



## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2011

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Deborah P. Scanlon called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Roll call showed Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Linda Carter, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak and Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan were in attendance. Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski and Freeholder Nancy Ward were absent.

Also present were County Manager George W. Devanney, County Counsel Robert E. Barry, Esq. and Clerk of the Board Nicole L. DiRado.

The Prayer and Salute to the Flag were led by the Clerk of the Board.

The statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by the Clerk of the Board.

#### PRESENTATIONS FROM THE BOARD

1. A Check presentation was made to the **Strike Merchants Scholarship Foundation**.

Chairman Scanlon called upon Vice Chairman Mirabella to present former Freeholder Chester Holmes a Resolution and a check for the Strike Merchants Scholarship Foundation, which he brought to the Board many years ago.

Former Freeholder Holmes stated that it was a pleasure to accept the check and Resolution on the Strike Merchants Scholarship Foundation's behalf. He explained how the Bowling Club was established. He stated that the Board has been instrumental in supporting the foundation and he and the students thanked him. Former Freeholder Homes introduced a student named, Nicole will be graduating from Drew University and was going on to Columbia University to obtain a Masters' Degree. Nicole stated that she attended Elizabeth High School and worked hard to get into Drew University. She urged young students to work hard and stay focused to reach their goals.

2. A Resolution presentation was made to **Captain Michael Johnson**, Rahway Fire Department.

Chairman and Former Freeholder Holmes presented a Resolution to Captain Michael Johnson of the Rahway Fire Department for being the first African American fireman in Rahway and being recognized by the New Jersey Nets as a "hero" during Black History Month, February 9, 2011.



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Captain Johnson thanked the Board, former Freeholder Holmes and former Mayor Kennedy for their support.

Mayor Kennedy stated that he has done a fine job.

Chairman Scanlon stated that firemen are her heroes as there have been some instances where they have rescued her family. She said she has a great deal of respect for them.

3. A Resolution presentation was made to **Austin Frank**, Captain of the Linden High School Wrestling team, who became the first Linden High School wrestler to win 100 matches.

Freeholder Hudak called upon Austin Frank, Captain of the Linden High School Wrestling team to present him with a Resolution to congratulate him on his win of 100 matches. He stated that he was third in the Region. Freeholder Hudak stated that Austin will be attending Wellsely University in the fall and said that he has also excelled academically and said that his parents must be very proud of him.

4. A Resolution presentation was made to the **Linden Basketball Team** for winning the 2010-2011 North Jersey Section 2, Group 4 Title.

Freeholder Hudak presented the Linden Basketball team with Resolutions for winning the 2010-2011 North Jersey Section 2, Group 4 Title. He recognized Coach Phil Colicchio and Assistant Coach Anthony Drea.

Coach Colicchio stated that they had a really good year, and he gave the team's statistics. He stated that the represented the school and the City very proudly.

5. A Resolution presentation was made to **Vistazo Hispano Newspaper** to commemorate its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Freeholder Estrada introduced Juan Periera, his good friend and entrepreneur, and his wife. He presented them with a Resolution congratulating them on their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vistazo Hispano Newspaper. Freeholder Estrada read the Resolution aloud.

Mr. Periera thanked Freeholder Estrada and the Board for their support over the past ten years.

(Freeholder Ward entered the meeting)



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6. Certificates were presented to the youth organizers of the **Plainfield Citywide Youth Summit**.

Freeholder Carter called upon the youth organizers of the Plainfield Citywide Youth Summit. She stated that they planned and hosted a Summit on their own and they rallied individuals in Plainfield to give their input on what is important to teens today. Freeholder Carter stated that they held a two day event. The Board was thanked for the bags given for their registration packets. Freeholder Carter presented them with certificates.

### PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Division of Nursing  
Runnells Specialized Hospital

Presented by:

Susan Palma, Administrative Director of Nursing

Chairman Scanlon called upon Susan Palma, the Administrative Director of Nursing to make a presentation to the Board. Ms. Palma stated that she began working as a work study student in 1970 at Runnells Specialized Hospital. She mentioned her qualifications. She explained much of what Runnells Specialized Hospital has to offer. She thanked the residents of Union County, especially the Freeholder Board for their ongoing support and presence. She stated that Nurses' Week was from May 6<sup>th</sup> to May 12<sup>th</sup> and she showed a video highlighting some of the very dedicated nursing staff at Runnells Specialized Hospital.

Chairman Scanlon thanked Ms. Palma for the presentation. She stated that nurses are angels and she has had a great experience at Runnells Specialized Hospital. She said she was honored and privileged to present them with a Resolution honoring Nurses' week. Ms. Palma introduced the nurses from the video who attended the meeting.

### APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Scanlon called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

Note and File

Oaths of Office



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### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Scanlon called for a motion to approve the following Minutes:

1. April 28, 2011 – Regular Meeting
2. May 5, 2011 – Agenda Meeting

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the April 28, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes with Chairman Scanlon abstaining and Freeholder Jalloh and Freeholder Kowalski absent and six members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the May 5, 2011 Agenda Meeting Minutes with Vice Chairman Mirabella abstaining and Freeholder Jalloh and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

### PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CAP BANK RESOLUTION

The meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on the Cap Bank Resolution only.

Chairman Scanlon asked County Counsel Barry, Esq. to make a statement relative to the Cap Bank Resolution.

County Counsel Barry, Esq. explained the need to reintroduce the Cap Bank Resolution was due to a publishing deficiency.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, questioned the procedure. He stated that he is not in favor of the Cap Bank and urged the Board to vote, no. Mr. Paterson asked for the amount of the Cap Bank.

Director Taylor stated that in 2011 the Freeholders utilized \$8.9 million in bank for the 2011 Budget and \$300,000 in the 2010 Budget.

### APPROVAL OF THE CAP BANK RESOLUTION

Chairman Scanlon called for a motion to adopt the Cap Bank Resolution.

**2011-462 VICE CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:4-45.15b authorizing the establishment of a **Cap Bank** within the Calendar Year 2011 and 3.5% of the final tax



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levy from the preceding fiscal year as a retained exception to the final tax levy in either of the next two succeeding years.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE 2011 UNION COUNTY BUDGET**

The meeting is now open to the public for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the Amendment to the 2011 Union County Budget, introduced on Thursday, April 28, 2011 only.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, stated that he does not see a public comment section for the Budget on the Agenda. He thanked Vice Chairman Mirabella for extra time to make his comments at the last Freeholder Meeting.

Mr. Paterson questioned the line item in the 2011 Budget for \$2,350,000 for the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund and said that he does not believe it is legal. He also spoke about the expenditures in the line item for salary and wages that was increased by \$2 million.

County Counsel Barry, Esq. explained that by Statute, it permits the use of funds from the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund to maintain properties acquired for open space.

Tina Renna, Cranford, asked for a clarification that allows employees' salaries to be paid through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

County Counsel Barry, Esq. stated that the funds from the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund may be used for salaries and maintenance for properties acquired by the County or the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

John Bury, Kenilworth, said that in reference to the 2011 Budget Amendment how much the remainder will be once the \$1 million is used. He was opposed to how the use of the funds from the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund are being utilized.



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### RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE 2011 UNION COUNTY BUDGET

Chairman Scanlon called for a motion to approve the Amendment to the 2011 Union County Budget.

**2011-463 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA, adopting the Amendment to the 2011 Union County Budget.**

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

### ADOPTION OF THE 2011 UNION COUNTY BUDGET AS AMENDED

Chairman Scanlon called for a motion to adopt the 2011 Union County Budget as Amended.

