



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2012  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

## CALL TO ORDER

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Vice Chairman Linda Carter called the meeting to order at 7:22 PM.

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

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

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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. OATH OF OFFICE: Patrick McShane and Rosemary Millet, Air Traffic and Noise Advisory Board; Ravenell Williams, Human Services Advisory Council; Joanne Rajoppi, Homeless Trust Fund Advisory Board; Marlyse Benson, Advisory Board for the Prevention of Youth Services and Renee Banks, Union County Transportation Advisory Board.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, asked why the County is giving money to the City of Linden as mentioned in Resolution 2012-390 for resurfacing, but not the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Paterson commended Director Yuska's savings regarding Resolution 2012-410. He said he is in favor of reverse auctions. He asked if the savings will be added to the budget. He said he is opposed to Corrections Officers being laid-off, as this could result in more prison escapes and deaths. He suggested the savings from Resolution 2012-410 be appropriated to save the Correction Officers jobs.

Mr. Paterson stated he is grateful for the insurance premium reductions on Resolution 2012-404.

Director Zuber asked Deputy Director Rountree to explain Resolution 2012-390. Ms. Rountree said it is part of Community Block Development Grant program through the County's CDRS Committee. It is Federal funding.

Director Taylor stated that in reference to Resolution 2012-410, any savings realized as a result of contracts will be included in the budget amendment process prior to final adoption.

**RESOLUTIONS**

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The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

2012-390 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA: **Amending Resolution Number 2011-576, to increase the original grant for the City of Linden Street Resurfacing from \$195,000 to \$215,000, an increase of \$20,000.**

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

2012-391 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: **Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Revenue Generating Shared Services Agreement with the County of Mercer for the purposes of providing secure detention beds for its juvenile detention population, on an as needed basis, effective May 20, 2012 through May 19, 2013 at a per diem rate of \$225.00 as specified in the Shared Services Agreement.**

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

2012-392 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: **Authorizing the County Manager to accept a donation from the Housing Authority of Linden, Ann Ferguson Towers, of a Jade Commercial 6 Open Burner Range to be utilized by the Union County Kitchen in Linden for preparation of home delivered and congregate meals at no cost to the County.**

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

2012-393 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: **Amending Resolution Number 2011-1028, adopting the Youth Services Commission Spending Plan subcontracting with various agencies for the grant period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, to specify the source of grant funds only as State Community Partnership Funds in the amount of \$311,548, Family Court Services Funds in the amount of \$5,791, and Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Funds in the amount of \$51,397, and to further authorize the County Manager to transfer funds among the funded agencies/municipalities during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the funded agencies/municipalities fails to meet its contractual obligation, upon approval by the Juvenile Justice Commission.**

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

2012-394 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: **Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract, pursuant to competitive contracting law NJSA 4A:11-4, to Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the operation of the Union County Children's Shelter for the period of May 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 in the amount of \$250 per diem per bed for a total contract amount not to exceed, \$275,000 for Year One with a four (4) year option to renew at the prices quoted in the agency's competitive contract proposal.**

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

2012-395 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: **Authorizing the County Manager, pursuant to NJSA 40A:5.16.2, to advance payment in the total amount not to exceed \$36,250 to the specified Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth Program agencies, awarded contracts under Resolution 2012-207, for the purpose of meeting program start-up costs and to achieve the objectives of the WIA Youth Program for the period of March 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012.**

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

2012-396 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: **Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Coach & Equipment Bus Sales, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland, to supply four (4) equipped Paratransit buses as fleet replacements to provide services for the citizens of the County of Union in the amount of \$195,920.00.**

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

2012-397 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: **Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks and Community Renewal: Marciano Enterprise Group, LLC, Edison, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Mobile Food Concession at Oak Ridge Park, for the period of three years, in the amount of \$400.00 per month for a yearly season of seven months for a total amount of \$8,400.00 (this is a revenue producing contract).**

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

2012-398 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: **Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to AstroTurf, LLC, Dalton, Georgia for the purchase and installation of AstroTurf GameDay Grass for Wheeler Park and Rizzuto Park Fields in the amount of \$735,849 using the US Communities Cooperative National Contract.**

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

2012-399 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: **Appointing Janice C. Lillien, Thomas E. Connell and Marureen Glenn to the Homeless Trust Fund Advisory Board for a two year term commencing June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2014 and Stelio Papadopoulo to a one year term commencing June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2013.**

