

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2013
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Linda Carter called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Bruce H. Bergen	Freeholder	Late	7:22 PM
Angel G. Estrada	Freeholder	Present	
Mohamed S. Jalloh	Freeholder	Present	
Bette Jane Kowalski	Freeholder	Present	
Alexander Mirabella	Freeholder	Present	
Vernell Wright	Freeholder	Present	
Christopher Hudak	Vice Chairman	Present	
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 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: Workforce Investment Board: Gary Alessio, Elizabeth Bennett, James R. Brady, Roberto Camacho, Richard Capac, Pamela Capaci, Peter Capodice, Phillip Connelly, Dominquez, Gloria Durham, Alberto Goncalves, Eugenia Hamlett, Jacques Howard, Monica Chenault-Kilgore, Eileen Leahey, Anadir Liranzo, Margaret McMenamin and Anna Belin-Pyles; Human Services Advisory Council: Elaine Katz; Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism; Drug Abuse Advisory Board: Gail M. Hein; and Union County Vocational-Technical School Board of Education, Jean Perkins.

PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

A presentation was made by Eileen Leahey, Regional Public Affairs Manager of PSE&G, to the Board of Chosen Freeholders relative to PSE&G's Energy Strong Program concerning infrastructure improvements.

Ms. Leahey stated that the past storms imposed a huge challenge for PSE&G. She spoke about a plan investing \$3.9 billion over 10 years to make electric and gas distribution systems more resilient to natural disasters, while keeping residential or business customer bills flat. She said the plan is being evaluated by the Board of Public Utilities, adding that there will be public hearings.

Ms. Leahey stated that they need to prepare for the "new normal" of extreme weather.

Freeholder Estrada had questions about being able to keep the customer bills flat.

Ms. Leahey stated that the surcharges are part of the agreement. She said the deregulation charges expire in 2014 and 2016 will cover the cost of Energy Strong's proposed electric infrastructure investments. She said that abundant domestic gas supplies have resulted in significant savings for customers and labor is available to get the job done for an "Energy Strong" future.

Freeholder Estrada asked if these surcharges will be removed from customer bills. Ms. Leahey stated that they cannot forecast, but they believe the bills will remain stable. She said it will depend upon gas prices and they are willing to have specific language as part of the Resolution.

Freeholder Mirabella stated that since the past storms, infrastructures have been improved without the Board's approval.

Ms. Leahey explained that with an investment of this magnitude, PSE&G is seeking support from government entities across the State. She said foreign crews assisted with the storms with a "band-aid" approach in order to get people back on line.

Freeholder Mirabella asked when they anticipate beginning the work in Union County once the hearings and approvals are done.

Ms. Leahey said if the Board of Public Utilities approves the work, they are not certain when the work will begin. They would like to begin as soon as possible. She noted that it is now hurricane season, sub-stations may need to be moved away from water. There are some things that need to be decided upon.

Freeholder Mirabella stated that he hopes that JCP&L takes the same approach as PSE&G. He feels that PSE&G has had a better handle on the power outage crisis as a result of the storms.

Ms. Leahey thanked Freeholder Mirabella for the compliment, but added that there is always the need to step up to new challenges.

Ms. Leahey provided the Board with a pamphlet and materials that explain PSE&G's Energy Strong Proposal Plan for infrastructure improvements, which is attached.

Chairman Carter thanked Ms. Leahey for attending and providing the Board with the presentation.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Grace H. Park, Esq., Acting Prosecutor

First Assistant Prosecutor Tim Isenhour represented the Office.

Chairman Carter welcomed Mr. Isenhour to his new position as First Assistant Prosecutor.

Mr. Isenhour stated that he has been a County employee for 29 years and he is familiar with the functions of the County.

Mr. Isenhour gave a brief overview of the items on the Agenda.

(Freeholder Bergen entered the meeting)

1. Amending Resolution Number 2013-508, to extend the professional services contract with Cortney B. Boccardi, Richboro, Pennsylvania, through September 30, 2014 for an additional amount not to exceed \$92,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$189,500. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**

Freeholder Jalloh asked what service will be provided in item #1.

