



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2013
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Linda Carter called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

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

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The Prayer and Salute to the Flag were 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.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

1. CONSENT AGENDA

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

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. January 06, 2013 – Reorganization Meeting Minutes

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

2. January 17, 2013 – Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

3. January 24, 2013 – Regular Meeting Minutes

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

ORDINANCE FOR FINAL READING

The Ordinance was read by the Clerk of the Board.

746-2013

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TO THE UNION COUNTY DISTRICT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN TO INCLUDE A CLASS B RECYCLING FACILITY OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE CITY OF LINDEN AT THE SITE OF THE LINDEN SANITARY LANDFILL

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the subject amendment is summarized as follows:

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

1) TO INCLUDE CITY OF LINDEN RECYCLING FACILITY, LOCATED AT THE LINDEN SANITARY LANDFILL, BLOCK 581, LOTS 11.03 AND 17, 1451 LOWER ROAD, IN THE CITY OF LINDEN, INTO THE UNION COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN AS A CLASS B RECYCLING CENTER TO ACCEPT UP TO 50 TONS PER DAY OF TREE TRUNKS, STUMPS, BRANCHES, LEAVES AND BRUSH AT ITS LOCATION FOR SHIPPING OFF-SITE TO THE UNION COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY IN RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY FOR DISPOSAL.

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 61-2012, duly adopted July 18, 2012, the UCUA approved the Plan Amendment and recommended that the Plan Amendment be approved by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County, after public hearing in accordance with the Solid Waste Management Act; and

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

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

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

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

Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter; **ABSTAIN:** Freeholder Sullivan;

FINAL READING STATEMENT

This meeting is open to the public for the purposes of commenting on Ordinance 746-2013 only.

Councilman Getzendanner asked if Ordinance 746-2013 is an amendment for State bookkeeping purposes.

County Counsel Barry stated that the purpose of the amendment to Ordinance 746-2013 is to include the City of Linden Recycling Facility into the Solid Waste Management Plan as a Class B Recycling Center to accept up to 50 tons per day of trees, stumps, etc. at its location and to be shipped to the Resource Recovery Facility in Rahway.

Freeholder Sullivan explained further that Class B refers to tree trunks, branches, leaves, etc.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, asked if it is mandated that municipalities and landscapers bring tree waste to the Resource Recovery Facility, and asked for the costs per ton.

Freeholder Sullivan explained that it is for the City of Linden only. It can be opened to private contractors. He said Linden will have control and this Ordinance is to allow Linden's Recycling Facility into the Solid Waste Management Plan as a Class B. It has nothing to do with costs.

This concludes the Public Hearing on Ordinance 746-2013.

Vice Chairman Christopher Hudak, moved Ordinance Number 746-2013 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

747-2013 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAWS OF UNION COUNTY: ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION BY AMENDING: CHAPTER 1, UNION COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE, ARTICLE XIX-DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES; ARTICLE XXII-DEPARTMENT OF RUNNELLS SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL AND ARTICLE XVI, EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK
RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder;
SECONDER: Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

FINAL READING STATEMENT

This meeting is open to the public for the purposes of commenting on Ordinance 747-2013 only.

Tom Getzendanner, Councilman, City of Summit asked if the purpose of Ordinance 747-2013 is to change governance of Runnells Hospital.

Mr. Getzendanner's statement is attached.

County Manager Faella asked Director Graziano to respond.

Director Graziano stated that hospital maintenance used to be part of his department. He said 22 people were laid off and 15 vacancies were eliminated, having the Division of Hospital Maintenance part of his department again will be a significant help to his staff. They could be used at the Hospital and other locations.

County Manager Faella stated that no decision has been made regarding the status of the Hospital. He added that minor revisions have been made to the employee handbook.

Tina Renna, Cranford, spoke about employees being transferred from the Hospital to other departments, and also spoke of the number of supervisors being transferred. Ms. Renna then commented on where the funding of the salaries were coming from and questioned the hospital's "bottom line."

Director Graziano stated that there were 22 layoffs and 15 positions eliminated in 2012 and the in 2008, they eliminated the Engineering Department which consisted of 14 employees. He said by having Hospital maintenance under his department it will help with staffing, like having licensed boiler operators on hand. He said they will be able to "flip flop" the manpower and save on overtime.

Freeholder Sullivan stated that they are going back to the way it was in 2006.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, agrees that it allows for flexibility where needed.

Director Graziano said that he was unable to send these employees to other locations if they did not fall under his department.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, thanked Director Graziano for the explanation. He asked why the supervisors were originally moved to other departments, and if they were "working" supervisors.

Director Graziano explained that there was one division director that was moved to the building of the tradesman, whereas they report to Anthony Scutari. They are hard working employees.

Freeholder Hudak said that this is not the only move, there were also moves in the Traffic Bureau. He said we are trying to keep programs going that are funded through the General Fund, and to allocate dollars to keep programs running throughout the County.

