

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2012
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alexander Mirabella called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

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

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

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

IV. APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

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

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

Department Directors provided a report of activities during Tropical Storm Sandy.

Sheriff Froehlich provided the Board with a preliminary report on what has been done to date. He

said the recovery efforts remain ongoing. He stated that his office has been the resource for ten municipalities with various issues. They have manned intersections 24/7 due to non-working traffic lights and he was pleased to announce there were no car accidents. Although, sadly he reported that there was a fatality on North Avenue and Route 1 in Elizabeth, after which his officers provided 24/7 coverage.

Sheriff Froehlich stated that the preliminary report required corrections: on October 29th there were 5 officers on hand, on October 31st there were 56 officers, Hillside had 10, Linden had 9 and Elizabeth had 11.

Sheriff Froehlich made reference to voting and gave a scenario of a 97 year-old women who said that she must vote. He asked the Clerk of the Board if they could present her with a Resolution.

Chairman Mirabella thanked Sheriff Froehlich on behalf of the County and its residents.

Chairman Mirabella stated that it has been an extraordinary twelve days in Union County history, and we have seen some extraordinary things. He said we have seen the worst of the damage and destruction that a powerful storm can bring, first with Hurricane Sandy and then with the nor'easter. We have also seen the best of human nature, as Union County residents pulled together to keep each other safe at the height of the danger, and we have also seen people from all over New Jersey and the rest of the country leave their homes and families, and come to help us with the recovery effort. So many people have been involved that it is impossible to thank them all. He stated that on Union County's part it involved 24-7 action from all of us, at every level, such as:

Our first responders answered hundreds of calls for help;

We supplied fuel pumps and delivered thousands of gallons of fuel to local governments;

The County's generators, light towers and other emergency supplies went to the municipalities that needed it;

Our tree crews worked around the clock to clear roads;

Meals-on-Wheels kept bringing cooked meals to shut-ins, and our congregate meal sites began to open;

Paratransit continued to provide people with medical trips including dialysis;

Our Regional Shelter in Cranford opened its doors to provide hundreds of residents with a safe, warm place to stay;

We mobilized our website, FirstAlert and other lines of communication to stay in constant touch with the mayors and local officials, and with individual citizens, the media, and all involved in the response and recovery.

In the middle of all this our County Clerk, Joann Rajoppi and her staff administered a presidential election and made a heroic effort to help ensure that every Union County resident who wanted to exercise their right to vote, could do so.

Two of our new countywide EMT's delivered a baby girl in Rahway, who was in such a big hurry to

enter this world that she could not wait for mom to get to the hospital in Elizabeth.

Chairman Mirabella stated that we are not out of the woods yet. People are still without power, and people are still suffering, but we are getting there.

Chairman Mirabella announced that in light of the circumstances, tonight's meeting will be a little different than the others. I have asked our Department heads to report on how their personnel responded to this disaster, how they were able to pull resources together, what worked well, and what needs to be addressed moving forward. If there is any one thing that to see coming out of this, it's not just to pick up the pieces, it is to come out of this disaster as a better, stronger Union County community.

Chairman Mirabella announced the following:

First, FEMA has opened a Disaster Recovery Center at the Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Avenue in Springfield. It is open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. anyone in the County can use it, and we do expect FEMA to open additional centers in Union County soon.

Also, Union County is coordinating a National Emergency Grant, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor and the New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development. This grant will enable the hiring of unemployed Union County residents to assist with Hurricane Sandy clean-up and recovery efforts.

We have reached out to our municipalities and non-profit agencies asking them to provide us with planning estimates for the number of people they may be willing to hire for clean-up, restoration or humanitarian efforts. The grant provides up to \$12,000 per worker, with an estimated \$3,500 per worker in fringe. We will be submitting our grant request before the close of business tomorrow. The response to this request has been overwhelming and we are hopeful to put hundreds of residents to work through this grant.