Mr. Isenhour stated that the contract is for a full time DNA examiner to analyze the DNA from anywhere from rape victims to homicide victims. She will also be examining DNA on such items as handguns and steering wheels. He explained further that it was originally a one year contract. This item is to extend the contract for an additional year for \$92,000.

2. Authorizing the County Manager through the Office of 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 in the amount of \$13,946 for the period of September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**

Freeholder Jalloh asked if a grant has been received in the past for item #2.

Mr. Isenhour answered yes, it is a regular re-occurring grant.

3. Authorizing the County Manager through the Office of the Union County Prosecutor's Office to enter into a contract with IT for Professionals Inc, Hazlet, New Jersey, to provide continuing Server and Rack Installation, Data porting and support at the Union County Forensic Lab for in an amount not to exceed \$20,130. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Office of the Prosecutor: Beyer of Morristown, d/b/a/ BEYER CDJR, Morristown, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing one (1) vehicle, in the amount of \$35,540.00. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to enter into a professional services contract with Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the provision of a licensed clinician/therapist at the Union County Child Advocacy Center for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 in the amount of \$39,000. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**
6. Amending Resolution Number 2013-507, in order to extend the professional services contract with Elizabeth Deo, RN, Roselle Park, New Jersey, to include the period September 1 through September 28, 2013 for an amount of \$2800, total contract not to exceed \$9800. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**

Chairman Carter asked for an explanation of item #6.

Mr. Isenhour stated that Ms. Deo is the Acting SANE Coordinator taking place of the SANE Coordinator that is out on leave. This will extend her contract from September 1, 2013 to September 28, 2013.

Freeholder Bergen welcomed Mr. Isenhour to his new position.

7. Authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey Police Training Commission for the 2013 Law Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment Grant, Part 3 for the period of March 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013 in the amount of \$4,551. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF

Ralph Froehlich, County Sheriff

Director of the Division of Purchasing Michael Yuska represented the Office.

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: Union County Sheriff's Office: Sirchie Finger Print Laboratories, Medford, New Jersey, for the purpose of purchasing a 2014 Sprinter Hi Top Van with Custom Workstation Interior, in the amount of \$86,420.00. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**

Chairman Carter asked for an explanation of item #1.

Director Yuska explained that it is a special van having climate control for equipment for the use of crime scene investigations.

Chairman Carter asked where the funding is from for item #1.

Director Yuska stated that it is Capital funding.

Freeholder Mirabella asked if the funding is part of the budget process.

Director Yuska replied it is from the 2011 budget process.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Matthew N. DiRado, Esq., Director

1. Renewing the Public Officials Bond for Melinda Zito, Deputy Comptroller, with the Hartford Fire Insurance Company for the period of September 6, 2013 through September 6, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$1,750.00. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed open-ended contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Administrative Services, Division of Motor Vehicle: Georges Auto Repair Service, Linden, New Jersey for the purpose of providing Collision Repair Services for Automobile and Light Trucks, for the period of twenty four consecutive months in the amount of \$160,000.00. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**

Freeholder Jalloh asked where the facility is located in item #2.

Director DiRado stated that George's Auto Repair Service is located on the corner of Westfield Avenue and Linden Avenue in Roselle Park, just past Hanratty (Elmora Youth League) Field.

Chairman Carter asked how much has been spent in previous years.

Director DiRado stated \$176,000 in 24 months, but they received \$66,000 back by non-fault accidents.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Brian Riordan, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to extend the contract with Global Tel Link Mobile, Alabama, pursuant to state contract #A61618 for the purpose of providing an on premise based inmate telephone system that will create revenue for the County of Union for the contract period of March 4, 2013 through March 3, 2014 at no cost to the County. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**

Freeholder Kowalski clarified that the telephones being utilized are land lines, not cellular phones. Director Riordan confirmed that the telephone system is for a land line system.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES

Joseph Graziano, Director

Engineer Thomas Mineo represented the Department.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract for a twenty-four month extension originally obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Engineering, Public Works & Facilities; Division of Facilities Management; Scientific Boiler Water Conditioning Co., In., for the purpose of providing Water Treatment Services, for the period of October 18, 2013 through October 17, 2015, in the amount of \$32,801.44. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**

Freeholder Jalloh asked why the contract in item #1 is for a long term.

