



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Linda Carter called the meeting to order at 7:05 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	Absent	
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.

PRESENTATION FROM THE BOARD

A resolution presentation was made by Chairman Linda Carter to Ella Shaykevich congratulating her recognition by the New Jersey Association of Public Health Nurse Administrators as Public Health Nurse of the Year.

Chairman Carter called upon County Manager Faella and Director Andrew Moran to join her in Presenting the Resolution.

Director Moran stated that Ella, the County Health Nurse was honored by her peers for her outstanding job during Storm Sandy. He said she stayed at the shelter for days and did a terrific job taking care of residents who were displaced.

Chairman Carter presented Ella with a Resolution. She stated that it was a devastating storm. She thanked her for her tremendous efforts and also thanked all the volunteers. She read the Resolution aloud.

Chairman Carter extended her thanks to the staff of the Union County Public Health Office for their tremendous efforts.

Director Moran introduced Virginia Franco, the new Health Officer who began her position 2 weeks ago. He stated that she will be a great contribution to their team.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

1. CONSENT AGENDA

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

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. February 07, 2013 – Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

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

2. February 21, 2013 – Regular Meeting Minutes

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

3. February 28, 2013 – Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

RESULT: ACCEPTED [7 TO 0]; MOVER: Daniel P. Sullivan, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Vernell Wright, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Carter; **ABSTAIN:** Vice Chairman Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Mirabella;

4. February 28, 2013 – Regular Meeting Minutes

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, is opposed to Resolution 2013-291 and 2013-296. He urged the Board to vote no for these Resolutions. He spoke about Pay to Play, stating that it seemed like a lot of money.

Director Zuber stated that the County is responsible for permit fees based upon the contract. It is a six month process. Waterfront permits will most likely be needed. He added that they are environmentally sensitive area requiring Engineering services.

Director Graziano explained further that the projects are federally funded and it requires different construction administrator than the design engineer. He said the County is responsible for the Engineer's fee.

John Bury, Kenilworth, asked for the total amount of the grants mentioned in Resolutions 2013-286 and 287, combined, for the term from March 1, 2012 through February 28, 2014. He asked if the amount in Resolution 2013-287 is significantly lower than the last contract. He also asked how much the County is allowed for administrative expenses.

Mr. Bury also asked about the complexity of Resolution 2012-291.

Deputy Director Dinsmore explained that Resolution 2013-286 is an amendment to the Resolution that expired on February 28, 2013. She said the total allocation is approximately \$1.9 million and we are permitted by the federal government to take 7% for administrative expenses. This Resolution is for an additional allocation of approximately \$16,000.

Deputy Director Dinsmore said that in reference to Resolution 2013-287, they will be allocated 7% to date, but they are expecting to receive another allocation.

County Manager Faella stated that Resolution 2013-291 is an ongoing complex process requiring a great deal of work. The site consists of wetlands and certain requirements need to be fulfilled. The State is involved and it is a lengthy process.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

2013-282 FREEHOLDER JALLOH: Appointing Gary Pfarr as a member to the Workforce Investment Board for a term commencing July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014.

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

2013-283 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to establish County funds to comply with mandates of Legislative Bills A-175 and S-1914 that establishes burial costs for Union County's indigent, unidentified or unclaimed deceased residents be the responsibility of

Union County at a burial rate not to exceed \$1,550.00 in the total amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 for the two (2) year period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014.

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

2013-284 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to award subcontracts, pursuant to a Request For Proposals (RFP) procurement process, for a portion of the funding under the 2013 Alcohol/Drug Abuse Grant for the period of May 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 in the total amount not to exceed \$90,905.00, and further authorizing the County Manager to transfer funds among the awarded agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation.

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

2013-285 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2012-1019, to reflect a change in account numbers only with no change in the amount of funds allocated under the approved 2013 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Spending Plan.