This concludes the Public Hearing on Ordinance 747-2013.

Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh, Policy Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 747-2013 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

748-2013

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND "THE LAWS OF UNION COUNTY: ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION" BY AMENDING CHAPTER 107, RECREATION AND PARKS, ARTICLE IV-FEES FOR RECREATION FACILITIES, BY ADDING: § 107-7. FOOD AND BEVERAGES AND BANQUET CENTER FEES AT GALLOPING HILL GOLF COURSE FOR THE YEAR 2013.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union that the "Laws of Union County" are hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE IV, Fees for Recreation Facilities

[amended 3-10-2005 by Ord. No. 611; amended 2-16-2006 by Ord. No. 623-06; amended 5-10-2007 by Ord. No. 649-2007; amended 3-27-2008 by Ord. No. 666-2008; amended 5-29-2008 by Ord. 668-2008; amended 4-16-2009 by Ord. 683-2009; amended 8-20-2009 by Ord. 689-2009; amended 12-17-2009 by Ord. 697-2009; amended 2-11-2010 by Ord. 701-2010; Amended 6-10-2010 by Ord. 704-2010; Amended 2-10-2011 by Ord. 716-2011; Amended 7-28-2011 by Ord. 722-2011; Amended 2-9-2012 by Ord. 727-2012; Amended 7-19-2012 by Ord. 738-2012]

§ 107-6. Park Fees

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders annually adopts a fee schedule for all facilities and programs operated by the Department of Parks and Community Renewal. The Clerk of the Board will publish the required notice in the appropriate newspaper of such introduction and public hearing for the Schedule of Fees. A copy of the currently effective Schedule of Fees ordinance is on file in the Clerk of the Board's office and is available for examination during office hours.

The Director of the Department of Parks and Community Renewal, with the written approval of the County Manager, is hereby authorized to amend or modify fees set forth in the fee schedule for special promotions at a rate of not less than 50 percent of the established fee. There shall be no more than 12 amendments or modifications to fees for special promotions in a calendar year. In the event that the Director shall amend or modify any fee he shall file a written notice of said amendment or modification with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Director of the Department of Finance, no less than five business days prior to the effective date of the amendment or modification.

§ 107-7. Establishment of Fees for Food, Beverage and Banquet Services at the Galloping Hill Golf Course.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders shall annually adopt a fee schedule for Food, Beverage and Banquet Services at the Galloping Hill Golf Course. The Clerk of the Board will publish the required notice in the appropriate newspaper of such introduction and public hearing for the Schedule of Fees. A copy of the currently effective Schedule of Fees ordinance is on file in the Clerk of the Board's office and is available for examination during office hours.

The Director of the Department of Parks and Community Renewal, with the written approval of the County Manager, is hereby authorized to amend or modify fees set forth in the fee schedule for special promotions at a rate of not less than 50 percent of the established fee. There shall be no more than 12 amendments or modifications to fees for special promotions in a calendar year. In the event that the Director shall amend or modify any fee he shall file a written notice of said amendment or modification with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Director of the Department of Finance, no less than five business days prior to the effective date of the amendment or modification.

Red Knot Menu Pricing - Dinner

Appetizers		Dinner Price Fixed	
#1	\$ 8.00	#1	\$ 32.00
#2	\$ 9.00	#2	\$ 35.00
#3	\$ 10.00	#3	\$ 38.00
#4	\$ 11.00	#4	\$ 39.00

#6 \$ 12.00

BANQUET CENTER FEE SCHEDULE

Type of Event	Month(s)	Year	Day of the week	Price Per Person (excludes 20% service charge and sales tax)	
Type of Event	Month(s)	Year	Day of the week	Price Per Person (excludes 20% service charge and sales tax)	
Wedding	April, May, June	2013	Friday	\$100.00	\$50.00
Wedding	April, May, June	2013	Saturday Afternoon/ Sunday Afternoon/ Sunday Evening	\$95.00	\$47.50
Wedding	April, May, June	2013	Saturday Evening	\$105.00	\$52.50
Wedding	April, May, June	2013	Sunday (Twilight)	\$100.00	\$50.00
Wedding	July, August, September, November and December	2013	Friday	\$105.00	\$52.50
Wedding	July, August, September, November and December	2013	Saturday Afternoon/ Sunday Afternoon/ Sunday Evening	\$100.00	\$50.00
Wedding	July, August, September, November and December	2013	Saturday Evening	\$110.00	\$55.00
Wedding	July, August, September, November and December	2013	Sunday (Twilight)	\$105.00	\$52.50
Wedding	October	2013	Friday	\$115.00	\$57.50
Wedding	October	2013	Saturday Afternoon/ Sunday Afternoon/ Sunday Evening	\$110.00	\$55.00
Wedding	October	2013	Saturday Evening	\$130.00	\$65.00
Wedding	October	2013	Sunday (Twilight)	\$115.00	\$57.50
Type of Event	Month(s)	Year	Day of the week	Price Per Person (excludes 20% service charge and sales tax)	
Wedding				Adults	Children 4 - 12 years (half price)
Wedding	January, February, March, November and December	2014	Friday	\$110.00	\$55.00
Wedding	January, February, March, November and December	2014	Saturday Afternoon/ Sunday Afternoon/ Sunday Evening	\$105.00	\$52.50

