6,600.00. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Monsignor William C. Harms, Church of the Little Flower, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, to provide Catholic Religious services for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$13,200.00. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**

Freeholder Estrada asked if there is a difference in one religion versus another. Ms. Wheeler stated that it is relative to the number of times they visit the hospital to provide the services.

Freeholder Sullivan sent his regards to Monsignor Harms, stating that he remembers him during his CYO days.

6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Complete Healthcare Resources - Eastern, Inc. (CHR-E), Dresher, Pennsylvania for analysis and development of options for Runnells Specialized Hospital for a contract period of sixty (60) days from the commencement of on-site work to the delivery of the preliminary report to the County representatives in an amount not to exceed \$60,000. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**

Director Guzzo explained that the Department Heads have been directed to have studies performed where warranted as a result of the budget process. He said they will study everything involved with the Hospital. He said the State has reduced Medicare/Medicaid reimbursements over the years, and it has been extremely difficult to operate the hospital; losing 10 to 12 million dollars per year. The study will see how we could reduce the deficit and bring in more revenue. It will be done through an RFP process. He explained that the firm will provide the most options available to the Board, and the preliminary report will be given by the firm. The study

will include the financial reimbursement and will also include a feasibility study to see if the hospital should be sold.

Chairman Mirabella stated that he appreciates the partnership of Director Guzzo and Administrator Wheeler during this process.

Freeholder Sullivan thanked Director Guzzo for looking into having the study done, and also thanked the firm for working so quickly on getting a preliminary report ready for the 2013 budget. He said it is critical for the Board to have options to discuss and evaluate in order to make decisions.

#### **OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL**

Robert E. Barry, Esq., County Counsel

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There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to increase the appropriation to Palumbo & Renaud, Cranford, New Jersey in the matter entitled Gerald & Laura Hatton v. UC, et als. in the amount of \$5,000.00 for a total sum of \$15,000.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to increase the appropriation to LaCorte, Bundy, Varady & Kinsella, Union, New Jersey, in the matter entitled Paul Takacs v. UC, et als., in the amount of \$5,000.00 for a total sum of \$65,000.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to increase the appropriation to Bauch, Zucker, Hatfield, LLC, Springfield, New Jersey, in the matter entitled Beverly Figueroa v. UC, et als., in the amount of \$10,000.00 for a total amount of \$20,000.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to increase the appropriation to Bauch, Zucker, Hatfield, LLC, Springfield, New Jersey, in the matter entitled Stephen McGuire v. UC, et als., in the amount of \$15,000.00 for a total amount of \$105,000.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
5. To reflect an increase in the number of traffic control signal monitoring systems in the Township of Union to 12 which the County of Union will share equally in the cost, effective August 18, 2012. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

#### **FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

1. Commending Myron "Mike" Shevell and the Chevell Group of Companies upon their Award of Special Recognition by the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless at its First Annual Greater Elizabeth Area Transportation, Logistics and Distribution (TLD) Industry Breakfast on September 20, 2012. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
2. Resolution offering the Board's sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Joseph Boyko in their time of sorrow. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
3. Recognizing the eight recipients of "Salute To Excellence" Community Education Awards presented by the Educational Advancement Foundation. **(Vice Chairman Linda Carter)**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

- 1) Attorney Client privilege relative to contract negotiations with various collective bargaining units.

County Counsel Barry stated that pursuant to provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act a public body may enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing certain enumerated subjects. This Board will now enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Attorney Client privilege relative to contract negotiations with various collective bargaining units.

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

Upon the Board's return, it may not take formal action on the matters discussed as it is an Agenda setting meeting.

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

Motion to enter Executive Session.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Linda Carter, Vice Chairman; **SECONDER:** Vernell Wright, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Scanlon, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Carter, Chairman Mirabella; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Hudak;

Motion to return from Executive Session.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Linda Carter, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Scanlon, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Carter, Chairman Mirabella; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Hudak;

Freeholder Sullivan stated that he may have an additional Resolution for the next Freeholder Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 PM.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Daniel P. Sullivan, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Deborah P. Scanlon, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Scanlon, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Carter, Chairman Mirabella; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Hudak;

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 2012 UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS' MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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

REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012 at 12:00pm

Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

AGENDA SETTING MEETINGS

REGULAR MEETINGS

January 19, 2012

January 26, 2012

February 2, 2012

February 9, 2012

February 16, 2012

February 23, 2012

March 1, 2012

March 8, 2012

March 15, 2012

March 22, 2012

April 5, 2012

April 19, 2012

April 26, 2012

April 26, 2012

May 3, 2012

May 3, 2012

May 17, 2012

May 31, 2012

June 14 2012

June 14 2012

June 28, 2012

June 28, 2012

July 12, 2012

July 19, 2012

August 9, 2012

August 16, 2012

September 6, 2012

September 13, 2012

September 20, 2012

September 27, 2012

October 4, 2012

October 11, 2012

October 18, 2012

October 18, 2012

November 8, 2012

November 8, 2012

Tues., November 20, 2012

November 29, 2012

December 6, 2012

December 6, 2012

December 20, 2012

December 20, 2012

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James E. Pelletiere  
Clerk of the Board

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