



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2012  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

## CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Linda Carter called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Angel G. Estrada	Freeholder	Absent	
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	Absent	

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 led 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: Patrick McShane and Rosemary Millet, Air Traffic and Noise Advisory Board; Ravenell Williams, Human Services Advisory Council; Joanne Rajoppi, Homeless Trust Fund Advisory Board; Marlyse Benson, Advisory Board for the Prevention of Youth Services and Renee Banks, Union County Transportation Advisory Board.

## OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Theodore Romankow, Union County Prosecutor

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County Counsel Robert E. Barry, Esq. represented the Office.

1. 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 II for the period of November 1, 2011 through February 29, 2012 in the amount of \$9,496.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Kowalski asked for an explanation of item #1. She was confused about the dates. County Counsel Barry stated that this is for the grant period only and the grants are for equipment for the training.

2. Amending Resolution Number 2011-633 (BA #57-2011), a contract (through the public bidding process) with Flemington Department Store, Flemington, New Jersey, approving Change Order No. 1 in order to purchase instructor uniforms for the John J. Stamler Police Academy in the amount of \$8,000.00 for a new total contract amount of \$41,069.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

Matthew N. DiRado, Esq., Acting Director / Director, Division of Personnel

Acting Director DiRado explained that item #1 is an 8% savings compared to last year and item #2 is a 10% savings compared to last year's contract.

There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement to provide liability coverage for the operation of the ambulances owned and operated by the County Emergency Services in the amount of \$2,255.00 with Western World Insurance Company, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey, for the period of April 26, 2012 through April 26, 2013. This resolution represents an 8% reduction from the previous insurance premium. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Approving the professional liability policy for Dr. Raymond Lanza, at Runnells Specialized Hospital, with Princeton Insurance Company, Princeton, New Jersey, for the period of May 1, 2012 through May 1, 2013 in the amount of \$15,158.21. This resolution represents a 10% reduction from the previous insurance premium. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
3. Approving the Public Official Bonds for the following County Employees with the Hartford Insurance Company, Hartford, Connecticut: Alfred Faella for the period of April 1, 2012 through April 1, 2013 in the amount of \$400.00 and Bibi Taylor for the period of April 15, 2012 through April 15, 2013 in the amount of \$952.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

Brian Riordan, Director

Resolution requests have not been submitted.

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

Joseph Graziano, Director

1. Amending Resolution Number 2010-797, a contract (through public bidding process) with Union Paving, Mountainside, New Jersey, approving Change Order No. 1 (final) for the replacement of Burnet Avenue Culvert, Union, New Jersey. This Change Order will reduce the

original contract amount by \$50,015.58. This project was 100% funded by the County's 2009 Annual Transportation Program. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement between the County of Union and Cross River Fiber, Iselin, New Jersey, to use the public right-of-way in order to install telecommunications fiber optic cable to existing utility poles or conduits. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
3. Concurring with the Borough of Mountainside, Resolution No. 131-2010, naming the access road from New Providence Road to the Mountainside Borough Hall the "Mayor Robert F. Viglianti Memorial Drive." **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
4. Resolution supporting the Town of Westfield's application for 2013 Local Safety Program Grant for the Intersection Improvements of East Broad Street and Elm Street, County of Union, Town of Westfield. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
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 and Facilities: Hess Corporation for providing various electricity services in an amount not to exceed \$7,000,000.00 for 36 months and to Reliant Energy, for the purpose of providing various electricity services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 over the same 36 months. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Sullivan asked about item #5.

Director Graziano stated that it was an on-line bidding for electricity services and Hess Corporation won the contract. The County will be saving \$356,000 per year for the next three years beginning in June.

Freeholder Sullivan was very pleased with the outcome and congratulated Director Graziano and Director Yuska and their staff.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**

Bibi Taylor, Director

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Resolution requests have not been submitted.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

Frank Guzzo, Director

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1. Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Revenue Generating Shared Services Agreement with the County of Mercer for the purposes of providing secure detention beds for its juvenile detention population, on an as needed basis, effective May 20, 2012 through May 19, 2013 at a per diem rate of \$225.00 as specified in the Shared Services Agreement. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Sullivan asked how many Counties are involved in the shared service agreement as mentioned in item #1.

