



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2011
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Deborah P. Scanlon called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Linda Carter	Freeholder	Present	
Angel G. Estrada	Freeholder	Present	
Christopher Hudak	Freeholder	Present	
Mohamed S. Jalloh	Freeholder	Present	
Bette Jane Kowalski	Freeholder	Present	
Daniel P. Sullivan	Freeholder	Present	
Nancy Ward	Freeholder	Absent	
Alexander Mirabella	Vice Chairman	Present	
Deborah P. Scanlon	Chairman	Present	

Also present were County Manager Alfred J. Faella, County Counsel Robert E. Barry, Esq. and Clerk of the Board Nicole L. DiRado.

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The Prayer and Salute to the Flag was 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

1. Oath of Office: Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Advisory Board: Edward Heaton
2. Oath of Office: Union County Transportation Advisory Board: Diana Rodriguez
3. Oath of Office: Workforce Investment Board: Pat Dobson, Erich Peter and Charles Gillon

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY CLERK

Joanne Rajoppi, Union County Clerk

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Alltech Business Solutions, Kenilworth, NJ to provide coin operated copy machines for public use at 0.05 cents cost per copy for a contract period of 24 consecutive months (BA#87-11 Coin Operated Copy Machines). This is not a revenue producing contract. The purpose of this contract is to secure the lowest price per copy for public users. **(Chairman Deborah P. Scanlon)**

Clerk Joanne Rajoppi advised that the company mentioned in item #1 provides coin operated copiers for the public's use.

Vice Chairman Mirabella asked questions relative to the agreement. He asked if the County has used this vendor in previous years, and if the company places and maintains the machines.

Ms. Rajoppi stated that they have used this vendor for the past six years, they place and maintain the machines and the County is not allowed to make a profit for the copies under new State Statute.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Theodore Romankow, Union County Prosecutor

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

1. To apply for and accept funding from the Police Training Commission for the 2011 Law Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment Grant, Part 3 for the period March 2011 through June 2011 in the amount of \$7,557.00. **(Chairman Deborah P. Scanlon)**

2. Returning three (3) vehicles to the Division of Criminal Justice, Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor as per the terms of the Auto Theft Task Force Insurance Fraud Grant and have these vehicles removed from the county fleet. **(Chairman Deborah P. Scanlon)**

Freeholder Jalloh asked about item #2. Mr. Cernadas stated that at one time, this program was supported by a grant, which has been discontinued by the State. He explained that many years ago, there was an abundant amount of cars that were stolen, but recently the number has decreased. He stated that as per the terms of the grant, there are three vehicles that are being returned to the State, which in-turn, will be removed from the County fleet and insurance.

3. Amending Resolution Number 2011-192 to reflect a change in account number only. **(Chairman Deborah P. Scanlon)**

4. Amending Resolution Number 2011-149, a contract with Trinitas Hospital for the clinician at the Child Advocacy Center to include the period April 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011 in the amount of \$10,000. **(Chairman Deborah P. Scanlon)**

5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Professional Service Contract with Scientific Equipment Product Service (S.E.P.S), Westbury, New York to provide full service contracts and annual certifications for bio-safety cabinets and semi-annual certifications for fume hoods located at the Union County Prosecutor's Forensic Laboratory at a cost not to exceed \$22,350.00 for a period of two years from August 1, 2011 through July 31, 2013. **(Chairman Deborah P. Scanlon)**

Chairman Scanlon asked how well the forensic lab is being used, and if it is a shared service with the State and municipalities.

Mr. Cernadas explained that every municipality in Union County uses the lab and every drug case is tested by the lab. In addition, the DNA lab is very active in every aspect from murder to

burglary. He stated that Union County helped Middlesex County solve a case, which would have taken much longer if the State was being used. We have had many inquiries from other counties, and are seeking grant money to buy more chemicals, and to hire more analysts.

Vice Chairman Mirabella asked about the purpose of the equipment. Mr. Cernadas advised that the fume hoods suck up the fumes in order to avoid contamination. The purpose of this Resolution is to continue semi-annual certifications for these fume hoods.

