



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2013
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Linda Carter called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Sergio Granados	Freeholder	Present	
Bruce H. Bergen	Freeholder	Present	
Angel G. Estrada	Freeholder	Present	
Mohamed S. Jalloh	Freeholder	Present	
Bette Jane Kowalski	Freeholder	Present	
Alexander Mirabella	Freeholder	Present	
Vernell Wright	Freeholder	Present	
Christopher Hudak	Vice Chairman	Late	7:07 PM
Linda Carter	Chairman	Present	

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

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

1. CONSENT AGENDA

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

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. September 12, 2013 – Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Carter; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Hudak;

2. September 19, 2013 – Regular Meeting Minutes

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Carter; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Hudak;

3. September 26, 2013 – Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

RESULT: ACCEPTED [7 TO 0]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Carter; **ABSTAIN:** Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Hudak;

4. September 26, 2013 – Regular Meeting Minutes

RESULT: ACCEPTED [7 TO 0]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Carter; **ABSTAIN:** Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Hudak;

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

Clerk of the Board James E. Pelletiere stated that on October 10, 2013, the following Ordinance was recently passed. However, the DEP noticed an error relative to the Public Hearing. He stated that the DEP will continue their review in anticipation of passing Ordinance 754-2013.

The Title of the Ordinance was read by the Clerk of the Board.

FIRST READING STATEMENT

Vice Chairman Hudak moved Ordinance Number 754-2013 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The Final Reading and Public Hearing are scheduled for December 5, 2013.

754-2013 AMENDMENT TO THE UNION COUNTY DISTRICT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN TO 1) REAFFIRM THE PRIOR INCLUSION OF THE NEW JERSEY MEADOWLANDS COMMISSION LANDFILL AND DISPOSAL FACILITIES IN KEARNY, NEW JERSEY, AS THE COUNTY'S DESIGNATED FACILITIES TO WHICH SOLID WASTE TYPES 13, 13C, 23 AND 27 ARE DIRECTED, 2) INCLUDE THE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE UNION COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND THE NEW JERSEY MEADOWLANDS COMMISSION FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE TYPES 13, 13C, 23 AND 27 DISPOSAL SERVICES, AND 3) TO DIRECT ALL SOLID WASTE TYPES 13, 13C, 23 AND 27 TO THE NEW JERSEY MEADOWLANDS COMMISSION LANDFILL AND DISPOSAL FACILITIES IN

KEARNY, NEW JERSEY FOR DISPOSAL, PURSUANT TO REGULATORY WASTE FLOW CONTROL.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Solid Waste Management Act, N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq., the County of Union is designated as a Solid Waste Management District and by law did develop and prepare a District Solid Waste Management Plan (“County Plan”) that was adopted by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders on June 7, 1979, pursuant to and in accordance with the Solid Waste Management Act, N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the County Plan was approved, with modifications, by the Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”) on August 13, 1980, and has since been amended and modified from time to time; and

WHEREAS, on December 11, 1986, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders designated the Union County Utilities Authority (“UCUA”) as the agency responsible for the implementation of the County Plan, as amended from time to time, and the UCUA is empowered to plan, acquire, construct, maintain and operate facilities for the processing, disposal and/or recycling of solid waste generated in the County; and

WHEREAS, the UCUA has formulated a Plan Amendment, and recommends that this Board set a public hearing for the purpose of taking public testimony on the proposed plan amendment, and review and enact said amendment that is now on file with the Clerk of this Board and available for public inspection and is made a part hereof by reference; and

WHEREAS, the subject amendment is summarized as follows:

This Plan Amendment is prepared as a result of a determination by the UCUA to:

1) REAFFIRM THE PRIOR INCLUSION OF THE NEW JERSEY MEADOWLANDS COMMISSION LANDFILL AND DISPOSAL FACILITIES IN KEARNY, NEW JERSEY, AS THE COUNTY’S DESIGNATED FACILITIES TO WHICH SOLID WASTE TYPES 13, 13C, 23 AND 27 ARE DIRECTED, 2) INCORPORATE THE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE UNION COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND THE NEW JERSEY MEADOWLANDS COMMISSION FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE TYPES 13, 13C, 23 AND 27 DISPOSAL SERVICES, AND 3) DIRECT ALL SOLID WASTE TYPES 13, 13C, 23 AND 27 TO THE NEW JERSEY MEADOWLANDS COMMISSION LANDFILL AND DISPOSAL FACILITIES IN KEARNY, NEW JERSEY FOR DISPOSAL, PURSUANT TO REGULATORY WASTE FLOW CONTROL

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Solid Waste Management Act, the County's Solid Waste Advisory Committee (“SWAC”) must be consulted with respect to amendment to the County Plan; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 57-2013, duly adopted September 18, 2013, the UCUA approved the Plan Amendment and recommended that the Plan Amendment be approved by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County, after public hearing in accordance with the Solid Waste Management Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Solid Waste Management Act, the Plan Amendment was presented to SWAC:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, that:

1. The aforesaid recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The Plan Amendment, as prepared and recommended by the Union County Utilities Authority, is hereby adopted as an Amendment to the Union County District Solid Waste Management Plan.
3. Any provision of the County Plan that is inconsistent with the Plan Amendment is hereby repealed to the extent of said inconsistency and the provisions of the Plan Amendment shall be fully effective and shall control.
4. A certified copy of this Ordinance, as finally adopted, together with the Plan Amendment, shall be forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the County Clerk of the County of Union, and the Union County Utilities Authority.
5. The Clerk of this Board shall publish and disseminate notice of this Ordinance as provided by law.
6. The aforesaid Plan Amendment and a copy of the transcript of the public hearing to be held at such time as may be scheduled by said Board of Chosen Freeholders, and the necessary deliberations shall be submitted to the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.
7. This Ordinance shall take effect in the manner prescribed by law.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Tom Getzendanner, Councilman of Summit, thanked the Board for resurfacing two major county roads in the City of Summit. He said they were completed in the fall, on time, as scheduled.

Mr. Getzendanner also spoke about the following Resolutions:

2013-915; 928; 884; 889; 892 through 898; 900; 908; 912; 918 and 921; and his comments are attached.

Chairman Carter stated that presently there is an RFP out for Runnells Hospital.

County Manager Faella confirmed Chairman Carter's statement.

Director Taylor stated that in reference to Resolution 2013-900, it is not a new module, it is an existing for departments to enter requisitions on-line in order for it to be viewed by the Finance Department. She said there has only been a \$558 increase from the last contract amount.

Director DiRado stated that Resolution 2013-908 is not an increase in salaries, but it is to modify the guide. He said the County contributes 24% and the employees contribute 78% which totals \$348,000 for the County and \$1.1 million for the employees contribution for the base dental plan. However, the employees can pay more for an updated dental plan.

Director Guzzo spoke about Resolution 2013-884 which is for PEER Grouping. He said they are concerned that the funding is set to expire in June 2014. He said the Board has allocated much more than 10% then the State mandated amount. He said this allows to close the gap that is not covered by Federal funding sources.

In reference to Resolution 2013-918, County Manager Faella stated that the golf course facility is making a profit.

Director Sanchez added that \$527,000 is for operational costs for salaries and costs for beverage and food. He said there was an additional \$750,000 in revenue that was not anticipated. He stated that they are forecasting \$6.3 million in revenue instead of \$5.6 million.

County Manager Faella stated that in reference to Resolution 2013-921 stated that the updated plan would not include the Raritan Valley Rail freight track.

Linda Flores-Tober, Executive Director of the Coalition to House the Homeless, Elizabeth, thanked the Board for the continued support pertaining to Resolution 2013-889. She stated that they began their own Code Blue program. She thanked the Freeholder Board, especially Freeholder Estrada who advised her of the County's Code Blue Program through the Department of Human Services. She added, it saves lives.

Jim Buettner, Cranford, spoke about Resolution 2013-891. He asked for the percentage of the amount that is used by the municipalities to purchase open space; how much was used last year, and the amount of land that was preserved last year.

In reference to Resolution 2013-908, he stated that the salaries may not be changing, but he claims there will be new hires in 2014 or promotions. He asked what type of mechanism was used to change the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for salaries.

Director DiRado explained that every year evaluations are performed and scored by the employees' Department heads.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, congratulated Chairman Carter, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Granados for their election victory.

Mr. Paterson is opposed to the 100% match mentioned in Resolution 2013-885. He urged the Board to combine the Sheriff's Office and the County Police relative to Resolution 2013-889.

Mr. Paterson stated that in reference to Resolution 2013-899, Cranford and Garwood share a road that is in need a paving. He said it should be a shared service agreement, which he claims has been rejected by the County.

Mr. Paterson stated that in reference to Resolution 2013-901 through 904, he asked if the dollar amounts are already included in the budget, or will they help in offsetting tax dollars. He asked about employees that are below the CPI. He asked for the costs associated with Resolution 2013-918 and stated that private enterprises will take a loss because of the competition.

Director Graziano stated that this is the first time he is hearing of the request mentioned by Mr. Paterson relative to Resolution 2013-899. He said they continuously have shared services agreements with municipalities for paving, especially with the Borough of Garwood and the Township of Cranford. He said there is not one town that has been refused a shared service agreement for paving by the County.

Director Taylor stated that Resolutions 2013-901 through 904 are not included in the adopted Budget. Therefore, it does not surpland County tax dollars.

