



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2013  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

## CALL TO ORDER

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Chairman Linda Carter called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

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

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

## PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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The Prayer and Salute to the Flag were lead by the Clerk of the Board.

## STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

## APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

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Note and File

### 1. CONSENT AGENDA

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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1. March 21, 2013 – Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

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

2. March 28, 2013 – Regular Meeting Minutes

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

**PRESENTATIONS FROM THE BOARD**

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Resolution presentations were made by Chairman Carter and Freeholder Bruce Bergen honoring the 2013 Young Writers of Union County Arbor Day Poetry Contest sponsored by the Union County Shade Tree Advisory Board.

Chairman Carter called upon Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Bergen for the Shade Tree presentation, acknowledging that Freeholder Bergen as the Liaison to the Shade Tree Advisory Board.

Freeholder Bergen stated that 141 schools were invited to participate in the Poetry Contest and there were 113 entries. He introduced Chairman of the Shade Tree Committee Jim Nichnadowitz and member James Kelly. Freeholder Bergen stated that he learned that he was not aware that the White Oak Tree is represents the Union County Tree. He thanked the Commission for their hard work. He asked the first place winners of the poetry contest to read their poems. He called upon the winners from their prospective schools.

Resolution presentations were made by Freeholders Christopher Hudak, Mohamed S. Jalloh and Daniel P. Sullivan honoring the 2013 Roselle Catholic Boys Basketball Team, winners of the 2013 New Jersey Tournament of Champions Title, signifying the best in Boys Basketball for the 2012-2013 Season.

Chairman Carter called upon three members of the Board who are Roselle Catholic Alumni; Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Jalloh and Freeholder Hudak.

Freeholder Sullivan stated that he is a proud graduate of Roselle Catholic High School. He said he graduated in 1969 and Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh both graduated in 1997. They welcomed the Roselle Catholic Lions as the State Boys Basketball Champions.

Freeholder Sullivan mentioned that the Roselle Catholic girls' basketball team had received Resolutions a few years ago for their great achievement in winning the County tournament.

Coach Boff thanked the Board for the tremendous honor and introduced the athletes and the Assistant Coach.

Freeholder Sullivan congratulated the coaches and the athletes.

Freeholder Jalloh stated that he had the opportunity to attend the games over the past 5 years. He said he is especially proud of their win, especially being a graduate of the school. He also acknowledged other County employees who graduated from Roselle Catholic.

Freeholder Jalloh urged the athletes to take with them the perseverance and selflessness and discipline of the game and to use it to their benefit in their future endeavors.

### **ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION**

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

#### **749-2013 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2012-743 FIXING THE SALARIES OF DEPARTMENT HEADS**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union that Ordinance 2012-743 adopted on December 20, 2012 is hereby amended to remove Joan Wheeler as Director of Runnells Specialized Hospital, and adding Susan Palma as Acting Director of Runnells Specialized Hospital effective April 1, 2013 at a fixed salary of \$123,786.98; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect at the time and manner provided by law, and the Clerk of this Board be and is hereby authorized to publish a notice in the appropriate newspaper of such introduction and of a public hearing on June 13, 2013, and shall forward one certified copy of final passage, to each Clerk of all Municipalities located within the County of Union.

Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, Freeholder Sullivan stated that this Ordinance amends the previous ordinance establishing the department head's salaries. Administrator Joan Wheeler has retired effective April 1<sup>st</sup> and this amendment establishes Sue Palma's salary as the Administrator of the Hospital (which is a \$9,000 reduction).

**RESULT: INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 6/13/2013 8:00 PM; MOVER:** Daniel P. Sullivan, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

### **FIRST READING STATEMENT**

Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan, Fiscal Chairman, moved Ordinance number 749-2013 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The Final Reading and Public Hearing are scheduled for June 13, 2013.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

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The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, stated that he was pleased that the Agenda reflected low expenditures. He asked if Resolution 2013-371 has been supported annually. He asked what type of health benefits a forman would receive pertaining to Resolution 2013-399. He made comments about the cost to the County in reference to Resolution 2013-398.