6. The Union County Prosecutor's Office desires to trade in obsolete firearms to Lawman Supply Company of New Jersey Inc., Egg Harbor, New Jersey and receive a credit towards the purchase of new firearms to be utilized by its Detectives. **(Chairman Deborah P. Scanlon)**

Freeholder Jalloh asked for details about item #6.

Mr. Cernadas explained that the purpose is to approve an arrangement to trade in old firearms for a credit towards new firearms.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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

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: Division of Motor Vehicles: FDCJ, LLC t/a Flemington Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep, LLC, Flemington, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing (4) Sport Utility Vehicles w/Snow Plows, in the amount of \$149,396.00. **(Chairman Deborah P. Scanlon)**

Freeholder Jalloh asked how many snow plows the County currently has in operation.

Director DiRado stated that we currently have three jeeps with plow kits. Two older versions were sold at auction last year, totaling \$10,000. He stated that the Westfield facility is in need of plow trucks.

Vice Chairman Mirabella asked if these items are in the Capital Budget. Director DiRado stated that he believes they are included in the Capital Budget, but will confirm and advise the Board.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to conduct a reverse online auction for Commercial Natural Gas pursuant to the Local Unit Electronic Technology Pilot Program and Study Act, P.L. 2001, c.30. **(Chairman Deborah P. Scanlon)**

Freeholder Jalloh asked about item #2.

Director DiRado stated that the purpose of the Resolution is to approve a reverse auction that will lock in a price for the next twenty-four months.

3. Amending Resolution Number 2011-416, a contract with Bauch, Zucker, Hatfield, LLC, Springfield, New Jersey, special counsel for Labor Negotiations and Personnel Affairs to

increase the cap for legal services in the amount of \$75,000 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$225,000. **(Chairman Deborah P. Scanlon)**

4. Approving Rahway Travel, Rahway, New Jersey, as a prequalified entity to provide Travel Agent Services to all County entities pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 et. seq. **(Chairman Deborah P. Scanlon)**

Vice Chairman Mirabella asked for the purpose of item #4, and if we used Rahway Travel in the past.

Director DiRado stated that Rahway Travel has been used in prior years for the purpose of providing travel to all County entities. He stated that pursuant to Pay to Play laws implemented several years ago, the County now solicits proposals for this service, and they have been pre-qualified.

County Manager Faella interjected and explained further that there will be a post report provided, which will include the need of travel and its findings.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Brian Riordan, Director

There have been no resolution requests submitted.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES

Joseph Graziano, Director

There were no questions pertaining to items on the Agenda.

Director Graziano stated that he will have an additional Resolution for next week's meeting to authorize the County Manager to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with the municipalities for debris removal, as a result of Hurricane Irene.

Freeholder Jalloh asked how the County has been assisting municipalities. Director Graziano stated that so far, we have provided manpower and equipment as per their request and need. We have assisted Cranford since day one, and have also helped Kenilworth, Springfield and Union.

Freeholder Sullivan asked if we can anticipate being reimbursed for expenses paid out by the County under FEMA. Director Graziano replied that the County will be reimbursed up to 75% of costs expended, including overtime costs, as a result of the disaster. Freeholder Sullivan asked for an estimate of the County's expenses to date, to be provided at the next Freeholder Meeting.

Director Graziano stated that he can provide the figures for his Department next week.

Freeholder Jalloh asked if Director Graziano has witnessed any State assistance in his travels throughout the County. Director Graziano, replied, no, he has not.

Freeholder Kowalski thanked Director Graziano, his staff and everyone involved in assisting with the effects of Hurricane Irene, including the Parks Department, Office of Emergency Management

and County Police.

Freeholder Jalloh asked if the County anticipates any State assistance. Director Graziano stated that as far as clean up through the Public Works Department, we have not asked for State help. He added that there are two bridges that have been affected, and are currently closed, to wit: Madison Hill Road and Bonnie Burn Road.

Freeholder Kowalski commented on the condition of Cranford and the State Police Rescuers.

Vice Chairman Mirabella asked Director Graziano to provide an assessment on the County's response to the hurricane, and the charges incurred to date.

Director Graziano stated that he will have the figures from his Department for the next Freeholder Meeting. He added that submissions to FEMA are via the Office of Emergency Management.

County Manager Faella stated that other departments throughout the County have assisted with Hurricane Irene's affects, and he will request a report from each of the Directors for the next Freeholder Meeting.

