

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2012
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alexander Mirabella called the meeting to order at 8:00 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: Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder;
SECONDER: Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Scanlon, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Carter, Chairman Mirabella;

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Tom Getzendanner, City Council Member of Summit, praised Freeholder Scanlon for Resolution 2012-907 that pertains to the improvements made to Bryant Park. He also thanked Chairman Mirabella for attending the Summit's Council meeting that was held on November 12th.

Mr. Getzendanner urged the Board to lower County taxes. He said made comments regarding the County golf courses and privatizing the County Jail and Runnells Specialized Hospital, along with merging the Sheriff's Office and the County Police Dept.

Mr. Getzendanner's statement is attached.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, is opposed to the following Resolutions for professional costs: Resolution 2012-907, 2012-953, 2012-961, 2012-962 and 201-963. He questioned the County's Pay to Play policy. He stated that tax payers dollars are being abused.

Chairman Mirabella disagreed with Mr. Paterson's comments. He stated that tax payers dollars are not being abused, stating that all County contracts adhere with all State requirements.

Tina Renna, Cranford, said she is opposed to the vendors mentioned in Resolutions 2012-957, 2012-960 and 2012-961. She stated that there was a Memo dated July 14, 2011 from the former County Manager addressed to Deputy County Manager Elizabeth Genievich, where he recused himself from any projects that pertained to Birdsall Services (and the Union County Arts Center). She said she has received no answers to date.

George Kanakaris, Elizabeth, thanked the Board for asking questions about Director Riordan's items at the Agenda meeting regarding the religious contracts. He referred to the high costs of professional services that are listed on the Agenda that totals over \$653,000.

Mr. Kanakaris wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

John Bury, Kenilworth, asked about the cancelling of funds pertaining to Resolution 2012-906. He asked if the money will be put in a trust or the budget.

Mr. Bury asked why the case mentioned in Resolution 2012-973 took 9 years and why special council was needed.

Director Taylor state that the cancellation of funds mentioned in Resolution 2012-906 are from various projects totalling \$1.1 million. Monies cancelled from the Trust fund will go back to the Trust Fund. Since there is no beginning or ending dates, the monies in the Trust Fund will expire when the Trust sunsets, which she believes is in 9.5 years.

Chairman Mirabella are the funds allocated to a specific project.

Director Taylor stated yes, once the accounts are closed. They are rolled back into the budget.

County Counsel Barry responded to Resolution 2012-973. He stated that the matter was instituted in 2010 or 2011, not 2004.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

2012-896 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with NJ Department of Children and Families – Division of Youth & Family Services for 2013 Human Services Advisory Council [HSAC] funding in the amount of \$233,163 for the funding period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 and for the County to allocate \$15,900 in funding to meet the required contract match for a total project amount of \$249,063.

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;

2012-897 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Catherine Butter, Union New Jersey, to provide program development, implementation and evaluation services for special projects and events under youth services community outreach operations for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 in the total amount not to exceed \$12,000 .

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;

2012-898 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept grant funding from New Jersey Department of Human Services (NJ DHS), Division of Family Development (DFD), for approximately \$643,705 in CY2013 Social Services for the Homeless (SSH) funding for the grant period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 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;

2012-899 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to accept funds in the amount of \$13,638 and enter into a contract with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, for the Rape Crisis Center (RCC) to provide services for sexual violence victims through the STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Formula Grant Program for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 with required County matching funds of \$4,546 to be in-kind/funds already allocated for RCC personnel expense.

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;

2012-900 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to renew a lease agreement with Prevention Links Inc., to rent space for the Intoxicated Driver Resource Center (IDRC) education classes at their satellite office located at 121-125 Chestnut Street, Roselle, New Jersey; additionally providing one room for the general sessions and space for individual client

screenings, at a rate of \$250 per day, for a minimum of 48 days to be scheduled during the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 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;

2012-901 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Union County for annual memberships for up to ten (10) Union County at-risk children and youth as part of Youth Services/Youth Development Project effective December 10, 2012 through December 31, 2012 in the amount of \$500.00 from the "Merck for Doers" funding 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;

2012-902 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Department of Corrections State Aid Agreement which provides the County of Union funding to provide inmate rehabilitation services for the one year period beginning July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 in the total amount of \$2,500,000.

