



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2013
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Linda Carter called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

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

1. Oath of Office: Air Traffic and Noise Advisory Board: Rhashonna Cosby-Hurling, Mark Kirkconnell, Barbara Krause, James Mathieu, Jim McLaughlin, and Roger Stryeski; Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse: James Nichnadowicz and Karyn Weingarten; Mental Health Board: Philiip G. Avila, Pamela Eagan and Deborah Matro; Union County Transportation Advisory Board: Michael Disko, Jr., James Mathieu, Roger Stryeski and Ronald Zuber; Workforce Investment Board: Pamela Capaci, Peter Capodice, Noel Christmas and Stanley Robinson.

PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Representatives from Luminosity provided the Board with an update on the Jail Population Reduction Study.

Chairman Carter called upon Director Riordan.

Director Riordan thanked the Board for the opportunity to have Marie Van Nostrand, Justice Project Manager of Luminosity provide them with a presentation of the Jail Population Reduction Study.

Ms. Van Nostrand presented a Power Point Presentation on reducing the daily inmate stay and the delay process. Ms. Van Nostrand noted that this program empowered the courts to identify the backlog, and that it had nothing to do with alternatives to detention. She stated the same amount of people come through the system; they are just being processed more efficiently, resulting in a 19% reduction.

Director Riordan stated that having a reduction in population has resulted in a reduction in the medical contract that was recently passed by the Board for \$423,000 less. Having less of a population reduces medical costs and food and it makes it easier to run the jail.

Freeholder Bergen stated that he practiced as an attorney in criminal courts and this is an amazing accomplishment.

Freeholder Sullivan echoed Freeholder Bergen's comments. He said there are many parts of processing inmates and how delays impact the process. He said it did not cost a lot of money to achieve this great result. He extended his congratulations.

Director Riordan stated that Ms. Van Nostrand's contract expires at the end of April. They are seeking to hire a Population Manager to assume her roles.

Chairman Carter thanked them for their accomplishments.

Ms. Van Nostrand stated it was an honor to work for the County and thanked the Board for the opportunity.

The presentation is attached.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Theodore Romankow, Prosecutor

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

1. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into a contract with GPS Insight, LLC, Scottsdale, Arizona, for rental of GPS vehicle tracking units for the period of February 1, 2013 through January 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**

Freeholder Sullivan asked which vehicles have the GPS system installed.

Mr. Cernadas stated that all the detective vehicles up to the rank of Lieutenant have the GPS system, totalling approximately 62 vehicles.

Freeholder Sullivan asked if they have experienced a good result having the GPS system.

Mr. Cernadas replied yes, it has been good for officer safety knowing where the vehicle is located, and it has reduced gas consumption.

Freeholder Kowalski asked if Scottsdale, Arizona is the only place that is offering this type of service.

Mr. Cernadas stated that they looked into various companies. Many police departments throughout the State of New Jersey use this company. He said they were sold by their tracking system. He stated that if the Board knows of another company, they are always willing to find a company who can provide similar services at a cheaper rate.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES

Joseph Graziano, Director

1. Resolution granting permission to the Township of Scotch Plains to close Martine Avenue, from West Broad Street to Cooper Road from 8:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. on April 6, 2013 for a YMCA sponsored race. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**

Chairman Carter asked for an explanation of item #1.

Director Graziano explained that the reason for the Resolution is to close the road in Scotch Plains for a YMCA sponsored 5K race. He said all the documents are in place.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Bibi Taylor, Director

1. Approving appropriation transfers pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-58. **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**
2. Amendment to the 2013 Temporary Budget per CH. 96 P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20). **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**

Chairman Carter asked for an explanation of items 1 and 2.