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

2012-400 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: **Amending Resolution No. 2011-1017 to include Berkeley Internal Medicine to the list of qualified practitioners permitted to provide services for the Cornerstone Unit; no additional funds required.**

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

2012-401 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: **Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a clinical Affiliation Agreement with Quinnipiac University, Hamden, Connecticut to provide a clinical setting for students enrolled in the Occupational Therapy program for the period of May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2014 at no cost to the County.**

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

2012-402 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: **Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Genesis ElderCare Rehabilitation Services Inc., Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, for the privatization of Occupational, Physical, and Speech Therapy services for the residents/patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013, in an amount not to exceed \$1,947,272.00; representing a total anticipated operational cost savings of \$376,037.00 and an additional \$1,504,192.00 in new revenues.**

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

2012-403 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: **Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement to provide liability coverage for the operation of the ambulances owned and operated by the County Emergency Services in the amount of \$2,255.00 with Western World Insurance Company, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey, for the period of April 26, 2012 through April 26, 2013. This resolution represents an 8% reduction from the previous insurance premium.**

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

2012-404 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: **Approving the professional liability policy for Dr. Raymond Lanza, at Runnells Specialized Hospital, with Princeton Insurance Company, Princeton, New Jersey, for the period of May 1, 2012 through May 1, 2013 in the amount of \$15,158.21. This resolution represents a 10% reduction from the previous insurance premium.**

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

2012-405 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: **Approving the Public Official Bonds for the following County Employees with the Hartford Insurance Company, Hartford, Connecticut: Alfred Faella for the period of April 1, 2012 through April 1, 2013 in the amount of \$400.00 and Bibi Taylor for the period of April 15, 2012 through April 15, 2013 in the amount of \$952.00.**

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

2012-406 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: **Amending Resolution Number 2010-797, a contract (through public bidding process) with Union Paving, Mountainside, New Jersey, approving Change Order No. 1 (final) for the replacement of Burnet Avenue Culvert, Union, New Jersey. This Change Order will reduce the original contract amount by \$50,015.58. This project was 100% funded by the County's 2009 Annual Transportation Program.**

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

2012-407 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: **Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement between the County of Union and Cross River Fiber, Iselin, New Jersey, to use the public right-of-way in order to install telecommunications fiber optic cable to existing utility poles or conduits.**

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

2012-408 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: **Concurring with the Borough of Mountainside, Resolution No. 131-2010, naming the access road from New Providence Road to the Mountainside Borough Hall the "Mayor Robert F. Viglianti Memorial Drive."**

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

2012-409 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: **Resolution supporting the Town of Westfield's application for 2013 Local Safety Program Grant for the Intersection Improvements of East Broad Street and Elm Street, County of Union, Town of Westfield.**

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

2012-410 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: **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: Hess Corporation for providing various electricity services in an amount not to exceed \$7,000,000.00 for 36 months and to Reliant Energy, for the purpose of providing various electricity services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 over the same 36 months.**

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

2012-411 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: **Authorizing the County Manager to designate the following vehicle, a White 1993 48 foot Stoughton Semi Van Trailer equipped with a Caswell Mobile Road Range (shooting range), as surplus vehicle no longer needed for County purposes, and authorizes the County Manager to dispose of the vehicle in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36.**

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

2012-412 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: **Authorizing the County Manager to auction off a County Police White 1993 48 foot Stoughton Semi Van Trailer equipped with a Caswell Mobile Road Range (shooting range). The sale will be conducted online through www.usgovbid.com auction site.**

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

2012-413 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: **Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement with the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad to share telecommunications services to dispatch EMS vehicles and other emergency equipment in the municipality or the immediate vicinities.**

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

2012-414 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: **Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Service Agreement with the Township of Springfield to provide Fire and Emergency Medical Basic Life Support Dispatch Services.**

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

2012-415 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: **Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Service Agreement with the Township of Hillside to provide Fire and Emergency Medical Basic Life Support Dispatch Services.**

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

2012-416 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: **Amending Resolution Number 2012-127, to change the term of the Traffic Control Signal Program with the Borough of Roselle Park to continue until July 3, 2014 in the amount not to exceed \$590,839.00**

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

2012-417 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: **Amending Resolution Number 2012-126, to change the term of the Traffic Control Signal Program with the Borough of Roselle Park to continue until July 3, 2014 in the amount not to exceed \$285,920.00**

