



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 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	Absent	
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 led by the Clerk of the Board.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Oaths of Office

1. Oath of Office: Air Traffic and Noise Advisory Board: Rhashonna Cosby-Hurling, Mark Kirkconnell, Barbara Krause, James Mathieu, Jim McLaughlin, and Roger Stryeski; Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse: James Nichnadowicz and Karyn Weingarten; Mental Health Board: Philiip G. Avila, Pamela Eagan and Deborah Matro; Union County Transportation Advisory Board: Michael Disko, Jr., James Mathieu, Roger Stryeski and Ronald Zuber; Workforce Investment Board: Pamela Capaci, Peter Capodice, Noel Christmas and Stanley Robinson.

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

PRESENTATION FROM THE BOARD

A Resolution was presented to Christine C. Hodde, Executive Director of the American Red Cross, New Jersey Crossroads Chapter in Summit in recognition of "Red Cross Month" in Union County.

Chairman Carter and Freeholder Mirabella presented Christine Hodde, Executive Director of the American Red Cross, New Jersey Crossroads Chapter in Summit with a Resolution recognizing Red Cross Month in Union County.

Freeholder Mirabella stated that the Board is very supportive of the work the Red Cross participates in providing service in Union County, the State of New Jersey and the Tri-State region, along with blood drives.

Ms. Hodde thanked the Board for the great recognition.

Disaster Response Director Malcolm Plager said their work is supported by many volunteers, in which the Red Cross relies heavily upon along with donations. He noted that volunteers assist with the various programs such as transporting senior and working with Veterans at hospitals. He said their logo is recognized globally. He thanked Freeholder Mirabella and the entire Board for the Resolution.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Tom Getzendanner, Council Member, City of Summit, thanked the Board for honoring Ms. Hodde of the Red Cross. He also thanked the Board for renewing the contract with Sage Eldercare (Resolution 2013-253) and for the agreement with Meals on Wheels as mentioned in Resolution 2013-254.

Council Member Getzendanner thanked Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Estrada and Freeholder Bergen for delivering meals to seniors. He asked if it is necessary to purchase golf carts if the golf courses are being considered for privatization. He questioned the details of the annual increases in Resolutions 2013-269 and 270.

Council Member Getzendanner's statement is attached.

Director DiRado stated that 21 of 22 Collective Bargaining units have expired. Resolution 2013-269 is the first contract, whereas they will be receiving a 0% increase in 2011 and 2012 and 2% in 2013 and 2014. He said they are the first group to have agreed to the healthcare concessions. In reference to Resolution 2013-270, the PBA received a 0% increase in 2010; 2.25% in 2011; 2.5% in 2012; and 0% increases in 2013 and 2014. He said if all Collective Bargaining units agree with the concession, it will result in a \$1.6 million savings to the County.

George Kanakaris, Elizabeth, stated that he is opposed to the additional traffic cameras mentioned in Resolutions 2013-264 and 266.

County Counsel Barry stated that placement of the cameras is strictly determined by the municipality. He said the County could participate, but cannot advise them where the cameras should be installed or how many they could install.

Chairman Carter referred Mr. Karakitis to the City of Rahway and the City of Linden regarding Resolutions 2013-264 and 266, respectively.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, stated that he is opposed to the cameras as mentioned in Resolutions 2013-264 and 266. He asked how much revenue is was the County projecting in the Budget for the Red Light Cameras.

Mr. Paterson asked if there is a stipend given to the Commissions mentioned in Resolution 2013-267. He asked how many employees are involved in Resolutions 2013-269 and 270. He asked if the 0% increases in 2011 and 2012 will be retroactive and if the lifetime health benefits are the same as the exclusionary employees.

Mr. Paterson appreciates the short Agenda and thanked the Board for not having many expenditures.

Chairman Carter stated that the Commissions mentioned in Resolution 2013-267 do not receive a stipend.

Director DiRado stated that there are six employees included in Resolution 2013-269 and 2 employees referring to Resolution 2013-270. He stated that this is the first contract with the FMBA and there is no retirement health benefits. He stated that Resolution 2013-270 regarding the PBA retirement health benefits and was not negotiated into this contract.

John Bury, Kenilworth asked if there is a term pertaining to Resolution 2013-257 and asked if it is a revenue generating item. He asked if Kemper the revenue.