Mr. Mineo explained that it is typical for service contracts to be 24 months.

Freeholder Jalloh asked for specifics pertaining to the vendor.

Mr. Mineo stated that they have used the vendor for at least 2 years, but will get him more information.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement, with EAJ Machinery, Scotch Plains, New Jersey for heavy equipment repair to the 2000 Daewoo Loader in an amount not to exceed \$30,000. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**

Chairman Carter asked about the large amount mentioned in item #2.

Director of Division of Public Works, Joseph Policay stated that the transmission failed in the 2000 Daewoo Loader, adding that the part comes from Korea. A new loader will cost \$250,000 and by repairing the Loader for \$30,000 they will be able to get another 4 or 5 years of use.

Freeholder Estrada asked how many hours have been placed on the 2000 Loader over the 13 years.

Director Policay responded, 4,000 hours. He said it has assisted with leaves, snow and water rescues over the years. He said there is a possibility that there is water damage, which does not show up right away from the floods of the storms. He said if they trade in the machine, they will most likely get \$0, by repairing it for \$30,000, they will get another 4 or 5 years of use. Director Policay added that a loader could cost \$8,000 per month to rent.

Freeholder Estrada asked if this type of machinery is lent to municipalities. Director Policay replied that it has helped Cranford with the clean-up from Hurricanes Floyd and Irene.

3. 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 29, 2013 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to hold the 2013 Fanny Wood Day Celebration and to display a banner across Martine Avenue announcing the event. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**
4. Resolution concurring with the Township of Springfield to close part of Meisel Avenue and Mountain Avenue for a 5K Run sponsored by the Springfield Education Foundation Jersey to be held on Sunday, September 29, 2013 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**
5. Resolution concurring with the Township of Springfield, granting permission to the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce to close Mountain Avenue, between Caldwell Place and Morris Avenue, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 20, 2013 with a rain date of Sunday, October 27, 2013 for the Fall Festival and Car Show. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**
6. Resolution concurring with the Borough of Mountainside to close New Providence Road from Mountain Avenue to Birch Hill Road on Saturday, October 5, 2013 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (rain date Saturday, October 12, 2013) for the purpose of moving the Historic Levi Cory House. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Bibi Taylor, Director

1. Authorizing Change In Custodian of Petty Cash Funds for Runnells Specialized Hospital. **(Vice Chairman Christopher Hudak)**
2. Authorizing Change in Custodian of Change Fund for Runnells Specialized Hospital. **(Vice Chairman Christopher Hudak)**
3. Authorizing Certain Signatures for Checks, Wire Transfers and other Disbursement of the County of Union for the Year 2013. **(Vice Chairman Christopher Hudak)**
4. Resolution Modifying the 2013 Budget in the amount of \$22,328 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a Program Entitled: Sexual Violence Services Project. (VAWA) **(Vice Chairman Christopher Hudak)**
5. Resolution Modifying the 2013 Budget in the amount of \$57,522 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families for a Program Entitled: Rape Prevention & Education - SSBG Funds. **(Vice Chairman Christopher Hudak)**

6. Resolution Modifying the 2013 Budget in the amount of \$568,292 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a Program Entitled: Community Service Block Grant. **(Vice Chairman Christopher Hudak)**
7. Resolution Modifying the 2013 Budget in the amount of \$2,837,200 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a Program Entitled: Sandy Homeowner/Renter Assistance Program. (SHRAP) **(Vice Chairman Christopher Hudak)**

Freeholder Estrada asked for an explanation of item #7, being a new fund source.

Director Taylor stated that it was \$1.6 million. This is supplemental funding for the homeless.

Director Guzzo explained further that it is for rental assistance for those who have been displaced from the storm through a grant from social services.