Wedding	January, February, March, November and December	2014	Saturday Evening	\$120.00	\$60.00
Wedding	January, February, March, November and December	2014	Sunday (Twi-Light)	\$110.00	\$55.00
Wedding	April, May, June, July, August	2014	Friday	\$115.00	\$57.50
Wedding	April, May, June, July, August	2014	Saturday Afternoon/ Sunday Afternoon/ Sunday Evening	\$110.00	\$55.00
Wedding	April, May, June, July, August	2014	Saturday Evening	\$130.00	\$65.00
Wedding	April, May, June, July, August	2014	Sunday (Twi-Light)	\$115.00	\$57.50
Wedding	September and October	2014	Friday	\$120.00	\$60.00
Wedding	September and October	2014	Saturday Afternoon/ Sunday Afternoon/ Sunday Evening	\$115.00	\$57.50
Wedding	September and October	2014	Saturday Evening	\$140.00	\$70.00
Wedding	September and October	2014	Sunday (Twi-Light)	\$120.00	\$60.00
Type of Event	Month(s)	Year	Day of the week	Price Per Person (excludes 20% service charge and sales tax)	
Super Sweet 16/ Quinceañera	April, May, June, July, August, November and December	2013	Friday	\$75.00 Young Adults/ \$85.00 Adults	
Super Sweet 16/ Quinceañera	April, May, June, July, August, November and December	2013	Saturday Afternoon/ Sunday Afternoon/ Sunday Evening	\$60.00 Young Adults/ \$70.00 Adults	
Super Sweet 16/ Quinceañera	April, May, June, July, August, November and December	2013	Saturday Evening	\$85.00 Young Adults/ \$95.00 Adults	
Super Sweet 16/ Quinceañera	April, May, June, July, August, November and December	2013	Sunday (Twi-Light)	\$75.00 Young Adults/ \$85.00 Adults	
Super Sweet 16/ Quinceañera	September and October	2013	Friday	\$85.00 Young Adults/ \$95.00 Adults	
Super Sweet 16/ Quinceañera	September and October	2013	Saturday Afternoon/ Sunday Afternoon/ Sunday Evening	\$60.00 Young Adults/ \$70.00 Adults	
Super Sweet 16/ Quinceañera	September and October	2013	Saturday Evening	\$95.00 Young Adults/ \$110.00 Adults	
Super Sweet 16/ Quinceañera	September and October	2013	Sunday (Twi-Light)	\$75.00 Young Adults/ \$85.00 Adults	
Type of Event	Month(s)	Year	Day of the week	Price Per Person (excludes 20%	

				service charge and sales tax)	
Prom/ Sweet 16 (Teens)	April, May, June, July, August, November and December	2013	Monday - Friday	\$55.00	
Sweet 16 (Teens)	April, May, June, July, August, November and December	2013	Saturday Afternoon/ Sunday Afternoon/ Sunday Evening	\$45.00	
Sweet 16 (Teens)	April, May, June, July, August, November and December	2013	Saturday Evening	Not Available / See Super Sweet 16, Quincera Package	
Sweet 16 (Teens)	April, May, June, July, August, November and December	2013	Sunday (Twi-Light)	Not Available / See Super Sweet 16, Quincera Package	
Prom/ Sweet 16 (Teens)	September and October	2013	Monday - Friday	\$65	
Sweet 16 (Teens)	September and October	2013	Saturday Afternoon/ Sunday Afternoon/ Sunday Evening	\$45.00	
Sweet 16 (Teens)	September and October	2013	Saturday Evening	Not Available / See Super Sweet 16, Quincera Package	
Sweet 16 (Teens)	September and October	2013	Sunday (Twi-Light)	Not Available / See Super Sweet 16, Quincera Package	
Type of Event	Month(s)	Year	Day of the week	Price Per Person (excludes 20% service charge and sales tax)	
				Adults	Children 4 - 12 years (half price)
Banquet	April, May, June, July, August	2013	Monday - Thursday Afternoon or Evening	\$29.00	\$14.50
Banquet	April, May, June, July, August	2013	Friday	\$49.00	\$24.50
Banquet	April, May, June, July, August	2013	Saturday or Sunday Afternoon	\$39.00	\$19.50
Banquet	April, May, June, July, August	2013	Saturday Evening	\$59.00	\$29.50
Banquet	September, October, November and December	2013	Monday - Thursday Afternoon or Evening	\$39.00	\$19.50
Banquet	September, October, November and December	2013	Friday	\$59.00	\$29.50
Banquet	September, October, November and December	2013	Saturday or Sunday Afternoon	\$39.00	\$19.50
Banquet	September, October, November and	2013	Saturday Evening	\$69.00	\$34.50