Freeholder Estrada stated that in reference to Resolution 2013-371, the Cuban Club of Elizabeth has been celebrating their heritage for many years, but this is the first time they have reached out to the

Board for support. He said the Parade begins at 11:30 on Saturday beginning on Elizabeth Avenue in Elizabeth.

Director DiRado explained that the contract proposal mentioned in Resolution 2013-399 is modifying the current plan to have an elevated out of network cost and a higher deductible. He explained the out of network benefit, deductibles and change in cost to the prescription plan.

Tina Renna, Cranford, asked if the Haitian Flag Day Parade will be out of County (Resolution 2013-365). She asked if Carnaval Elizabeth mentioned in Resolution 2013-369 that is scheduled for September 1st and 2nd is new, and also asked where the Peruvian Parade will be located and asked if it is also new.

Ms. Renna asked for an explanation of Resolution 2013-380. She asked how the Collective Bargaining Agreements keep the County from joining the State health plan.

Freeholder Estrada stated that the Haitian Flag Day Parade will begin at City Hall in Elizabeth and will continue to Jefferson Park. It is not the first time the Board is supporting the Parade. He said the Peruvian Parade is the first time it is funded by the Board, and it will begin on Front Street and will continue to City Hall.

Freeholder Sullivan interjected and stated that Parades may not be funded by the Board every year.

Director DiRado explained that Resolution 2013-380 is a Personnel Software System (ABRA), which is owned by Sage Software, Inc. The price includes the annual license agreement, updates and maintenance. He said the contract price is approximately \$600 less this year.

Director DiRado stated that there are 3 plans to choose from, depending upon hire. There are 22 Bargaining Unit Agreements within the County. He said they are in the process of negotiating with the unions. He said there are currently 4 or 5 Unions that have agreed. They are trying to have more use in network and the use of generic drugs.

Jim Buettner, Cranford, made comments referring to Resolution 2013-399. He asked if the State Health Plan will be considered.

County Counsel Barry stated that the Board was never going with the State Health Plan. Based on the cost analysis the State Health Plan is more expensive.

Chairman Carter stated that the Board collectively works with the Bargaining Units to come up with the best plan.

Director DiRado stated that he normally does not comment on contract negotiations. He simply explained that the Unions have historically rejected the State Plan. He said the County has developed concessions that better utilize our plan design that will "bend the curve," which is a smarter utilization program. He said that currently there are quotes out for health insurance costs and they are expecting to receive responses within the next few weeks. He reiterated that the Unions that the County is currently negotiating with have flatly rejected the State Health Care Program.

Salaam Ismial, member of the Advisory Board for the Prevention of Youth Violence gave a shout out to Roselle Catholic Boys Basketball Team. He stated that he is in support of Resolution 2013-356, adding that Union County was the first County to have a Commission on Violence. He made

comments about the recent violence that happened in Clark, adding that there is no town exempt from violence.

Mr. Ismial announced that there is a Walk for Peace Marathon that will be held on May 30th, from Newark to Trenton to bring awareness and understanding to violence. He thanked Freeholder Jalloh as Liaison to the Advisory Board for the Prevention of Youth Violence and to the Board for supporting the bill.

**2013-355 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA, FREEHOLDER WRIGHT, VICE CHAIRMAN HUDAK, CHAIRMAN CARTER, FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI, FREEHOLDER JALLOH:** Supporting New Jersey Assembly Bill 3509 and State Senate Bill 2479 which would establish tuition equity for undocumented immigrant children, known as DREAMers.

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

**2013-356 FREEHOLDER JALLOH:** Resolution supporting Senate Bill #2430 & Assembly Bill #3690; legislation declaring violence a public health crisis, recommends expansion of mental health programs, recommends federal adoption of gun control measures, and establishes "Study Commission on Violence."

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

**2013-357 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2012-896, increasing the 2013 Human Services Advisory Council [HSAC] grant award in the amount of \$125,000.00, designated for Family Support and Prevention (FSP) program services for the period of July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, for a new grant total of \$374,063.00 inclusive of County Match.

