



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2012
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alexander Mirabella called the meeting to order at 7:03 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.

PRESENTATION FROM THE FREEHOLDER BOARD

Chairman Mirabella made a Resolution Presentation to Leonard Schley of Roselle Park for completing 50 years of active service as a member of the Roselle Park Fire Department.

Chairman Mirabella called upon Freeholder Jalloh to present Mr. Schley with a Resolution congratulating him on 50 years of active service as a member of the Roselle Fire Department. Chairman Mirabella stated that his roots are in Roselle Park. He was a Councilman and a Fire Commissioner for six years. He commended all the firemen who attended the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

Chairman Mirabella called upon Lenny and his family, along with Bob Della Russo and Chief Joseph Signorello.

Freeholder Jalloh said that he supports the Fire Services. He said 50 years is a wonderful testament to the work that Lenny has done. He commends his family for supporting him.

Mr. Schley thanked the Board for the recognition, his wife, and the members of the Roselle Park Fire Department, along with his friends and family who came to support him.

Mr. Della Rosa thanked the Freeholder Board for recognizing Mr. Schley and stated that he is the second person to be recognized for having 50 years of service. He thanked Chairman Mirabella and his Aide, Barry Geller for making tonight's arrangements.

Mr. Della Rosa stated that Alan Swirz was the first firefighter to receiving the 50 year pin. Mr. Schley has also received the President's Award from President Obama and an Award from the National Community Service for 50 years as a firefighter volunteer. Lenny is now the 2nd person to receive the pin for 50 years of service.

Chief Signorello wished him another 50 years of service. He said he appreciates him and the Board for their recognition.

Chairman Mirabella thanked everyone who attended the meeting.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

1. Oath of Office: Janice Chapin - Homeless Trust Fund Advisory Board; Nadina Baskerville-Thomas - Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and Philip Haderer - Union County Transportation Advisory Board.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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

Resolution requests have not been submitted.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Brian Riordan, Director

Resolution requests have not been submitted.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES

Joseph Graziano, Director

County Engineer Thomas Mineo represented the Department.

There were no questions.

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; Engineering, Public Works, Facilities & Park Maintenance: Ralph Checchio, Inc., Scotch Plains, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing various asphalt overlay for the Division of Park Maintenance in the amount of \$156,660.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contracts obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq;

Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities: Division of Facilities Management: Spruce Industries, Rahway, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing four separate categories of janitorial supplies for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months in the amounts of (Lot#1) in the amount of \$114,345.48; (Lot#2) in the amount of \$362,055.60; (Lot#3) in the amount of \$146,954.69 and (Lot#4) in the amount of \$526,592.62. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

3. Resolution concurring with the Township of Springfield to close Mountain Avenue from the intersection of Shunpike Road to North Trivett Avenue; Shunpike Road from the intersection of South Springfield Avenue to the intersection of Mountain Avenue for the annual Memorial Day Parade which will be held on Monday, May 28th between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
4. Resolution concurring with Borough of Mountainside to close Mountain Avenue from New Providence Road to Mountainview Drive on Sunday, June 17, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of the PAL Cancer Fundraising Event. Also, granting permission to hang a banner from April 23, 2012 to June 18, 2012 on Mountain Avenue. **(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 & Facilities Management: Division of Facilities Management; Allied Fire & Safety Co., Neptune, New Jersey, to exercise the extension option to provide Fire Sprinkler System maintenance and repair for an additional twenty four (24) months, for the contract period of June 19, 2012 through June 18 2014 in the amount of \$297,810.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management: Tri-County Termite & Pest Control Management, Carneys Point, New Jersey, to exercise the extension option to provide Pest Control for an additional twenty four (24) months, for the contract period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014 in the amount of \$69,280.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
7. Amending Resolution Number 2012-100, to reflect a change in the account numbers only. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
8. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Dublin Scrap Metal, Cranford, New Jersey, for scrap metal recycling services for one (1) year commencing on June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013 at no cost to the County of Union, with a one (1) year option to renew. (Revenue Generating) **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Bibi Taylor, Director

Resolution requests have not been submitted.

There were no questions.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICESFrank Guzzo, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Millennium Strategies, Caldwell, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing grant procurement services for the period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 in an amount not to exceed \$36,000. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Chairman Mirabella asked what type of grants will be secured for item #1.

Director Guzzo stated that it is a full service grant agency, adding that there is a reduction from last year. He said Federal and State monies are no longer available, so they had to look at other services that are available.