Director DiRado stated that there are 3 employees out of 478 whose salaries will be adjusted upward to reflect the CPI range.

Chairman Hudak stated that Resolution 2013-928 is not all tax dollars. He stated that it is funded by confiscated drug dollars and the County match is required by the State.

Director Sanchez referred to Resolution 2013-885. He stated that \$5.7 million was for all operational expenses for the year.

Tina Renna, Cranford, asked if County tax dollars will be used for Resolutions 2013-888 and 889. She stated that more funds should be used for Resolution, rather than campaigning.

Director Guzzo stated that the dollars used for Resolution 2013-888 are State dollars, not County dollars, and they are specific to that purpose. He stated that Resolution 2013-889 is for the County's Code Blue program which consists of 61 shelters, 250 nights for 125 people and more than \$600,000 comes from Welfare funds.

John Bury, Kenilworth, asked for the total golf expenses for 2013.

Director Taylor explained the association of Resolutions 2013-901 through Resolutions 2013-904 in relation to the Capital Budget, and said she will get the amount and present it to the Board.

Maria Echavarría, Elizabeth, asked for the number of inmates that are in the County jail.

George Blaskewicz, Assistant Director of the Department of Correctional Services stated that as of today there were 643 prisoners and an additional 100 more in other facilities for a total of 750. He explained that there has been a significant reduction of inmates within the last 1.5 years. He added that the cost of a typical meal is \$1.23 per inmate.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

2013-880 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA: Amending Resolution Number 2013-411, approving the 2013-2014 Consolidated Acton Plan, to include the City of Linden Street Resurfacing Project funded with Community Development Program Income funds in the amount of \$89,584.67.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-881 FREEHOLDER GRANADOS: Appointing Robert Ehrenbeck as a member to the Transportation Advisory Board to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2013.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-882 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: 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 Human Services, Paratransit System for the purpose of providing Truck and Bus Parts for the 24 month period of December 1, 2013 through November 30, 2015: Linden Associated Auto Parts, Linden, New Jersey, in the amount of \$9,285.00; and Parts Authority in the amount of \$4,975.00 for a total amount of \$14,260.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-883 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into contract with New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Disability Services, for 2014 Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP) funding in the amount of \$82,000.00 designated for program administration for the grant period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-884 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2013-358, authorizing the County Manager to enter into agreements with a list of non-profit agencies for the purpose of providing a variety of social services to County residents in need, to extend the 2013 Peer Grouping Renewal Spending Plan for an additional five months through May 31, 2014 in the total amount of \$103,146.00 for a new total amount of \$298,562.00 and further authorizing the transfer of funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the various agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation.

RESULT: ADOPTED [8 TO 0]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter; **ABSTAIN:** Freeholder Bergen;

2013-885 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2012-637, to extend the 2013 Alliance Grant for an additional six (6) month period from January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014, and to further increase the award in the amount of \$265,436.00 for a new total amount of \$796,308, and to further amend existing subcontracts with the municipalities/agency, and further authorizing the County Manager to transfer funds among the municipalities/agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any fails to meet its contractual obligation.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-886 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to award 2013-2014 HEARTH Emergency Solutions (HES) Grant program subcontracts pursuant to the recent Request for Proposal (RFP) procurement process for the provision of activities, programs and services that relate to rental assistance, supportive services, and prevention services as permitted by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations for the 8-month budget cycle from December 1, 2013 through July 31, 2014 in the amount of \$179,362 as specified on the spending plan, and to further authorize the County Manager to transfer funds among the various agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the various agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation.

RESULT: ADOPTED [8 TO 0]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter; **ABSTAIN:** Freeholder Bergen;

2013-887 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to award 2013-2014 Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) subcontracts pursuant to recent Request for Proposals (RFP) procurement process for the provision of services that include employment, case management, emergency shelter, food, rent/mortgage assistance and family supports as permitted by New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the period of November 15, 2013 through May 31, 2014 in the amount of \$165,000 as specified in the spending plan, and to further authorize the County Manager to transfer funds among the various agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the various agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-888 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2012-1020, increasing the 2013 Social Services for the Homeless (SSH) grant subcontract spending plan by \$41,373. The new total award for 2013 SSH subcontracted services would be \$652,893. The funding period would remain the same, January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. This resolution will further

authorize the County Manager to transfer funds among the awarded agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation.