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

2013-286 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2012-349 to amend the Ryan White Spending Plan and allocate additional funds in the amount of \$15,829.69 for a revised total allocation of \$1,964,814.69 for the period of March 1, 2012 through February 28, 2013.

RESULT: ADOPTED [7 TO 0]; MOVER: Daniel P. Sullivan, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter; **ABSTAIN:** Freeholder Bergen; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Mirabella;

2013-287 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to approve the Ryan White Spending Plan in the total amount of \$711,870 awarding subcontracts to various agencies to provide support services to people with HIV/AIDS for the period of March 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014 and further authorizing the County Manager to transfer funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the various agencies fails to meet its contracted obligation.

RESULT: ADOPTED [7 TO 0]; MOVER: Daniel P. Sullivan, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter; **ABSTAIN:** Freeholder Bergen; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Mirabella;

2013-288 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to approve the Ryan White Spending Plan in the total amount of \$50,064 awarding subcontracts to various agencies to provide support services to people with HIV/AIDS for the period of March 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014 and further authorizing the County Manager to transfer funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the various agencies fails to meet its contracted obligation.

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

2013-289 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2013 Peer Grouping Spending Renewal Plan in the total amount of \$508,000 for subcontracted services to be provided during the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 and further authorizing the County Manager to transfer funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation.

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

2013-290 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contracts obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks and Community Renewal, Division of Golf Operations: John Deere Landscapes of Cleveland, Ohio, for the purpose of providing Golf Course Supplies - Lots #1 and #2, in an amount not to exceed \$18,720; Wittek Golf Supply Co., Inc. of Northbrook, Illinois for the purpose of providing Golf Course Supplies - Lots #3, #4 and #6 in an amount not to exceed \$33,240.00; and Range Servant America, Inc., Norcross, Georgia for the purpose of providing Golf Course Supplies - Lot #5 in an amount not to exceed \$10,620 for a contract period of 24 months.

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

2013-291 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Amending Resolution Number 2011-614, a Professional Engineering Service contract with Neglia Associates, Lynhurst, New Jersey, in the amount of \$17,780.00, to obtain a Waterfront Development Permit in association with the Mattano Park Artificial Turf project, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$94,982.00.

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

2013-292 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Amending Resolution No. 2012-458, approving the 2012 Consolidated Action Plan to include a contract with the Township of Springfield for the Robert

Chisholm Building Senior Center ADA Facility Improvements for CDBG Year 38 in the amount of \$70,000.00.

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

2013-293 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Authorizing the County Manager to apply to the New Jersey Historical Commission for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 cycle of the General Operating Support Grant Program which supports history-related program and services.

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

2013-294 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Amending Resolution Number 2012-885, a contract with Royal Printing Services, Inc., West New York, New Jersey for the purpose of printing Official Ballots, Sample Ballots, Emergency Ballots, Emergency Ballot Tally Sheets, Provision Ballots and Provisional Ballot Inventory Cards for the Berkeley Heights Special Election to be held on May 7, 2013 in the amount of \$6,525.

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

2013-295 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: Division of Motor Vehicle : Hertrich Fleet, Milford, Delaware, for the purpose of providing 4 Prisoner Transport Vans in the amount of \$178,516.00.

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

2013-296 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to award a professional engineering service contract to The Louis Berger Group, Morristown, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing construction administration and inspection services for the intersection improvements to Vauxhall & Valley Street Project located in Union, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00.

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

2013-297 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Amending Resolution Number 2011-1067, a contract through the public bidding process, with Fai Gon Electric, Piscataway, New Jersey, approving Change Order No. 2 (final) for the Intersection Improvement, City of Elizabeth, ARRA Project 1 (FS-B00S-915). This change order will reduce the contract amount by (\$19,144.35) for a new total contract amount of \$528,470.97.

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

2013-298 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Cost Sharing Service Agreement between the County of Union and the Town of Westfield for the Intersection Improvement at E. Broad Street and Elm Street, Town of Westfield, New Jersey.

