



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2013
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Linda Carter called the meeting to order at 7:01 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	Absent	
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 TO THE BOARD

Chairman Carter stated that she granted permission to George Alvarez to make a presentation to the Board.

Mr. Alvarez stated that the Linden Youth Soccer Association is grateful for the Board's support of a multi-use field at Russell Wheeler Park.

Chairman Carter asked Vice Chairman Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski to join them in a photograph.

Vice Chairman Hudak stated that the Board is very proud of sponsoring Wheeler Park field and Rizzuto Park field. He stated that Dr. McMenamain, President of Union County College is also happy as the College's women's team will also be using Wheeler Park field.

Mr. Alvarez presented the Board with a soccer ball.

Freeholder Mirabella stated that the last time he saw Coach Alvarez, he was helping autistic children and children who need a little extra special attention play soccer. He said it meant a lot to him and to the families that participated.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

1. Oath of Office: Air Traffic & Noise Advisory Board: Ronald Stamboly and Michele Yamakaitis; Senior Citizen & Disabled Resident Transportation Advisory Board: Rosemary Coppola; Union County Transportation Advisory Board: John Morgan; Workforce Investment Board: Kathleen C. Serafino.

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

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. March 07, 2013 – Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

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

2. March 14, 2013 – Regular Meeting Minutes

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

APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION TO READ THE BUDGET BY TITLE

Statement of Compliance read by the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders relative to the public hearing conditions set forth pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:4-8.

The meeting is open to the public for the purposes of commenting on resolution 2013-312 only.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, stated that he is happy with the procedures taken by the Board pertaining to the Budget this year. Mr. Paterson questioned the Statement of Compliance to read the Budget by Title.

County Counsel Barry responded. He stated that Resolution 2013-312 allows the Clerk of the Board to read the Budget by Title, and in order to do so, the Resolution Clerk is required to read the Budget by title only and declared the public hearing conditions. This Resolution must be passed, stating the legal and procedural conditions have been met.

2013-312 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Determining that the 2013 Union County Budget shall be read by title and declaring that the public hearing conditions set forth pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8(1a)(1b) have been satisfied.

The title of the Ordinance was read by the Clerk of the Board.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2013 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act relative to the public hearing conditions set forth pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-9.

The meeting is open to the public for the purposes of commenting on the 2013 Budget Amendments, as set forth by Resolution #2013-311: A resolution approving the 2013 Budget Amendments, only.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, refuted Vice Chairman Hudak's claim of a \$14 million savings. He stated that taxes are still being increased by \$15 million. He questioned Sheet 16 of the Budget, declaring a savings of \$2 million and on Sheet 31, declaring of savings of \$2.5 million. He stated that these costs are deferred and claims that they will appear on next year's budget. He said half of the Open Space Trust Fund dollars are for employee costs.

Director Taylor stated that the health insurance line item in the Budget amendment went from \$49 million to \$47 million. She stated that they worked with the health insurance broker for the health insurance costs, and initially when they were contracting with Horizon, the County was aware of an 18% increase in this year's budget. She said but since we implemented some wellness programs, coupled with the lower census and marketing our benefits to various agencies, it was reduced by 10%, resulting in a \$1.7 million savings.

Director Taylor explained that the deferred charges are in consist of 3 segments, which date back to 1985. She said instead of raising those deferred charges in one year, and since they date back a couple of decades, we are going to phase them in. This year, we have \$125,000 in deferred charges, and next year will be included incrementally. These charges were incurred in the capital funds, and we do not anticipate collecting those funds. We may not receive all of the reimbursements because there were changes made by the State midway we had to incur those costs for signs and markings. She said the County assists municipalities with these services. Hence, we had to incur these costs.

Vice Chairman Hudak made a clarification of a previous speaker. He stated that the speaker claimed that there was a \$14.2 million savings, but instead it was a reduction of \$14.2 million in the overall tax levy to the tax payer.