Chairman Mirabella asked about last year's contract. Director Guzzo stated that last year the contract amount was more than \$50,000.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to approve the Substantial Amendment to the current Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Consolidated Plan to reflect the expansion of services and increase in Hearth Emergency Solutions (HES) Grant, formerly Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), funding in the amount of \$133,247, bringing the total HES/ESG award to \$370,130, and further authorizing the administration and disbursement of HES/ESG funds as permitted under the US Dept of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND COMMUNITY RENEWALRonald Zuber, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to make an application to the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for funds for Fiscal Year 2013 Subregional Transportation Planning Program in the amount of \$131,443.75. {\$105,155 - Grant; \$26,288.75 - County Match} **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs-Grant Development Unit, for recreational opportunities for individuals with disabilities program grant to provide a variety of recreational activities in the amount of \$42,000.00. {\$35,000.00 - Grant; \$7,000.00 County Match} **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority and to join the North Jersey Sustainable Communities Consortium and member of the Consortium Steering Committee. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**

Chairman Mirabella asked for an explanation of item #3.

Director Zuber stated that in 2011, a group consisting of Rutgers University, the North Jersey Transportation Authority, NJ Transit and Office for Planning Advocacy and others received a \$5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to create the North Jersey Sustainable Communities Consortium which will guide the development of a Regional Plan for Sustainable Development for the 13 County NJTPA region to join 2 cities, 5 educational and 2 institutional agencies.

Freeholder Estrada stated that there is no cost to the County and it is good for the County to participate.

Director Zuber stated that upon approval of this Resolution, the County will be eligible for a \$10,000 grant.

4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Mareth Advisors, LLC of Arlington, Virginia to perform a feasibility study of Watchung Stables in the amount of \$16,000. **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the Elizabeth Development Corporation for the purpose of providing assistance to underserved people with training and gaining access to summer employment in the amount of \$25,000. **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Resolution requests have not been submitted at this time.

RUNNELLS SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL

Joan Wheeler, Administrator

There were no questions.

1. To authorize the County Manager to enter into an affiliation agreement between Runnells Specialized Hospital (RSH) and Trinitas Regional Medical Center (TRMC) (STCF) to outline the policies and procedures that will guide the staff of RSH and TRMC STCF involuntary beds in their collaborative efforts to provide intermediate psychiatric inpatient services, in the least restrictive, most appropriate setting available and to implement the New Jersey Screening Law in the Union County and Middlesex County mental health system. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Robert E. Barry, Esq., County Counsel

1. Authorizing the acceptance of a conservation easement from TD Bank for the property located at the corner of Morris and North Avenues in Union. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Scanlon asked for an explanation of item #1.

County Counsel Barry stated that this item refers to the TD Bank located at Morris and North Avenues in Elizabeth. He stated that at the time of approval certain conditions were in place. The Office of the Comptroller of Currency, the NJ State Historic Preservation Office and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, has required TD Bank to dedicate 1.09 acres of property for Open Space and is required to provide a conservation easement to the County of Union to insure that this property will not be developed in the future.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

Alfred J. Faella, County Manager

Resolution requests have not been submitted.

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulating Barry O'Donovan, owner of Kilkenny House Restaurant in Cranford, for receiving the Phoenix Award for Outstanding Disaster Recovery from the U.S. Small Business Administration in Washington, D.C. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Appointing Mauro Checchio, Bill Wright and Michael Murray as At-Large Members to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board for a term from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**
3. Congratulating Boy Scout Troop 5 of Plainfield, New Jersey, as they celebrate their 100th Anniversary. **(Vice Chairman Linda Carter)**
4. Congratulating Denise Hughes on being named the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club Volunteer of the Year. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
5. Congratulating Police Officers from numerous Union County Municipalities being honored by the 200 Club of Union County for service above and beyond the call of duty. **(Chairman Mirabella and the Entire Board)**
6. Congratulating the 2012 Unity Achievement Award winners being honored by the Union County Human Relations Commission on Monday, May 7, 2012. **(Chairman Mirabella and the Entire Board)**
7. Congratulating Dr. Thomas J. Bistocchi, Sister Maureen Fichner and Sister Donna Marie O'Brien on being honored at the Union County Educational Services Foundation Annual Awards Reception for their commitment to Education and humanitarianism. **(Chairman Mirabella and the Entire Board)**
8. Declaring May, 2012 "Older American Month" in Union County to honor the important contributions that older adults have made, and continue to make, to our society. **(Chairman Mirabella and the Entire Board)**

ADJOURNMENT

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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

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February 16, 2012

February 23, 2012

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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

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November 8, 2012

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Tues., November 20, 2012

November 29, 2012

December 6, 2012

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December 20, 2012

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Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 PM.

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

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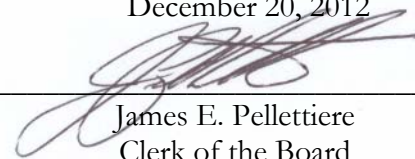
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