1. Concurring with the City of Summit granting permission to the YMCA to close Broad Street, from Summit Avenue and Maple Street between 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 16, 2011 to hold the 2011 YMCA 5K Run. **(Chairman Deborah P. Scanlon)**
2. Granting permission to the Township of Scotch Plains to hang a banner across Park Avenue at the intersection of Front Street and Park Avenue from November 28, 2011 through December 4, 2011 for the Downtown Holiday Celebration which is being sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association. Also, granting permission to close Park Avenue between Westfield Avenue and Front Street from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 4, 2011. **(Chairman Deborah P. Scanlon)**
3. Granting permission to the Township of Scotch Plains to hang a banner across Park Avenue at the intersection of Front Street and Park Avenue from September 19, 2011 through October 2, 2011 for Scotch Plains Day, which is sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association. Also, granting permission to close Park Avenue between Westfield Avenue and Front Street from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 2, 2011. **(Chairman Deborah P. Scanlon)**
4. Concurring with the Township of Berkeley Heights, granting permission to the Summit Medical Group to hang a banner across Springfield Avenue from September 1, 2011 to October 2, 2011 to advertise their "Live Well Sports and Health Festival" to be held on Sunday, October 2, 2011, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. **(Chairman Deborah P. Scanlon)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Service Agreement between the County of Union and Berkeley Heights, Summit, and Union for six (6) Intersection Improvements located on the following County Roads: (1) Berkeley Heights - Intersection of Diamond Hill Road and McMane Avenue; (2) City of Summit – Intersection of Springfield Avenue and New England Avenue; and (3) Intersection of Springfield Avenue, Passaic Avenue and Old Springfield Road; (4) Township of Union- Vauxhall Road (CR 630) and Pine Street; (5) Vauxhall Road (CR 630) and Caldwell Avenue; and (6) Chestnut Street (CR 619) and Parkview Terrace. **(Chairman Deborah P. Scanlon)**

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 / Division of Facilities Management: Twin Boro Lumber, Inc., Roselle, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Ceiling Materials, twenty-four (24) consecutive months in an amount not to exceed \$114,307.45. **(Chairman Deborah P. Scanlon)**

Freeholder Carter asked about item #6.

Director Graziano stated that the bid to purchase ceiling materials for all County facilities within the County. He stated that the last two year contract was for \$132,000, and it has now been reduced to \$114,000 with a two year contract.

7. 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 / Division of Facilities Management; Scientific Boiler Water Conditioning Co Inc., Linden, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Water Treatment Services & Supplies for 24 consecutive months in the amount of \$31,801.44 with provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month extension. **(Chairman Deborah P. Scanlon)**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Bibi Taylor, Director

Chairman Scanlon stated that the items on the Agenda appear to be all grants coming into the County.

Director Taylor stated replied, yes, and they are anticipating more revenue than the Resolutions state. These are only baseline amounts.

Vice Chairman Mirabella asked if the grant monies that are being received will also be expended. He asked if there is a reduction in the tax levy as a result of the grants.

Director Taylor stated that there will be no reduction in the tax levy, as these grants will be providing services.

1. Modifying the 2011 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$7,557.00 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 Grant. **(Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Modifying the 2011 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$22,538.00 as a result of notification received from the Union County Department of Human Services for a program entitled: Paratransit Transportation Title XIX Grant. **(Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
3. Modifying the 2011 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$1,013,800.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department Of Transportation for a program entitled: 2011 Signs and Markings Grant. **(Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

4. Modifying the 2011 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$4,243.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department Of State Council on the Arts for a program entitled: Senior Citizen Art Contest Grant. **(Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
5. Modifying the 2011 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$89,484 as a result of notification received from an Interlocal Services Agreement between the County of Union and the City of Rahway for Traffic Control Monitoring System. **(Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Hudak asked when we could anticipate an answer from the City of Rahway in reference to item #5.

County Counsel Barry, Esq. stated that they have completed their 30 day test period. The cameras are not on line yet.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Frank Guzzo, Director

There have been no questions pertaining to items on the Agenda.

Director Guzzo stated that he will have an additional Resolution as a result of Hurricane Irene. He stated that the County's Meals on Wheels kitchen in Linden was destroyed.