Maria Edgemaria, Elizabeth, made comments referring to the Division of Police.

Chairman Carter stated that this portion of the meeting is for comments pertaining to the 2013 Budget Amendment. She advised Ms. Edgemaria to make comments regarding the police in the "any matter" portion of the Agenda.

John Bury, Kenilworth, stated that there are four items mentioned on the Agenda that are deferred items. He asked for an explanation. He spoke about realized dollars, dollars that were in the Introduced Budget and the dollars mentioned in the Amended Budget. He asked how does one anticipate more than was realized in the year prior.

Director Taylor stated that the rule of thumb is that we cannot anticipate more than realized in the prior year revenue, but it will most likely be approved by the State if it shows a trend and the back up materials show that the revenue can be collected. She stated that approval from the State was granted for the Realtor Transfer Fees and the County Clerk's budget.

Director Taylor also explained that there were medicare/medicaid reimbursement cuts made to Runnells Hospital.

Director Taylor stated that in reference to the emergency appropriation of initially in there for \$1 million, they were asked by the Board to lower the tax levy as much as possible. We went back to the 2012 budget, and instead of raising it in 2013, all departments were reviewed for savings. She said they were left with \$161,000 that could not be charged to any department and that is the amount being carried over into the 2013 budget.

Director Taylor stated that Ordinance due to capital expenditures not collected dating back to 1985, 1991 and 2010 as outlined in the audit, we would not recoup those dollars on these items. State changed policies and there, the deferred charges will be phased in.

Jim Buettner, Cranford, appreciated the handout, but suggested it be included last year's Budget in order to see the difference. He also suggested more cuts to be made.

ADOPTION OF THE COLA / CAP BANK RESOLUTION

The meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on Resolution 2013-313 only.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, spoke about the 2% tool kit cap. He said it appears that there could be additional increases of taxes if needed. He urged the Board to vote no.

Mr. Paterson asked for an explanation of the first half of the sentence.

Director Taylor explained that the Cap the county works off is very different from what municipalities work off. Counties are required to work off the more restrictive of the two Caps: the 1977 Cap or the 2010 Cap. Hence, the 1977 cap is reflected in the 2013 budget. It is less than the 2% Cap than most municipalities are familiar with. The levy being utilized includes the Cap Bank Resolution that increases our appropriations over \$3.4 million. Anything not utilized up to that \$3.4 million goes into the subsequent budget year. She said it is important to note that the 2013 budget does not utilize any cap from the prior year. The budget presented as well as the Cap calculations have been approved by the State and the outline of the Cap was in the budget document. It goes through the summary of the levy cap in lei terms, it shows the deferred and allowable charges that can be used. It is approximately 8 pages into the Budget. It shows the positives and negatives and the net result. The net result says under the 1977 Cap the tax levy is up to \$317 million and under the 2010 Cap the tax levy is up to \$324 million. She stated that taxes are not being raised up to \$324 million. The resolution provides flexibility. It is a planning tool for the next budget year.

Freeholder Bergen disagreed with Mr. Paterson's remarks. Freeholder Bergen stated that he supports the Resolution, adding that it provides the County flexibility.

2013-313 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Increasing the Tax Levy up to 3.5% over the previous year's County tax levy and establishing a CAP Bank

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Dr. McMenamin, Springfield, President of Union County College stated that she is in favor of Resolution 2013-314 and thanked the Board for their continued support. She said their support allows a great education for children, teens and adults, returning students and retraining and/or training individuals with programs the College provides. She stated that the Board also allows them to service businesses, industries and seniors with the programs they provide and this could not happen without the Board's support.

Dr. McMenamin stated that on behalf of nearly 40,000 Union County residents and the Board of Governors and Board of Trustees, she thanked the Board of Freeholders.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, spoke about the debt and insurance and urged the Board to vote no on the Budget. He spoke about Resolution 2013-322, and was not pleased with Freeholder Hudak's comments about the ARC Tunnel. He stated that in reference to Resolution 2013-338, the cost is too high for fencing. He made comments about political donations pertaining to Resolutions 2013-343, 344 and 345.