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

2012-418 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: **Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Police Training Commission for the 2012 Law Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment Grant, Part II for the period of November 1, 2011 through February 29, 2012 in the amount of \$9,496.00.**

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

2012-419 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: **Amending Resolution Number 2011-633 (BA #57-2011), a contract (through the public bidding process) with Flemington Department Store, Flemington, New Jersey, approving Change Order No. 1 in order to purchase instructor uniforms for the John J. Stamler Police Academy in the amount of \$8,000.00 for a new total contract amount of \$41,069.00.**

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

#### **FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

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2012-420 FREEHOLDER HUDAK: **Extending the Board's most sincere condolences to the family of Barbara A. "Bonnie" Bartish Mellage during their time of sorrow.**

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

2012-421 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: **Commending Elizabethtown Gas Company for its leadership role in hosting the 11th Annual National Arts Program Exhibit and Contest for Union County Employees and their Families.**

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

2012-422 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: **Congratulating Dr. Robert J. Fridlington, recipient of The National Daughters of the American Revolution History Award Gold Medal in recognition of his study and promotion of American history.**

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

2012-423 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: **Commending the National Arts Program Foundation for its support of the Union County Employee Art Exhibit and Contest.**

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

2012-424 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: **Congratulating Joseph Addressa on his retirement from the Union County Department of Parks and Community Renewal after 41 years of service.**

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

2012-425 VICE CHAIRMAN CARTER: **Congratulating Reverend Charles H. Kelly on his 6th Pastoral Anniversary with the Bright Hope Baptist Church, Montclair, New Jersey.**

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

2012-426 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: **Congratulating Helen Kenny on being honored as "Outstanding Senior Citizen for 2012" by the Department of Public Property and Community Services, City of Linden, New Jersey.**

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

2012-427 MR. AND THE ENTIRE BOARD: **Extending the Board's most sincere condolences to the family of Harold Knox, of the Union County Prosecutor's Office, during their time of sorrow.**

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, spoke about lifetime health benefits for County employees who are eligible, the closing of CenCom Dispatch Services, and said he would be in support of Freeholder Districting.

John Bury, Kenilworth, spoke about the debt service of the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund and asked about a revenue item for \$4 million in 2010 for Oakwood Plaza. He asked for an explanation.

Director Taylor stated that the amount of \$5.2 million for debt service is affiliated with the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund. She said in reference to the Oakwood Plaza question, she is uncertain that it is a line item of revenue, as she is not familiar with its history. She said if it is, then it would have to meet the State's threshold. She stated she would get back to the Board with an answer.

Jim Buettner, Cranford, asked if the County is allowed to go into debt when acquiring property from the Open Space, Recreation and Preservation Trust Fund.

Freeholder Sullivan replied, yes.

Mr. Buettner asked if there is a cap on the debt. Director Taylor stated that the parameters surrounding the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, there is no cap on debt because the debt issued for various projects for the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust are GO Bonds. Revenue Bonds have a higher interest rate. There is no cap other than the County's regular debt service limits.

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

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Freeholder Kowalski stated that there was a Holocaust Remembrance Day was observed. She attended one that was held at Hillside Avenue School in Cranford. She said it was very informative. Some Holocaust survivors were in attendance that shared their experiences, and stated that it is important that the young hear their testimony. She commended everyone involved.

Freeholder Kowalski thanked the many Union County residents who went the extra mile to participate in an Earth Day event this year. Our Union County parks have a wonderful corps of volunteers who are at work year-round, and every April it is a real pleasure to see them joined by new helpers. There were many events this month and if you would like to participate, there is still time. The annual Rahway River cleanup will be held this weekend, on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Freeholder Kowalski thanked the Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts, Union County College and Kean University and all the volunteers. Union County is providing supplies, and one of our Adopt-a-Park volunteers, Joe Seebode of the Clark Environmental Commission, is once again doing a wonderful job of organizing the event. Last year, there was a great turnout of almost 200 people. If you would like to join in, come to the parking area by the dam at Winfield Park at about 8:45 a.m., this Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. More information by emailing [rivercleanup@comcast.net](mailto:rivercleanup@comcast.net) <<mailto:rivercleanup@comcast.net>>.