Director Guzzo said that it is Mercer and Bergen Counties, along with a Federal contract. The County is also a continuous backup for Essex County.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to accept a donation from the Housing Authority of Linden, Ann Ferguson Towers, of a Jade Commercial 6 Open Burner Range to be utilized by the Union County Kitchen in Linden for preparation of home delivered and congregate meals at no cost to the County. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 2011-1028, adopting the Youth Services Commission Spending Plan subcontracting with various agencies for the grant period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, to specify the source of grant funds only as State Community Partnership Funds in the amount of \$311,548, Family Court Services Funds in the amount of \$5,791, and Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Funds in the amount of \$51,397, and to further authorize the County Manager to transfer funds among the funded agencies/municipalities during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the funded agencies/municipalities fails to meet its contractual obligation, upon approval by the Juvenile Justice Commission. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contact, pursuant to competitive contracting law NJSA 4A:11-4, to Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the operation of the Union County Children's Shelter for the period of May 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 in the amount of \$250 per diem per bed for a total contract amount not to exceed, \$275,000 for Year One with a four (4) year option to renew at the prices quoted in the agency's competitive contract proposal. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager, pursuant to NJSA 40A:5.16.2, to advance payment in the total amount not to exceed \$36,250 to the specified Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth Program agencies, awarded contracts under Resolution 2012-207, for the purpose of meeting program start-up costs and to achieve the objectives of the WIA Youth Program for the period of March 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Coach & Equipment Bus Sales, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland, to supply four (4) equipped Paratransit buses as fleet replacements to provide services for the citizens of the County of Union in the amount of \$195,920.00. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

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

Ronald Zuber, Director

1. Amending Resolution Number 2011-576, to increase the original grant for the City of Linden Street Resurfacing from \$195,000 to \$215,000, an increase of \$20,000. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**  
  
Freeholder Jalloh asked about item #1.  
  
Director Zuber stated that in 2011 the City of Linden requested \$195,000 for a resurfacing project. He said the lowest bidder exceeded the grant dollars. There was a price increase for asphalt due to the increase in oil prices.
2. 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: Marciano Enterprise Group, LLC, Edison, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Mobile Food Concession at Oak Ridge Park, for the period of three years, in the amount of \$400.00 per month for a yearly season of seven months

for a total amount of \$8,400.00 (this is a revenue producing contract). **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**

3. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to AstroTurf, LLC, Dalton, Georgia for the purchase and installation of AstroTurf GameDay Grass for Wheeler Park and Rizzuto Park Fields in the amount of \$735,849 using the US Communities Cooperative National Contract. **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**

Freeholder Hudak was pleased to see item #3 on the Agenda. He asked if the contract is for turf alone.

Director Zuber replied yes, it is for the purchase and the installation of turf and there is a small window to purchase it, as it expires on April 30th.

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

Andrew Moran, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to designate the following vehicle, a White 1993 48 foot Stoughton Semi Van Trailer equipped with a Caswell Mobile Road Range (shooting range), as surplus vehicle no longer needed for County purposes, and authorizes the County Manager to dispose of the vehicle in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to auction off a County Police White 1993 48 foot Stoughton Semi Van Trailer equipped with a Caswell Mobile Road Range (shooting range). The sale will be conducted online through www.usgovbid.com auction site. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement with the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad to share telecommunications services to dispatch EMS vehicles and other emergency equipment in the municipality or the immediate vicinities. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Service Agreement with the Township of Springfield to provide Fire and Emergency Medical Basic Life Support Dispatch Services. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Service Agreement with the Township of Hillside to provide Fire and Emergency Medical Basic Life Support Dispatch Services. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Hudak congratulated Director Moran for the shared services agreement to provide dispatch services as mentioned in items 3, 4 and 5. Director Moran stated that the transfer should take place within the next month.

Freeholder Scanlon asked how many towns are currently taken part of the dispatch shared service agreement. Director Moran stated Springfield, Scotch Plains, Hillside, Fanwood and Roselle.