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

2013-299 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Resolution concurring with the Borough of Roselle Park granting permission to close Chestnut Street, from Westfield Avenue to Grant Avenue, on Saturday, June 22, 2013, with a rain date of Saturday, June 29, 2013 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, September 14, 2013, with a rain date of Saturday, September 21, 2013, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the "Crusin' Night Car Shows."

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

2013-300 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Resolution concurring with the Township of Berkeley Heights granting permission to the Suburban Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club to close Springfield Avenue, from Snyder Avenue to Summit Avenue on Sunday, June 30, 2013 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the First Annual Berkeley Heights Street Fair.

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

2013-301 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Resolution granting the Borough of New Providence permission to close South Street from Gales Drive to Springfield Avenue on Wednesday, July 3, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for the "Downtown Fireworks Spectacular." Also, granting permission to close South Street from Gales Drive to Springfield Avenue on Sunday, September 8, 2013 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Annual Street Fair. The Borough also requests approval to hang banners with dates and time to follow for the upcoming events for the year 2013: New Providence Business and Professional Association 5K Race; Summer Concert Series & Centennial Park Anniversary; Independence Day; Farmers Market; Street Fair; NP Alliance – Red Ribbon Week and the New Providence Downtown Improvement District Christmas Walk.

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

2013-302 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Amending Resolution 2013-204, authorizing the County Manager to increase the Professional Engineering Service Contract for "On-Call" Engineering Services for the Year 2013, with Pennoni Associates of Edison, New Jersey, an additional \$10,000.00, for a new contract amount not to exceed \$35,000.00.

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

2013-303 CHAIRMAN CARTER: A Resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter into a lease agreement between the County of Union and Smith Motors Realty Corp for 61-99 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey, on a month to month basis from January 1, 2013 and expiring no later than December 31, 2013 at a sum of \$39,325.80 per month and in a total amount not to exceed \$471,909.60.

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

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2013-304 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA, FREEHOLDER ESTRADA, FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI, FREEHOLDER BERGEN, VICE CHAIRMAN HUDAK, FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN, CHAIRMAN CARTER, FREEHOLDER JALLOH, FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Proclaiming the month of May as "Older Americans Month" in Union County to highlight the many contributions older Americans make to our community.

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

2013-305 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA, FREEHOLDER ESTRADA, FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI, FREEHOLDER BERGEN, VICE CHAIRMAN HUDAK, FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN, CHAIRMAN CARTER, FREEHOLDER JALLOH, FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Congratulating Community Access Unlimited and their 14 honorees of the 29th Annual Awards Night Celebration to be held April 17, 2013 in Mountainside, New Jersey.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Angel G. Estrada, Daniel P. Sullivan; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada,

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

2013-306 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Congratulating the 2013 Freedom Fund Awards Banquet Honorees at the banquet to be held by the Roselle Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, April 12, 2013 at The Grand Centurion in Clark.

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

2013-307 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Expressing the Board's wholehearted sympathy to the family of Priscilla L. Castles of Plainfield, 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 Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Mirabella;

2013-308 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Resolution honoring Miriam Gershwin upon her selection as the Springfield chapter of Hadassah 2012 Woman of the Year and offering the Board's deepest gratitude for her efforts in educating the public, through her personal perspective, on the Holocaust.

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

2013-309 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Congratulating the Union County Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc as they celebrate their 41st Founders' Day event held on Saturday, April 20, 2013.

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

2013-310 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Congratulating Ruth S. Sykes on receiving the nationally recognized Sojourner Truth Award by the Union County Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc at their 41st Founders' Day event.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Rich Madden, Council President, City of Summit, congratulated Freeholder Mirabella on receiving the Suburban Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year Award for Public Service and Freeholder Sullivan for being chosen Freeholder of the Year by the NJ Mayors' Association.