Freeholder Estrada asked if this was funding received during the storm or after.

Director Guzzo replied that they received the funding after the storm.
8. Resolution Modifying the 2013 Budget in the amount of \$13,946 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a Program Entitled: Megan's Law. **(Vice Chairman Christopher Hudak)**
9. Resolution Modifying the 2013 Budget in the amount of \$4,551 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 and Equipment Fund. **(Vice Chairman Christopher Hudak)**
10. Resolution Modifying the 2013 Budget in the amount of \$55,757 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of State for a Program Entitled: Historical Commission Grant. **(Vice Chairman Christopher Hudak)**
11. Resolution Modifying the 2013 Budget in the amount of \$105,155 as a result of notification received from the New Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for a Program Entitled: Subregional Transportation Planning Program. **(Vice Chairman Christopher Hudak)**
12. Resolution Modifying the 2013 Budget in the amount of \$19,820 as a result of notification received from the Union County College for a Program Entitled: Program Income - Work First New Jersey. **(Vice Chairman Christopher Hudak)**
13. Resolution Modifying the 2013 Budget in the amount of \$264,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a Program Entitled: Recycling Enhancement Act Tax Entitlement Grant. **(Vice Chairman Christopher Hudak)**
14. Resolution Modifying the 2013 Budget in the amount of \$134,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a Program Entitled: Workforce Learning Link. **(Vice Chairman Christopher Hudak)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICESFrank Guzzo, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to accept the recommendations of a review committee relative to a list of qualified proposers for the leasing of commercial space in the County of Union in order to lease space for the effective and efficient operation of assistance programs administered by the Department of Human Services and to certify certain entities as "Qualified" under the terms of a Request for Qualifications. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Jalloh asked if item #1 pertains to one specific area.

Director Guzzo stated it is on St. George's Avenue in Elizabeth, Linden and Roselle and the intent is to keep it in that area, if at all possible.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to accept funds in the amount of \$22,328.00 and enter into a contract with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, for the Rape Crisis Center (RCC) to provide services for sexual violence victims through the STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Formula Grant Program for the period of October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014 with required County matching funds of \$7,443.00 to be in-kind/funds already allocated for RCC personnel expense. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to award subcontracts under the 2013 Union County Homeless Trust Fund (HTF) Spending Plan in the total amount of \$79,451.00 for the period of August 1, 2013 to November 30, 2013 and further authorizing the County Manager to transfer funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the various agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept a grant from the New Jersey Department of Human Services (NJ DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), in an amount not to exceed \$937,883.00, with a County Match requirement of \$121,777.00, in CY2014 Alcoholism/Drug Abuse Grant funding for the grant period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 and to authorize the County Manager to execute a Board Resolution Validation Form as required by NJ DHS. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Chairman Carter asked for an explanation of item #4.

Director Guzzo stated that it is an annual grant, 1% over last year. The State has a new formula and the funds are for educational programs and for drug and alcohol programs.

5. Authorizing the County Manager to award contracts to various agencies under the 2014 Alcohol/Drug Abuse Grant and the Addiction Recovery Program (ARP) Spending Plan in the total amount of \$903,358.00 for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 and further authorizing the County Manager to transfer funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies fail to meet its contractual obligation. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to renew the agreement with the Union County Educational Services Commission to provide state mandated education programs for the residents housed in

the Juvenile Detention Center for the period of September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$772,930. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Chairman Carter asked for an explanation of item #6.

Director Guzzo explained it is for educational programs per State guidelines. It is a \$13,000 increase due to contractual salaries for teachers.

7. Amending Resolution # 2013-288 to amend the Ryan White Spending Plan and allocate additional funds in the amount of \$75,376 for a revised total allocation of \$125,440 for the period of March 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014 **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Chairman Carter asked where the funding will be coming from for item #7.

Director Guzzo stated it is Federal Funding. There is a slight reduction from last year; by approximately 7% as a result of the sequestration. He said there has been a 2% decrease in administration fees. However, the staff obtained a \$70,000 increase in grant dollars for minority aides initiative programs.