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

**2013-358 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2013 Peer Grouping 7-Month Renewal Spending Plan in the total amount of \$195,416 for subcontracted services to be provided during the period of June 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:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

**2013-359 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the Rutgers Cooperative Extension for the 2013 salary contract agreement to provide family and community health sciences, agriculture and 4-H youth development educational programs, and classes and events for Union County residents for the contract period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 in the amount of \$90,406.00.

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

**2013-360 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to provide the sum of \$25,000.00 to the Union County Baseball Association for the purposes of providing assistance with the operation of their 2013 summer and fall youth baseball programs. This funding is provided through and from the Kids Recreation Trust Fund in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

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

**2013-361 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN:** Resolution Modifying the 2013 Budget in the amount of \$35,347.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Victim Witness Advocacy - Domestic Violence Advocate Project.

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

**2013-362 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN:** Resolution Modifying the 2013 Budget in the amount of \$38,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: Senior Health Insurance Program - SHIP.

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

**2013-363 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN:** Resolution Modifying the 2013 Budget in the amount of \$3,942.00 as result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Law Enforcement Officers Training & Equipment Fund. (LEOTF)

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

**2013-364 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN:** Resolution Modifying the 2013 Budget in the amount of \$206,976.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Community Service Block Grant.

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

**2013-365 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN:** Resolution sponsoring the Haitian Flag Day Committee's efforts in celebrating the Haitian heritage and bringing awareness of the Haitian culture through several events including the annual Haitian Flag Day Parade in the amount of \$3,000.00.

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

**2013-366 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN:** Resolution sponsoring Portugal Day, Inc., in the amount of \$4,000.00 for their efforts in celebrating Portuguese heritage and bringing awareness of the Portuguese culture through their several events including their annual Portugal Day Parade.

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

**2013-367 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN:** Resolution sponsoring the Plainwood Square Merchants' Association in the amount of \$4,000.00 towards their efforts in providing community and cultural summer events for the residents of Plainfield and the County at large including their free diverse summer concerts.

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

**2013-368 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN:** Resolution sponsoring the creation of a monument, in the amount of \$5,000.00, honoring the eight (8) recipients of our Nation's most distinguished honor; the Medal of Honor.

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

**2013-369 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN:** Resolution sponsoring the Carnival Elizabeth to be held on September 1, 2013 and September 2, 2013 in the amount of \$5,000.00.

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

**2013-370 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN:** Resolution sponsoring the Township of Cranford's annual 4th of July celebration in the amount of \$5,000.00.

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

**2013-371 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN:** Resolution sponsoring the Cuban Club of Elizabeth's efforts in celebrating Cuban heritage and bringing awareness of the Cuban culture, in part through their annual Cuban Independence Day Parade, in the amount of \$2,000.00.

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

**2013-372 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN:** Resolution sponsoring the Peruvians For Progress' efforts in celebrating the Peruvian heritage and bringing awareness of the Peruvian culture through several events, including their annual Parade, in the amount of \$2,000.00.

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

**2013-373 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN:** Resolution sponsoring the Linden General Pulaski Memorial Parade Committee of St. Theresa's efforts in celebrating the Polish heritage and bringing awareness of the Polish culture through several events, including their annual Parade, in the amount of \$4,000.00.

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

**2013-374 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs in the amount of \$413,735.00 for the rehabilitation of the Arc of Union County's resident group homes and office and day program sites damaged by Hurricane Irene under the State CDBG-DR Program.

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



**2013-375 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a competitive contract with United Computer, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, for Technical Support Services in the amount of \$213,500.00 for the contract period of June 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

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

**2013-376 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT:** Appointing Sonja A. Ash as a member to the Senior Citizen Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2013.

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

**2013-377 CHAIRMAN CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager through the Office of the Union County Prosecutor's Office to apply for and accept funding from the Victim Witness Advocacy Fund Supplemental Grant Program in the amount of \$37,561.00 for the period of December 1, 2012 through November 30, 2013.