Director Guzzo stated that they typically deliver 1,500 meals a day. He said that we could not deliver meals because of the flooded kitchen, so we declared an emergency and were able to hire a vendor to provide the meals. They were able to begin delivering meals to seniors on September 1. Right after that, they reinstated the congregated meals. As of today, we are operating at 100%. Appraisers have been out to the kitchen and we are in the process of seeing how quickly it can be done. The cost per meal was a little less on the home side, and a little bit more on the congregated side.

Vice Chairman Mirabella asked Director Guzzo to speak about the Food Aid Memorandum.

Director Guzzo stated that there is a one-time food stamp program made available by the State as a result of Hurricane Irene. He stated that it is based on household income and family size. He said there are three sites in Union County where residents can apply.

Freeholder Estrada asked if there was a site located near Cranford since they were the hardest hit in the County. Director Guzzo stated that they did consider it, but since there is more of an income crisis in Rahway and Linden along with parking issues, it was not practicable. He said they also considered the mobile command center if it was not being used, but the time-frame was too short. The three locations are: Union County's Social Services offices in Elizabeth and Plainfield along with a temporary site at 65 East Cherry Street in Rahway that has been established specifically for this purpose.

Director Guzzo stated that they will advertise the Food Aid Program.

Freeholder Hudak commended Director Guzzo and his staff, County Counsel and staff and County

Manager Faella for working so quickly to put things in place.

Director Guzzo stated that he was away at the time of the hurricane and commended his staff, especially, Assistant Director Karen Dinsmore, County Counsel Bob Barry, Esq. and County Manager Faella for their help, and said that he is thankful that the vendor was able to help.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2009-681 and authorizing the valid WIA Individual Training contracts from PY 2009 to be re-set to a new account using PY 2010 WIA grant dollars in the amount not to exceed \$50,000. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2009-682 and authorizing the valid WFNJ Individual Training PY 2009 contracts to be re-set to a new account using WFNJ PY 2010 dollars in the amount not to exceed \$20,000. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 2010-781 and authorizing the payment of Individual Training contracts from an alternate grant source. These contracts were initiated with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Dislocated Worker Grant supplemental dollars from New Jersey State Department of Labor and Workforce Development. The ARRA Grant closed June 30, 2011; some of the contracts are still valid because clients are still continuing to receive services. The contract obligations may be re-encumbered using Federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Dislocated Worker Grant dollars, in the amount not to exceed \$55,000. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Amending Resolution Number 2009-823, to reflect the correct grant period of July 23, 2009 through July 22, 2012. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
5. Amending Resolution Number 2011-244, to include a grant term for nineteen (19) awards. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
6. Amending Resolution Number 2008-809, to include a grant term for three (3) awards only. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
7. Amending Resolution Number 2009-370, to include a grant term for two (2) awards only. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
8. Amending Resolution Number 2010-187, to include a grant term for seventeen (17) awards. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
9. Amending Resolution Number 2010-498, to include a grant term and account number for one (1) award only. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
10. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Mutual of America, Parsippany, New Jersey to implement an employee 401 (a) plan to provide benefits to county employees not covered under the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) for the contract period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 in an amount not to exceed \$178,728.48. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
11. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Mutual of America, Parsippany, New Jersey to provide Group Life Insurance with Group Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan for employees not covered under the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) for

contract period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 in an amount not to exceed \$41,000. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

12. Amending Resolution Number 2005-420, to include a grant term and account number for two (2) awards only. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
13. 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 Human Services: Samuels Inc dba Buy Wise Auto Parts, : for the purpose of providing parts for repairs to County of Union Paratransit fleet of Ford and General Motors vans and conventional cab and chassis (DRW) with custom bus bodies installed, up to and including 14,500 GVWR, both diesel and gasoline, (Model years span from 1998 – 2011) for a period of 24 consecutive months with an option to renew for an additional 24 consecutive months in an amount not to exceed \$47,175. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
14. Authorizing the County Manager to endorse and approve the 2012-2014 Comprehensive County Youth Services Plan and Application in the amount of \$756,243, as required by the State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission, for the funding period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
15. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the Union County Educational Services Commission, Westfield, New Jersey to provide state mandated education programs for the residents housed in the Juvenile Detention Center for the contract period September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012 in an amount not to exceed \$538,435. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL

Ronald Zuber, Deputy Director

Deputy Director Zuber stated that he may have an additional Resolution for next week's meeting regarding the chilling system at Warinanco Ice Skating Center. He said we are having contractual difficulties with Carrier, the current vendor.