County Manager Faella added that sequestration happens and some cuts may automatically occur.

8. Amending Resolution Number 2013-287, to amend the Ryan White Spending Plan and allocate additional funds in the amount of \$1,073,031 for a revised total allocation of \$1,784,811 for the period of March 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL

Ronald Zuber, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service contract to Remington Vernick & Arango Engineers of Secaucus, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing and Environmental Investigation at Zimmerman Park site for an amount not to exceed \$1,975.00. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2013-64, to reflect the correct grant account numbers that authorizes The Division of Workforce Development to pay Verizon for the phone services at the Elizabeth and Plainfield One Stop offices. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**
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 Parks and Community Renewal: Rich Picerno, LLC., Kenilworth, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Renovation to the restroom facility and reconstruction of the waterpark at Warinanco Park, in the amount of \$682,546.00. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**

Chairman Carter asked for an explanation of item #3. Director Zuber stated that the contract is to improve the waterpark and bathroom facilities, including making them ADA compliant at Warinanco Park. He said these facilities have not been improved since 1925.

4. Amending Resolution Number 2013-411, approving the 2013-2014 Consolidated Action Plan to include the following projects funded with the Community Development Program Income Funds; Rahway Office of Policy and Planning in the amount of \$75,000.00 and the Plainfield Office of Community Development in the amount of \$110,000.00 for a total amount of \$185,000.00. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**

Freeholder Estrada asked if this is related to a previous Resolution. Director Zuber responded yes.

Freeholder Estrada asked about the allocation of the dollars.

Director Zuber stated that \$30,000 is for administration fees; \$30,000 for project delivery of Housing Rehabilitation and \$50,000 for Senior Citizen project delivery of Senior Citizen Social Services.

5. Authorizing payment to Kemper Sports for the 2012 Incentive Fee in accordance with the agreement for the management and maintenance of the golf courses in the amount of \$95,161.98. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**

6. Amending Resolution Number 2011-255, to amend the Management Agreement entered into between the County of Union and Kemper Sports Management for additional scope of services with the completion of the new Clubhouse at Galloping Hill as per Section 7.3.3 of the Agreement from \$10,900.00 to \$13,000.00 per month from June 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 and \$13,400.00 from January 1, 2014 through July 31, 2014 for the total of \$108,500.00. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**

Director Zuber stated that in reference to item #6, there are changes in the figures since submission to the Clerk/Board. It went from \$10,900 to \$13,000 from June 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 and from \$13,000 to \$13,400 from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 for a total of \$108,500. The information will be provided to the Clerk of the Board in the morning.

Vice Chairman Hudak asked for an explanation for the reason of the changes.

Director Taylor interjected and explained that it was part of the contractual obligation with KemperSports.

County Manager Faella asked Director of Golf Operations Armando Sanchez to explain further.

Director Sanchez stated that the golf facility has grown overall with a banquet facility and restaurant and a rear office to manage for bookkeeping.

Chairman Carter asked if there has been a growth in staff. Director Sanchez stated that they are showing \$100,000 more in revenue compared to last year at this time; (\$4.1 million to \$4.2 million). He stated that last year the restaurant/banquet facility made \$3.5 million, adding that their revenue has been exceeded and they are operating at budget or below. He said that so far they have reserved events for next year totaling \$900,000.

Chairman Carter asked if more organizations are using the facilities. Director Sanchez replied yes, such as 17 high schools, ARC, Junior Golf (1,100) kids and Pitch and Putt and more. He said the facilities are being used by County residents and people throughout the country.

7. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Professional Farrier Service, Inc., Elizabeth, New Jersey, for Farrier Services to the horses at Watchung Stable from September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. There is an option for one (1) additional year if County so chooses. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**

8. Resolution authorizing the County Manager to establish an additional \$1,000.00 in the Department of Parks and Community Renewal's annual change fund to be used at Union County's Harvest Festival on Sunday, September 29, 2013. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETYAndrew Moran, Director

1. Exercising the fourth year option on the Borough of Fanwood's Shared Service Agreement for the County of Union to provide Dispatching Services in the amount of \$81,600.00 **(Chairman Linda Carter)**

Vice Chairman Hudak asked how many municipalities have joined with the County in the Dispatching shared service agreement.