Type of Event	Month(s)	Year	Day of the week	Price Per Person (excludes 20% service charge and sales tax)	
				Adults	Children 4 - 12 years (half price)
Mitzvah	April, May, June	2013	Friday	\$100.00	\$50.00
Mitzvah	April, May, June	2013	Saturday Afternoon/ Sunday Afternoon/ Sunday Evening	\$95.00	\$47.50
Mitzvah	April, May, June	2013	Saturday Evening	\$105.00	\$52.50
Mitzvah	April, May, June	2013	Sunday (Twi-Light)	\$100.00	\$50.00
Mitzvah	July, August, September, November and December	2013	Friday	\$105.00	\$52.50
Mitzvah	July, August, September, November and December	2013	Saturday Afternoon/ Sunday Afternoon/ Sunday Evening	\$100.00	\$50.00
Mitzvah	July, August, September, November and December	2013	Saturday Evening	\$110.00	\$55.00
Mitzvah	July, August, September, November and December	2013	Sunday (Twi-Light)	\$105.00	\$52.50
Mitzvah	October	2013	Friday	\$115.00	\$57.50
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Mitzvah	September and October	2014	Saturday Afternoon/ Sunday Afternoon/ Sunday Evening	\$115.00	\$57.50
Mitzvah	September and October	2014	Saturday Evening	\$140.00	\$70.00
Mitzvah	September and October	2014	Sunday (Twi-Light)	\$120.00	\$60.00

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

FINAL READING STATEMENT

This meeting is open to the public for the purposes of commenting on Ordinance 748-2013 only.

Tom Getzendanner, Councilman, City of Summit, asked if the fees mentioned in Ordinance 748-2013 are set high enough to break even or make a profit.

Director Sanchez stated that their goal is always to generate a profit at every event.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, said that he recalled a Resolution about steak dinners and Keemo Concessions. He questioned the cost per plate and asked for an explanation of a paragraph mentioned in the Ordinance about cutting fees in half.

County Counsel Barry stated that Keemo Concessions has three locations within the County facilities: the Courthouse, the Courthouse Annex and the Administration Building. They are not associated in any way with the Galloping Hill facilities. County Counsel Barry stated that Keemo Concessions is to be pulled from tonight's Agenda.

Director Sanchez stated that Ordinance 748-2013 is to set the fees for the restaurant. The fees will include soda, steak dinners and the such.

John Bury, made comments referring to the name of the restaurant and asked if the price range is based on head count.

Director Sanchez stated that the restaurant was named after an endangered bird species. It migrates from New Jersey to Argentina. He stated that the dinners run from \$45 to \$100 per person. He said the half price statement refers to events like a Fathers' Day special for father and child golf. It

is not for special parties. They are not looking at a minimum or maximum, and there will be no discount given for the number of people.

County Manager Faella stated that the Department of Finance will be notified for a transparency trail for the special prices for golf, and will need to be approved by the County Manager.

This concludes the Public Hearing on Ordinance 748-2013.

Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh, Policy Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 748-2013 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

County Manager's Presentation of the Executive Budget

County Manager Faella stated made the following statement:

The Department of Finance will be notified for a transparency trail for the special prices for golf, and will need to be approved by the County Manager. He said tonight the Freeholder Board is scheduled to consider the 2013 budget for introduction. This is not the final budget, but rather a work in progress that the Fiscal Committee and Freeholder Board will work to amend before final adoption later this spring. He said that he noted in his Executive Budget message, that this begins the second year of what is a multi-year budgetary turnaround. We have closed an approximate \$28 million budget gap.

Overall, the County appears to have stemmed the tide of eroding revenue collections in line with the national recovery. We have taken long term steps to create new revenue streams, and we implementing proactive measures controlling our costs for future budgets. This year, we have turned our attention to the completion of several areas identified in last year's executive budget: Runnells Specialized Hospital, the Watchung Stables and the Union County Jail. County Manager Faella stated that it should be noted that we have commissioned studies in all three areas. As per the County Jail, which costs more than \$50 million to operate, we currently have two studies that are ongoing.

The first management study, approved during the summer, is underway at the County Jail. This study reviews management, personnel matters, staffing levels, budgeting and labor contracts. The report is expected to be completed within the next few weeks and will be reviewed upon completion for implementation.