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

**2013-378 CHAIRMAN CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to apply for and accept funding from the Office of Victim Witness Advocacy for the STOP Violence against Women (VAWA)-DV Advocate grant in the amount of \$35,347.00 with a county match of \$11,782.00 for the period June 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

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

**2013-379 CHAIRMAN CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of the Union County Prosecutor, to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Elizabeth Deo, RN for the purposes of serving as Acting SANE Coordinator for the period of April 28, 2013 through June 8, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$4,200.00.

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

**2013-380 CHAIRMAN CARTER:** Renewing the contract with Sage Software, Inc., St. Petersburg, Florida for software licensing renewal for on-going software updates and enhancement services for the County of Union's integrated Human Resource Management System for the period of June 2, 2013 through June 1, 2014 in the amount of \$22,973.39.

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

**2013-381 CHAIRMAN CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Minister Richard Hogans, Rahway, New Jersey, to provide 10 hours of religious services and counseling per week for the Protestant inmates in the Union County Jail for the contract period of May 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$4,500.00.

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

**2013-382 CHAIRMAN CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to TJA Use of Force Training, Inc., Cape Coral, Florida, for educational training of the Special Operations Unit pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)q; allowing for a contract to be awarded without competitive public bidding if the subject matter consists of educational expenditures, for contract period June 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$28,220.00.

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

**2013-383 CHAIRMAN CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Praeses, Shreveport, LA for inmate communications consulting contractual management, and reconciliation services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11- 1 et seq.; which allows a contract to be awarded without competitive public bidding if the subject matter consists of an extraordinary unspecifiable service at the Union County Jail for the contract period of June 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 in an amount not to exceed 9.22% of inmate telephone county commission.

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

**2013-384 CHAIRMAN CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities, Division of Engineering: P.M. Construction Corporation, Hillside, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing the Replacement of Two (2) Culverts - Valley Road at Glenside, BE-56, Township of Berkeley Heights and First Avenue at Locust Street, RO-10, Borough of Roselle, 300 calendar days from the day of the Notice to Proceed, in the amount of \$813,935.75.

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

**2013-385 CHAIRMAN CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities, Division of Engineering: Colonnelli Brothers, Inc., for the purpose of providing the Replacement of Hillside Avenue Culvert, Township of Springfield, 210 Calendar Days from the date of the Notice to Proceed, in the amount of \$516,265.00.

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

**2013-386 CHAIRMAN CARTER:** Rescinding Resolution Number 2012-960, a professional engineering contract for design, construction administration and inspection services for the East Hazelwood Avenue Bridge in Rahway with Birdsall Services Group (BSG), of Cranford, New Jersey.

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

**2013-387 CHAIRMAN CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to Dewberry Engineering, Inc., of Bloomfield, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing design, construction administration and inspection services for the Replacement of East Hazelwood Avenue Bridge (Ra69), City of Rahway, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$579,750.00.

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

**2013-388 CHAIRMAN CARTER:** Rescinding Resolution Number 2013-205, a professional engineering contract for Stormwater Compliance Services with the PMK Group of Cranford, New Jersey.

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

**2013-389 CHAIRMAN CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service contract to MATRIXNEWORLD, Florham Park, New Jersey, for the purpose

of providing Stormwater Compliance Services for the period of March 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$20,500.00.

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

**2013-390 CHAIRMAN CARTER:** Amending Resolution Number 2010-397, (BA#21-2010) a contract through the public bidding process, with Fai Gon Electric, Inc., Piscataway, New Jersey, approving Change Order No. 1 (final) for Intersection Improvements in the City of Elizabeth and Township of Hillside, ARRA FS-B00S (916). This change order will reduce the contract amount by \$1,514.78, for a new contract amount of \$268,585.17.

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

**2013-391 CHAIRMAN CARTER:** Amending Resolution Number 2010-397, (BA#20-2010) a contract through the public bidding process, with Fai Gon Electric, Inc., Piscataway, New Jersey, approving Change Order No. 1 (final) for Intersection Improvements, City of Elizabeth (Contract 3) ARRA FS-B00S (857). This Change Order will reduce the contract amount by \$40,401.67, for a new contract amount of \$700,600.43.