**2011-464 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA, adopting the 2011 Union County Budget as Amended.**

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and second by Freeholder Ward, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

### PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting was open to the public for the purpose of commenting on Resolutions being offered for adoption only.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, was pleased with tonight's Agenda. He said it shows that the Board is being conservative. Mr. Paterson questioned spending \$2.8 million for improving the golf courses. He asked if Resolution 2011-472 is a competitively bid contract. He questioned a vendor, by the name of Trius, Incorporated that appeared before the Board approximately 1.5 years ago because his truck did not have all the specifications of the contract made by the County. He asked if the truck mentioned in Resolution 2011-472 is replacing that truck and if so, what happened to the truck from Trius, Inc. On Resolution 2011-477, he stated that the health insurance has been increased by 4.43% and the prescription plan has been increased by 8.6% from last year. On Resolution 2011-479 asked for the definition of "relative to Runnells Specialized Hospital." Mr. Paterson asked if this month is County Government Month.

Chairman Scanlon replied, yes, it is County Government Month.

Director Faella responded to Resolution 2011-470. He explained that there is currently a savings of \$600,000.



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Director Sanchez stated that the \$2.8 million is a “not to exceed” amount for all day to day operating expenses at the golf courses, and it does include the employees’ salaries, chemicals and day to day maintenance to operate the golf courses. He also stated that the way the County previously ran the golf courses it would have cost \$3.7 to \$3.8 million dollars, hence, this is a substantial savings.

County Manager Devanney stated that Resolution 2011-472 was competitively bid.

Director Yuska answered questions regarding Resolution 2011-475 “a.” He explained that the contract with Trius, Inc. was voided, as it did not meet certain specifics of the contract that the County requested.

Chairman Scanlon asked if the current contract is with the same company. Director Yuska replied, no, Trius, Inc. has been disqualified.

County Counsel Barry, Esq. commented on Resolution 2011-479. He explained that the firm mentioned in the Resolution was hired by the County to do collection work pursuant to an fair and open process and they received a percentage of funds based upon the amount they recovered. He also explained that the County asked them to do legal work relative to Runnells Specialized Hospital, which is not necessarily going into litigation. He stated that at that time, there was no mechanism for compensation and this Resolution puts that in place, and the compensation is at a standard rate at \$125 per hour, which is established by the County.

John Bury, Kenilworth, asked what is included in the \$2.8 million mentioned in Resolution 2011-470. He commented on Director Sanchez’s salary, plus benefits, equals \$180,000 per year. He also asked where the greenskeepers are employed.

Mr. Bury questioned if KemperSports pays for the utilities, golf carts and maintenance at the golf courses.

Director Sanchez stated that the \$2.8 million dollars mentioned in Resolution 2011-470 is for management fees, golf cart maintenance and leases. He stated that the amount stated does not include his salary, adding that he does not make \$180,000 per year.

County Manager Devanney stated that there are sixteen greenskeepers who have been transferred to the Public Works Department with new titles to fill vacancies in order to avoid layoffs.

Director Sanchez added that some of the greenskeepers who also been transferred to the Park Maintenance Department to maintain parks, ball fields and open space.



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Tina Renna, Cranford, commented on Resolutions 2011-471 and 2011-472. She asked if they are bonding these amounts.

Director Taylor stated that Resolutions 2011-471 is from Open Space, Recreation and Historical Preservation Trust Fund and Resolution 2011-472 is from Capital Funds and there is sufficient amount of funds available.

Jim Buettner, Cranford, commented on Resolution 2011-475 “d” and “f.” He asked about the purpose and the need for the specialized equipment and asked if there is justification of purchasing this type of equipment.

Director Moran explained that Resolution 2011-475 “d” is to identify unknown materials for Hazmat Personnel.

Chairman Scanlon asked if it is for gasoline.

Director Moran replied, no, it is a device to detect hundreds of thousands of chemicals.

Chairman Scanlon asked if there is one in our area that can be borrowed.

Director Moran stated that the County has one that is eight years old, but is unreliable, and stated that these items are being purchased through Port Security Grant dollars, not County dollars.

Freeholder Mirabella asked how often the equipment is used. He stated that Hazmat Personnel uses it thirty to fifty times per year and it is a valuable resource to have on the scene for Hazmat Personnel.

County Manager Devanney stated that in reference to Resolution 2011-475 “f,” the Sheriff’s Office provided him with back up information which he read aloud. He explained that currently crime scenes are done manually by graph paper, ruler and masking tape. He explained that the digitizer can scan a crime scene and make it three-dimensional, can read blood splatter patterns, bullet trajectory, can provide a jury with a recreational view at any angle or what a police officer or witness has seen.