We are already reaping benefits from a second study, conducted through Luminosity, which began in January, 2012. This study, through the engagement of stakeholders has helped reduce the daily population of the Jail by 17 percent, saving at least \$500,000 in food and medical costs. It has also enabled the County to embark on a state-mandated renovation of the Jail. This will help save the County as much as several million dollars as there are fewer prisoners that need to be placed temporarily at outside facilities during the renovation. As the Luminosity Study has helped reduce prison population numbers, the County can now market our old Juvenile Detention Center for rental or lease as a correctional facility. This would create a new revenue source. As we examine the

budget as a whole, new revenue sources are needed, as overall revenue collections were near flat in 2012. The County once again, suffered from a reduction in State and Federal reimbursements. At the same time we endured increased mandated costs. This included contractual salary costs, health insurance and pensions, and a financial impact from Hurricane Sandy.

Some of the major drivers of our deficit included:

- A \$5.8 million dollar rise in contractual salaries, pensions and health insurance costs. As we do every year, we will look again this year to reduce our health insurance costs.

It should be noted, though, there is better news ahead in our future budgets. We now have an outstanding opportunity to implement long-term control over salary costs as 19 of 22 the County's bargaining units have expired contracts. Our goal will be to negotiate balanced contracts with an eye toward further controlling costs.

Other drivers of the deficit include:

- A \$3.8 million decrease in state and federal reimbursements which impacted Runnells and our Department of Human Services. Further reductions in revenue can be expected as the state implements reimbursement through managed care contracts.
- (Also) A \$6 million rise in debt service for much needed public investments. The areas include: our County College and Vo-Tech, our transportation infrastructure, our parks system, and the state-mandated family court.

These bonds also helped finance the construction of the Union County College School for Nursing, which has helped make the College the largest educator of Allied healthcare professionals in New Jersey.

- (Also) A \$1 million expense caused by Hurricane Sandy, which damaged over 11,000 homes, and caused \$45 million in damage to public sector property;
- (also) A loss of \$975,000 in revenues through the rental of beds in the Juvenile Detention Center. This occurred since Bergen County's contract to lease beds from Union County ended with the opening of their new juvenile detention facility. As mentioned above, we are seeking to offset this loss through the potential lease of space at the old juvenile detention center.

The ongoing slump in New Jersey real estate values and Hurricane Sandy plagued the county as the ratable base once again declined, by 3.8 percent to \$65.9 billion. As a result of the weakness in the market, tax appeals have jumped an average of 35 percent over the past two years. He stated that while these statistics may sound ominous, there appears to be signs of a recovery evident in a few areas where revenues increased. Revenue collections jumped in our County Clerk's Office almost 20 percent in one year—a \$1.1 million increase to \$6.8 million. This is still down substantially from record highs several years ago, but nonetheless a noteworthy jump.

Next, our County Parks and Community Development Department increased its revenues by \$250,000, which may sound small. But this is remarkable since the hurricane closed many parks facilities for days, if not weeks. This increase was fueled by the Division of Golf Operations, which has operated in the black for the past three years since our turnaround plan. This year, we look forward to the opening of the Clubhouse at Galloping Hill Golf Course. The opening will mark the

final and greatest milepost in the transformation of our golf operations.

Finally, as per the budget, we managed to close the gap, meeting the State cap on spending.

Tonight's vote marks an introduction of the process, as the budget is still subject to amendment. He said he looks forward to taking direction from the Freeholder Board in crafting a final document for approval in the months ahead.

Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, Freeholder Sullivan's Comments

Freeholder Sullivan stated that this is another challenging fiscal cycle, and as Chair of the Fiscal Committee, he urged County Manager Faella, on behalf of the Freeholder board, to continue his line by line review of the budget to ensure all savings and efficiencies are ascertained. He said our vote on the budget renews the process among our administrators, directors and bargaining units to seek efficiencies aimed at avoiding layoffs or cuts that would imperil the delivery of important services. He said with this in mind, we have set up two dates for departmental budget hearings, March 21st and April 4th. Both hearings will begin at 5pm and will be prior to and separate from the Freeholder Agenda meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Chairman Carter asked the Clerk of the Board to pull Resolution 2013-237 from the Agenda.

Tom Getzendanner, Council Member, City of Summit, stated that he was standing in for Councilman Al Dill who could not make the meeting tonight.

Mr. Getzendanner commended Director Moran for the County's new combined Dispatch Center in Westfield. He also made comments and had questions referring to Resolutions 2013-227, 228, 229, referring to the Cap Bank and Resolution 2013- 233 referring to the solar panels for Runnells Hospital. He asked that the vote be done by roll call. His statement is attached.

Director Taylor stated that Resolution 2013-228 is establishing a Cap Bank allowed by law to approve this Resolution. She explained the difference between using the 1977 Cap and the 2010 2% Cap. She stated by using the 1977 Cap via adoption of this Resolution reflects a tax levy of \$321 million, which is \$3 million lower than the 2010 Cap of \$324 million. She said Counties have to utilize the more restrictive Cap, even with some exceptions, such as the debt, health insurance, pensions, social services, etc., which municipalities do not have, and it is still less than the 2% 2010 Cap.