Chairman Mirabella spoke about how well everyone worked together to help victims of the storm and how hard they worked. He stated that the nurses at Runnells Specialized Hospital slept on cots to make sure that they were there for the patients.

Chairman Mirabella called upon Directors, Moran, Graziano and Scaturo to make a brief presentation.

Director Graziano stated that the report is strictly preliminary as the work is still ongoing. He thanked the Board and County Manager Faella for their support, along with Director Moran and Director Scaturo. He said they ran a flawless Emergency Operation Center. He commended his own staff as worked above and beyond their typical duties. He thanked the residents of the County for their patience and understanding. He said his office received 375 work orders for down trees and limbs, many yards of tree brush, 8,000 man hours and they delivered over 15,000 gallons of fuel to municipalities and they also provided fuel to senior housing and healthcare facilities for their generators. He said they provided 3,200 gallons of diesel fuel and 4,500 gallons of gas to the Fire and Police Departments and the Office of Emergency Management vehicles and the National Guard. The Salvation Army and Overlook Hospital also needed fuel. He said they received calls from other Public Works Departments for assistance and they worked as a team. He said it went very smoothly and he is proud of his staff, adding that they even had to deal with a snow storm on

top of the aftermath of Storm Sandy.

Director Moran thanked the division heads, Director Scaturro and Chief Vaniska and their staff for their tremendous assistance during the storm and the days following the storm. He said they spent 16 hours a day together and they became a team. He thanked Chairman Mirabella and the entire Board for their support, Director Graziano and fellow directors. He stated that the Hazmat team moved their mobile command post from Cranford to Rahway.

Director Moran stated that they also provided traffic cones and barriers to municipalities. He said the regional dispatch center was receiving calls three times the normal volume. He stated that the manual fuel pumps provided by the UASI grants were critical in responding and the public/private partnership was essential, as was the case Phillips 66 who donated 16,000 gallons of fuel. He said the County appointed a fuel coordinator to oversee this undertaking. The Health Department assisted with providing 250 beds in Cranford.

Director Scaturro offered a preliminary damage report indicated \$90 million in damage in the private sector and \$50 million in the public sector. He added they will be working with FEMA.

Director Guzzo stated that Meals on Wheels and the Paratransit were in operation within two day of the storm. He stated that the shelter in Cranford ran well. There were 30 woman and children who evacuated from the Elizabeth shelter and was brought to Cranford. He said laundry services were provided by Runnells.

County Police Chief Daniel Vaniska stated that the County Police provided 50 portable traffic light control devices and light towers throughout the County. He also stated the challenge for all Law Enforcement and the Police Chiefs from various municipalities were in contact and relied on the Union County Police. He said no one way denied assistance.

Director Zuber spoke about power surges, parks and events being closed and reimbursements procedures. He said the that the Information Technology Department did not suffer any major infrastructure or loss of equipment. He said the system has been manned the entire time. He said the building was switched to generators, but is now fuel powered. He said the ice skating rink at Warinanco Park has been manned daily, in fear of the ice melting. He said that Trailside opened on November 6th. He made comments about the animals needed to be fed. He states that the stables lost power and 86 horses were maintained with the help of Director Graziano and his staff. He said many of the Parks events have been closed.

Director Zuber spoke about the County's Division of Planning and Community Development. He said they will be submitting grant requests to put residents to work and shared services for fuel. He stated the EDC loans were available for businesses.

Chairman Mirabella stated that the lake levels were lowered along rivers in Cranford and Rahway which was effective.

Director DiRado thanked the Board and the Directors for their time and efforts pertaining to the storm. He stated that there were no reports of injuries as a result of the great training our employees receive. He thanked Director Yuska and Director Meehan. He said the Motor Vehicle Department was amazing. He said they have nine fueling stations and six of them lost power. He said they had to go site by site to take readings. They used 34,000 gallons of fuel in 12 days. He spoke about the damage to the tool shed and numerous losses. He said the insurance appraiser will

visit next week to assess the damage.