Mr. Paterson stated that he was sad to hear about the death of former Mayor of Winfield, David Wright.

Director Graziano stated that Resolution 2013-338 was supposed to be for a Change Order to amend the original contract in the amount of \$133,000. He said the original contract amount was for \$200,000 for a total of \$333,000. He said the original contract was for fencing of acres and acres of parks and adding park maintenance. He said there are several parks that will be fenced, along with basketball courts throughout the County.

Director Graziano stated that the additional \$133,000 is for fence repairs and installation of fences caused by Storm Sandy, which will be reimbursed by the Federal Government.

Chairman Carter asked the Clerk of the Board to correct Resolution 2013-338 to reflect a Change Order in the amount of \$133,000.

Maria Edgemaria, Elizabeth, thanked the Board for supporting the YWCA. She asked for an explanation of Resolution 2013-324. She said the Board should provide more funding for the

YWCA.

Director Zuber stated that the program mentioned in Resolution 2013-324 offers workforce entrance training for victims of domestic violence. It will encourage financial independence and courage to victims of domestic violence at the YWCA.

County Manager Faella added that there are additional grants through the Community Development Block Grants for the YWCA. He said he did not have the figures in front of him, but is sure that it amounts to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Jim Buettner, Cranford, stated that he supports Resolution 2013-322, stating that he is in support of dual powered locomotives are needed. He asked for an explanation of Resolution 2013-330. In reference to Resolutions 2013-317 and 332, he said he would appreciate County Counsel's office makes vendors aware of the truck specifications and hopes it goes to the lowest bidder.

Director Guzzo stated that this is the first time they have a Resolution for this type of service, referring to Resolution 2013-322.. He explained that the Spectrum Ultra Violet light is to detect certain substances and it is grant funded. He stated that the purchase of the truck is through the Prosecutor's Office and used for variance surveillance activities and the funding is through their grant. It is a specific truck for a specific purpose.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

2013-314 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Resolution adopting the Annual Budget of the County of Union for Fiscal year 2013 as amended.

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

2013-315 FREEHOLDER BERGEN: Requesting the Federal Aviation Administration to perform a Supplementary Environmental Impact Study for a redesign of the airspace for New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia Metropolitan Areas.

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

2013-316 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Shared Services Agreement with the County of Mercer for the purposes of providing secure detention beds for its juvenile detention population at the Union County Juvenile Detention Center, on an as needed basis, effective May 20, 2013 through May 19, 2014 at a per diem rate of \$225.00 per juvenile as specified in the Shared Services Agreement.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada,

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

2013-317 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: 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 Human Services, Paratransit System: Shepard Brothers, Inc., Canandaigua, NY for the purpose of providing a total of four (4) passenger vans consisting of three (3) ten passenger vans with two wheelchair positions and one (1) twelve passenger van with two wheelchair positions in the amount of \$198,146.

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

2013-318 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into contract(s) with the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) and accept 2012 McKinney-Vento Act Homeless Assistance competitive grant award funds in the total amount of \$3,525,884 for a one (1) year period.

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

2013-319 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with ProAct Inc., East Syracuse, NY to provide a discount Prescription Drug Discount Card to County residents, regardless if County residents have insurance coverage or not, at no cost to the County or resident.

RESULT: ADOPTED [7 TO 1]; MOVER: Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter; **NAYS:** Freeholder Estrada; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Sullivan;

2013-320 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Authorizing Change in Custodian of Petty Cash Fund for Runnells Specialized Hospital.

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

2013-321 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Authorizing Change in Custodian for the Change Fund at Runnells Specialized Hospital.