Chairman Carter stated that the vote is always done by roll call. If any of the Freeholders would like to object or abstain, it will be noted.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, stated that in reference to Resolution 2013-228, \$1.8 million was taken to offset the crisis of last year. He asked if more will be taken to increase taxes. If so, he asked for the amount.

In reference to Resolution 2013-229, he believes that there is a conflict of interest with the Fiscal Chair and the Fiscal Chair of the UCUA. He said he is opposed to privatizing the jail. He said it is one of the functions of the County government. He commended the Garwood Fiscal Chairman for reducing the assessments. He said she recognizes the tax payer's stress. In reference to Resolution 2013-238, he said he appreciates the program and asked if the County makes money to offset the expenditures.

Director Taylor stated that the Executive and Introduction of the Budget states on page 3, that we are not utilizing any Cap Bank from previous years.

Director Graziano referenced Resolution 2013-238, stating that it is all grant funded. There is no profit.

Tina Renna, Cranford, asked for an explanation of the substantial increase in contracts for Resolutions 2013-234 and 235.

Director Graziano stated that Nick Netta of Netta Architects and Bob Pasquale of Pinnacle Consultants were in attendance to explain the reason for the increases.

Mr. Netta explained the Change Order in Resolution 2013-234 consists of five components; the largest being the 11 month extension, which required added work to the scope, such as painting, structural repair, administration, caulking windows and the construction manager.

Mr. Pasquale explained that the project for Resolution 2013-235 required a 16 month extension for additional construction management services associated with the Union County Justice Complex alterations and 6 to 8 months extension for the Juvenile Detention Center for additional scope of work for door frames, surveillance cameras, hardware, painting of pods at the Oriscello Correctional Facility.

Director Graziano stated that Pinnacle Consultants is receiving 5.5% of the total project, which is usually 7-10% and Netta Architects, 8%, which is still lower than 10%.

Maria Edgemaria, Elizabeth, asked who is eligible for Respite Care as mentioned in Resolution 2013-225.

Director Guzzo stated that Resolution 2013-225 will provide services to seniors and adults with disabilities, whereas a caregiver is provided to those who need a break. He stated that Respite Care is located out of the State Department of Human Services. He referred Ms. Edgemaria to contact the State.

Chairman Carter asked Ms. Edgemaria to give her information to the State.

Director Graziano referenced Resolution 2013-229, stating that the solar panel project is complete. The Change Order was for footings because the style was changed.

John Bury, Kenilworth, stated that he is opposed to Resolutions 2013-228 and 2013-229. He asked if the Budget and the Executive Budget are the same. He asked what is the maximum the Cap Level can be raised.

Director Taylor stated that the Budget being introduced is the mirror image of the Executive Budget

with the exception of the State and Federal grants. There is approximately \$11.9 million reduction as the awards have not yet been received. At that time, that portion of the Budget will be amended prior to adoption. She stated as these awards are received throughout the year, Chapter 159 Resolutions will be done to amend the Budget for these purposes.

Director Taylor reiterated that the County must use the more restrictive Cap Levy; in this case the 1977 Cap. She stated that the taxes for the 2010 Cap could be raised to \$324 million and the 1977 Cap could be raised to \$321,000. Therefore, the 1977 Cap is being introduced.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

2013-221 FREEHOLDER BERGEN: Supporting the Mayors' Council on Rahway River Watershed Flood Control's request for state funding in the 2014 budget in an effort to complete the evaluation process in order to establish a recommended action plan for the South Mountain Regional Detention Basin Project.

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

2013-222 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement of Understanding and HIPPA Compliance Agreement between the Union County Division on Aging and Trinitas Medical Center for the Out-stationing of County Aging Social Worker staff (one, maximum two as needed, part-time employees) to provide health coaching to patients utilizing the Care Transitions model for the period of March 15, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

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

2013-223 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2013-109, to allocate additional HOPWA Spending Plan funds in the amount of \$12,907.00, for a revised total allocation of \$534,907.00, for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 for the provision of long term rental assistance to people with HIV/AIDS.

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

2013-224 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2013 Coordinated Community Care Spending Plan in the total amount, not to exceed, \$100,000.00; entering into agreements with various agencies, pursuant to a Request for Proposal for contract year one of a three year cycle with renewal contingent upon receipt of additional grant funding from New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services, to provide Home Care and

Nursing services to Union County residents 60 years or older for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013; further authorizing the County Manager to transfer funds among the funded agencies, during the contract period, should services needs change and/or if any of the funded agencies should fail to meet its contractual obligation.

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

2013-225 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2013 Statewide Respite Care Spending Plan in the total amount, not to exceed, \$326,460.00; entering into agreements with various agencies, pursuant to a Request for Proposal for contract year one of a three year cycle with renewal contingent upon receipt of additional grant funding from New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services, to provide Respite Care services to unpaid caregivers of Union County senior and disabled residents for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013; further authorizing the County Manager to transfer funds among the funded agencies, during the contract period, should services needs change and/or if any of the funded agencies should fail to meet its contractual obligation.