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### RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Scanlon called for a motion to adopt Resolutions 2011-465 through 2011-488.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR ADOPTION:

- 2011-465**     **FREEHOLDER JALLOH**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a month to month contract with **Always Caring Medical Transportation, Bound Brook, New Jersey**, for essential ambulance service at Runnells Specialized Hospital. Term of contract to be current billing period until termination upon execution of new bidding process and new contract but not to exceed 6 months for an estimate of **\$60,000**. {This service is mandated by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services.} {Local funding: \$60,000}

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Vice Chairman Mirabella, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Ward absent.

- 2011-466**     **FREEHOLDER JALLOH**, amending Resolution Number 2011-421, a contract with **EMCO Elevator, Kearny, New Jersey**, to add Runnells Specialized Hospital on a month-to-month basis in the amount of \$1,000 month until such time as the contract is awarded to upgrade the elevators in an amount not to exceed **\$9,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Vice Chairman Mirabella, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Ward absent.

- 2011-467**     **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to extend the contract with **Aramark Correctional Services, LLC, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**, to provide for the dietary and nutritional needs of the residents housed in the Juvenile Detention Center on a month-to-month basis in the amount of \$7.448 per day with an additional charge for less than 35 juveniles in an amount not to exceed **\$100,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Vice Chairman Mirabella, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Ward absent.

- 2011-468**     **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, authorizing payment to the **City of Elizabeth Recreation Department, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, for the purpose of running a summer playground program at Mattano Park, from July 6, 2011 to August 26, 2011 in an amount not to exceed **\$5,900**.



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- 2011-469**    **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, amending Resolution Number 2010-754, a professional engineering service contract with **Maser Consulting, Red Bank, New Jersey**, for additional testing and analysis for the Ashbrook Golf Course water allocation permit application in an additional amount of \$13,750 for a new total contract amount of **\$64,510**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Vice Chairman Mirabella, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Ward absent.

- 2011-470**    **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, amending Resolution Number 2011-255, an agreement with **KemperSports Management, North Brook, Illinois**, to include operational expenses for the management and maintenance of the golf courses and learning center as required by the contract document for the year 2011 in an amount not to exceed **\$2,801,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Vice Chairman Mirabella, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Ward absent.

- 2011-471**    **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, authorizing the County Manager to award a Preserve Union County 2011 grant to the **Union County Performing Arts Center, Inc., Rahway, New Jersey**, for various upgrades necessary to systems within the theater and for necessary repair to the marquee in an amount not to exceed **\$419,846.41** on behalf of and through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Vice Chairman Mirabella, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Ward absent.

- 2011-472**    **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, authorizing the County Manager to award a contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq to **M&M Construction, Union, New Jersey** for the Union County Performing Arts Center Stage renovation in an amount not to exceed **\$962,000** on behalf of and through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.



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On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Vice Chairman Mirabella, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Ward absent.

- 2011-473** CHAIRMAN SCANLON, apply for and accept grant funding in the amount of **\$10,271** from the **New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice Police Training Commission** to be used for updating and purchasing physical training equipment, purchasing training aids including wearing apparel for instructors and recruits and miscellaneous materials for the Basic Recruit and In-Service Training Programs at the John H. Stamler Police Academy. There is no County match required.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Vice Chairman Mirabella, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Ward absent.

- 2011-474** CHAIRMAN SCANLON, authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to apply for and accept funding from the **New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, Megan's Law and Local Law Enforcement Assistance** component in the amount of **\$16,198** for the purpose of enforcing Megan's Law in Union County for the period of March 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011. There is a cash match of requirement in the amount of **\$5,399**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Vice Chairman Mirabella, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Ward absent.