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

2012-903 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager through the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs to execute any and all agreements for the FY 2013 Union County History Grant Program in the amount of \$19,500.

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;

2012-904 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to award contracts to agencies under the 2013 Alcohol/Drug Abuse Grant and Addiction Recovery Program (ARP) for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 in the total amount of \$812,453 and further authorizing the County Manager to transfer funds among the agencies listed during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the listed agencies fail to meet contractual obligation.

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;

2012-905 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, to provide the cash match of \$79,417 for the support of arts development projects and services in 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;

2012-906 FREEHOLDER SCANLON: Authorizing the County Manager to direct the cancellation of the unexpended balances in Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund appropriations.

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;

2012-907 FREEHOLDER SCANLON: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Maser Consulting, Red Bank, New Jersey, for the provision of engineering services for site improvements at Briant Park, Springfield/Summit, New Jersey. The improvement project will be funded in part through a Green Acres grant awarded to the Briant Park Conservancy in the amount of \$275,000.00, with matching funds provided by the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund in an amount not to exceed \$79,900.00.

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;

2012-908 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Modifying the 2012 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$976,620 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a Program Entitled: Hurricane Sandy Emergency Grant.

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;

2012-909 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Modifying the 2012 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$56,379 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Division of Criminal Justice For a Program Entitled: Body Armor Grant.

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;

2012-910 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Modifying the 2012 Budget in the amount of \$5,583.00 as a result of notification received from the Department of Human Services for a program entitled: Intoxicated Drivers Resource Center.

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;

2012-911 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Modifying the 2012 Budget in the amount of \$26,928 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Narcotic Commanders Association Training Initiative.

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;

2012-912 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Modifying the 2012 Budget in the amount of \$19,820 as a result of notification received from the Union County College for a program entitled: Program Income - Work First NJ.

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;

2012-913 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Modifying the 2012 Budget in the amount of \$24,000 as a result of notification received from the US Department of Homeland Security for a program entitled: Port Security Grant - Marine Port.

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;

2012-914 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Modifying the 2012 Budget in the amount of \$93,750 as a result of notification received from the US Department of Homeland Security for a program entitled: Port Security Grant - Hazmat Port.

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;

2012-915 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Modifying the 2012 Budget in the amount of \$4,243 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey Council on the Arts for a program entitled: Senior Arts Show.

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;

2012-916 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Modifying the 2012 Budget in the amount of \$1,200 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Mental Health Association for a program entitled: Disaster Liaison Grant.

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;

2012-917 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Modifying the 2012 Budget in the amount of \$100,416 as a result of notification received from the Port Authority of NY & NJ for a program entitled: Port Security Grant Program.

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;

2012-918 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Modifying the 2012 Budget in the amount of \$311,681 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for a program entitled: Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP).

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;

2012-919 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Modifying the 2012 Budget in the amount of \$1,430,894 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for a program entitled: Urban Areas Security Initiative - UASI.

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;

2012-920 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Authorizing Preliminary Costs for the Union County Vocational Technical School West Hall Construction Project in the amount of \$850,000.00 and establishing a Reserve in the Capital Improvement Fund.

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;

2012-921 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Approving Appropriation Transfers in the amount of \$1,843,916.00 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;

2012-922 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Authorizing the County Manager to execute a contract extension with Ray's Food & Ice Cream Concessions, Inc., Clifton, New Jersey for the food and boat concession at Warinanco Park for an additional 24 months in the amount of \$22,540.