Director Zuber stated that the contract for Resolution 2013-257 ends March 31, 2013 and a new contract begins April 1, 2013. He stated that in 2012 KemperSports received \$630,000 in revenue for the golf carts and they are forecasting \$2.8 in revenue for the current 48 month lease.

Maria Edgemaria, Elizabeth, stated that she is opposed to the Red Light Camera as mentioned in Resolutions 2013-264 and 2013-266. She asked for an explanation of the "civil action" mentioned in Resolution 2013-268.

County Counsel Barry explained that Resolution 2013-268 is a long standing litigation having multiple defendants, of which the County is one defendant. He said it was the result of a life threatening response to a prisoner who passed away. The total settlement was in the amount of \$4 million; with the County settling in the amount of \$500,000 and the defendants settling in the amount \$3.5 million. He said they believe that the settlement was reasonable.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

2013-250 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA: Amending Resolution Number 2012-458, approving the 2012 Consolidated Action Plan to increase CDBG funding to the Plainfield YMCA for Year 38 in the amount of \$40,000.00 from \$26,500.00 to \$66,500.00.

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

2013-251 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with NJ TRANSIT to secure grant funding in the amount of \$125,000 with a 100% match of \$125,000 for a total of \$250,000 for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 inclusion in NJ Transit's Consolidated Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Grant Application, submitted to the Federal Transit Administration for Federal Transportation assistance authorized by Section 3037 of the Transportation Equity Act of 21st Century (TEA-21).

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

2013-252 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2013-56, to add an additional allocation in the amount of \$358,565 in grant and revenue for the contract period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 to Veolia Transportation, Inc. for the continued provision of the Paratransit and Route 22 Shuttle service.

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

2013-253 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract, pursuant to Request for Proposal (RFP), to SAGE Eldercare, Inc., for the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) for the period of April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014, contract year 1 of a 3 year contract, in an amount not to exceed \$38,000.00 with renewal contingent upon receipt of additional grant funding from the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services; and further authorizing the County Manager to transfer funds during the contract period should service needs change and/or if the agency should fail to meet their contractual obligation.

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

2013-254 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2013-111 to include Meals on Wheels, Linden, New Jersey, as an additional vendor to deliver nutritional services to persons 60 years of age or older residing in the County of Union and /or their caregivers in the total

amount not to exceed \$1,411,961.00 for contract year one period of April 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 with an option to renew the contract for two years in accordance with the Area Plan Contract 2013-2015; and further authorizing the County Manager to transfer funds during the contract period should service needs change and/or if the agency should fail to meet its contractual obligation.

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

2013-255 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Approving appropriation transfers pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-58.

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

2013-256 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Amendment to the 2013 Temporary Budget per CH. 96 P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20).

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

2013-257 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks and Community Renewal: Vic Gerard, Farmingdale, NJ, for the purpose of providing golf carts and maintenance vehicles for Galloping Hill and Ash Brook Golf Courses for a 48 month lease agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$823,872.00. (Revenue Generating)

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

2013-258 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Appointing Robert Deitch as a Delegate member and Jeanne Kinglsey as an Alternate member to the Transportation Advisory Board to represent the Township of Berkeley Heights for a term commencing January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

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

2013-259 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into a contract with GPS Insight, LLC, Scottsdale, Arizona, for rental

of GPS vehicle tracking units for the period of February 1, 2013 through January 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

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

2013-260 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Resolution granting permission to the Township of Scotch Plains to close Martine Avenue, from West Broad Street to Cooper Road from 8:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. on April 6, 2013 for a YMCA sponsored race.

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

2013-261 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Public Safety: First Priority Emergency Vehicles, Inc., Manchester, New Jersey, for the purpose of purchasing three HazMat Ambulances in the amount of \$265,000.00.

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

2013-262 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to upgrade and add dispatch monitoring software and licenses with TriTech Software Systems, San Diego, California, (formerly VisiCAD/VisiNET) in the amount of \$296,176.55 As An Exception To Bidding Pursuant To NJSA 40A:11-5(1)(dd) for proprietary computer systems and software.

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

2013-263 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Rahway for the use of the autopsy room and tables to perform autopsies at a cost of \$200.00 per case, external examinations at a cost of \$60.00 per case and histology slides at a cost of \$25.00 per case for an estimated 200 cases for the contract period of April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00.