Director Moran stated 9, including Fanwood and 17 different public safety entities.

2. Resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Mack Camera & Video Services for the purchase and installation of a CaseCracker Premium System for investigative interviews in the amount of \$20,410.00. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**

Vice Chairman Hudak asked for an explanation of item #2.

Director Moran explained item #2 is a program that will replace the existing cameras within the interrogation rooms to record interrogations and investigations. The existing cameras are 10 years old. He said the new system is state-of-the-art, like the one at the Child Advocacy Center and would be comparable with that and other municipalities.

Vice Chairman Hudak asked if the funding is from Capital expenditures.

Director Moran replied, yes, it is part of the 2010 Capital.

RUNNELLS SPECIALIZED HOSPITALSandra Adour, Acting Administrator

Chairman Carter welcomed Ms. Adour to the position as Acting Administrator of Runnells Hospital.

There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to renew a contract with LA Hair, Inc, Penndel, Pennsylvania, to provide hair care services for the residents/patients of Runnells Specialized Hospital for the period of October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2015. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2013-423, to include James Modugno, D.P.M. and Sneha Mishra, M.D. to said list of pre qualified practitioners to provide for professional medical services for the patients/residents of Runnells Specialized Hospital. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**

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

There were no questions.

1. A Resolution approving the settlement of pending litigation entitled Rose Bravo v. UC, et als, Civil Action No. 12-02848 in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

Vice Chairman Hudak stated that he will have two Resolutions from the Fiscal Committee and a Resolution regarding the 2012 annual audit.

Freeholder Estrada stated that he will have a Resolution for PSE&G.

Chairman Carter stated that she will have various advisory board appointments and laudatory resolutions.

1. Congratulating the Taekwon-Do Center of Cranford, New Jersey on their 10th anniversary celebration to be held Friday, September 27, 2013. **(Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2013-635, to replace Kim McConnell with Mark Flamendorf as a member to the Workforce Investment Board for a term commencing July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016. **(Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
3. Appointing Gail Hein and Antoinette Hill-Wright to the Human Services Advisory Council, for a term commencing January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Expressing the Board's deepest sympathy to the family of Ann Harriet Carter, in this, their time of sorrow. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
5. Recognizing Prince Hall Day (September 8, 2013) and Grand Master Ricardo McNeil for his leadership of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F & A.M. State of New Jersey. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
6. Congratulating the Linden Pulaski Day Parade Committee and Christopher Lukenda (Linden Marshall); Julia Daria Wyrzuc (Miss Polonia); Kellianne Domenico (Miss Polonia); and Karolina Kepa (Junior Miss Polonia). **(Vice Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski)**
7. Expressing the Board's wholehearted sympathy to the family of Charlotte Teresa (Kardel) Piatek, of Linden, New Jersey, in this their time of sorrow. **(Vice Chairman Christopher Hudak)**
8. Extending the Board's deepest sympathy to the family of Gloria E. Carter of Plainfield, New Jersey in this, their time of sorrow. **(Chairman Linda Carter)**
9. Urging the United States Senate to preserve funding for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and the Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME). **(Chairman Carter, Mr. Board)**
10. Expressing the Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Olga Vaniska, in this, their time of sorrow. **(Chairman Carter, Mr. Board)**
11. Commending former Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan for his 19 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Union County as a member of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. **(Chairman Carter, Mr. Board)**

12. Expressing the Board's congratulations and best wishes to Union County Police Detective Nicholas J. Incannella on his retirement, September 1, 2013, after 23 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Union County. **(Chairman Carter, Mr. Board)**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 PM.