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;

2012-923 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Authorizing the County Manager to accept an award from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Tropical Storm Sandy Disaster National Emergency Grant in the amount of \$976,620; and to further authorize the County Manager to execute any and all agreements with municipalities and/or private non-profit agencies and to disburse such funds in accordance with the criteria set forth in the grant for the period of October 29, 2012 through April 29, 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;

2012-924 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: 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, 2013 through December 31, 2013 in the amount of \$20,031.90.

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;

2012-925 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Amending Resolution Number 2012-434 and authorizes the County Manager to extend the contract period entered into with Elizabeth Development Company, Elizabeth, New Jersey for the administration of the Elizabeth Works initiative program through December 31, 2012 at no additional cost to the County of Union.

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;

2012-926 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Authorizing Payment to Kemper Sports for the 2011 Incentive Fee in accordance with the agreement for the management and maintenance of the golf courses in the amount of \$56,768.66.

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;

2012-927 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Authorizing the County Manager to utilize the option to extend the contract (BA #85-10) with US Security Associates, Clifton, New Jersey for the provision of protection services at Runnells Specialized Hospital for an additional twenty-four (24) month period commencing on February 13, 2013 through February 12, 2015 in the amount of \$575,880.

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;

2012-928 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with SOS (Salina Office Systems), Pinehurst, North Carolina, for the license, maintenance and support of resident/patient financial/clinical software for the contract period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$18,239.15.

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;

2012-929 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Care Perspectives, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, to provide consultation and continuing education to the staff at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00.

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;

2012-930 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Mobilex, Horsham, Pennsylvania, for X-Ray, EKG, Doppler Studies, Holter Monitoring and Ultrasonography for the patients/residents of Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00.

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;

2012-931 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with KCI, San Antonio, Texas, for the rental of the "Vacuum Assisted Closure" system and supplies for the system for the contract period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00.

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;

2012-932 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Hill Rom, Bates, Indiana, for the rental of specialty beds for the contract period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00.

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;

2012-933 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Roche Diagnostics Corporation, Indianapolis, Indiana, for the purchase of the INf or the ACCU-CHECK blood glucose monitoring system and supplies for the contract period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00.

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;

2012-934 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Overlook Hospital, Summit, New Jersey, to provide medical services to the residents of Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

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;

2012-935 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Grainger Industrial Supply, Lake Forest, Illinois, for the provision of maintenance, repair and operations supplies for the contract period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, in an amount not to exceed \$28,000.00.

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;

2012-936 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Direct Supply, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the provision of hospital supplies for the contract period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 in the amount not to exceed \$44,000.00.

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;

2012-937 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with McKesson Medical/Surgical, Golden Valley, Minnesota, for the provision of medical supplies for the contract period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$668,200.00.

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;

2012-938 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Comcast, Union, New Jersey, for the provision of cable service to residents and patients for the contract period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

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;

2012-939 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: 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: Office of the Union County Clerk: County Business Systems, Pennington, New Jersey, for the purpose of recreating 56 index books, in the amount of \$18,200.

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;

2012-940 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: 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: Office of the Union County Clerk: ACES Imaging Systems, Inc., Mount Laurel, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing microfilm services for the contract period November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$22,350, with an option to renew for an additional 24 months.

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;

2012-941 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Approving the Union County Clerk's Annual Five Year Plan.

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;

2012-942 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Division of Motor Vehicles: LifeTech, Inc., South Plainfield, New Jersey for the purpose of providing (2) Fork Lift Trucks in the amount of \$99,270.00.

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;

2012-943 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Approving the 2013 list of pre-qualified vendors for the provision of Pre-Employment Medical Exams : Multi-Care, Clark, New Jersey, Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth, New Jersey

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;

2012-944 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Multi-Care, Clark, New Jersey to provide pre-employment physicals and other related medical services to the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 at a cost not to exceed \$45,000.00.

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;

2012-945 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth, New Jersey, to provide pre-employment physicals and other related medical services to the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.