RESULT: ADOPTED [8 TO 0]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter; **ABSTAIN:** Freeholder Bergen;

2013-889 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to approve the Countywide Code Blue Emergency Shelter Initiative for the Winter of 2013-2014 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 to address the needs of the homeless during periods of extreme weather conditions.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-890 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to award a grant in the amount of \$1,518.00, through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, to the Cranford Historical Society, Cranford, New Jersey. This grant will allow the Cranford Historical Society to make final payment for the installation of the historic fireplace formerly located at the Solomon Schechter Day School in Cranford, New Jersey. The NJ Historic Trust has deemed this an "historic object", and the Cranford Historical Society has met the matching grant requirement.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-891 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2013-850, to include one additional Municipality and the County of Union as participants in the Greening Union County 2013 grant in the total amount of \$8,000.00; in accordance with the Greening Union County Grant's criteria as stated in said grant application, through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund for a total award amount not to exceed \$75,615.50.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-892 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with practitioners to provide professional medical services for the patients/residents of the Cornerstone Units at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder

Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-893 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Robert Restifo, D.O., Summit, New Jersey, to provide for a Director of Pulmonary Medicine/Respiratory Care in order to maintain standards for the State of New Jersey Department of Health for the contract period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-894 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement for the purpose of providing professional fees for Specialty Medical consultants to provide services to the patients/residents at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in the amount of \$5,000.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-895 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the Practitioners/Psychiatry to provide professional services for the patients/residents of the Cornerstone Units at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in the amount of \$48,000.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-896 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Shanthi Chezian, M.D., Behavioral Medicine Associates, PA, South Plainfield, New Jersey, for the purpose of Professional Fees for Medical Psychiatric Evening Coverage for the patients/residents of the Cornerstone Units at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in the amount of \$6,500.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-897 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Hill-Rom, Bates, Indiana, for the purchase of one Long Term Care bed and three (3) wound surface mattress in the amount of \$5,258.40.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-898 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Total Hearing Care, LLC, Somerset, New Jersey, to provide audiology services to the residents/patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of November 1, 2013 through October 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-899 VICE CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Amending Resolution Number 2013-822, to reflect the correct amount of \$587,000 as a result of a typographical error with the City Plainfield for a Paving Project.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-900 VICE CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Edmunds & Associates, Inc., Northfield, New Jersey, for the support and maintenance of Edmunds Financial Accounting; Electronic Requisitions and Accounts Receivable modules for the contract period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in the amount of \$20,580.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-901 VICE CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Resolution Modifying the 2013 Budget in the amount of \$121,025 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a Program Entitled: LINCS Health Service Award Grant.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-902 VICE CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Resolution Modifying the 2013 Budget in the amount of \$41,373 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a Program Entitled: Social Services for the Homeless Grant.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder

Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-903 VICE CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Resolution Modifying the 2013 Budget in the amount of \$8,025 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a Program Entitled: Smart Steps Program.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-904 VICE CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Resolution Modifying the 2013 Budget in the amount of \$36,000 as a result of notification received from the State of Hoboken Family Planning Inc., for a Program Entitled: NJ Cancer Education and Early Detection Program (NJCEED).

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-905 VICE CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Approving Transfer of Current Fund Appropriations.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-906 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into a three (3) year contract with Sprint/Nextel, Denver, Colorado, using the national cooperative contract for service for existing secure push to talk units and any replacement phones, if needed, commencing December 1, 2013 through November 30, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$138,000.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-907 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the sale of the County's personal property not needed for public use, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36; and declaring that the various vehicles and equipment are no longer needed for County purposes.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-908 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Amending Resolution Number 2012-1003, authorizing the 2014 Non-Contractual Salary Ranges, which are adjusted based upon the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous twelve months, which increased 1.6%.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-909 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Renewing the County's membership with the New Jersey Counties Excess Joint Insurance fund for a three year period from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-910 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Amending Resolution Number 2013-572, a contract with Roth D'Aquanni, LLC., Springfield, New Jersey, special counsel for personnel affairs to increase the cap for legal services in the amount of \$12,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$155,000.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-911 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to award the Short Term and Long Term Disability Insurance Policy with the Standard Insurance Company from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$257,070.00. The total represents the negotiated County portion of \$125,500 and the payroll deduction contribution of the 1,223 unionized employees of \$132,070.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-912 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Delta Dental and Flagship Health Systems from Parsippany, New Jersey to provide a dental insurance plan for the contract period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$1,483,353.12 per year. This renewal represents a -5.88% decrease from last year.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-913 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to utilize its option to renew an agreement with Aramark Correctional Services, Inc., Atlanta, GA., for the provision of food

services for the Union County Jail, for the period of November 13, 2013 through November 12, 2104 in an amount not to exceed \$1, 200,00.00