Director Taylor stated that item #1 is to transfer funds from the Division of Treasury to Union County College in the amount of \$10,000, and item #2 is an amendment to the temporary budget until the budget is adopted this year. The amount of this amendment is for \$8.8 million.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Frank Guzzo, Director

1. 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, 2014 through June 30, 2015 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)**

2. Amending Resolution Number 2013-56, to add an additional allocation in the amount of \$358,565 in grant and revenue for the contract period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 to Veolia Transportation, Inc. for the continued provision of the Paratransit and Route 22 Shuttle service. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract, pursuant to Request for Proposal (RFP), to SAGE Eldercare, Inc., for the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) for the period of April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014, contract year 1 of a 3 year contract, in an amount not to exceed \$38,000.00 with renewal contingent upon receipt of additional grant funding from the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services; and further authorizing the County Manager to transfer funds during the contract period should service needs change and/or if the agency should fail to meet their contractual obligation. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Amending Resolution Number 2013-111 to include Meals on Wheels, Linden, New Jersey, as an additional vendor to deliver nutritional services to persons 60 years of age or older residing in the County of Union and /or their caregivers in the total amount not to exceed \$1,411,961.00 for contract year one period of April 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 with an option to renew the contract for two years in accordance with the Area Plan Contract 2013-2015; and further authorizing the County Manager to transfer funds during the contract period should service needs change and/or if the agency should fail to meet its contractual obligation. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Chairman Carter asked for an explanation of item #4.

Director Guzzo explained that item #4 is for the Meals on Wheels contract. He said it is mostly grant funded with the exception of weekend meals. He said the bulk of the funding is from the Title III money that is grant funded.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL

Ronald Zuber, Director

Freeholder Sullivan asked how many golf carts are run by electric.

Director of Golf Operations Armando Sanchez stated that they have a total of 180 golf carts, of which 120 are electric for the Galloping Hill Golf Course and the remaining run by gas at Ashbrook Golf Course.

Freeholder Sullivan asked if the goal is to have all electric golf carts. Director Sanchez replied, yes.

1. 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 Parks and Community Renewal: Vic Gerard, Farmingdale, NJ, for the purpose of providing golf carts and maintenance vehicles for Galloping Hill and Ash Brook Golf Courses for a 48 month lease agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$823,872.00. (Revenue Generating) **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2012-458, approving the 2012 Consolidated Action Plan to increase CDBG funding to the Plainfield YMCA for Year 38 in the amount of \$40,000.00 from \$26,500.00 to \$66,500.00. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETYAndrew Moran, Director

1. 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 Public Safety: First Priority Emergency Vehicles, Inc., Manchester, New Jersey, for the purpose of purchasing three HazMat Ambulances in the amount of \$265,000.00. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**

2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to upgrade and add dispatch monitoring software and licenses with TriTech Software Systems, San Diego, California, (formerly VisiCAD/VisiNET) in the amount of \$296,176.55 As An Exception To Bidding Pursuant To NJSA 40A:11-5(1)(dd) for proprietary computer systems and software. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**

Freeholder Sullivan asked if items #1 and #2 are both related to the ambulance presentation made at a previous Freeholder meeting.

Director Moran replied, yes.

3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Rahway for the use of the autopsy room and tables to perform autopsies at a cost of \$200.00 per case, external examinations at a cost of \$60.00 per case and histology slides at a cost of \$25.00 per case for an estimated 200 cases for the contract period of April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSELRobert E. Barry, Esq., County Counsel

There were no questions.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2012-416, to reflect a change in the traffic control signal monitoring device cost and revenue program agreement with the City of Rahway to include two (2) additional cameras added in April 2012 and five (5) additional cameras added in October 2012 (for a total of 11 cameras) for an additional amount not to exceed \$109,940.00 for the period ending July 4, 2014. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2012-766, to reflect a change in the traffic control signal monitoring device cost and revenue program with the Township of Union to include funding through July 4, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$49,638.00. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 2012-701, to reflect a change in the traffic control signal monitoring device cost and revenue program agreement with the City of Linden to include four (4) additional cameras added in October 2012 (for a total of sixteen (16) cameras) and additional funding for the period through July 4, 2014 for additional amount not to exceed \$174,678.00. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**
4. Appointing Matthew DiRado, Esq., BiBi Taylor and Frank Guzzo as Commissioners to the Self-Insurance Fund for a term commencing January 15, 2013 and ending on January 14, 2014

or for the remainder of their term of office as officials, whichever is less. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