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;

2012-946 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Approving the list of pre-qualified psychologists for the provision of Psychological Examinations for the year 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;

2012-947 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract for the provision of Psychological Evaluation Services with Kanen Psychological Associates, Ridgewood, NJ for the Department of Administrative Services, Department of Correctional Services and Department of Human Services in the amount of \$42,000 for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 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;

2012-948 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing County Manager to enter into a contract with Patricia Kane, Newark, New Jersey to provide 5 hours of religious services and counseling per week for the Islamic females at the Union County Jail for the contract period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$3,218.80.

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;

2012-949 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing County Manager to enter into a contract with Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey, to provide alcohol and drug treatment for the female inmate population for the Union County Jail for contract period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$81,322.00.

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;

2012-950 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing County Manager to enter into a contract with Community Access Unlimited Elizabeth, New Jersey, to provide anger management training for the incarcerated male and females of the Union County Jail for the contract period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

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;

2012-951 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Deacon Michael DeRoberts Union, New Jersey to provide 5 hours of religious services and counseling per week for the Catholic inmates at the Union County Jail for the contract period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$3,218.80.

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;

2012-952 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into Shared Services Agreement between the County of Union and the Borough of Roselle Park for the installation of four (4) solar powered flashing pedestrian crossing signals at the intersections of Chestnut Street and West Lincoln Avenue; and Locust Street and West Webster Avenue in the Borough of Roselle Park.

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;

2012-953 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to Neglia Engineering Associates, Lyndhurst, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Design, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the 2013 Union County Road Resurfacing Project in an amount not to exceed \$273,393.00.

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;

2012-954 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2011-900, a contract (through a competitive contracting evaluation process) with EMSA Solar, Parlin, New Jersey, approving Change Order No. 1 (final) for the design and installation of Multiple Solar Photovoltaic Systems at various Union County Sites. This Change Order will reduce the original contract amount by \$22,521.25, for a new contract amount of \$646,878.75.

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;

2012-955 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2011-157 (BA#87), a contract (through the public bidding process) with Chanree Construction Company, Inc., Manasquan, New Jersey, approving Change Order No. 2 (final) for the Union County Vehicle Storage Building, in an amount not to exceed \$7,101.15 for a new contract amount of \$11,246,691.35.

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;

2012-956 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Inter-Governmental Agreement with the Borough of Garwood, for the replacement of a Traffic Signal located on County Road 610, at the intersection of Center Street and South Avenue in the Borough of Garwood.

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;

2012-957 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to award a professional engineering service contract to Birdsall Services Group, Cranford, New Jersey, for the purpose of performing Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) Environmental Services for Meisel Avenue Park, Springfield, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$13,350.00.

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;

2012-958 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contracts obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities; Division of Park Maintenance; and Division of Engineering: Hilt Construction Co, of Hillsborough, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing exterior building restoration at the Union County Board of Election Building, Elizabeth, New Jersey, (180 days from notice to proceed) in the amount of \$1,325,891.00.

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;

2012-959 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering On Call Testing Service contract to Key Tech, Keyport, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing on-call testing services as required for various County construction projects, engineering studies, and investigations for a contract period of November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00.

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;

2012-960 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service contract to Birdsall Services Group, Cranford, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing design, construction administration and inspection services for the replacement of East Hazelwood Avenue Bridge (Ra69) in an amount not to exceed \$564,984.00.

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;

2012-961 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service contract to Birdsell Services Group, Cranford, New Jersey, for Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) Environmental Compliance Services and for Well Monitoring/Remedial Activities for the Venneri Complex Facility located in Westfield, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$74,950.00.

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;

2012-962 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service contract to Alaimo Group, Mt. Holly, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing engineering services for the 2012 Dam Repairs, Various Municipalities, in an amount not to exceed \$63,000.00.

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;

2012-963 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service contract to Maser Consulting, Red Bank, New Jersey, for the design, construction administration, and inspection services for the Nomehegan Park Lake Restoration Project in an amount not to exceed \$127,720.00.