#### **RUNNELLS SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL**

Joan Wheeler, Administrator

1. Amending Resolution No. 2011-1017 to include Berkeley Internal Medicine to the list of qualified practitioners permitted to provide services for the Cornerstone Unit; no additional funds required. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a clinical Affiliation Agreement with Quinnipiac University, Hamden, Connecticut to provide a clinical setting for students enrolled in the Occupational Therapy program for the period of May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2014 at no cost to the County. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Genesis ElderCare Rehabilitation Services Inc., Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, for the privatization of Occupational, Physical, and Speech Therapy services for the residents/patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013, in an amount not to exceed \$1,947,272.00; representing a total anticipated operational cost savings of \$376,037.00 and an additional \$1,504,192.00 in new revenues. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**

Vice Chairman Carter asked for an explanation of item #3.

Ms. Wheeler stated it is a result of changes in Federal Medicaid reimbursement in 2011 to therapy services. She said they looked into our employees, but it was beneficial to contract out. She said there was an Request for Proposal and they received four responses. Genesis Eldercare Rehabilitation Services, Inc. provided the best savings and revenue.

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

Robert E. Barry, Esq., County Counsel

1. Amending Resolution Number 2012-127, to change the term of the Traffic Control Signal Program with the Borough of Roselle Park to continue until July 3, 2014 in the amount not to exceed \$590,839.00 **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**  
County Counsel stated that there was an error in item #1. The traffic signal program is with the City of Rahway, not Roselle Park.
2. Amending Resolution Number 2012-126, to change the term of the Traffic Control Signal Program with the Borough of Roselle Park to continue until July 3, 2014 in the amount not to exceed \$285,920.00 **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

#### **OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER**

Alfred J. Faella, County Manager

Resolution requests have not been submitted.

#### **FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

1. Extending the Board's most sincere condolences to the family of Barbara A. "Bonnie" Bartish Mellage during their time of sorrow. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
2. Commending Elizabethtown Gas Company for its leadership role in hosting the 11th Annual National Arts Program Exhibit and Contest for Union County Employees and their Families. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

3. Congratulating Dr. Robert J. Fridlington, recipient of The National Daughters of the American Revolution History Award Gold Medal in recognition of his study and promotion of American history. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Commending the National Arts Program Foundation for its support of the Union County Employee Art Exhibit and Contest. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
5. Congratulating Joseph Addressa on his retirement from the Union County Department of Parks and Community Renewal after 41 years of service. **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**
6. Appointing Janice C. Lillien, Thomas E. Connell and Marureen Glenn to the Homeless Trust Fund Advisory Board for a two year term commencing June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2014 and Stelio Papadopoulo to a one year term commencing June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2013. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
7. Congratulating Reverend Charles H. Kelly on his 6th Pastoral Anniversary with the Bright Hope Baptist Church, Montclair, New Jersey. **(Vice Chairman Linda Carter)**
8. Congratulating Helen Kenny on being honored as "Outstanding Senior Citizen for 2012" by the Department of Public Property and Community Services, City of Linden, New Jersey. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
9. Extending the Board's most sincere condolences to the family of Harold Knox, of the Union County Prosecutor's Office, during their time of sorrow. **(Chairman Mirabella and the Entire Board)**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 PM.

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

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 16, 2012

February 9, 2012  
February 23, 2012

March 1, 2012  
March 15, 2012

March 8, 2012  
March 22, 2012

April 5, 2012  
April 26, 2012

April 19, 2012  
April 26, 2012

May 3, 2012  
May 17, 2012

May 3, 2012  
May 31, 2012

June 14 2012  
June 28, 2012

June 14 2012  
June 28, 2012

July 12, 2012

July 19, 2012

August 9, 2012

August 16, 2012

September 6, 2012  
September 20, 2012

September 13, 2012  
September 27, 2012

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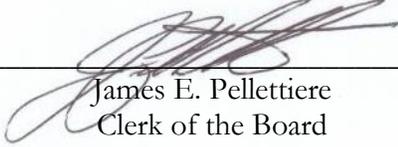
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October 18, 2012

November 8, 2012  
Tues., November 20, 2012

November 8, 2012  
November 29, 2012

December 6, 2012  
December 20, 2012

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December 20, 2012



James E. Pelletiere  
Clerk of the Board

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