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

2013-264 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Amending Resolution Number 2012-416, to reflect a change in the traffic control signal monitoring device cost and revenue program agreement with the City of Rahway to include two (2) additional cameras added in April 2012 and five (5) additional cameras added in October 2012 (for a total of 11 cameras) for an additional amount not to exceed \$109,940.00 for the period ending July 4, 2014.

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

2013-265 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Amending Resolution Number 2012-766, to reflect a change in the traffic control signal monitoring device cost and revenue program with the Township of Union to include funding through July 4, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$49,638.00.

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

2013-266 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Amending Resolution Number 2012-701, to reflect a change in the traffic control signal monitoring device cost and revenue program agreement with the City of Linden to include four (4) additional cameras added in October 2012 (for a total of sixteen (16) cameras) and additional funding for the period through July 4, 2014 for additional amount not to exceed \$174,678.00.

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

2013-267 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Appointing Matthew DiRado, Esq., BiBi Taylor and Frank Guzzo as Commissioners to the Self-Insurance Fund for a term commencing January 15, 2013 and ending on January 14, 2014 or for the remainder of their term of office as officials, whichever is less.

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

2013-268 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Approving the settlement in the matter entitled Jonathan Dawkins v. Union County, et als, Civil Action No. 2:09-cv-04822-WJM-CCC in the amount of \$500,000.00.

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

2013-269 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with FMBA-NAGE Local R2-343, HazMat Technicians/Responders, effective January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2014.

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

2013-270 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with PBA local 203, Weights and Measures, effective January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2014.

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

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2013-271 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA: Congratulating David J. Vale of Elizabeth, New Jersey, Boy Scout Troop 101, on attaining his Eagle Scout Award.

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

2013-272 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA: Recognizing Diane J. Johnson, Field Director, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Newark, New Jersey Office, for her tireless efforts on behalf of Union County in our efforts to provide affordable housing to our residents.

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

2013-273 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA: Proclaiming the week of April 1-6, 2013 "National Community Development Week in the County of Union to celebrate the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program.

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

2013-274 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA: Congratulating Thomas S. Huckfeldt of New Providence, New Jersey, Boy Scout Troop #1 on attaining his Eagle Scout Award.

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

2013-275 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA: Congratulating Kevin Russell Fries of New Providence, New Jersey, Boy Scout Troop #1 on attaining his Eagle Scout Award.

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

2013-276 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA: Congratulating Thomas Francis Fusillo of New Providence, New Jersey, Boy Scout Troop #1, on attaining his Eagle Scout Award.

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

2013-277 VICE CHAIRMAN HUDAK, FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN, FREEHOLDER JALLOH: Congratulating the Roselle Catholic High School Boys Basketball Team on winning the Tournament of Champions Final for the first time in school history.

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

2013-278 VICE CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Expressing the Board's deepest sympathy to the family of Frank Amato of Linden, New Jersey, in this their time of sorrow.

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

2013-279 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Commending Mark Lasky, Chief Executive Officer of the Occupational Center of Union County upon his retirement after sixteen years of service.

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

2013-280 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Recognizing "Plainfield Seniors On The Move" Program, which provides services for the city's older adults, minority elderly and frail senior citizens at the Plainfield Senior Citizen's Center.

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

2013-281 CHAIRMAN CARTER, FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA, FREEHOLDER ESTRADA, FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI, FREEHOLDER BERGEN, VICE CHAIRMAN HUDAK, FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN, FREEHOLDER JALLOH, FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Co-Sponsoring the 2013 Playball for Miracles Softball Tournament, in cooperation with the Elizabeth NJ Firemen's Federal Credit Union and the Amateur Softball Association, to be held at Warinanco Park on May 4, 2013.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Tom Getzendanner, Council Member, City of Summit, referred to an article in the Star Ledger about a 0% tax increase in Morris County. He acknowledged the differences between Morris County and Union County, but urged the Freeholders to reduce the budget to 2% not 6%. He stated that the Open Space tax should be on the ballot on the General Election. He asked what is being done to trim the County Manager's Executive Budget.

Chairman Carter stated that County Manager Faella and Director Taylor has asked all the Directors to look at every line item to find ways to cut their budget and that the Fiscal Committee is working hard to find cuts.