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

**2013-392 CHAIRMAN CARTER:** Resolution concurring with the Township of Springfield to close Mountain Avenue from the intersection of Shunpike Road to North Trivett Avenue; Shunpike Road from the intersection of South Springfield Avenue to the intersection of Mountain Avenue for the annual Memorial Day Parade which will be held on Monday, May 27, 2013 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

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

**2013-393 CHAIRMAN CARTER:** Resolution concurring with the Township of Berkeley Heights granting permission to the Mt. Carmel Society to close Springfield Avenue from the intersection of Snyder Avenue to the Berkeley Heights/Long Hill Township Bridge from 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 to 2:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 17, 2013 for the annual festival and fireworks display.

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

**2013-394 CHAIRMAN CARTER:** Resolution concurring with Borough of Mountainside to close Mountain Avenue from New Providence Road to Mountainview Drive on Sunday, June 16, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of the PAL Cancer Fundraising Event. Also, granting permission to hang a banner from April 29, 2013 to June 17, 2013 on Mountain Avenue.

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

**2013-395 CHAIRMAN CARTER:** Entering into an agreement with Readiness Consulting Services LLC, Edgewater, MD, for the purposes of assisting the Union County Office of Emergency Management with their accreditation into the National Emergency Management Accreditation Program, to be funded through the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant in an amount not to exceed \$45,533.00, with a 50% County Match in an amount not to exceed \$45,533.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$91,066.00.

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

**2013-396 CHAIRMAN CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a shared services agreement with City of Plainfield; Department of Health and the County Department of Health and Public Safety to provide administrative oversight by a licensed health officer for the contract period May 16, 2013 through May 15, 2014. (Revenue Generating)

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

**2013-397 CHAIRMAN CARTER:** Amending Resolution Number 2011-998, to increase the appropriation to Palumbo & Renaud of Cranford, New Jersey, in the matter entitled Richmond Lapolla v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$20,000.00.

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

**2013-398 CHAIRMAN CARTER:** Amending Resolution Number 2012-537, to increase the appropriation to Palumbo & Renaud of Cranford, New Jersey, in the matter entitled Jonathan Dawkins v. UC Sheriff, et als. for a final amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 for a final sum not to exceed \$72,000.00.

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

**2013-399 CHAIRMAN CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Park Foremen Association effective January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2015.

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

#### **FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

**2013-400 FREEHOLDER BERGEN, FREEHOLDER WRIGHT, CHAIRMAN CARTER:** Recognizing Bill Goldfischer who, at the age of 90, manages a team of workers who prepare hundreds of kosher meals daily for local senior citizens at the YM-YWHA of Union County in Union, Township.

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

**2013-401 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI:** Proclaiming May 2013 as "National Community Action Month" in the County of Union to highlight Community Action Agencies' role in helping low-income families to move out of poverty and achieve economic security.

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

**2013-402 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT:** Recognizing the men and women who proudly serve as Police Officers in the Township of Union at the Annual Police Week Ceremony held on May 16, 2013.

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

**2013-403 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT, MR. BOARD:** Congratulating the volunteer workers at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County who will be honored at the 50th Awards Celebration to be held on May 22-23, 2013 in Berkeley Heights.

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

**2013-404 CHAIRMAN CARTER:** Commending the 2013 honorees at the Annual 200 Club of Union County Luncheon; honoring Union County Public Safety personnel who go above and beyond the call of duty.

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

**2013-405 CHAIRMAN CARTER, FREEHOLDER WRIGHT:** Congratulating Denise Shipman and Anna Belin-Pyles on their selection as local heroes by The National Council of Negro Women/Plainfield-Scotch Plains.

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

**2013-406 CHAIRMAN CARTER, FREEHOLDER WRIGHT:** Congratulating Russell Triolo, CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County on being recognized by Boys & Girls Clubs of America for his 40 year career with the organization.

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

**2013-407 CHAIRMAN CARTER, FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI:** Expressing the Board's appreciation to the Elizabethtown Gas Company for their support of the Arts in Union County.

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

**2013-408 CHAIRMAN CARTER, FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI:** Expressing the Board's appreciation to the National Arts Program foundation staff for their role in promoting appreciation and recognition of individual artistic achievement and its importance to community spirit.