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

2013-322 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Requesting New Jersey Transit to deploy dual-powered (diesel/electric) locomotives to the Raritan Valley Rail Line to allow for one seat service for: all trains operating during weekday off-peak hours; all trains operating on weekends, and an equitable allocation of peak period trains in the morning and evening.

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

2013-323 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a class-size training contract with Union County College to provide Workforce Learning Link: Adult Literacy Services for Union County for the operational period of April 15, 2013 through October 31, 2013, in an amount, paid in full through grant funds, not to exceed \$74,000.00.

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

2013-324 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a class-size training contract with YWCA of Eastern Union County to provide specialized employment and training programs for women of domestic violence for an eleven (11) month operational period of May 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014 in an amount, paid in full through grant funds, not to exceed \$75,000.00.

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

2013-325 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Epicare Associates, Inc., West Caldwell, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing psychiatric crisis intervention training for the period of April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$15,500.00.

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

2013-326 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Genesis Rehab Services, for the provision of Occupational, Physical, and Speech Therapy services for the residents/patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$1,863,229.00.

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

2013-327 VICE CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Supporting Legislative Bills A3558 and S2606 which provide for the establishment of pediatric respite care facilities in the State of New Jersey.

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

2013-328 VICE CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Appointing Richard Watkins, David Maas and Joseph DelGrosso as members to the Construction Board of Appeals for a term commencing January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015.

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

2013-329 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Amending Resolution Number 2012-939, a contract awarded to County Business Systems, Inc., Pennington, New Jersey (BA# 68-2012), to increase the contract amount by \$1,866 to perform additional scanning and recreation services for a new contract amount of \$20,066.

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

2013-330 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the Union County Prosecutor's Office to purchase (2) Alternative Light Sources from Spex Forensics, Edison, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$32,230.

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

2013-331 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Resolution authorizing the County Manager through the Union County's Prosecutor Office to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth, New Jersey, to provide a licensed clinician/therapist to provide services at the Union County Child Advocacy Center for the period of December 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 in the amount of \$22,750.

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

2013-332 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: Union County Prosecutor's Office: Altec Nueco, Birmingham, Alabama for the purpose of purchasing a truck with an aerial device, in the amount of \$45,300.00.

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

2013-333 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Police Training Commission for the 2013 Law Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment Grant, Part 2 for the period of November 1, 2012 through February 28, 2013 in the amount of \$3,942.00.

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

2013-334 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Resolution authorizing employee tuition reimbursement for Kean University for the following programs: Certificate in Public Administration (Undergraduate Program), Certificate in Public Management (Graduate Program), Certificate in Public Management Enhancement Program (Master's Program). The County will partially reimburse for the cost of tuition and course fees, excluding books and miscellaneous expenses for qualified employees for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.

RESULT: ADOPTED [7 TO 0]; MOVER: Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Carter; **ABSTAIN:** Vice Chairman Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Sullivan;

2013-335 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Renewing the Horse Accidental Death Policy with Great American Assurance Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, to cover accidental death of horses by fire, electrocution or transportation vehicle overturn from January 16, 2013 through January 14, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$1,585.00.

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

2013-336 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Amending Resolution Number 2013-199, Third Party Administrators plan with Insurance Design Administrators (IDA) to reflect a new account number only.

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

2013-337 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Amending Resolution Number 2012-113, to include commodity costs for Commercial Natural Gas BA #UCCP# 2-12 at a price of \$5.3542/Dth or not to exceed \$2,110,000.00 for a period of March 1, 2012 through February 28, 2015 for a new contract total not to exceed \$2,800,000.00.

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

2013-338 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders to award the proposed contract obtained through advertise public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities; Division of Facilities Management and Park Maintenance: National Fence Systems, Avenel, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Fencing repairs and installation for a contract period of November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2014 in the amount of \$333,280.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [7 TO 0]; MOVER: Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak; **ABSTAIN:** Chairman Carter; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Sullivan;

2013-339 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Resolution concurring with the Borough of Fanwood granting permission to the Fanwood Business and Professional Association to close Martine Avenue between South Avenue and LaGrande Avenue; and South Avenue between Martine Avenue and Second Street on Sunday, June 9, 2013 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to hold its Annual Street Fair.