George Kanakaris, Elizabeth, stated that today is Greek Independence Day. He made remarks about fearing the police and the jail system.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, read a statement questioning the integrity of the Sheriff's Office and Undersheriff Cryan.

Chairman Carter stated that his comments referred to a Personnel issue and will be referred to and will be handled within Personnel guidelines, not in an open forum.

Maria Edgemaria, Elizabeth, spoke about being abused and abuse made police officers in Elizabeth. She also questioned policies and procedures of forcing to have children vaccinated.

Chairman Carter stated that it is the policy of the Board of Education to have children vaccinated. She referred Ms. Egemaria to the County Superintendent's Office and stated that she will speak to Ms. Edgemaria after the Freeholder Meeting.

Nancy Piowar, Plainfield, stated that she is opposed to having a Verizon Cell Tower located in the Historic Hillside Cemetery in Scotch Plains. She stated that she is an historic activist. She spoke about the Battle of Short Hills. She said the Tower will result in loss of cultural landscaping after

236 years. She stated that letters were sent to the Board.

Chairman Carter stated that the Board received her letters.

Mike Kirkland, Edison, also spoke about the Cell Tower. He stated that in 2009 T-Mobile and Verizon applied for a variance to install a 125' monopole, in which the Township of Scotch Plains deliberated over a 7 month period. He acknowledged Freeholder Kowalski's efforts in offering her testimony relative to the historical significance of the cemetery. He said in 2010, the decision was made by the Scotch Plains Zoning Board to deny the application was upheld. Then the applicant appealed to the Appellate Court and a decision was made on March 11, 2013 to allow the installation of the Cell Tower.

Mr. Kirkland explained that the Township of Scotch Plains decided that based on financial restraints of the Township, that it would be too costly and may not be affective. Mr. Kirkland appealed to the Board of Freeholders to assist financially.

Salvatore Olivito, Scotch Plains, made comments about the Cell Tower. He asked the Board for their assistance. He stated the residents and Township are looking to obtain a temporary delay. He said there have been many contradictions with T-Mobile and Verizon's Testamony.

John Bury, Kenilworth, made comments regard the Prosecutor's staff and the matter with Undersheriff Cryan.

Chairman Carter asked Mr. Bury to direct his questions concerning Undersheriff Cryan and the Prosecutor's staff to the Prosecutor's Office.

Mr. Bury made reference to Birdsall Group and the DeCotiis Law Firm.

County Counsel Barry stated that in the course of the investigation, it is the Prosecutor's decision to allocate his use of personnel. He stated that he is uncertain if the allegations are true. He referred Mr. Bury to contact the Prosecutor's Office.

Chairman Carter stated that the County of Union has always abided by pay per play laws. The allegations pertaining to Birdsall Engineering do not involve the County of Union.

Chairman Carter stated that Birdsall Engineering has consistently delivered an exemplary work product to the County of Union and there are a number of existing contracts on projects at various stages of development. The County of Union is currently closely assessing each project that Birdsall has undertaken. For now, the situation between the State Attorney General's Office and Birdsall remains unsettled and the County of Union is closely monitoring all developments before charting a final course of action.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Bergen stated that last Wednesday he participated in the Meals-on-Wheels program, and stated that there are 600 volunteers who deliver to seniors. He said it they do a great job and he was happy to participate. He said 135,000 meals were delivered last year.

Freeholder Kowalski thanked Sage Eldercare and Ellen McNally of Sage Eldercare who was honored at the Women of Excellence Dinner last week. She thanked the women who give to the community.

Freeholder Kowalski commended the K-9 Search and Rescue Team, stating they are an asset of life and death for those missing.

Freeholder Kowalski stated that she attended the Teen Arts Festival last week at Union County College. She congratulated the Division of Cultural and Heritage, stating 60 schools and 3,500 students participated. She stated that there will be a traveling art exhibit in the near future.

Freeholder Mirabella thanked Mr. Kanakaris for acknowledging Greek Independence Day. He congratulated Freeholder Sullivan for being chosen as the Freeholder of the Year by the New Jersey Mayor's Association.

Freeholder Mirabella is proud to announce that the Union County Vocational-Technical schools raised over \$200,000 for Relay for Life Cancer Walk.