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-914 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Service contract to French and Parrello Associates, PA, Consulting Engineers, of Wall, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing 2014 Inspection of Dams, in an amount not to exceed \$21,750.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-915 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Ratifying a request from the Township of Scotch Plains to close a portion of Martine Avenue, from Union Catholic High School, 1600 Martine Avenue to Inverness Drive for a 5K run that was held on Saturday, October 26, 2013.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-916 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Resolution granting permission to Township of Scotch Plains to close Park Avenue from East 2nd Street to Front Street on Sunday, December 1, 2013 from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for a Holiday Celebration.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-917 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Granting permission to the Borough of Mountainside to close New Providence Road from Mountain Avenue to Birch Hill Road on Saturday, November 2, 2013 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (rain date November 9, 2013) for the purpose of moving the Historic Levi Cory House.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-918 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Amending Resolution Number 2012-1039, an agreement with KemperSports Management, North Brook, Illinois, for the operational expenses for the management and maintenance of the golf courses as required for the year 2013 in an amount of \$527,205 for a new total contract amount of \$5,756,973.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-919 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks and Community Renewal: John R. Knabb & Sons, Kutztown, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing hay, for an extended contract period of twelve (12) months in the amount of \$189,150.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-920 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks and Community Renewal: John R. Knabb & Sons, Kutztown, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing straw, for an extension of twelve (12) months in the amount of \$95,875.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-921 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to make an application for the FY 2015-2016 Subregional Studies Program of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) for a \$300,000.00 grant, with a required County Match of \$60,000, to update the Union County Transportation Plan.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-922 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to extend a contract with HAPPY Software and Services , Housing Pro Upgrade Section 8 House, Sarasota Springs, New York, to provide software maintenance and support for the contract period of October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014 in the amount of \$6,519.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-923 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for a 2013-2014 NACCHO MRC grant award for Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) units to increase awareness and understanding of the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) program; to support and increase MRC

capacities at the local level; and expand the efforts and capabilities of local MRC units to support their community-based public health, preparedness and response initiatives.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-924 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$250,000 from the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management for the purpose of updating the Countywide Hazards Mitigation Plan.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-925 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend \$214,324 from the Department of Justice's 2013 Edward Byrne Memorial Grant Program for the purpose of providing local law enforcement agencies with the necessary training and equipment to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the criminal justice system.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-926 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend the FFY 2013 Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant in the amount of \$1,227,907 from the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness in order to enhance the County and Regional ability to prevent, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-927 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the Township of Union to provide back-up dispatch services to the township in case of emergency.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-928 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to accept a 6x4 Truck purchased by University of Medicine and Dentistry (UMDNJ) through the Urban Area Security Initiative grant initiative, valued at \$214,000, to enhance the County of Union's response capabilities.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-929 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Amending Resolution Number 2012-124, to increase the appropriation to Palumbo & Renaud of Cranford, New Jersey, in the matter entitled Kevin Kolbeck v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$20,000.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-930 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Amending Resolution Number 2013-803, to increase the appropriation to Bauch Zucker Hatfield, LLC, Springfield, New Jersey, in the matter entitled Beverly Figueroa v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$80,000.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-931 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the PBA73-County Police Officers effective January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2013-932 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA: Congratulating the Housing Authority of the City of Elizabeth, the first in the State of New Jersey to apply for and receive a federal loan in 1938, on celebrating their 75th Anniversary.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-933 FREEHOLDER GRANADOS: Congratulating John N. Surmay, Health Officer for the City of Elizabeth, on his retirement after 44 years of dedicated service to the residents of Elizabeth and the County of Union.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder

Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-934 FREEHOLDER GRANADOS: Recognizing the Portuguese-American Police Association (PAPA) and its efforts to bolstering the Portuguese-American community and helping those in the community who need assistance.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-935 FREEHOLDER GRANADOS: Commending the Elizabeth Portuguese Leo Club on its outstanding community service in the City of Elizabeth.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-936 FREEHOLDER GRANADOS, FREEHOLDER ESTRADA: Congratulating the Elizabeth High School Marching Band on winning the United States Bands Group 5A National Championship and the United States Bands Group 5A State Championship for the third year in a row.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-937 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Proclaiming November 2013 to be National Family Caregivers Month in the County of Union.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-938 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Congratulating Groundwork Elizabeth on its 10th Anniversary of partnering with government, the private sector, community groups and the community at large in their mission to bring about the sustained regeneration, improvement and management of the physical environment.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-939 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA: Congratulating Jazmyn Carrington of Scotch Plains, New Jersey on being honored by the Union County Board of Education for saving a fellow Union County Academy for Performing Arts student by performing the Heimlich maneuver.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-940 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Congratulating Rev. Dr. J. Michael Sanders for his 30 years as Pastor of Fountain Baptist Church in Summit, New Jersey.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-941 VICE CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Expressing the Board's deepest sympathy to the family of former Linden Mayor, New Jersey Assemblyman and New Jersey State Senator John T. Gregorio, in this their time of sorrow.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-942 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Recognizing the efforts of eighth-grade student Alex Jackman, of Westfield, New Jersey, in his production of a 14 minute educational documentary entitled "A Teen's Guide to Understanding and Communicating with People with Autism."