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

2013-340 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Resolution authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Laws, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities: Sherwin Williams Company, for the provision of traffic paint, for a contract period of twenty-four (24) months in an amount not to exceed \$59,650.00.

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

2013-341 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Resolution concurring with the Township of Hillside granting permission to close various County roads from April 20, 2013 to May 4, 2013 for numerous activities such as “Bike Race through the Ages”, “Youth Bicycle Races and Safety Day”, “100th Birthday Parade” and a Fireworks Display as part of the 100th Anniversary Celebration. Also, granting permission to hang banners on various portions of County roads from April 20, 2013 to May 4, 2013 to publicize the events.

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

2013-342 CHAIRMAN CARTER: 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 Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management: Pine Environmental Services, Windsor, New Jersey, to purchase MicroFlame Detectors in the amount, paid in full through grant funds, of \$52,420.00. This is an open ended bid agreement and it can be extended to any New Jersey State or UASI agency.

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

2013-343 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Amending Resolution Number 2012-973, to increase the appropriation to Bauch, Zucker Hatfield of Springfield, New Jersey, in the matter entitled Beverly Figueroa v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$40,000.00.

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

2013-344 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Amending Resolution Number 2012-182, to increase the appropriation to Edward Kologi, Esq. of Linden, New Jersey, in the matter entitled Robert Morgan v. UC Sheriff, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$20,000.00.

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

2013-345 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Amending Resolution Number 2013-94, to increase the appropriation to Edward Kologi, Esq. of Linden, New Jersey, in the matter entitled Rose Bravo v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$40,000.00.

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

2013-346 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Amending Resolution Number 2013-211, to increase the appropriation to Roth D'Aquanni, LLC of Springfield, New Jersey, in the matter entitled Rose Bravo v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$30,000.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada,

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

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2013-347 FREEHOLDER BERGEN, FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Congratulating Temple Beth-El of Cranford, New Jersey, as they celebrate 95 years of history and accomplishment on Sunday, May 5, 2013.

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

2013-348 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA, FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Congratulating Deacon Joseph Caporaso, Principal of Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy in Elizabeth, New Jersey on being honored by the Union County Educational Services Foundation for his dedication to the young people of Elizabeth.

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

2013-349 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI, FREEHOLDER BERGEN: Commending Rabbi George Nudell on celebrating his 30 years of service and spiritual leadership of Congregation Beth Israel in Scotch Plains, New Jersey.

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

2013-350 MR. BOARD: Expressing the Board's deepest sympathy to the family of former Winfield Mayor and Union County Deputy Clerk, David P. Wright, Jr., in this their time of sorrow.

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

2013-351 VICE CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Proclaiming May 2013 "Mental Health Month" in Union County with this year's theme being "Pathways to Wellness."

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

2013-352 VICE CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Expressing the Board's deepest sympathy to the family of John A. Heins of Linden, New Jersey, in his their time of sorrow.

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

2013-353 VICE CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Expressing the Board's deepest sympathy to the family of Margaret Milkosky, formerly of Linden, New Jersey, in this their time of sorrow.

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

2013-354 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Congratulating the honorees who will receive 2013 Unity Achievement Awards at the 12th Annual Unity Achievement Award Presentation, Monday, May 6, 2013.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Maria Edgemaria, Elizabeth, had a question on the OPRA application. She asked if she could receive the Minutes from a Freeholder Meeting when she spoke about her son.

Ms. Edgemaria also made comments about a Union County Police Officer at the Social Service Office. She said she was not pleased with the way he spoke to her son who suffers from Autism.