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

2013-226 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, to execute any and all agreements for the Fiscal Year 2013 Union County Arts Grant Program in the amount of \$58,500.

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

2013-227 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA: Resolution urging the Governor and the New Jersey State Legislature to restore funding to the State Recycling Fund in the Fiscal Year 2014 State Budget.

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

2013-228 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Resolution to exceed the County tax levy limit and to establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.14).

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

2013-229 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Resolution Introducing and Approving the Annual Budget of the County of Union for the Fiscal Year 2013.

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

2013-230 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the Union County Economic Development Corporation for the purpose of providing general economic development services to private businesses in Union County for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 in the amount of \$60,000.00.

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

2013-231 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the Union County Economic Development Corporation for the purpose of providing procurement training/technical assistance to private businesses within the County of Union and associated general economic development services to the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 in the amount of \$100,000.00.

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

2013-232 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Re-appointing John Morgan as a member to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board to represent the Township of Scotch Plains for a term commencing January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

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

2013-233 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Amending Resolution Number 2012-226, 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 Runnells Specialized Hospital, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, in the amount of \$22,921.25 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$1,496,921.25.

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

2013-234 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Amending Resolution Number 2008-779, a Professional Architectural Service Contract with Netta Architects, LLC, Mountainside, New Jersey, approving Amendment No. 5 for additional architectural/engineering services associated with the Union County Correctional Facility in the amount of \$214,083.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$512,173.00. This amendment will extend this contract for an additional eleven (11) months from September 2013 through July 2014.

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

2013-235 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Amending Resolution Number 2011-634, a Professional Construction Management Service contract with Pinnacle Consulting, Newark, New Jersey, approving Amendment No. 2 for additional construction management services associated with the Union County Justice Complex Alterations - Phase I & II project in the amount of \$416,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$1,254,404.52. This Amendment will extend the contract for an additional sixteen (16) months from April 20, 2013 through to August 2014.

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

2013-236 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Engineering: Tiffany Electric, Inc., Fairfield, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Intersection Improvements Project Vauxhall Road and Valley Street, Township of Union, one hundred eighty (180) days from Notice to Proceed in the amount of \$290,660.50. This is a Federal Funded Project.

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

2013-237 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the UC Board of Chosen Freeholders to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised competitive contracting in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Engineering, Public Works & Facilities; Division of Facilities Management: Keemo Cafeteria, LLC, for the purpose of providing Food Concession Services and Vending Space, April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2018, in the amount to be paid to the County of \$450,000.

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

2013-238 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County of Union to exercise the option to extend their contract, awarded through Open Public Bidding, with Radiac Research Corporation,

Brooklyn, New York, for an additional twenty-four (24) month period from June 28, 2013 through June 27, 2015 for the collection, packaging, transportation and proper disposal of all wastes collected at Union County Household Hazardous Waste Programs in the amount of \$279,752.00. Contract is funded in full through the Recycling Enhancement Grant.

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

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2013-239 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA: Congratulating the Portuguese Instructive Social Club of Elizabeth on observing their 91st Anniversary of providing social services to residents of Elizabeth and the County of Union.

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

2013-240 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Congratulating Daniel Curley of Cranford, New Jersey, Boy Scout Troop 80, on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

2013-241 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Congratulating Alexander Timothy Tobias, Boy Scout Troop 75, of Cranford, New Jersey, on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

2013-242 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Expressing the Board's deepest sympathy to the family of Arleen Borden of Cranford, New Jersey, in this their time of sorrow.

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

2013-243 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA, FREEHOLDER ESTRADA, FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI, VICE CHAIRMAN HUDAK, FREEHOLDER BERGEN, FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN, CHAIRMAN CARTER, FREEHOLDER JALLOH, FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Proclaiming the month of March, 2013 "Women's History Month" in the County of Union.

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

2013-244 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Congratulating Adele Gilman on her retirement as Executive Director of the Cranford Senior Housing after 20 years of dedicated service.

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

2013-245 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA: Proclaiming the month of March "American Red Cross Month" in Union County.

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

2013-246 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA: Expressing the Board's deepest sympathy to the family of Rosemary McClave in this their time of sorrow.

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

2013-247 VICE CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Expressing the Board's deepest sympathy to the family of Edward J. Wohlrab, in this their time of sorrow.

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

2013-248 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Recognizing the week of March 3-9, 2013 as "National Problem Gambling Awareness Week," in the County of Union.

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

2013-249 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Expressing the Board's deepest sympathy to the family of Marge Devanney in this their time of sorrow.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Maria Edgemaria, Elizabeth, asked if the Board would consider sponsoring a Resolution supporting a special need school to be located within the City of Elizabeth. She said the nearest school is 45 minutes away.

Chairman Carter stated that she has advised Ms. Edgemaria to contact the Superintendent of Schools. She said they have jurisdiction with the Board of the Education.