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;

2012-964 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertise public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Engineering, Public Works & Facilities; Division of Facilities Management: DavEd Fire Systems, Inc., Hackensack, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Fire Alarm/Fire Suppression Systems maintenance, repair and/or replacement for a contract period of December 1, 2012 through November 31, 2014, in the amount of \$336,000.00.

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;

2012-965 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Engineering, Public Works & Facilities; Division of Facilities Management:: National Fence Systems, Avenel, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing fencing for a contract period of November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$133,280.00.

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;

2012-966 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertise public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Engineering, Public Works & Facilities; Division of Facilities Management: Elevator Maintenance Corp. (EMCO), for the purpose of providing elevator maintenance, repair and/or replacement, for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014, in the amount of \$391,750.00.

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;

2012-967 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend \$3,000.00 in 2013 Green Communities Grant funds, which is administered by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Parks and Forestry and endorsed by the New Jersey Community Forestry Council, for preparation of the Community Forestry Management Plan.

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;

2012-968 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Laws, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities to Jesco, Inc., South Plainfield, New Jersey for the delivery of a 2012 LeeBoy Path Paver in the amount of \$82,687.00.

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;

2012-969 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend \$24,000 from the US Department of Homeland Security from the Port Security Grant Program to be utilized by the County Police Marine Unit to procure specialized equipment, and further authorizing the County Manager to utilize procurement options available under Local Finance Notice 2005-14.

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;

2012-970 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$93,750 from the US Department of Homeland Security from the Port Security Grant Program, with a County match requirement in the amount of \$31,250, to be utilized by the County HazMat Team to procure specialized equipment and to authorized the County Manager to utilize procurement options available under Local Finance Notice 2005-14.

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;

2012-971 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Mountainside to provide 911 Emergency Medical call screening services in an amount not to exceed \$5,500 for the first year, with a subsequent two percent (2%) increase in each additional year for the remaining two (2) years of the three (3) year term of the agreement.

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;

2012-972 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2012-282, to increase the appropriation to Antonelli Minchello, PC, Union, New Jersey, Mental Health Counsel in an additional amount of \$4,500.00 for a new sum not to exceed \$14,500.

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;

2012-973 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2012-764, to increase the appropriation to Bauch Zucker Hatfield, Springfield, New Jersey in the matter entitled Beverly Figueora v. UC, et als. in the amount of \$10,000.00 for a new sum not to exceed \$30,000.00.

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;

2012-974 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with PBA Local 199A- Correction Superior Officers from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012.

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

2012-975 FREEHOLDER JALLOH: Expressing the Board's sincerest condolences to the family of Catherine R. Saintilien, in this their of sorrow.

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;

2012-976 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Supporting sustainable state funding for Preservation and stewardship of Open Space, Parks, Farmland and Historic Sites in New Jersey.

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;

2012-977 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Expressing the Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Dominick Frank Vecchio, of Roselle Park, New Jersey, in this their time of sorrow.

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;

2012-978 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Resolution declaring the month of November as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in the County of Union.

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;

2012-979 MR. AND THE ENTIRE BOARD: Congratulating Ken Burkert, Union County Corrections Officer, on being recognized for his efforts on behalf of Cop 2 Cop; which focuses on suicide prevention and mental health support for law enforcement officers.

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.

Tom Getzendanner, Summit, thanked the Board and Director Moran for attending the Summit Council Meeting on November 12th. He stated that he appreciates the funding to improve Bryant Park. He asked the board to stay within a 2% of the taxes even if it is necessary to cut service. He urged the Board to merge the Sheriff and County Police.

Mr. Getzendanner asked that the Freeholders be elected at-large at the next General Election and claims it is the norm.

Chairman Mirabella responded stating it is not the norm.

Jim Buettner, Cranford, asked if there is a mechanism for a citizen to put forth a Resolution to the Board that would allow citizens to vote on the ballot.