- 2011-475** CHAIRMAN SCANLON, authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contracts obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the **Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq**:

- a. Department of Administrative Services, Division of Motor Vehicles: Mid Atlantic Truck Centre Inc., Linden, New Jersey, to furnish and deliver one 2011 truck mounted catch basin cleaner for the Department of Public Works. This truck will be an addition to the current fleet in the amount of **\$244,997**.
- b. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities, Division of Facilities Management: Access To Money, Whippany, New Jersey, to furnish, install, maintain, service, repair and/or replace, and stock ATM machines for the County



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of Union for the period of July 12, 2011 through July 11, 2013. There are currently 8 locations where ATM machines are in place for the County. {20% commission of total transaction fees charged to be paid to the County.}

- c. Department of Parks and Community Renewal, Division of Golf Operations: Eagle Sign & Design Inc., Louisville, Kentucky, to provide and deliver tee signs, sponsor signs, posts and caps for a period of 24 months in the amount of **\$12,735**. (Funds will be recouped from advertisers.)
- d. Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management: ICx Technologies, Inc., Stillwater, Oklahoma, to purchase and deliver a gas chromatograph in the amount of **\$123,300**.
- e. Office of the Union County Sheriff: HORIBA Jobin Yvon, Inc./Spex Forensics, Edison, New Jersey, to purchase and deliver a fingerprint identification system in the amount of **\$31,125**.
- f. Office of the Union County Sheriff: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tech Inc., Durham, North Carolina, to purchase and deliver a laser scanner and 3D scene digitizer in the amount of **\$51,775**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Vice Chairman Mirabella, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Ward absent.

**2011-476** CHAIRMAN SCANLON, amending Resolution Number 2009-775 (BA #79), a contract (through the public bidding process) with **George's Auto Repair, Roselle Park, New Jersey**, to cover for collision repairs, over the anticipated budgeted amount, caused by the extreme harsh winter in an additional amount of \$26,000 for a new contract amount of **\$156,000** for the period of August 27, 2009 through August 26, 2011.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Vice Chairman Mirabella, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Ward absent.

**2011-477** CHAIRMAN SCANLON, authorizing the County Manager to renew the following the **County of Union's Health Plan** and integrating the prescription plan with **Cigna**:



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- . **Health Insurance Plan** from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 in the amount of **\$46,507,830**. (An increase of 4.43% from last year)
- . **Prescription Plan** from July 1, 2011 through June 2014 in the amount of **\$12,078,018 per year**. (An increase of 8.6% from last year)

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Vice Chairman Mirabella, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Ward absent.

- 2011-478**     **CHAIRMAN SCANLON**, amending Resolution Number 2011-276, to increase the appropriation to **Weber Dowd Law, Woodland Park, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled **Aspen Landscaping Contracting, Inc., v. UC, et als** for an additional amount of \$10,000 for a sum not to exceed **\$20,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Vice Chairman Mirabella, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Ward absent.

- 2011-479**     **CHAIRMAN SCANLON**, amending Resolution Number 2010-1099, to provide an appropriation to the **Law Firm of Krevsky, Silber & Bergen, Cranford, New Jersey**, for additional legal services relative to Runnells Specialized Hospital in the amount of **\$10,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Vice Chairman Mirabella, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Ward absent.

- 2011-480**     **CHAIRMAN SCANLON**, appointing **Freeholder Linda Carter** as the County's representative on the **Middlesex County Utilities Authority** for a term commencing February 1, 2010 through January 31, 2015.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Vice Chairman Mirabella, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Ward absent.



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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE LAUDATORY IN CONTENT:

- 2011-481 FREEHOLDER CARTER**, congratulating **Donald Jones** on being honored with the Dr. Jerome M. Wolff Award by the Plainfield Area YMCA at their Annual Gala on May 20, 2011.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Vice Chairman Mirabella, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Ward absent.

- 2011-482 FREEHOLDER CARTER**, congratulating **Pat Turner Kavanaugh** on being honored with the Building Bridges Award for her years of service by the Plainfield Area YMCA at their Annual Gala on May 20, 2011.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Vice Chairman Mirabella, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Ward absent.

- 2011-483 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, congratulating the **Vistazo Hispano Newspaper** for celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Vice Chairman Mirabella, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Ward absent.