Vice Chairman Mirabella stated that we need to have something lined up in the event it does not work out as the rink opens in October.

Director of the Division of Purchasing Michael Yuska stated that Rose Comas, Esq. in the County Counsel's Office believes that the issue will be resolved.

Freeholder Jalloh asked if they had to go out to bid again. Director Yuska replied, no.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2005-980, a contract (through the public bidding process) with Flanagan's Contracting Group, Hillsborough, New Jersey for the Meisel Avenue Park Reconstruction, approving Change Order No. 1 (final) in an amount of \$251,000 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$2,871,425.50. **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**
2. Endorsing a pre-application to the New Jersey Green Acres Program for a minor disposal of parkland in Rahway River Parkway in the Township of Union so that the New Jersey Department of Transportation may construct an auxiliary lane on Route 22 Eastbound between u-Turns H & G in Union in order to improve traffic safety. **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**

Freeholder Estrada asked for more detail on item #2. He asked about the exchange the County will be receiving in terms of the transfer. Deputy Director Zuber stated that they wanted to give us back a parcel of land on Route 22 in Hillside, which is not useful and would be costly to maintain. Instead, we will be receiving \$28,000 for the parcel of land, which will be put into the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

1. Accepting a grant award in the amount of \$137,994.84 from the NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for the purpose of conducting an Interoperable Emergency Communications Exercise. **(Chairman Deborah P. Scanlon)**

Chairman Scanlon asked for an explanation of item #1.

Director Moran explained that item #1 is for two tabletop exercises and a full scale exercise for emergencies for County-wide communication capabilities and the County's ability to communicate with County partners and other municipalities. Director Moran stated that this should happen within the next year.

RUNNELLS SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL

Joan Wheeler, Administrator

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an affiliation agreement with New York University, New York, New York to provide clinical training for students in the Occupational Therapy program from September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2013. **(Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

Freeholder Carter asked Ms. Wheeler to explain the benefits of having students at Runnells Specialized Hospital in reference to item #1.

Ms. Wheeler explained that by having students at the Hospital, it will make the staff perform at a higher level by pushing themselves to teach the students. These students will be coming to us from New York University to teach occupational therapy in a clinical setting from the very beginning, which forces the staff and students to develop relationships and improve performance. She added that there is no cost to the County.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a clinical Affiliation Agreement between Runnells Specialized Hospital and the Union County Immunization Program and Trinitas School of Nursing, Elizabeth, New Jersey to cooperate in providing clinical facilities in nursing for students enrolled in the School of Nursing centering around the care of infants and children in an outpatient setting who are receiving preventative healthcare and education. **(Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Shanthi Chezian, MD, South Plainfield, New Jersey to provide professional psychiatric services to the patients/residents of Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of September 19th, 2011 to September 30, 2012 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$151,875. **(Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

4. Amending Resolution Number 2011-0651, list of practitioners who are pre-qualified to provide professional medical services/coverage to the patients/residents of Runnells Specialized Hospital, to provide for Professional Medical Services for the patients/residents of Runnells Specialized Hospital. **(Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Robert E. Barry, Esq., County Counsel

1. Approving a partial settlement of pending litigation entitled Aspen Landscaping v. County of Union, et al in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00 relating specifically to Change Orders 3,7,12,13, & 14 only. **(Chairman Deborah P. Scanlon)**
2. Amending Resolution 2010-1149 to increase funding for the Contract between the County of Union and Union County Performing Arts Center in an amount not to exceed \$345,000 for activities associated with the 2011 MusicFest **(Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

County Counsel Barry, Esq. made a preliminary statement regarding item #2. He stated that in December 2010, a contract was awarded to the Union County Performing Arts Center in the amount of \$100,000. It was anticipated that additional revenues would be received. Barclays Golf Association made a donation in the amount of \$125,000, and there was a surplus of \$115,000 from insurance proceeds, fund raisers and additional sponsorships. He said in light of the recent report, we have decided to incorporate those proceeds into the contract.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

Alfred J. Faella, County Manager

Resolution requests have not been submitted at this time.