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-943 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Congratulating the honorees at the 2013 Irish American Society of Union's Annual Dance: Eileen Birch as the "Irishwoman of the Year," and Albert 'Buddy' Cotter as the "Irishman of the Year."

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2013-944 CHAIRMAN CARTER, MR. BOARD: Proclaiming Friday, November 22, 2013 "Adoption Day" in Union County, joining in a national effort to raise awareness about the importance of adoption.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder

Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

PRESENTATION FROM THE BOARD

A Resolution Presentation was made by Freeholder Alexander Mirabella to Jazmyn Carrington of Scotch Plains, commending her for her quick actions in saving the life of a fellow student at Union County Academy for Performing Arts in Scotch Plains by performing the Heimlich maneuver.

Freeholder Mirabella called upon Jazmyn Carrington to present her with a Resolution. He said that Jazmyn went to the Union County Academy for Performing Arts in Scotch Plains for her CPR and first aid training and said the Board is very proud of her actions.

Jazmyn explained that they were at their high school rehearsing the fall play when a student began choking. She said she had first aid training, so she applied the Heimlich maneuver, and the student is fine today.

Freeholder Mirabella stated that this is indication of the students that attend the Union County Vocational-Technical schools.

Chairman Carter thanked her for using her instincts, training and courage.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

This meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on any matter.

Tom, Getzendanner, City Councilman of Summit, made a statement regarding taxes and the budget. His statement is attached.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, asked that the Landfill Ordinance that was on the Agenda be pushed back to the Regular Meeting Date.

Chairman Carter stated that December 5th is a double meeting (Agenda and Regular).

Pat Mochetti, New Providence, read a statement (Our Tax System Explained: Bar Stool Economics), which is attached.

John Bury, Kenilworth, spoke about the solar panels and bond payments. He said this will cost the County an extraordinary amount of legal fees and bond repayment. He asked if the towns who participated will repay the bonds. He also asked about three payments that were listed on the check registry for September 13th.

Director Taylor stated that the common area maintenance fee for the Park Madison building for office space is \$265 per month. She stated that the UCIA did make the principal and interest payments and the County continues to monitor that the upcoming debt service payments are made.

Tina Renna, Cranford, spoke about the Deputy County Manager, Director of Administrative Services and the Director of Building Services vacant positions. She asked if the Deputy County Manager's position will be part time.

Ms. Renna had questions regarding false purchase orders, investigations and other vendors. She asked for an update on the matter and the costs involved. Ms. Renna spoke about the timing of the mailing of the Union County Directions by the Union County Alliance. She urged the Board to support the Code Blue Program with more funding.

County Manager Faella stated that they will have a new Deputy County Manager. There has been a number of employees who have parted from the County, along with Director Zuber's personal issues, resulting in a reorganization plan of the entire County. There will be discussions with the Freeholder Board pertaining to this matter.

County Manager Faella stated that Bill Reyes will be the new Deputy County Manager and will share in more responsibilities. He added that Mr. Reyes has experience in working for the City of Elizabeth.

Chairman Carter stated that the issue with the former Director of Building Facilities cannot be discussed. She said there is currently a new Asset Management System in place, adding that there is a zero tolerance pertaining to these type of situations.

Jim Buettner, Cranford, asked for all the costs for the golf operations.

Chairman Carter stated that there was an exchange of emails between Mr. Buettner and herself. She acknowledged that information may have been misinterpreted and asked to speak with Mr. Buettner before or after the meeting to clarify any miscommunication over the emails.

Maria Echavarría, Elizabeth, stated that she attended a conference in Hackensack for the disabled. She was advised that there is a camp that her son could attend. She said she was looking for someone to sponsor her son.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Granados stated that November is "No Shave" Month to draw awareness to prostate cancer, and he urged screening.

Freeholder Bergen congratulated the Freeholders on their election victories. He also stated that Freeholder Granados was elected by the people. He thanked Director DiRado for all his dedication and hard work to the County and wished him the best in his new position.

Freeholder Bergen stated that while he enjoyed Mr. Mochetti's parable, it is not the process.

Freeholder Jalloh thanked everyone involved with the Code Blue program. He said on Tuesday, the County of Union, through its Human Services Department, announced a CODE BLUE Alert through the Office of Emergency Management and County Police which notifies emergency shelters, community organizations He said through the County's various partners, 16 people were off the streets and into shelters that night.

Freeholder Kowalski spoke about the Solar Energy project and all of the municipal and Board of Education dollars that participated in the program.

Freeholder Kowalski gave an update on the One Seat Ride for a direct railroad connection to New York. She stated that this week an announcement was made that the County has set up a link to the

Raritan Valley Rail Coalition One Seat Ride website. She explained the goal of the website.

Freeholder Wright stated that it was a successful election. She thanked the Veterans and appreciates all their sacrifices they make for our Country.