County Counsel Barry stated that it is done via a referendum and it requires 15% of registered voters. It is not done individually.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, asked for an apology by Freeholder Sullivan or by a member of the Board on his behalf as he referred to a past Freeholder Meeting.

Mr. Paterson also made comments about non-competitive contracts to professionals. He stated that districting would have helped with Storm Sandy, although he did commend the County and thanked them for the presentation made by the directors.

George Kanakaritis, Elizabeth, stated that he will be going back to Europe in the spring and asked the Board for a recommendation.

Maria Egemaria, Elizabeth, asked if there is funding available for children to attend more therapy at the YWCA. She said it was the best therapy she has received.

Chairman Mirabella stated that the Freeholder Board did not have oversight of the YWCA, but referred her to speak with Director of Human Services Frank Guzzo.

John Bury, Kenilworth, spoke about the Union County Improvement Authority taking control of the golf courses and spoke about the County following Summit's lead on staying under a 2% tax increase. He asked if the 2012 Audit is available as it was due June 30th.

Chairman Mirabella stated that the golf operations are still being discussed.

Director Taylor stated that the audit will be forwarded to the Board at the end of the week, and after the Board signs and certifies it will be available to the public.

Tina Renna, Cranford, said that she has asked how the County's equipment is tracked. She said generators were brought home by County employees during Storm Sandy. She mentioned three other counties and their response to similar circumstances. She stated that the FBI should either take over or oversee the Prosecutor's Office. She also spoke about missing cash from MusicFest.

County Counsel Barry stated that the County did institute an inquiry about the generators, but it was suspended at the request of the Prosecutor's Office. The County has and will cooperate with the Prosecutor's Office. At the conclusion of the Prosecutor's investigation, we will complete our internal inquiry and take administrative action as deemed necessary.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Kowalski thanked everyone involved for the tremendous clean-up efforts from Storm Sandy. She said that there are some new developments with the Recovery Centers. Springfield Center is now closed, but Plainfield and Linden are open. She thanked the Public Safety and the Public Works Department for their outstanding job, keeping us safe and cleaning up this huge disaster, removing trees and branches throughout the County. The municipalities are limited and the County has assisted them, too.

Freeholder Kowalski stated that the 29th Annual Holiday Nature Craft Show is set for this Sunday, December 2, at the Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside. This is one of our most popular events and it's a great chance to get a jump on your holiday shopping. Along with many unique items from more than 40 vendors there is a full slate of festivities including a visit from Santa, a menorah celebration, a tree decorating contest and caroling. As always, admission to the Craft Show is simply a donation of a non-perishable food item or a toy. More information about the Craft Show, call Trailside at 908-789-3670.

County Counsel Barry stated that for clarification relative to some comments made by the public, the County of Union is in compliance with the State pertaining to the Fair and Open bidding process. The vendors listed on the Agenda are on the approved list. The Board receives recommendations from the Engineering Department, Public Works and the County Manager and no one else.

Vice Chairman Carter stated that in wake of Hurricane Sandy, we have been identifying different avenues of aid and relief for County residents. Just this week, it was brought to her attention that residents whose homes suffered flooding or structural damage due to the super-storm may be eligible for a reduction to their property tax assessment. To apply for the reduction, you can obtain an Assessment Review form, which you can download from the Union County website. The form must be completed and submitted to your municipal tax assessor by Thursday, January 10, 2013, along with any supporting documents. If eligible, take advantage of this opportunity.

Chairman Mirabella thanked Assemblyman Bramnick, Assemblyman Green and Assemblyman Munoz, Assemblywoman Stender and the Freeholders for attending the meeting at Union County College pertaining to the aftermath of Storm Sandy. He said representatives from FEMA and adjusters from insurance companies were there to assist residents.