- 2011-484 FREEHOLDER HUDAK**, expressing the Board's condolences to the family of **Andrew J. Salmon, Jr.**, in their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Vice Chairman Mirabella, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Ward absent.

- 2011-485 FREEHOLDER HUDAK AND THE ENTIRE BOARD**, congratulating the **City of Linden** on celebrating their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary May, 2011 through May, 2012.

- 2011-486** On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Vice Chairman Mirabella, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Ward absent.



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**2011-487 FREEHOLDER JALLOH**, congratulating **Michael Johnson**, Rahway's first African American firefighter, on his promotion to Captain and for being chosen a "Hero" by the New Jersey Nets during Black History Month 2011.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Vice Chairman Mirabella, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Ward absent.

**2011-488 CHAIRMAN SCANLON**, congratulating **Hernan Agudelo, Union, New Jersey**, upon receiving the Union Township Police Departments Civilian Valor Award.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Vice Chairman Mirabella, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Ward absent.

**2011-489 CHAIRMAN SCANLON**, congratulating **Sebastian Zalepa, Union, New Jersey**, upon receiving the Union Township Police Departments Civilian Valor Award.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Vice Chairman Mirabella, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Ward absent.

### PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting was open to the public for the purpose of commenting on any matter.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, commended the Freeholders for the 2011 Budget Hearings for making it a pleasant experience and having the hearings held at four different locations.

Chairman Scanlon thanked Mr. Paterson for his compliments.

John Bury, Kenilworth, commented on Director Sanchez's salary and benefits. He also commented on MRNA. He spoke about the use of funds from the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

Tina Renna, Cranford, made comments regarding the voucher list of Budget Hearing videos. She also stated that she obtained the Executive Session Minutes of March 11, 2011, regarding personnel matters, where the Union County Prosecutor asked the Board to approve being employed until past the age of 70. She asked if there was a Resolution passed.

Chairman Scanlon stated that there was a Resolution passed.



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Tina Renna, Cranford, made comments about the Prosecutor's Office conducting an investigation regarding allegations she has made.

Jim Buettner, Cranford, asked Director Taylor for a cost benefit analysis for the lifetime benefits.

Chairman Scanlon stated that the cost benefit analysis has been done.

County Manager Devanney stated that they received word that the study is complete and will be available in approximately one week.

County Manager Devanney stated that the County has performed a number of actuarial studies in the past. He stated that historically, 10% or 20% was needed in order to cover the costs. He stated currently they have 30% put aside.

Jim Buettner, Cranford, urged the Board to have an outside Audit firm look at the County's finances. Mr. Buettner spoke about a 140 year old property that is being demolished in Cranford. He asked the Board for support.

Chairman Scanlon asked if he has established an organization.

Chairman Scanlon stated that the property is not listed on the historic register. Hence, tax dollars cannot be put towards this property.

Director Guzzo stated that two speakers are in attendance to speak about the state and federal cutbacks.

Donna Sullivan, Executive Director of Meals on Wheels stated that all the extra funds have been used. She stated that they deliver 900 meals daily, and they receive 10 to 15 new applications every week. She said there has not been a waiting list in 14 years, but without these extra funds, there will be a waiting list.

Tom Beck, Executive Director of Jewish Family Services, stated that they provide Kosher meals on wheels. He said meal deliveries are crucial in allowing people to stay in their homes. He spoke about the New Jersey After 3 program in the Linden Schools and stated that some programs have been eliminated from the schools due to funding cuts. He asked that a petition be signed to restore funds, and stated that the petition can be found on [www.njafter3](http://www.njafter3) website.

Jim Kennedy, Executive Director of the Union County Performing Arts Center, thanked the Board for their continued support. He said they had a remarkable year with some outstanding performances.





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Joe Mancuso, County Liaison to the Union County Performing Arts Center and President of the Rahway Arts District, Inc, said his job is to bring people to downtown Rahway to improve the economy, property values and create jobs. He thanked the Board for their support.