Council President Madden stated that the Budget needs to be reduced by \$12 million. It will save Summit \$1.3 million and will bring the Cap below 2%. He asked the Board to consider appointing a representative from the City of Summit to help with the Fiscal and Budget Committee. He invited the Freeholder Board to attend their Council meeting in May or June to listen to Summit residents.

Pat Mochetti, New Providence, asked if the Board could elaborate on the success of Union County Means Business program for the year 2012; along with the number of people who have attended the series in 2013, to date. He also asked how much the County has spent on the program.

Mr. Mochetti asked for the status of the missing equipment and the employee-use of the County generators during Storm Sandy.

Mr. Mochetti stated that the Borough of New Providence requested funding by the Board for their Memorial Day Parade and they have not received a response.

Mr. Mochetti stated that in reference to the Budget, he asked if the County Manager Office's increase of 50% for special studies and initiatives can be applied to another line item in the Budget. Mr. Mochetti suggested the County use the increase in surplus to cut county taxes.

Mr. Mochetti asked who owns Union County College and its percentage. He made comments relative to former Dr. Brown, President of Union County College's salary and asked who oversees the College. He asked if the Board of Governors are appointed by the Board of Freeholders.

Deputy Director Rountree stated that the Union County Means Business Program is at its highest attendance. She said 600 businesses have participated and there have been thousands of hits on the website and a strong urge to continue the program. He said there were 150 to 200 businesses who participated in the kick off of this year's services that was held in March. She stated that there was no cost to the County. Sponsors and partners paid for the event. However, there was an inkind cost for mailers and staff last year.

County Manager Faella stated that they are awaiting the response of the Prosecutor's Office regarding the use of County property. He stated that there were a number of feasibility studies done, such as the Watchung Stables, Runnells and the Jail and there will be more studies expected during the year.

Director Taylor spoke about the \$3 million dollar surplus in the budget. She stated without it, the possibility exists that taxes would need to be increased by \$3 million or services would be cut by an additional \$3 million. It is additional revenue coming into the budget to operate County functions.

Chairman Carter stated that Union County College is governed by the Board of Trustees. That Board reviews the County College's salaries and oversee their operations.

County Counsel Barry stated that Union County College is an independent autonomous agency. They have their own Board and they have a right to sue and be sued and own property.

John Bury, Kenilworth, stated that he appreciates that the Council Members of the City of Summit attends the Freeholder Office. He advised the Board not to go to their meetings.

Mr. Bury asked if the Galloping Hill Grand Opening was held on April 1st.

Mr. Bury spoke about the Board's right to give an opinion relative to Union County College and made comments about Mr. Neff of the Local Finance Board's findings pertaining to the Union County Improvement Authority Executive Director's salary and benefits.

Director Zuber stated that the first event for the Galloping Hill Clubhouse event is scheduled for April 14th.

Maria Edgemaria, Elizabeth, had complaints about the way she was treated by the Police at Social Services in Elizabeth.

County Manager Faella stated that they will look into the matter. He also asked Deputy Director Karen Dinsmore to speak to Ms. Edgemaria.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, was pleased that the Prosecutor's Office acknowledged four employees borrowing the generators and stated that the supervisors should be held accountable for allowing their staff to use them.

Mr. Paterson stated that the public speaking portion for the Budget should be done during normal hours. He claimed that the public was not advised of the date and time. He feels that it is an illegal budget that contains conflicts of interest.

Mr. Paterson made mention of the Local Finance Board's questions about the Executive Director of the Union County Improvement Authority. He spoke about campaign funds and no bid contracts.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Kowalski announced that one of the County's most popular annual events is coming up on Sunday, April 28th: Wild Earth Fest at the Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside. She said that Wild Earth Fest is a full day of family activities from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with educational displays, live animals, music, and craft vendors. It is fun for all ages and it is a great way to get to know a little more about Union County's natural heritage. She said she will also be announcing the winners of our Environmental Hero Award and Wildlife Photography Contest. It will be held rain or shine. If the weather is disagreeable there will still be plenty to do and see indoors at the Nature and Science Center. For more information visit our website, www.ucnj.org/trailside <<http://www.ucnj.org/trailside>>.