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

**2013-409 MR. BOARD, CHAIRMAN CARTER:** Resolution urging residents of Union County to take time on Monday, May 27, 2013 to remember the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation as the County of Union observes Memorial Day.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Daniel P. Sullivan, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada,

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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

Warren Victor, Westfield, stated that he worked for six governors and he is concerned about the reputation of the government and the Freeholder Board. He said that their image has been tarnished. He believes that there should be amendments made to terms and being a one-sided party.

Mr. Victor asked the Board if he could make a motion to include the observation of the Union County Watchdog Committee into the Minutes of the Freeholder Meeting. He asked for a second to the motion.

Jeff Robinson, Division of Social Services, member of CWA Local 1080, stated that he had attended the Freeholder meetings in the past, stating that the insurance broker of Brown and Brown misled the County comparing the State Health Plan to Horizon Blue Cross and Blue Shield. He claims that the plans were compared and they are equal. He stated that the County is able to change to the State Health Plan.

(Name and town not provided), he had questions pertaining to the budget, State and Federal Funding and services provided. He asked for copies of Resolutions, if any, that pertain to his requests.

Chairman Carter asked the speaker to speak to Director Guzzo and also advised him that if there are any Resolutions pertaining to his requests, that they will be made available to him.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, stated that Brown and Brown reviewed the State's Plan, and he urged the Board to have the State look at the Horizon Plan. He said he is opposed to opting out of the health insurance. He agreed with Mr. Victor in having the Union County Watchdog's observation included in the Freeholder Meeting Minutes. He believes the Freeholder Meeting Minutes should be sent to the towns for approval or to veto the Minutes.

Mr. Paterson spoke about Executive Session discussions involving the Union County Improvement Authority. He asked who will be in attendance to represent the UCIA.

Chairman Carter stated that the Minutes of the Executive Session will be released at the proper time.

County Counsel Barry stated that the Agenda specifically states potential contract negotiations. He said they have no idea who plan attending on behalf of the Union County Improvement Authority.

Tina Renna, Cranford, agreed with Mr. Victor's comments. She said the Freeholders should be elected at-large. She mentioned that four Freeholders have chosen to opt-out of the health insurance plan. She asked for the status of the missing equipment and for an explanation of the process of the use of county vehicles. She also made remarks about a County employee driving through a County park, which she allegedly claims was on county time.

Ms. Renna made mention of Grayce Park replacing Prosecutor Romankow on June 17th.



County Manager Faella asked Director DiRado to explain the Software System.

Director DiRado stated that they are in the process of drafting policies, manually collecting and verifying assets and they are moving at an expeditious pace.

Jim Buettner, Cranford, stated that he was in attendance when Executive Director Charlotte DeFilippo announced her resignation from the Union County Improvement Authority. He read a statement (per verbatim) made by Surrogate Jim LaCorte at the resignation of Ms. DeFilippo.

Mr. Buettner also made comments about Ms. DeFilippo's contract.

Mr. Buettner asked about the Union County College project and the ribbon cutting at the Galloping Hill Banquet facility. He made comments about MusicFest, former County Manager Devanney's recusal from contracts and missing County equipment. He told the Board to "watch their backs!"

John Bury, Kenilworth, asked about the status of the funding for the New Providence Parade. He agreed with Mr. Robinson's comments. He also spoke about bonds defaulting for the renewable solar energy project.

Mr. Bury stated that the residents of Berkeley Heights would like to secede from Union County.

Freeholder Sullivan stated that the request for funding from New Providence was sent back to the Borough for more information. He clarified that it is not for a Parade, it is for a series of summer events. He said once the Borough provides more information, the request will be reviewed by the Fiscal Committee.

#### **FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

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Freeholder Sullivan stated that there are many entities in New Jersey such as school boards who do not participate in the State Health plan. He stated that the State plan has been considered.