Administrator Wheeler thanked the Board for their support. She commended and thanked Director Graziano for his service clearing the streets and sidewalks of snow for the staff. She said they practice emergency fire drills and the staff is prepared. She said the Resident Council sent a complimentary letter of how well it was all handled. She stated that overnight shelters accommodated 30 to 40 people on October 29th and 30th. Ms. Wheeler thanked the Office of Emergency Management for supplying them with cots one week prior to the storm for the staff, and for the County shelters in Cranford. She thanked the Directors and the Division Heads, along with the employees at Runnells Specialized Hospital.

Director Riordan thanked his staff and said he is very proud of their efforts and lengthy hours as they maintained and controlled the jail during the loss of power and the staffing shortage. He said there was a lock-down at the jail and they used generators. The inmates were allowed to call home to check on their loved ones. He said there was medical staff available and food service which provided 2,400 meals per day. He said the jail operated self-sufficiently, and this allowed the OEM and County Police to assist the general public.

Administrator Kobitz stated that there were 433 voting districts at 186 different polling places and there was no power to 100 of them. He thanked the Office of Emergency Management and everyone who helped. He said 10 sites only had to be relocated and this was the first time there were no machines down. There were 16,000 paper ballots, and they received 6,433 paper ballots cost on Election Day. He said they are expecting more to come in from other Counties, as voters were allowed to vote in other Counties and districts due to the storm. He said there they are expecting thousands of mail in ballots as the time was extended to November 19th. He said they are still counting the ballots.

Mr. Kobitz thanked the Office of Emergency Management as they worked 12 to 16 hours per day.

County Manager Faella thanked the Board and the Directors. He said he was pleased to see how everything was handled with care and concern and he is proud of his staff as they worked together. He said they were prepared as a result of Hurricane Irene and said that they will be more prepared for the next storm. He said they are having a post-event meeting. He thanked the volunteers and the non-profit organizations and the donators. He said they worked with the elected officials and all of the mayors from the 21 municipalities to solve problems and sharing their resources. He said he received daily updates from elected officials. He said if anyone is in need of assistance to call 908-644-9881.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, congratulated Chairman Mirabella and Freeholder Jalloh on their re-election and Freeholder-elect Bruce Bergen on his election to the Freeholder Board.

Mr. Paterson made a comment regarding Resolution 2012-878.

Mr. Paterson mentioned that Ms. Rajoppi stated that her office will be reimbursed for the additional costs needed for Election day from FEMA. He asked if the County has been reimbursed from Hurricane Irene.

Chairman Mirabella replied that they received payment in September.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

2012-877 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA: Amending Resolution No. 2010-507 adopting the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan to reflect a name change in a HOME Program Project from Domus Corporation to Myers Senior Residence.

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

2012-878 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Approving Appropriation Transfers in the Amount of \$200,000.00 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-58

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

2012-879 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Modifying the 2012 Budget in the amount of \$64,880 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a program entitled: Global Options.

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

2012-880 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Modifying the 2012 Budget in the amount of \$16,401 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: Right to Know.

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

2012-881 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Modifying the 2012 Budget in the amount of \$39,081 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Division of Aging Services for a program entitled: Older Americans Act Title III.

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

2012-882 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Modifying the 2012 Budget in the amount of \$18,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Division of Senior Services for a program entitled: Office on Aging - State Aid.

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

2012-883 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Med-Care, Neptune, New Jersey, to provide enteral nutrition services to the patients/residents of Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of December 1, 2012 through November 30, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$30,500.00.

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

2012-884 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2012-678, a contract with Full Service Mailers, Inc., Garfield, New Jersey for the purpose of providing mailing services for the Westfield Special Election to be held on December 11, 2012 in the amount of \$2,500.

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

2012-885 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2012-680, a contract with Royal Printing Services, Inc., West New York, New Jersey for the purpose of printing Official Ballots, Sample Ballots, Emergency Ballots and Emergency Ballot Tally Sheets for the Westfield Special Election to be held on December 11, 2012 in the amount of \$10,000.00.