Freeholder Wright announced that Union County is sponsoring a Household Special Waste Collection event on Saturday, April 20th. She stated that this is a great opportunity to safely dispose of many outdated or unwanted household chemicals, including items such as mercury thermostats, propane tanks, and automobile tires. The collection will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the

Alcatel-Lucent Technologies facility located at 600 Mountain Avenue in New Providence, rain or shine. Pre-registration is not required and the event is free, but must be a County resident, and not a business or institution. Personnel will unload your vehicle. This event will be held rain or shine. For more information, please call the Recycling Hotline at (908) 654-9889. A complete list of the material will be accepted on our web site at www.ucnj.org/recycle <<http://www.ucnj.org/recycle>>.

Freeholder Sullivan stated that this Board will hold a Special Meeting to introduce Amendments to the 2013 Budget on Thursday, April 18th at 6:30 pm. The Amendments will also be advertised with accordance to the law. A Public Hearing on the Amendments will subsequently follow on April 25th subject to State approval and following the Budget Hearing that night, the Board will adopt the Final Budget during the Regular Meeting on April 25th.

Freeholder Sullivan stated that he made a similar announcement regarding the Budget Hearing that were announced at the Freeholder Meetings and it was also advertised in the newspaper.

Freeholder Sullivan also stated that the Fiscal Committee receives the requests for funding Parades and they have not received a request for funding the Memorial Day Parade in New Providence. However, it will be considered once the request is received.

Freeholder Sullivan stated that the first golf event will be held on Sunday, April 14th, and it will be fully operational tomorrow, (Friday, April 12th). He said they have been booking events quickly for the Banquet facility, and appears it will be successful.

Freeholder Bergen stated that he is pleased to announce the County's Home Improvement Program has up to \$24,999 per household to help low and moderate income homeowners make necessary repairs and improvements to their homes. In the past 10 years the program has helped 542 homeowners improve the safety and livability of their homes. Union County homeowners interested in the program should call Development Directions, LLC at 732-382-8100 for more information on the program. The program is open to 16 of 21 of Union County's municipalities. The exceptions are Elizabeth, Rahway, Linden, Union, and Plainfield, which each have municipal programs for their residents.

Freeholder Estrada was happy to announce that the Cherry Blossoms are in bloom. He thanked Council President Rich Madden for the invitation to attend Summit's Council meeting. He said he does watch their meetings on television.

County Manager Faella made a clarification about the cost to the County for the Union County Means Business program. He said there is a \$2,000 expense to the County for stationery.

County Counsel Barry stated that he wanted to make it clear that in reference to the comments made regarding the Union County Improvement Authority and no bid contracts, that the speakers' statements are incorrect. He said the bids are made public and the contracts are awarded to the lowest bidder. He stated that County Engineering contracts are awarded via by the Freeholder Board is done through a fair and open process, having two stages: one, being part of a prequalified list and the other, soliciting proposals from at least 3 Engineers. He said no way, is it considered a no-bid contract.

Vice Chairman Hudak thanked Council President Madden for the invitation. He said they are trying to get taxes reduced. He added that the Board listens to all the critiques and would be happy to be able to get the tax levy below the 2% Cap.

Vice Chairman Hudak congratulated his friend and colleague Freeholder Jalloh on being selected by the Garden State Bar Association to receive their prestigious Young Lawyer Award. The award is given yearly to a member of the Association based not only on professional accomplishments, but also for a commitment to service.

Freeholder Jalloh will be honored in June at their 38th Anniversary Scholarship and Awards Gala. Vice Chairman Hudak stated that the Board is proud to have him as a member of the Freeholder Board, and could not think of a better candidate for such an honor.