Freeholder Sullivan stated that as part of our efforts to provide the public with better access to information about County services, last year we re-launched Vintage Views, our TV show for seniors, which airs on TV-34 in Union Township. He said he was pleased to report that the results have been well received, and Vintage Views has been nominated for a JAM Award for excellence in public access. JAM is an important new regional video festival and we are very proud that Union County is represented there. He noted that Freeholder Kowalski recently participated in a News 12 feature on the history of our County Seal, which won an Emmy Award in the politics/government category. Vintage Views, the County Seal story and many other videos about Union County programs and services are available at the Video Channel on our website, at [www.ucnj.org](http://www.ucnj.org).

Freeholder Sullivan commented on Freeholder Districting. He said he is not opposed to districting, but he feels that it will never happen. There was a piece of legislature in the past for Freeholder Districting, but it failed. He added the towns do not vote, as a previous speaker mentioned. The people vote.

Freeholder Hudak stated that on Wednesday, he was privileged to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Apartments at St. Elizabeth's, a project funded in part by CDBG, HOME and HMFA funds, which provides affordable housing for the disabled. As a Linden resident and former member of the Linden City Rent Leveling Board, this is a project that he has followed closely. Freeholder Hudak said that in light of the recent Community Development Week celebration which highlighted CDBG, seeing the finished product was a testament to the importance of the grant program and the positive impact it has on our community.

Freeholder Wright stated that every election is important, and the one coming up on June 5th is especially significant because it is a Presidential primary election. She stated that beginning May 1st, the Union County Clerk will offer a "one-stop" vote by mail service at the Westfield and Elizabeth Offices. Eligible voters who come by either of these offices in person can apply for a Vote-By-Mail ballot, receive their ballot, and cast their ballot all in one visit. The Westfield office also has evening and Saturday hours for your convenience. Our County Clerk, Joanne Rajoppi, works diligently to ensure that the voting process runs smoothly for Union County residents, and the one-stop service provides another way to accommodate everyone who is eligible to vote.

Freeholder Wright stated that a Vote-by-Mail application form is available at your local municipal building, or you can download one from the County Clerk's page on the Union County website, [www.ucnj.org](http://www.ucnj.org) <<http://www.ucnj.org>>. The website includes the office locations and hours, and for more information, contact the Union County Clerk at 908-527-4996.

County Manager Faella personally thanked the Department Heads on all they were able to save in their departments, especially Director Yuska, Director Graziano, Director Guzzo and Director Taylor. He stated that Administrator Wheeler will continue to see where savings could be made at Runnells Specialized Hospital. He said they will all continue to work on savings throughout the

year.

Acting Chairman Carter reminded everyone about Saturday's National Take Back Initiative, which gives the public an opportunity to turn in unused or expired medication. Many law enforcement agencies throughout the County will serve as collection sites and will be staffed to handle and dispose of prescription and non-prescription medication in accordance with state regulations. Hopefully, our residents will take full advantage of this program so that these medications can be disposed of in a safe and non-hazardous manner.

Acting Chairman Carter stated that the County Police Department collection site is available at the Public Safety Building in Westfield, at 300 North Avenue East, from 10:00 to 2:00 this Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. A complete list of participating locations in Union County is on the website, at [ucnj.org/recycling](http://ucnj.org/recycling).

Acting Chairman Carter thanked everyone for a smooth meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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To the extent known, the following items will be discussed in executive session:

1. Attorney Client privilege relative to contract negotiations with various collective bargaining units.
2. Attorney Client discussion on pending litigation relative to Aspen Landscaping v. County of Union, et als.
3. Attorney Client discussion on anticipated contract negotiations relative to placement and installation of a temporary cell tower.

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 privilege relative to contract negotiations with various collective bargaining units, attorney-client discussion on pending litigation relative to Aspen Landscaping v. County of Union, et al, and attorney-client discussion on anticipated contract negotiations relative to placement and installation of a temporary cell tower.

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, 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:** Deborah P. Scanlon, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Scanlon, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Carter; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Estrada, Chairman Mirabella;

Motion to return from Executive Session.

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM.

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



## 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  
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December 20, 2012

### REGULAR MEETINGS

January 26, 2012

February 9, 2012  
February 23, 2012

March 8, 2012  
March 22, 2012

April 19, 2012  
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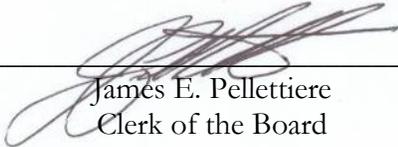
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