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

2012-886 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2012-679, a contract award to B&B Press, Lebanon, New Jersey to provide vote by mail and provisional ballots for the 2012 Elections, to increase the contract amount by \$10,063.86 for extra Vote By Mail and Provisional Ballots required in order to accommodate voting provisions made to accommodate displaced voters in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Sandy, for a new contract in the amount of \$229,550.44.

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

2012-887 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to apply for and accept funding on behalf of the County Narcotic Commanders Association of New Jersey for the period of May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013 in the amount of \$26,928.

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

2012-888 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners to serve as independent contract as part of the Union County Sexual Assault Response Team for the period October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013.

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

2012-889 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 736-2012 in order to extend the professional services agreement with Elizabeth Deo for the period of October 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 in an amount not to exceed \$14,700 as needed to serve as Acting SANE Coordinator.

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

2012-890 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to accept a 175kW generator purchased on the County's behalf by the NJ Office of the Attorney General, Division of Criminal Justice. The generator has an approximate value of \$61,207.44 and was purchased with Urban Areas Security Initiative grant funds.

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

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2012-891 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA: Congratulating Girl Scout Troops 40396 and 42004 of Our lady of Fatima Church in Elizabeth, New Jersey, on their 35th Anniversary and congratulating Amanda Motos, recipient of the 2012 Silver Award.

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

2012-892 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA: Proclaiming November 2012 as National Family Caregivers month and urging all citizens to honor those family caregivers during November and throughout the year.

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

2012-893 FREEHOLDER SCANLON: Commending Andy Schopfer of Union, New Jersey on being honored by the Union Knights of Columbus for his tireless efforts to assist in charitable events on behalf of the Council.

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

2012-894 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Recognizing the 100th Anniversary of Runnels Specialized Hospital of Union County.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, commended the Departments for their efforts during and continuing with the aftermath of Storm Sandy.

Mr. Paterson apologized to County Counsel Barry for his offensive remarks made at the previous Freeholder Meeting.

Maria Egemaria, Elizabeth, asked for the telephone number for assistance. She asked if there has been any environmental studies of the air and ground since the storm, as she has a sick child.

Ms. Egemaria commented on the Autism Walk that is scheduled for October 21st, and asked if there are other similar programs that the County offers.

Chairman Mirabella stated that Director Scaturro monitors the air quality.

Chairman Mirabella asked Ms. Egemaria to speak to Director Zuber regarding the programs the County has to offer. He added that there are various programs and there will be more offered next year.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Wright thanked the Directors and the staff for all their hard work during and after the storm. She also congratulated the Freeholders.

Freeholder Estrada spoke on his recollection of a hurricane that happened in Cuba and stated that we have a great team, and it leaves ample opportunity for additional planning.

Freeholder Estrada spoke about the Medical Reserve who assisted in providing shelter facilities. He stated that we are working close with the municipalities and thanked Chairman Mirabella for the conference calls in dealing with our residents.

Freeholder Estrada stated that the State and Federal Government and representatives from the State Police and PSE&G were on hand at the Office of Emergency Management. He made mention of Mayor Mahr of Fanwood and Mayor Mirabelli of Mountainside, who were adamantly fighting for their residences. He stated that the government wanting to have full control, which would have caused delays. He stated that he commended the mayors for standing up for their residents.

Freeholder Estrada stated that those closest to a hospital or nursing home received their electric back sooner than others. He stated that the County gave adequate information to the residents. Freeholder Estrada made mention of the devastation in Tremley Point in Linden.

Freeholder Hudak congratulated the Freeholders on their victory. He spoke about the traffic lights being out and how the County provided generators and other equipment to the municipalities. He commended the Mayors for fighting for their residents.

Freeholder Hudak commended the Police. He said the County assisted with crisis centers in Linden. He said he is proud to be a part of the Board.

Freeholder Kowalski spoke about draining Nomahegan Pond and commented on those who live or have homes at the Jersey Shore. She thanked the Emergency Management staff, the Public Safety Department, the Sheriff's Office and Park Maintenance for all their hard work during and after the storm.