Chairman Carter stated that the matter is under investigation and advised Ms. Edgemaria to speak to Director Moran.

County Counsel Barry stated that to his knowledge if there was an incident and a police report, and it does not rise to the level of a felony, it does not pertain to the bottom of the application of the OPRA form.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, spoke about the legal case set by the Union County Watchdog Association. He added that an email for OPRA documents is satisfactory.

Mr. Paterson read titles from recent articles in various newspapers relative to Union County. He made comments regarding legal service fees and donations.

Mr. Paterson also spoke about Prosecutor Romankow and Ms. Renna. He noted the City of Summit offered to help the County with their budget and they were refused. He spoke about the

Executive Director of the Improvement Authority's salary and Mr. Neff of the Local Finance Board.

John Bury, Kenilworth, mentioned DeCotiis law firm's contributions to various entities. He said he agrees that the Cap Bank allows flexibility, but by not voting for it, the Board would have shown more discipline.

Jim Buettner, Cranford, spoke about political campaigns and a Legislative Bill that is sponsored by the State and is supported by Steven Sweeny and Loretta Weinberg. He asked that Freeholders Mirabella, Bergen and Jalloh be proactive in discussions concerning political donations. He spoke about the buy-out program for health insurance and urged the Board to seek expertise on reducing the budget.

Mr. Buettner asked for the status of the missing chain saws and the misuse of County generators.

Chairman Carter stated that the Board has not received any notification from the Prosecutor's Office regarding the chain saws and the generators.

Director Taylor stated that the opt-out provision of the health insurance plan is for employees who are entitled to family coverage is in an amount of up to \$5,000. It represents a savings of not less than 75% savings for County costs and \$2,500 for single coverage, otherwise they would be entitled to receive full time employee coverage, which would cost the County more than the opt out amounts. This is based upon proof that they have coverage elsewhere.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Kowalski thanked County Manager Faella, Directors and staff for the work on the budget, stating it is a long and difficult process. She said she also appreciates the public's comments. She explained that the County Budget is not the same as Municipal Budgets. She said the County has costs associates with the Courthouse, Hospital, Jail and Detention Center, and are all included in the Budget.

Freeholder Kowalski thanked all involved in the Adopt-A-Park. She mentioned several organizations; Merck, Kean University, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. She also thanked the students who planted trees in honor of Arbor Day.

Freeholder Kowalski extended her sympathy to the family of former Mayor of Winfield David Wright and to former Administrator of Runnells Hospital, Joan Wheeler, on the passing of her daughter, Elizabeth.

Freeholder Wright congratulated Chairman Carter for being recognized by the Salvation Army of Plainfield. She stated that she attended an event last evening with Chairman Carter and Freeholder Kowalski for Outstanding Women Leaders. They will be hosting its first annual Title IX celebration and the 40th Anniversary of the Federal Law through remembrance and education and will acknowledge female athletes of Union County. The event took place at Union County College.

Freeholder Mirabella stated that on Friday, April 26th, applications to municipalities and non-profit organizations, for the sixth round of Preserve Union County grants under the Union County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund. As Chair of the Trust Fund, he said he is proud of the voters of Union County, who overwhelmingly approved Trust Fund by popular referendum in the year 2000. Since then, despite the economic crisis of 2008, Preserve Union County has continued to help Union County residents save some of their most treasured and

historically valuable civic landmarks. He thanked all of those who have supported the Trust Fund throughout the years, and extended his well wishes to all of our Preserve Union County grant applicants this year.

Freeholder Mirabella thanked Freeholder Sullivan, Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, and all the Directors, especially Director Taylor and County Manager Faella on their timeless work on the Budget. He said the budget process is now a 12 month process and they are driven to save dollars.

Freeholder Bergen stated that there have been no improper donations made. He sent his condolences to former Mayor David Wright's family and thanked the Board for supporting Resolution 2013-315, stating that Newark Airport's flight pattern has been a long-time problem.