Freeholder Sullivan said that in reference to Mr. Victor's comments, there are 21 counties and 21 prosecutors. He said Prosecutor Romankow was appointed by Governor Florio and then again by Governor McGreevey. He said Governor Christie will appoint a republican, which is his right, as he has done with various boards. He stated that the governor also appoints judges and they are approved by the Legislators.

Freeholder Sullivan stated that he does not take the health insurance buy-out.

Director DiRado confirmed that Freeholder Sullivan does not take the buy-out.

Freeholder Sullivan stated that the Local Finance Board approved the Union County College project unanimously. He asked Chairman Carter to allow Union County College to make a presentation to the public. He said the Board is proud of the project and they support it.

Freeholder Bergen stated that two weeks from now, the County will be hosting a job fair for Veterans, and he encouraged everyone to attend. He said this is a great opportunity to make some new connections and find out about new opportunities in Union County. Among the participants will be major employers in health care, transportation, construction and other key sectors. He said

there will be people on site to help with any questions you may have about veterans' benefits and services. The job fair is free and open to all Union County veterans as well as active duty military, and their families. It is scheduled for Thursday May 30, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at VFW Post 2230, located at 33 South 21st Street in Kenilworth. For more information you can call Elizabeth Sebring of the Union County Department of Human Services at 908-527-4890.

Freeholder Bergen made comments relative to Sunday's Star Ledger Editorial criticizing Governor Christie for his claims on reducing property taxes. He said the property tax burden on the average New Jersey Family is rising even faster under Governor Christie than in the past. "So called" property tax relief is more than offset by Governor Christie's reductions in State property tax rebates to the middle class and working families in New Jersey.

Freeholder Bergen stated, as the Ledger points out, Governor Christie is so interested in limiting the State budget that he will never give local and county government and Boards of Education the assistance they need to allow for real relief to homeowners. State aid has been severely cut under the Governor.

Freeholder Kowalski thanked the students of the Shade Tree Poetry Contest, Freeholder Bergen and the Commissioners of the Shade Tree Committee.

Freeholder Kowalski stated that one of the most popular County events, the annual Union County BioBlitz, will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 14th and conclude at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. She said that BioBlitz is designed to create a snapshot of all the flora and fauna to be found in our County parks. So far, we have catalogued hundreds of species. She encouraged the public to join a team, participate in nature walks and free other activities, or just stop by and check out the exhibits. Freeholder Kowalski stated that this year, Bio-Blitz Central will be located in Lenape Park off Kenilworth Boulevard in Cranford. More information is available on the County website, at [ucnj.org](http://ucnj.org).

Freeholder Mirabella stated that Mr. Victor should be aware if he was a member of a governing body he should know that a motion cannot be made by the public; it is not legal to include anything other than the Freeholder Board to be included in the Minutes. It does not make sense and it is not legal.

Freeholder Mirabella added that the State Health Plan is reviewed by the Board every year. We are always looking for a better deal. He said we are part of the Collective Bargaining Agreement and negotiations are done this way.

Freeholder Mirabella extended his condolences to the family of Sid Katz of Community Access Unlimited. He said he is a good friend of Freeholder Mirabella and many members of the Board. He asked the Clerk to prepare a Resolution from the Board.

Freeholder Mirabella wished Prosecutor Romankow the best as he moves forward. He agreed with the Freeholder Sullivan's comments.

Freeholder Mirabella attended the spring conference of NJASC where 3,000 kids came together to talk about leadership and working in their community to raise money on behalf of a State charity. Many schools of Union County raised more than \$130,000 for Hugs for Brady. Next Year there will be a State charity for a Hero's campaign to raise money for awareness for designated drivers for individuals who have been drinking.

Freeholder Hudak stated that last Saturday, the County held a ribbon cutting for the brand new soccer and softball fields at the Wheeler Park in Linden. Thanks to the turf field that has been installed, the playing surface will be able to endure heavy year-round usage, and they are safer. The 98,000 square foot facility can be used for a variety of sports, including running, soccer, softball, rugby and even football practice if needed. He said many kids from the Linden Youth Soccer Association were on hand for the opening, and will be among those who use the facility. He thanked their Vice President, Jorge Alvarez for his vision and assistance throughout this process.

