



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2012  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alexander Mirabella called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Angel G. Estrada	Freeholder	Present	
Christopher Hudak	Freeholder	Present	
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

Chairman Mirabella stated that the Directors were advised to submit only essential Resolutions for the evening's meeting so the focus can be on the preparation and response of Storm Sandy.

Chairman Mirabella also asked the Directors to provide the Board with a presentation pertaining to the services provided as a result of Storm Sandy at the Regular Meeting.

## OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY CLERK

Joanne Rajoppi, Union County Clerk

Ms. Rajoppi congratulated Chairman Mirabella, Freeholder Jalloh and Freeholder Elect Bruce Bergen on their election victory.

Chairman Mirabella commended Ms. Rajoppi and her staff for their tremendous efforts leading up to the election and beyond as a result of the storm Sandy. He stated that new rules needed to be established with extended hours for voting.

Ms. Rajoppi stated that her staff was outstanding and there were 3,000 ballots accepted in the Westfield and Elizabeth offices from Friday to Sunday prior to Election Day. She also thanked the Sheriff's Department for their efforts.

Freeholder Kowalski thanked Ms. Rajoppi and her staff. Ms. Rajoppi stated that the vote-by-mail was still being counted as the Governor's office allowed the extension to run after Election Day to Friday, at noon, which was a first in the State of New Jersey.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2012-678, a contract with Full Service Mailers, Inc., Garfield, New Jersey for the purpose of providing mailing services for the Westfield Special Election to be held on December 11, 2012 in the amount of \$2,500. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2012-680, a contract with Royal Printing Services, Inc., West New York, New Jersey for the purpose of printing Official Ballots, Sample Ballots, Emergency Ballots and Emergency Ballot Tally Sheets for the Westfield Special Election to be held on December 11, 2012 in the amount of \$10,000.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Kowalski asked for an explanation of the Special Election.

Ms. Rajoppi stated that in September, there was a referendum for a bond issue for roof repairs to all school facility and field improvements. The referendum in September was voted down by the residents of Westfield. This new election referendum is only for the roof project in the amount of \$13.5 million.

3. Amending Resolution Number 2012-679, a contract award to B&B Press, Lebanon, New Jersey to provide vote by mail and provisional ballots for the 2012 Elections, to increase the contract amount by \$10,063.86 for extra Vote By Mail and Provisional Ballots required in order to accommodate voting provisions made to accommodate displaced voters in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Sandy, for a new contract in the amount of \$229,550.44. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Hudak asked if the County will receive a reimbursement from FEMA for the extra printing costs as mentioned in item #3.

Ms. Rajoppi replied, yes. All related extra costs will be reimbursed by FEMA.

County Manager Faella interjected and stated that the County has a dedicated staff for FEMA reimbursements.

**OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR**

Theodore Romankow, Union County Prosecutor

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

Mr. Cernadas congratulated the Chairman Mirabella and Freeholder Jalloh on their re-election and Freeholder-elect Bruce Bergen on his election to the Freeholder Board.

There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to apply for and accept funding on behalf of the County Narcotic Commanders Association of New Jersey for the period of May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013 in the amount of \$26,928. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners to serve as independent contract as part of the Union County Sexual Assault Response Team for the period October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 736-2012 in order to extend the professional services agreement with Elizabeth Deo for the period of October 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 in an amount not to exceed \$14,700 as needed to serve as Acting SANE Coordinator. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**

Bibi Taylor, Director

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Comptroller Frank Patusniak represented the Office.

Mr. Patusniak congratulated Chairman Mirabella and Freeholder Jalloh on their reelection and Freeholder-Elect Bruce Bergen on his victory.

Chairman Mirabella asked Mr. Patusniak if items 2 through 5 are to accept grants. Mr. Patusniak replied, yes.

1. Approving Appropriation Transfers in the Amount of \$200,000.00 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-58 **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**

Freeholder Estrada asked if item #1 is typical for the year end.

Mr. Padnusiak explained that it is for additional money for the election for the County Clerk's office.

2. Modifying the 2012 Budget in the amount of \$64,880 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a program entitled: Global Options. **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**

3. Modifying the 2012 Budget in the amount of \$16,401 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: Right to Know. **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**
4. Modifying the 2012 Budget in the amount of \$39,081 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Division of Aging Services for a program entitled: Older Americans Act Title III. **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**
5. Modifying the 2012 Budget in the amount of \$18,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Division of Senior Services for a program entitled: Office on Aging - State Aid. **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**

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

Ronald Zuber, Director

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Director Zuber congratulated Chairman Mirabella and Freeholder Jalloh on their re-election and Freeholder-Elect Bruce Bergen on his election to the Freeholder Board.

1. Amending Resolution No. 2010-507 adopting the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan to reflect a name change in a HOME Program Project from Domus Corporation to Myers Senior Residence. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**

Chairman Mirabella asked about the nature of item #1.

Director Zuber explained that it is for 50 units of a senior housing project in Rahway in the redevelopment district near the Union County Performing Arts Center. He said it is 40% complete and will be done in March or April of 2013. Director Zuber stated that it is funded through NSP and Home Funding.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Andrew Moran, Director

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There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to accept a 175kW generator purchased on the County's behalf by the NJ Office of the Attorney General, Division of Criminal Justice. The generator has an approximate value of \$61,207.44 and was purchased with Urban Areas Security Initiative grant funds. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

#### **RUNNELLS SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL**

Joan Wheeler, Administrator

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Ms. Wheeler congratulated Chairman Mirabella and Freeholder Jalloh on their reelection and Freeholder-elect Bruce Bergen on his election to the Freeholder Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Med-Care, Neptune, New Jersey, to provide enteral nutrition services to the patients/residents of Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of December 1, 2012 through November 30, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$30,500.00. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**

Chairman Mirabella asked about item #1.

Ms. Wheeler explained that it provides nutrition through a feeding tube and is also for urological supplies. She stated the contract begins on December 1st.

#### **FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

Freeholder Sullivan asked that item #4 be sponsored by the Entire Board.

Freeholder Kowalski stated that she will have an additional Resolution for an Eagle Scout Award for the Regular Meeting.

1. Congratulating Girl Scout Troops 40396 and 42004 of Our lady of Fatima Church in Elizabeth, New Jersey, on their 35th Anniversary and congratulating Amanda Motos, recipient of the 2012 Silver Award. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
2. Proclaiming November 2012 as National Family Caregivers month and urging all citizens to honor hose family caregivers during November and throughout the year. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
3. Commending Andy Schopfer of Union, New Jersey on being honored by the Union Knights of Columbus for his tireless efforts to assist in charitable events on behalf of the Council. **(Freeholder Deborah P. Scanlon)**
4. Recognizing the 100th Anniversary of Runnels Specialized Hospital of Union County. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 PM.

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

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.

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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

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 Clerk of the Board

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