Freeholder Mirabella made the following remarks:
The County has recently announced the 2013 schedule of free scrap metal recycling events.

A wide variety of metal goods, from household appliances to gutters and sheds, are included in the program.

As you all know, this countywide program helps to fill a service gap in some municipalities that currently have no pickup for scrap metal recycling.

The scrap metal recycling program is available for use by households, commercial establishments, nonprofit agencies and other organizations.

Starting on Thursday, April 4, and running through November, the program will be available on the first Thursday of each month and the third Saturday of each month (excluding holidays) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The drop-off locations are in Cranford, Rahway and Westfield.

For all the details and directions to the recycling locations, please visit us online at www.ucnj.org/recycle <<http://www.ucnj.org/recycle>> or call the Union County Recycling Hotline at 908-654-9889.

Freeholder Mirabella wished everyone a Happy Passover and a Happy Easter.

County Manager Faella stated that Community Development Week is next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday highlighting how County dollars are used do to benefit low to moderate income families.

Vice Chairman Hudak made the following remarks:

I would like to remind everyone that next week celebrates the 27th anniversary of the National Community Development Week Campaign.

This year's theme, "Changing Communities, Changing Lives," is one that is particularly relevant to Union County.

It reflects the work that we have accomplished by making use of federal funding programs like the Community Development Block Grant, and HOME Investment Partnership programs.

As part of Union County's local celebration, the Department of Community Renewal will showcase some of the projects that these programs have made possible including:

- A residential property in Plainfield rehabilitated with Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funds,
- The Plainfield Senior Citizens Center,
- The Union County Occupational Center,
- and the Union County Child Advocacy Center.

Considering the pressure to cut programs like CDBG and HOME, I believe it's important, now more than ever, to show how proud we are of these projects, and to underscore the positive impacts they have on the quality of life in our communities.

Vice Chairman Hudak congratulated Freeholder Sullivan for being named Freeholder of the Year. He commended the work of the Union County Police and law enforcement.

Chairman Carter echoed Freeholder Hudak's remarks about the Police and Public Safety and how they handle themselves in a professional manner.

Chairman Carter thanked the staff of Union County Means Business.

Chairman Carter congratulated Freeholder Sullivan and said he makes a difference in our community.

Chairman Carter extended a Happy Passover and a Happy Easter to all.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- 1) Attorney-Client privileged communication relative to contracts between the County of Union and Birdsall Engineering.

County Counsel Barry stated that pursuant to provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act a public body may enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing certain enumerated subjects. This Board will now enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Attorney-Client privileged communication relative to contracts between the County of Union and Birdsall Engineering.

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 any take formal action on the matters discussed.

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

Motion to enter Executive Session.

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

Motion to return from Executive Session.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM.

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

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

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August 9, 2012

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September 20, 2012

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December 6, 2012
December 20, 2012

REGULAR MEETINGS

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James E. Pellettiere
Clerk of the Board

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3/28/2013

March 28th

Madam Chairman,

Thank you for honoring Christy Hodde during Red Cross month. She's been a fixture in our community for a generation of Summit-ites. Transforming several volunteer organizations with her leadership. The Colonial Chapter of Red Cross is indeed in very good hands!

Summit also appreciates your renewal of a \$38,000 contract for SAGE Eldercare (R#253). And funding of Meals-on-Wheels \$1.4mm for another year (R#254).

But if Galloping Hill & Ashbrook courses were privatized, R#257 wouldn't be necessary (saving \$824,000).

R#269 and #270 instructing labor negotiations with FMBA and PBA don't reveal any details; what annual merit increases are you talking about?

Most importantly, did you read today that Morris County just approved a zero-increase budget which avoids a tax hike for first time 15yrs! Moreover they cut Open Space statutory rate so that their all-in Levy actually down 1.7%

I realize Union County is much different than Morris, but somehow you've got to limit selves to no more than 2% (instead of 6.3% Al Faella proposed, using 9 categorical CAP "waivers").

A tax revolt is brewing in the western end of county, and our Freeholders don't seem to get message. At very least, put Open Space referendum on November ballot for voters to reconsider/lower this luxury (no longer affordable).

How are we trimming Al Faella's original \$322mm taxation request (+6.3%)? Any chance of getting it down to \$310mm range (+2.0%)?

Tom Getzendanner, Summit Councilman