Freeholder Mirabella announced that the second installment of the Sensory Friendly Theater Series is Sunday, November 17th. He encourages those with children having disabilities to attend. He stated that it has been well attended and said it is one of his initiatives from several years ago. He spoke about heartwarming letters he received from the parents of the children.

Freeholder Mirabella congratulated Director DiRado for his many years of service. He said he will miss him on a professional and personal level. He welcomed Deputy County Manager Bill Reyes to the County.

Freeholder Mirabella congratulated Chairman Carter, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Granados for their recent election win. He added that Freeholders are not appointed positions, they are voted by the residents.

Freeholder Granados asked the public to donate to the food banks and of a Thanksgiving luncheon on November 28th.

Vice Chairman Hudak congratulated Freeholder Mirabella for being named one of two special honorees on November 15th by the Union County College Foundation as part of their 21st Annual Gala. He said he has long demonstrated his support for both of Union County's educational institutions; Union County College and the Vocational Technical Schools.

Vice Chairman Hudak also congratulated Chairman Carter, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Granados for their election victory.

County Manager Faella stated that his secretary, Sharda Badri also responded to Mr. Buettner on his behalf.

Chairman Carter thanked Director DiRado for 15 years of service to the County, adding that he has truly shown professionalism to those that work and live in Union County. He applauded the outstanding job he has done for Union County.

Chairman Carter congratulated Freeholder Mirabella on being recognized by the Union County College Foundation. He stated that the proceeds from the gala will benefit students who require financial aid.

Chairman Carter welcomed Deputy County Manager Bill Reyes to the County.

Chairman Carter announced that the Union County Commission on the Status of Women is accepting applications for its 2014 Women of Excellence Awards until December 1, 2013.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To the extent known, the following items will be discussed in executive session:

- 1) Attorney-client privileged communication relative to on-going litigation regarding Lapolla v. County of Union
- 2) Attorney-client privileged communication relative to on-going litigation regarding Kolbeck v. County of Union

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 attorney-client privileged communication relative to on-going litigation regarding Lapolla v. County of Union and attorney-client privileged communication relative to on-going litigation regarding Kolbeck v. County of Union.

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 may not take formal action on the matters discussed.

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

Motion to enter Executive Session.

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

County Counsel Barry stated that Freeholder Bergen recused himself from the Executive Session for reasons he provided to the Board.

Motion to return from Executive Session.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 PM.

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

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2013 MEETING SCHEDULE

Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 7:00pm in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified. In the event an Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting are held on the same night, the Agenda Setting Session will commence at 7:00pm and the Regular Meeting will commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session.

Persons requiring a sign language interpreter should contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 908-527-4140.

**REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2013 at 12:00pm
Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ**

AGENDA SETTING MEETINGS

January 17, 2013

February 7, 2013

February 28, 2013

March 7, 2013

March 21, 2013

April 4, 2013

April 18, 2013

May 2, 2013

May 30, 2013

June 13, 2013

June 27, 2013

July 18, 2013

August 8, 2013

September 12, 2013

September 26, 2013

October 3, 20123

October 17, 2013

November 7, 2013

Tues., November 26, 2013

December 5, 2013

December 19, 2013

REGULAR MEETINGS

January 24, 2013

February 21, 2013

February 28, 2013

March 14, 2013

March 28, 2013

April 11, 2013

April 25, 2013

May 16, 2013

May 30, 2013

June 13, 2013

June 27, 2013

July 25, 2013

August 22, 2013

September 19, 2013

September 26, 2013

October 10, 2013

October 17, 2013

November 14, 2013

Tues. November 26, 2013

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December 19, 2013

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



 James E. Pellettiere
 Clerk of the Board

JEP:mb

November 14, 2013

Good evening Madam Chairman,

I'm Dave Bomgaars from Summit, following up on Councilmen Rubino and Getzendanner's recent remarks. We're the biggest taxpayer of 21 towns in the county. Fully 28% of Summit's gross Levy gets passed along to you! Crowding out valid local services.

Thanks for resurfacing two major county roads in our city (Baltusrol and Summit Ave). They're vital thoroughfares, and both were completed this fall on time, as scheduled.

Briant Pond in Summit is one of 8 Dams being re-inspected by R#915 tonight. We're also glad Towns can have free use of the county's 911 Dispatch Center during temporary outages (R#928). However 8 of your 66 bundled Resolutions tonight warrant deeper thought:

R#884 secures more funding for Runnells Hospital, but unfortunately Trenton is ending this entire grant program 6-30-14. Poking yet another \$300k hole in Runnells budget!

R#889 spend \$34k on group life/accident insurance for employees not in PERS. Summit is phasing out all such "extra" benefits above the State Plan.