Chairman Mirabella stated that he was very pleased to report that Union County has been awarded nearly \$1 million as part of a National Emergency Grant, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor and the New Jersey. The funds will go to hire unemployed Union County residents to assist with Hurricane Sandy clean-up and recovery efforts, equaling almost 60 temporary positions. This is a significant grant that will make a great difference throughout Union County. Through our Workforce Investment Board and our One-Stop career centers, we have a strong, efficient

infrastructure in place to see that the funds are put to good use.

If you any questions about your eligibility for a position funded by this grant, or any other services offered by the Union County One-Stop career centers, call us at 908-558-8000.

Chairman Mirabella stated that as a result of Storm Sandy, County Manager Faella asked all the directors to come up with an Action Plan to make improvements where needed. They are also working with the mayors to improve the process. FEMA representatives commended the County for the Action Plan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- 1) Attorney Client privilege relative to contract negotiations with various collective bargaining units.
- 2) Attorney Client privilege relative to potential contract negotiations between the County of Union and the Union County Improvement Authority relative to golf operations.

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 privilege relative to contract negotiations with various collective bargaining units and attorney-client privilege relative to potential contract negotiations between the County of Union and the Union County Improvement Authority relative to golf operations.

The minutes of the Executive Session shall be separated from the minutes of the Open Public Session. The minutes of the Executive Session, redacted as appropriate and necessary, shall be available in approximately 30 days. The Clerk of the Board shall retain the original minutes until such time as the confidential limitations have been removed, at which time they shall be made available.

Upon the Board's return, it will not take formal action on the matters discussed.

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

Motion to enter Executive Session.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Linda Carter, Vice Chairman; **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;

Motion to return from Executive Session.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 PM.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Daniel P. Sullivan, 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;

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

July 12, 2012

August 9, 2012

September 6, 2012
September 20, 2012

October 4, 2012
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December 6, 2012
December 20, 2012

REGULAR MEETINGS

January 26, 2012

February 9, 2012
February 23, 2012

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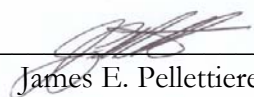
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James E. Pellettiere
Clerk of the Board

JEP:mb

November 29, 2012

Good evening,

I'm Tom Getzendanner, one of 8 elected officials whom you've heard from now individually this past year, because we deliberately rotate liaisons.

We want to thank Chairman Mirabella for attending Summit's Council meeting Nov 12th when Hurricane Sandy recovery was uppermost in our minds. Your and Safety Director Moran's presence meant a lot to our citizens.

We also appreciate Freeholder Resolution #4 tonight, approving \$355,000 worth of site improvements at Briant Park on the border of Sprngfld & Summit (paid for by a combination of Green Acre and Open Space Trust funds).

However looking ahead to 2013, most of your taxpayers I believe want lower county taxes, even if it means less service from that layer of government.

So I worry about putting County golf courses under the wing of UCIA in order to dodge 2% CAP constraints. Rather than utilize loopholes to escape austerity, we'd prefer you didn't use any categorical expense waivers whatsoever.

Can the Freeholders please voluntarily live within nominal 2% CAP, like most of your 21 constituent towns already are doing?

Privatizing the Jail and Runnells Hospital won't yield enough savings to accomplish this bogey. We really have to merge the County Police Dept with the Sheriff's Office. Like state officials recommended decades ago (Bergen and Union are only 2 counties still unconsolidated).

Tonight is your third to last meeting of year. I'm sure Mr. Faella has already projected 2013 on business-as-usual basis. That's good, because you need to take action now, for any impact to be felt in next year's Levy.

Part of the reason you've been slow getting the austerity message is that 100% of our Freeholders are elected "at large." Unlike most other counties, where the majority of seats are districted.

Would you consider a ballot referendum next year, asking Union County voters if they prefer representation by population Wards instead of "at large" seats? It would go a long way to defuse Berkeley Heights' threat of seceding.

As Freeholder Estrada knows from working with John Donnadio on NJ Ass of Counties, the majority of 21 counties in New Jersey already use some variation of this approach.

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