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

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2013 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 6, 2013 at 12:00pm

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

Agenda Setting Meetings

January 17, 2013
February 7, 2013
February 28, 2013

March 7, 2013
March 21, 2013

April 4, 2013
April 18, 2013

May 2, 2013
May 30, 2013

June 13, 2013
June 27, 2013

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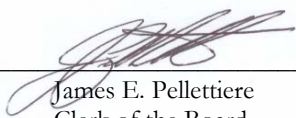
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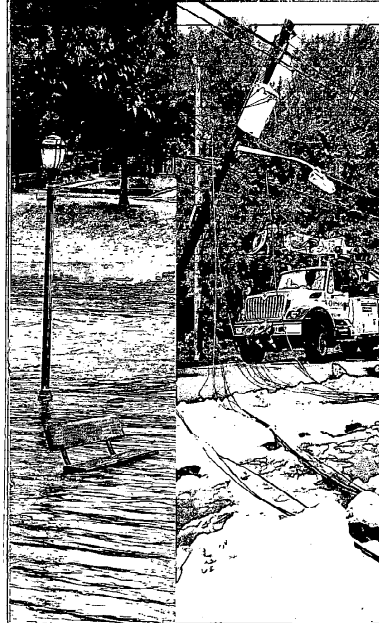
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* Special Meeting: April 18, 2013 at 6:30pm


James E. Pelletiere
Clerk of the Board

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New Jersey needs to be
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Severe storms have ravaged New Jersey leaving many in the dark

Hurricane Irene hit New Jersey with a vengeance in August 2011. It was the worst storm in PSE&G's history. It snapped trees that took down power lines and flooded distribution facilities, leaving more than 875,000 customers without power. Irene was followed by a highly destructive October snowstorm that knocked out power for more than half a million PSE&G customers. A year later, Superstorm Sandy – a storm twice as devastating as Irene – walloped New Jersey. It took down 48,000 trees in PSE&G's service territory, destroyed 2,400 utility poles, and drove walls of water into 96 switching stations or substations. All in all, 90 percent of our customers – 1.9 million in total – lost power because of Sandy. And restoration efforts were impeded by a forceful snowstorm that hit a week later.

Sandy, Irene and the early snowstorms show that extremes of weather may become commonplace. Changing weather patterns, along with an increased dependence on energy, require a re-thinking of the state's energy infrastructure.

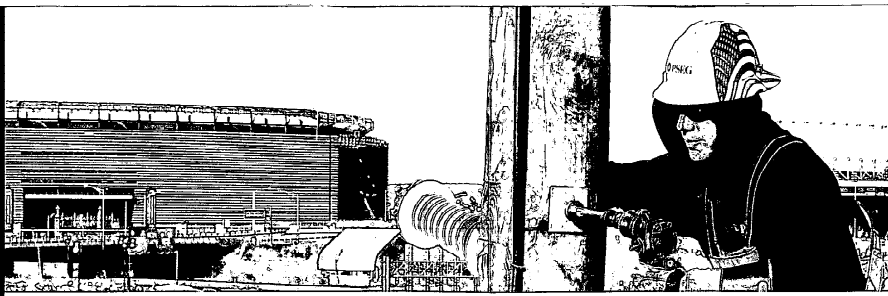
The cost of inaction is simply too high...for New Jersey families and businesses

Sandy's destruction left millions sitting in the dark while the food in their refrigerator rotted and cost businesses – from restaurants to larger companies – hundreds of millions in lost revenues that will never be recovered.

If several switching stations hadn't been damaged by rising waters, there would have been far less economic disruption: Newark Airport, refineries and other key facilities could have continued to operate, and long lines at gas stations may have been avoided.

Reliability is no longer enough; resiliency to natural disasters is needed

PSE&G is proud to have been named the nation's most reliable electric utility in five of the last eight years and the region's most reliable electric utility for 11 consecutive years. However, changing weather patterns demand greater resiliency in the face of natural disasters. We need to harden our systems and make them Energy Strong – and to better protect us all.



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PSE&G's Energy Strong proposal for infrastructure improvements

PSE&G's Energy Strong plan would invest \$3.9 billion over 10 years to make our electric and gas distribution systems more resilient to natural disasters. The plan is being evaluated by the Board of Public Utilities.