892-898
R#893-899 are 7 expensive resolutions totaling \$139k, none of which would be necessary if Runnells Hospital were privatized.

900
R#901 spends \$21k on another module from Edmunds Accounting; could you please use the "custom report-writer" feature (already installed) to compare Actual vs Budget each month? In managerial not statutory terms?

908
R#909 would raise salaries +1.6% for 2014. Summit doesn't automatically grant cost-of-living increases especially during recession. Even 1½% is more than taxpayers can afford

912
R#913 lowers Dental Insurance premiums 5.9% next year, but the program still costs you \$1.5mm. The private sector phased out this benefit years ago as being too expensive.

918
R#919 amends KemperSports Mgt contract by 10% (\$527k) to run your golf courses; Morris County is laying off 36 employees and privatizing their 3 golf facilities. Which would obviate Kemper's entire \$5,757,000 contract if we followed suit.

921
R#922 asks NJTPA for \$300k to update your *Transportation Plan*. Last revision 2002 foolishly tried to reactivate an abandoned RVR freight track terminating in Summit. Please not again!

Summit just set specific Goals for 2014. "Austerity" remains our #1 priority, because Summit's largest taxpayer (Merck) is leaving town. Last year both City Hall and our BOE toed the line (coming in with negligible increases). Yet Summit's all-in Tax Levy still rose 1.7% because your (equalized) Apportionment grew +8½%! That can't happen again.

So please markup Bud' 14 requiring no more than \$318mm tax revenue. Don't use any CAP waivers (like most constituent Towns voluntarily forego). We hope Al and Bibi can visit Chris Cotter our City Administrator before yearend, and learn his goal-setting discipline. Sergio Granados would be most welcome too if he wants some orientation.

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11/14/2013

Our Tax System Explained: Bar Stool Economics

Everyday ten men go out for beer after work and the bill for all ten comes to \$100. If they paid their bill the way we pay our taxes it would go something like this:

The first four men (the poorest) would pay nothing.

The fifth would pay \$1.

The sixth would pay \$3.

The seventh would pay \$7.

The eighth would pay \$12.

The ninth would pay \$18.

The tenth man (the richest) would pay \$59.

So, that's what they decided to do. The ten men drank in the bar every day and seemed quite happy with the arrangement, until one day, the owner threw them a curve. "Since you are all such good customers," he said, "I'm going to reduce the cost of your daily beer by \$20." Drinks for the ten now cost just \$80.

The group still wanted to pay their bill the way we pay our taxes so the first four men were unaffected. They would still drink for free. What about the other six men - the paying customers? How could they divide the \$20 windfall so that everyone would get his 'fair share?' They realized that \$20 divided by six is \$3.33. But if they subtracted that from everybody's share, then the fifth man and the sixth man would each end up being paid to drink his beer. So, the bar owner suggested that it would be fair to reduce each man's bill by roughly the same amount, and he proceeded to work out the amounts each should pay.

And so:

The fifth man, like the first four, now paid nothing (100% savings).

The sixth now paid \$2 instead of \$3 (33% savings).

The seventh now pay \$5 instead of \$7 (28% savings).

The eighth now paid \$9 instead of \$12 (25% savings).

The ninth now paid \$14 instead of \$18 (22% savings).

The tenth now paid \$49 instead of \$59 (16% savings).

Each of the six was better off than before. And the first four continued to drink for free. But once outside the restaurant, the men began to compare their savings.

"I only got a dollar out of the \$20," declared the sixth man. He pointed to the tenth man, "but he got \$10!"

"Yeah, that's right," exclaimed the fifth man. "I only saved a dollar, too. It's unfair that he got ten times more than I got"

"That's true!!" shouted the seventh man. "Why should he get \$10 back when I got only two? The wealthy get all the breaks!"

"Wait a minute," yelled the first four men in unison. "We didn't get anything at all. The system exploits the poor!"

The nine men surrounded the tenth and beat him up.

The next night the tenth man didn't show up for drinks so the nine sat down and had beers without him. But when it came time to pay the bill, they discovered something important. They didn't have enough money between all of them for even half of the bill!

And that, ladies and gentlemen, journalists and college professors, is how our tax system works. The people who pay the highest taxes get the most benefit from a tax reduction. Tax them too much, attack them for being wealthy, and they just may not show up anymore. In fact, they might start drinking overseas where the atmosphere is somewhat friendlier.

<u>YEAR</u>	New Providence MUNICIPAL TAXES	UNION COUNTY TAXES PAID BY NP TAXPAYERS	(NOT INCLUDING OPEN SPACE TAXES)
2001	\$7.0M	2001 \$6.6M	
2013	\$11.5M	2013 \$12.0M	
	62% INCREASE	VS. 82% INCREASE	= HUGE DIFFERENCE! UP 33% MORE