Freeholder Kowalski spoke about the Human Services Advisory Council members and said she received a lot of information pertaining to the storm at the meeting. She urged the public to call the emergency assistant number if needed.

Freeholder Kowalski congratulated the Freeholders on their victory.

Freeholder Jalloh thanked everyone who supported him during the campaign and those who helped. He said the staff did an incredible job during this time of crisis with the storm. He commended the leadership of the Mayors and the Freeholders. He commended Emergency personnel who had their own personal issues to deal with, but were at the EOC helping the general public. He also thanked the Department of Public Information for making sure they received the information.

Freeholder Scanlon thanked all the Directors for their hard work during the storm, along with their staff. She commended County Manager Faella and all the staff that were worked many hours at the Office of Emergency Management. She commended the Mayors and representatives from PSE&G. She said the UASI grants allow for the great equipment the County has, and she is very impressed with how the County operates, especially during a crisis.

Freeholder Scanlon congratulated the Freeholders on their electoral win.

Freeholder Sullivan praised County Manager Faella. He said since he has been County Manager, he has dealt with Hurricane Irene, atypical snowstorms and now super Storm Sandy. He spoke about the role of County government. He spoke about police not being able to get gas and the County was able to provide the resources. He said the staff has been working 16 to 18 hours per day. The Mayors needed assistance and the County responded with their every need. He commended Director of Public Information Seb D'Elia for making sure everyone was abreast of what was happening and available to them. He said he is very proud of the County staff who had their own issues as a result of the storm but still came to work.

Freeholder Sullivan also praised President Obama and Governor Christie for their tiresome efforts pertaining to the storm.

Freeholder Sullivan congratulated the Freeholders on their victory, especially after such a destructive storm, people still came out to vote. He spoke about Florida's voting system and stated that we have a good system.

County Counsel Barry congratulated the Freeholders on their win.

County Manager Faella also congratulated the Freeholder on their win. He said he is honored and privileged to serve the residents and the Freeholder Board.

Vice Chairman Carter congratulated the Freeholders on their victory. She thanked County Manager Faella, the Directors and their staff for their tremendous work in the past 12 days when we were struck with such a crisis. She thanked the residents and the municipalities. She stated that FEMA opened the recreation center in Springfield for residents who need to register with FEMA.

Chairman Mirabella asked County Manager Faella to have a plan in place just in case of another disaster and asked for input from the municipalities. He said he is very proud of the County. He commended Governor Christie and Congressman Lance. He said information was key and updates of the storm were well provided. He commended Mayor Skibitsky of Westfield for a town-wide conference call for updates. He spoke about cell phones and services that were down and thanked all the Directors.

Chairman Mirabella stated that this years' election took a "back seat" to the storm. They pitched in with efforts for community and County responses. He said he was excited to run with his running mates. He said Freeholder-elect Bergen will add a nice voice to the Board. He said he ran five times with Freeholder Scanlon and she will be missed. She not only was an addition to the County, but her legacy will remain strong and she will be remembered for her efforts on the Freeholder Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 PM.

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

2012 UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS' 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 8, 2012 at 12:00pm
Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

AGENDA SETTING MEETINGS

January 19, 2012

February 2, 2012

February 16, 2012

March 1, 2012

March 15, 2012

April 5, 2012

April 26, 2012

May 3, 2012

May 17, 2012

June 14 2012

June 28, 2012

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August 9, 2012

September 6, 2012

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October 4, 2012

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REGULAR MEETINGS

January 26, 2012

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February 23, 2012

March 8, 2012

March 22, 2012

April 19, 2012

April 26, 2012

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May 31, 2012

June 14 2012

June 28, 2012

July 19, 2012

August 16, 2012

September 13, 2012

September 27, 2012

October 11, 2012


October 18, 2012

November 8, 2012

November 29, 2012

December 6, 2012

December 20, 2012


James E. Pelletiere
Clerk of the Board

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