Energy Strong dedicates \$2.6 billion to critical upgrades during the next five years. Of this amount, \$1.7 billion is directed to protect 31 switching and substations, including PSE&G's Sewaren, Newark, Linden, Bayonne and Hoboken facilities that were damaged by recent storms.

If these improvements had been made before Sandy struck, it is likely that 800,000 customers would not have lost power during the storm and many others would have been restored much sooner.

Energy Strong also provides:

- \$1.04 billion to replace and modernize 750 miles of low-pressure cast iron gas mains in or near flood areas.

- \$454 million to deploy smart grid technologies to better monitor system operations to increase our ability to swiftly make repairs.
- \$215 million to improve pole distribution systems.
- \$200 million to create redundancy in the system, reducing outages when damage occurs.
- \$140 million to protect 9 natural gas metering stations and a liquefied natural gas station affected by Sandy or located in flood zones.
- \$60 million to move 20 miles of overhead electric distribution lines underground.

These reinforcements go beyond a traditional reliability program by adding new layers of protection. Energy Strong also includes improvements in how we communicate with municipal officials and customers during storms and other outages.

Some say just fix what is damaged by Sandy and leave it at that. However, it is impossible to overlook the immense

costs when a storm like Sandy prevents vital systems from functioning so that people must vacate their homes, schools and businesses have to shut their doors and fuel becomes scarce or unavailable. The responsible thing to do now is to rebuild New Jersey stronger and better than ever before – and improve our state's ability to withstand and recover from future storms.

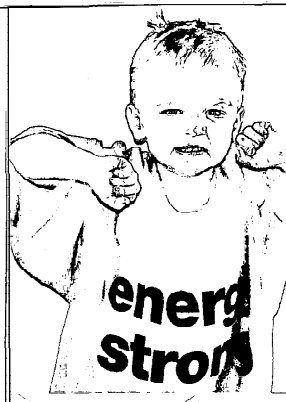
A resilient infrastructure is not only a key to being better prepared for the next Sandy, Irene or other catastrophic event. It's important for New Jersey's long-term economic health and well-being, too.

The work to carry out Energy Strong will create about 5,800 jobs at a time when jobs are sorely needed, while also providing a wide range of opportunities for New Jersey firms. Moreover, Energy Strong will help sustain a vibrant economy, in ways that can be a source of competitive advantage for New Jersey. Energy Strong makes good sense today and for our state's future.

The TIME is right to build an Energy Strong future

These investments can be made in the next 10 years while keeping residential or business customer bills essentially flat. How is this possible? First, deregulation charges expiring in 2014 and 2016 will cover the cost of Energy Strong's proposed electric infrastructure investments. Second, abundant domestic gas supplies have resulted in significant savings for our customers and are likely to continue exerting a moderating impact on gas supply costs over many years. Third, labor is available to get the job done.

If Sandy was the perfect storm, now is the perfect opportunity to make these improvements without burdening customers on the path to an energy strong future for New Jersey. Our customers will enjoy lasting benefits from a stronger, smarter and more resilient infrastructure, our communities will be safer, and the state's economy will benefit from this investment and the jobs created.



How to learn more and stay informed

We encourage you to learn more about our Energy Strong plan and welcome a healthy discussion on the issues. We would appreciate your support if you agree with us that these investments are important to safeguard our customers and communities across New Jersey. Action becomes more urgent as each passing day brings us closer to the next hurricane season.

How you can show your support — and make your voice heard

- More details and information are available at www.pseg.com/energystrong
- Register at our advocacy Web site at www.njenergystrong.com to receive alerts and updates on the Energy Strong proposal.
- You also can invite friends and family who support the proposal to register by clicking, "Tell a friend."

What's next:

- The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities will review our Energy Strong proposal. That could take several months before a decision is made. Public hearings will be held at locations around the state. During this process PSE&G will address questions from our regulators and other stakeholders.
- There's no substitute for an informed and educated public in this process.
- Your help is important and appreciated. Together, we can build an Energy Strong future for New Jersey. Thank You.