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Scanlon asked to join Freeholder Sullivan, along with the entire Board on expressing their condolences to the Kulish Family.

Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski and Chairman Scanlon stated that they will have additional Laudatory Resolutions for the next Freeholder Meeting.

1. Appointing the following members to the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACADA): Enide Joseph (Youth Interest rep.), Sonja Ash (Mental Health), Rev. Rafael Menendez (Alcohol/Drug Abuse Sector), Katherine Woodley (Voluntary Community Member) for terms commencing January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013; Tiffany N. Wilson (Criminal Justice) for a term commencing January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012; and Karen Yuschak (Non-Profit Agency) and Charles Watts (Voluntary Community Member) to fill unexpired terms from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2011. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
2. Congratulating St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Plainfield for raising funds for the "I Have A Dream Program" which enhances academic and social skills in young people. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**

3. Congratulating Justyna Kepa for being chosen the 2011 Linden Miss Polonia and Stephen C. Leonard, Esq., for being chosen the 2011 Linden Marshall at the annual General Pulaski Day Parade. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
4. Appointing Alfred J. Faella (County Manager) to the Emergency Management Council to fill an unexpired term from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. **(Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
5. Appointing Alfred J. Faella to the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund. **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**
6. Expressing the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Velma Clara Kulish in their time of sorrow. **(Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan)**
7. Appointing Sandra M. Shelton to the Senior Citizen Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program (SCDRTAP) to fill an unexpired term from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012. **(Freeholder Nancy Ward)**
8. Authorizing the County Manager to make available the amount of \$4,000 to the Pulaski Day Parade Committee. **(Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
9. Congratulating the Columbus Day Parade Association of Union County 500th, Inc. on their 23rd Annual Christopher Columbus Celebration to be held on October 16, 2011. **(Vice Chairman Mirabella, Freeholder Hudak)**
10. Proclaiming September 26, 2011 as "Mesothelioma Awareness Day" in Union County. **(Chairman Deborah P. Scanlon)**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 contract negotiations with the Union County Utilities Authority.

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 formal action on the matters discussed.

Upon a majority vote of the members present, the Board may now retire to Executive Session.

To the extent known, the following item will be discussed in Executive Session:

1. Contract Negotiations with the Union County Utilities Authority

Motion to enter Executive Session.

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

Motion to return from Executive Session.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 PM.

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

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 9, 2011 at 12:00pm
Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

AGENDA SETTING MEETINGSREGULAR MEETINGS

January 20, 2011

January 27, 2011

February 3, 2011

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March 17, 2011

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May 19, 2011

June 9, 2011

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August 11, 2011

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September 8, 2011

September 15, 2011

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October 6, 2011

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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To: Board of Chosen Freeholders

Through: Alfred J. Faella, County Manager 

From: Frank Guzzo, Director
Department of Human Services 

Date: September 8, 2011

Re: Food Aid for Hurricane Victims

Effective Monday, September 12, 2011 thru Tuesday, September 20, 2011 Union County residents who suffered losses due to Hurricane Irene may be eligible for a one-time food benefit. Residents meeting the federal disaster Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) income guidelines can apply at our Division of Social Services offices in Elizabeth and Plainfield along with a temporary site in the Rahway Public Library that has been established specifically for this purpose.

Social Services staff has received training from the State and will assist eligible residents in completing the short application. Depending on household size and gross monthly income the one-time benefit can range from \$200.00 to \$1202.00. The benefit will be electronically applied to a debit/credit card and will be available for use within three days of completing the application. For residents already receiving SNAP benefits the one-time benefit will automatically be applied to their cards. All three sites will be open to take applications Monday thru Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

As always I am available for questions if needed

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Disaster Food Stamp Program,
Income Eligibility Standards and Allotments,
April 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011

Household Size	Disaster Gross Income Limit	Maximum Allotment
1	\$1,503	\$200
2	\$1,815	\$367
3	\$2,126	\$526
4	\$2,449	\$668
5	\$2,787	\$793
6	\$3,124	\$952
7	\$3,436	\$1052
8	\$3,748	\$1202
Each Additional Member	\$312	\$150