Freeholder Bergen stated that there is a very special installment of our Sensory Friendly Theater series coming up at the Union County Performing Arts Center in June, in the downtown Rahway Arts District. He said we will be hosting the family-friendly rock and roll of Ralph's World, the musical creation of Ralph Covert. Mr. Covert is a nationally renowned recording artist and advocate for children's music education, and we are delighted to welcome him to Union County.

Freeholder Bergen stated that the Sensory Friendly Theater is especially designed for persons with autism and other forms of sensitivity to enjoy the enriching experience of a live performance, in a relaxed, "judgment-free" atmosphere. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the box office, 732-499-8226, or visit ucpac.org.

Freeholder Jalloh echoed the sentiments of his colleagues in commending those who worked on the budget to save tax payer dollars. He also thanked Director Taylor for having to repeatedly explain the same things over and over. He thanked her for her expertise and says that municipal and county budgets cannot be compared.

Freeholder Estrada stated that in reference to the budget, there are guidelines that need to be followed. We have saved dollars, but there is always room to improve. It is difficult and said that the needs of children, seniors and disabled need to be serviced. He commended the Fiscal Committee and specifically Director Taylor for her expertise and patience. He also thanked County Manager Faella for his leadership and the Board for asking the Directors about their expenditures. He spoke about dollars in reserve and the difference in Counties.

Vice Chairman Hudak was pleased to announce that trained staff from our Department of Human Services will be out in the community this spring to conduct a series of four information sessions for senior citizens. These events are designed to help seniors learn about all of the forms of assistance for which they qualify, and our staff will also provide one-on-one help in navigating through the application process. The sessions will start on May 9th at the Summit Public Library. They will continue through June at the Westfield, Mountainside and Linden libraries. Persons with disabilities may also qualify for some of these programs, even if they are not seniors. If you have any questions about your eligibility, or if you'd like more details about the outreach sessions, please call the toll free number at the Union County Division on Aging and Disability Resource Connection. The number is 888-280-8226.

Vice Chairman Hudak commended the Fiscal Committee and the Board, stating thankfully, there were no layoffs this year.

Vice Chairman Hudak spoke about the ARC Tunnel's previous speakers' comments. He said beyond the fact that we are decades away from a one-seat train ride to Manhattan, we are at best a decade away from the expansion of rail service in this part of the County and New Jersey. The Governor claimed that he “pulled the plug” because instead of costing \$12 billion dollars it would have been \$14 billion. He said but in 10 years, that amount will triple, plus the loss of jobs. He said homes located near the train station would increase property values. He spoke about Governor Christie’s many other cuts.

Vice Chairman Hudak spoke about the passing of former Mayor David Wright. He said Mr. Wright was proud of Winfield and those 400 voters that he represented.

Chairman Carter stated that they are mindful of the money spent. She thanked Director Taylor, County Manager Faella and all the directors and employees who are working to save dollars. He said they will continue to reduce costs, and will continue to work on the budget.

Chairman Carter stated that the second session of our 2013 Union County Means Business networking series was held earlier this week, and she thanked the Union County Development Corporation for making it another successful event.

Chairman Carter also thanked Anthony Silva, Vice President of Business Lending at Investors Bank, who joined in sharing his considerable experience with the Union County business community. She stated that they are looking forward to the next session, which will be a full afternoon of programming on Wednesday, June 19th. The theme will be “Union County Women Mean Business.” This will be a great opportunity for women to network and learn more about key fundamentals such as re-entering the workforce, social media, and the glass ceiling. As always, this event is free and open to all business owners and managers in Union County. It will be held at the new Clubhouse at Union County’s Galloping Hill Golf Course.

To sign up or get more information, visit our website at ucnj.org/ucmeansb
<<http://ucnj2.org/ucmb/>>usiness.

Chairman Carter urged the public to view the County's website for summer activities.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 PM.

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

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

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