Alfred J. Faella, County Manager

1. Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with FMBA-NAGE Local R2-343, HazMat Technicians/Responders, effective January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2014. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with PBA local 203, Weights and Measures, effective January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2014. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**

Chairman Carter asked for an explanation of item #2.

County Manager Faella stated that item #2 reflects 2 positions converted into a 40 hour week that has been approved by the Board. He said the contracts call for a 2.25% increase in 2011, a 2.50%, and 0% percent increases in 2013 and 2014..

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

Freeholder Kowalski stated that she will have a Resolution for the next Freeholder Meeting.

Freeholder Sullivan stated that he will have a Resolution that will be co-sponsored with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh congratulating the Roselle Catholic on being the State Champions in Basketball.

1. Congratulating David J. Vale of Elizabeth, New Jersey, Boy Scout Troop 101, on attaining his Eagle Scout Award. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
2. Recognizing Diane J. Johnson, Field Director, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Newark, New Jersey Office, for her tireless efforts on behalf of Union County in our efforts to provide affordable housing to our residents. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
3. Congratulating Thomas S. Huckfeldt of New Providence, New Jersey, Boy Scout Troop #1 on attaining his Eagle Scout Award. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
4. Congratulating Kevin Russell Fries of New Providence, New Jersey, Boy Scout Troop #1 on attaining his Eagle Scout Award. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
5. Congratulating Thomas Francis Fusillo of New Providence, New Jersey, Boy Scout Troop #1, on attaining his Eagle Scout Award. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
6. Appointing Robert Deitch as a Delegate member and Jeanne Kinglsey as an Alternate member to the Transportation Advisory Board to represent the Township of Berkeley Heights for a term commencing January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**

7. Expressing the Board's deepest sympathy to the family of Frank Amato of Linden, New Jersey, in this their time of sorrow. **(Vice Chairman Christopher Hudak)**
8. Commending Mark Lasky, Chief Executive Officer of the Occupational Center of Union County upon his retirement after sixteen years of service. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**
9. Recognizing "Plainfield Seniors On The Move" Program, which provides services for the city's older adults, minority elderly and frail senior citizens at the Plainfield Senior Citizen's Center. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**
10. Co-Sponsoring the 2013 Playball for Miracles Softball Tournament, in cooperation with the Elizabeth NJ Firemen's Federal Credit Union and the Amateur Softball Association, to be held at Warinanco Park on May 4, 2013. **(Carter, Mirabella, Estrada, Kowalski, Bergen, Hudak, Sullivan, Jalloh, Wright)**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- 1) Attorney Client privilege relative to on-going contract negotiations between the County of Union and the Union County Improvement Authority relative to golf operations.
- 2) Attorney Client privileged communication relative to the potential settlement in the matter of Dawkins v. County Of Union.

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 on-going contract negotiations between the County of Union and the Union County Improvement Authority relative to golf operations and attorney-client privileged communications relative to the potential settlement in the matter of Dawkins v. County of Union.

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 will not take any 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: Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Vernell Wright, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Carter; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Mirabella, Vice Chairman Hudak;

Motion to return from Executive Session.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder;
SECONDER: Bruce Bergen, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Kowalski,
Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Carter; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Estrada,
Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Mirabella, Vice Chairman Hudak;

County Counsel Barry stated that as a result of Executive Session, he will add one Resolution the next Regular Meeting regarding a settlement relative to the in the matter of Dawkins v. County of Union.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 PM.

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

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



 James E. Pellettiere
 Clerk of the Board

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