### **FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Freeholder Hudak reminded our municipal officials of a shared service opportunity which is our First Alert emergency messaging system. He said that in contrast to private systems, Union County First Alert does not charge municipalities for sending out email and text alerts. Union County First Alert can also provide voice messaging at a low rate, if desired. He said that if you are a municipal official and would like to find out more, call Cherron Rountree, Director of Intergovernmental Policy and Planning, 908-527-4200.

Freeholder Hudak stated that in reference to Director Guzzo's earlier comments, Sage Eldercare sent the Board a letter which referenced the great need and service of both Paratransit and Meals on Wheels in Union County. He read the letter aloud, and it is attached.

County Manager Devanney made comments pertaining to the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund's Referendum. He read from the Referendum, item "b" for the development of lands conservation and "c" for the maintenance of lands conservation. He stated that he is not an attorney, but he believes the funds are being used correctly.

Chairman Scanlon agreed with County Manager Devanney.

Chairman Scanlon stated that she is very pleased to report that we have joined forces with Middlesex County to host a Job Fair next Friday, May 20th, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Union County College in Cranford. She said that more than 20 employers will be attending, including FedEx, New Jersey Transit and Wakefern Corporation. They will have people there to take resumes and answer questions.

Chairman Scanlon stated that the staff from our One-Stop Career centers will also be there, along with other community and social service agencies, and Bilingual help will be available, and there will be workshops on resume writing and other valuable skills. She stated that this is a free, public service of Union and Middlesex Counties and for more information, visit the Union County website at [ucnj.org](http://ucnj.org).

Chairman Scanlon expressed the sympathy of the Board and the entire Union County family's deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Segundo Padilla of Newark. She stated that Mr. Padilla was an employee of the J.A. Alexander construction firm and he died last Friday morning while working in Union County's Lenape Park. She stated that in this



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time of horrible tragedy, our hearts go out to the loved ones he left behind, and our thoughts and prayers are with them.

<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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Chairman Scanlon asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58pm. On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Ward absent.

The voucher list through April 27, 2011 will be available for public perusal in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.



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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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### AGENDA SETTING MEETINGS

May 19, 2011

June 9, 2011  
June 23, 2011

July 21, 2011

August 11, 2011

September 8, 2011  
September 22, 2011

October 6, 2011  
October 20, 2011

November 10, 2011

December 1, 2011  
December 15, 2011

#### REGULAR MEETINGS

May 19, 2011

June 9, 2011  
June 23, 2011

July 28, 2011


August 25, 2011

September 15, 2011  
Tues. September 27, 2011

October 13, 2011  
October 20, 2011

November 10, 2011

December 1, 2011  
December 15, 2011

  
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April 21, 2011

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**VIA EMAIL**

Dear Chairperson Scanlon:

Please accept this letter acknowledging the great need and service of both Paratransit and Meals on Wheels in Union County.

Many of our county's seniors struggle to gain access to medical appointments and other needed support services that allow them to age in place successfully. Union County's Paratransit fills this gap for many needy seniors. In addition, SAGE Eldercare is grateful for the continued partnership with Paratransit. Thousands of seniors have gained access to SAGE's adult day care center, Spend-A-Day, because of this essential resource. Without having the option to attend Spend-A-Day, many of these older adults would have been forced into institutional care. Instead, older adults could remain living at home, successfully aging in place, with access to vital resources.

Meals on Wheels is a life-saving program. SAGE Eldercare delivered almost 40,000 meals in Union County in 2010, preventing many seniors from going hungry. Each older adult who receives a meal also receives a daily "check-in" by a friendly volunteer. Many times the volunteer may be the only person that older adult comes in contact with that day, or even that week, or maybe that month. From helping an older adult reach something on a high shelf (avoiding a potential fall), to offering information on other needed resources, to calling 911, Meals on Wheels volunteers are a lifeline for hundreds of older adults in our community each year.

We are grateful for the continued support of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Union County Division on Aging, and the Union County Department of Human Services.

Sincerely,

Jessica L. Rosenzweig, MPH  
Executive Director

*Let our family take care of you*