Chairman Carter thanked County Counsel for explaining the contract award process. She also thanked Council President Madden and the other Council Members for attending the Freeholder Meetings. She said that the Board takes all comments seriously and they are doing their best to make cuts. She thanked him for the invitation to attend their Council meetings.

Chairman Carter stated that the Board listens to comments made by those who attend the meetings and they also take into consideration telephone conversations and emails received by constituents.

Chairman Carter stated that the County of Union is proud of the outstanding accomplishments of the Union County Improvement Authority, under the leadership of Charlotte DeFilippo, in building economic development projects that are improving the quality of life for our residents and revitalizing our economy.

Chairman Carter further stated that after ten years of our leadership as Executive Director, the Improvement Authority has built numerous award-winning projects that provide educational and lifelong learning opportunities to our residents; help our first responders better protect us; retrain residents to find employment opportunities; provide solar power, a project that was the largest of its kind in the nation, and is saving millions for our municipalities on their energy bills; and finally, the Improvement Authority built projects that are helping troubled children to find their way.

Chairman Carter explained that under her guidance, the Improvement Authority built projects that were desperately needed and got them done. This includes the award-winning Juvenile Detention Center in Linden, and the Park-Madison Project in Plainfield, a mixed use development which helped transform their downtown while providing employment training and assisting our residents with their employment opportunities.

Chairman Carter reminded everyone about the next session of the successful Union County Means Business Series. The second session in this year's series will be an excellent opportunity to networking with local business professionals. The program will focus on Business Development Opportunities, and it will feature discussions on Financing, Pricing, and Quickbooks.

Chairman Carter announced that the event will take place on Wednesday, April 24th at 10:00 A.M. at Pantagias Renaissance, located at 250 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains. Registration is filling quickly, so I encourage all of you who are interested to log on to our website, ucnj.org/ucmb

<http://www.ucnj.org/ucmb>, to ensure your spot for this exciting event.

Chairman Carter asked if Jonathan Williams, Special Counsel for the Union County Improvement Authority wished to make a statement.

Mr. Williams thanked Chairman Carter for her indulgence and stated that he attended a formal meeting of the Local Finance Board in Trenton. He said the articles in the newspaper were incomplete in what was said and what was said in response to the comments made by the Local Finance Board Chairman, Thomas Neff.

Mr. Williams stated that the meeting was for a review of an application for the bonds to be issued by the Improvement Authority that the Board authorized for construction of a new building on the Union County College Cranford. Mr. Neff began the meeting by saying it was a good project. However, Mr. Neff was troubled by some of the responses of a questionnaire based upon the Improvement Authority, but he did not mention that there were questions about how many cars are used by employees, how much money is spent for travel and meals. To which, the number is zero. He said the list was quite lengthy and they were trying to get at wasteful expenditures. Mr. Williams stated that Mr. Neff did speak about the Executive Director DeFilippo's contract and benefits, stating that her salary was very high. He said the Board has approved her to work from home because of the nature of her handicap and she has meetings during the day and night. This was all approved by the Board of Commissioners and provided by contract because of her disability.

Mr. Williams stated that the time to submit the application has been deferred to the Local Finance Board's meeting in May in order to meet with Mr. Neff's staff. He also stated that Executive Director DeFilippo provides reports and meets with the Board of Commissioners monthly and appropriately submits reports to the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Williams stated that Mr. Neff has no understanding of the different things that the Union County Improvement Authority is involved in and stated that Mr. Neff has compared the Union County Improvement Authority to the Atlantic County Improvement Authority, where there is no comparison.

Mr. Williams stated that Improvement Authorities for all Counties work differently.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM.

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

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REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012 at 12:00pm

Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

AGENDA SETTING MEETINGS

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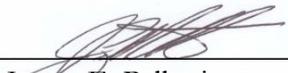
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