Freeholder Hudak thanked all involved with the project from the County's Public Works Director Joe Graziano and his Deputy, Mike Brennan to our Parks Director Ron Zuber, and his staff for their work in getting this done.

Freeholder Hudak echoed Freeholder Mirabella and Sullivan on his retirement. He had a distinguished career and has many things to be proud of, especially the Child Advocacy Center that was opened last year. We look forward to working whomever the governor appoints.

Freeholder Hudak spoke about the desire for the Borough of Berkeley Heights to sucede from Union County. He stated that prior to Charlotte DeFilippo being the Union County Democratic Chairman the Board was under a Republican control. Every year, there is an election and the public has their choice of vote.

Freeholder Hudak stated that the County has facilities that the residents of Berkeley Heights uses and appreciates. He said that he believes if their governing body has any concerns, they are welcome to attend the Freeholder Meetings.

Freeholder Hudak made comments about the health insurance. He said he worked in the insurance industry and costs are based upon size, rating and experience. He said the State subsidized carrier could also be increased. He explained that the County's insurance broker submits the information to the Collective Bargaining Units and the Board is confident and has faith in the Unions, that they do their due diligence in choosing whatever the best options are. He added that blanket statements are inappropriate. This matter could be discussed with Director DiRado, adding the Freeholder Meeting is not the forum for this matter.

Chairman Carter thanked the Freeholders for all their comments, especially the comments pertaining to the Health Insurance Plan. Health benefits are part of our collective bargaining. She agreed that it should be not discussed here. She advised the public that they have the right to make comments during the time frame allotted, but back and forth dialogue should is disruptive to the meeting. She said that the public can speak to the Freeholders and Directors after the meeting or by email for further discussion.

Chairman Carter stated that the Union County Women Mean Business Summit is set to take place on Wednesday, June 19th at 11:00 a.m. at the Clubhouse at Galloping Hill Golf Course, located at 3 Golf Drive in Kenilworth. This event will bring together women from throughout Union County to enjoy a day of workshops, education and networking with a focus on leveraging your skills and opportunities to succeed in business. To register or to get more information, visit [www.ucnj.org/ucmeansbusiness](http://www.ucnj.org/ucmeansbusiness). Another career program we've undertaken this spring is Union County Choices, a job training collaboration with Union County College set to begin in June.

Chairman Carter stated that she is happy to report that we recently completed a series of information sessions on the offered trainings in the fields of Allied Health and Transportation, Logistics and Distribution which received a great deal of interest from the public. We are highly anticipating the start of the program and look forward to reporting back on its progress once it has launched. She encouraged the public to attend.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

- 1) Attorney-Client privileged communication and potential contract negotiations with the Union County Improvement Authority relative to the Renewable Energy Program.

County Counsel Barry stated that pursuant to provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act a public body may enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing certain enumerated subjects. This Board will now enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing attorney-client privileged communication and potential contract negotiations with the Union County Improvement Authority relative to the Renewable Energy Program.

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

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

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

Motion to enter Executive Session.

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

Motion to return from Executive Session.

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 PM.

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

#### 2012 UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS' MEETING SCHEDULE

Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 7:00pm in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified. In the event an Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting are held on the same night, the Agenda Setting Session will commence at 7:00pm and the Regular Meeting will commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session.

Persons requiring a sign language interpreter should contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 908-527-4140.

REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012 at 12:00pm  
Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

#### AGENDA SETTING MEETINGS

January 19, 2012

February 2, 2012  
February 16, 2012

March 1, 2012  
March 15, 2012

April 5, 2012  
April 26, 2012

May 3, 2012  
May 17, 2012

June 14 2012  
June 28, 2012

July 12, 2012

August 9, 2012

September 6, 2012  
September 20, 2012

October 4, 2012  
October 18, 2012

November 8, 2012  
Tues., November 20, 2012

#### REGULAR MEETINGS

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February 23, 2012

March 8, 2012  
March 22, 2012

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September 27, 2012

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October 18, 2012

November 8, 2012  
November 29, 2012

December 6, 2012  
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James E. Pelletiere  
Clerk of the Board