Tina Renna, Cranford, disagreed with Director Graziano's explanation regarding the titles of the employees. She claims they are supervisors.

Director Graziano stated that he neglected to mention that one employee, Christine Bodek, is a Keyboarding Clerk and does purchasing for the Department. However, the others are working supervisors.

Chairman Carter stated that even though employees are desk workers, and not physical laborers, they are still working employees.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, asked why the Department of Public Works Clerk was switched. He said it does not make sense.

Mr. Paterson spoke about the Traffic Bureau grant that has not be renewed. He stated that they should have been on the County's payroll. This is the true purpose of County government, he stated.

Mr. Paterson stated that the real estate taxes from the Red Knot Restaurant located at the Galloping Hill Clubhouse should be paid to the Borough of Kenilworth, not to the County government.

John Bury, Kenilworth, stated that if the Cap is raised to \$324 million, can property taxes be raised even more.

Mr. Bury stated that the Grand Opening of the Galloping Hill Banquet Facility is scheduled for April 1st. He asked if they could expect more Change Orders.

Director Taylor stated that Counties are required to use the lesser of the two caps, the 1977 Cap and the 2010 Cap. She said the 1977 tax levy equates to \$321 million and that is what is being utilized. The County cannot go above the 1977 Cap Levy.

Director Taylor stated that the Budget is being introduced with exceptions. She said the Budget represents the 1977 cap.

Director Sanchez stated that the Galloping Hill Banquet Facility is still scheduled to open on April 1st, and there will be no more Change Orders following the \$750,000 Change Order.

Jim Buettner, Cranford, asked if there were other recommendations for the name of the restaurant at the Galloping Hill Banquet facility. He suggested that it be renamed after a well-deserved resident.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Kowalski made comments regarding the Women of Excellence Dinner that will be held on March 22nd for women who have shown outstanding achievement to their community. For more information to contact Carol Lombardo.

Freeholder Kowalski spoke about the Teen Arts Festival that is scheduled for March 26th and 27th. Freeholder Bergen stated that much progress has been made on addressing bullying in our society, but there is still a long way to go. With that in mind, if you are a parent, educator or social service provider, he encourages attending the upcoming "Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Update," sponsored by the Union County Human Relations Commission. He said this two-hour seminar is hosted by Dr. Paula C. Rodriguez Rust, who is the co-founder of the Alliance for Comprehensive and Effective Strategies for Bullying Prevention.

Dr. Rodriguez will provide her expert analysis of the steps that have been taken so far, and what we can do to ensure future progress.

The Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Update will be held on Thursday, April 4th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Union County Vo-Tech campus on Raritan Road, in Scotch Plains.

To get all the details you can contact the Union County Human Relations Commission at 908-889-9028.

Freeholder Estrada stated that he is pleased to invite members of the public to help create a plan for improving access to transportation, educational resources, economic opportunities and quality of life in Union County and the North Jersey region. The plan is being developed by a group called Together North Jersey, which is a voluntary partnership of counties (including Union County), cities, towns, non-profit organizations, and educational institutions. Together North Jersey wants to hear from people from all walks of life, so this is a unique opportunity to make your voice heard, and to have a say in setting our communities on the path to a more sustainable future. There will be a public session on Tuesday evening, March 19th at Kean University and if you can't make it to that one, the Freeholder Board is hosting a series of five sessions starting on Thursday, March 28th. He said we will have a schedule and all of the details available shortly, so check the County website for updates at ucnj.org.

Freeholder Estrada congratulated the Portuguese Club for their 91st Anniversary celebration. He congratulated the Catholics for on selecting a Pope and said hopefully the new Pope will be focusing on the needs of people throughout the world.

Freeholder Estrada spoke about the St. Patrick's Day Parade that will be held in Union.

Chairman Carter stated that lately there has been some good news about the national outlook for

businesses, and we want to help make sure that the Union County community is in a good position to grow along with it. With that in mind, our free 2013 Union County Means Business networking series is scheduled for Thursday, March 28th with special guests: U.S. Representative Rush Holt, and New Jersey Senators Lesniak and Kean.

Chairman Carter stated that there is more to come, and the highlight of our series this year will be the “UCMB Women’s Summit,” a half-day of workshops and programs scheduled for June 19th at the new Galloping Hill Golf Course Clubhouse. These are free, public programs designed to connect local businesses with resources and information, so if you own or manage a business in Union County I encourage you to join us. More details are available online at ucnj.org/UCMeansBusiness.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 PM.

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

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

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REGULAR MEETINGS

January 26, 2012

February 9, 2012
February 23, 2012

March 8, 2012
March 22, 2012

April 19, 2012
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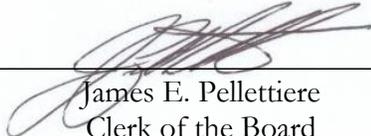
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