



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2012
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alexander Mirabella called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Angel G. Estrada	Freeholder	Present	
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	Present	

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

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE BOARD

1. A resolution presentation was made to the Union County Trail Chainsaw Crew for their efforts and time donated throughout 2011, but especially following Hurricane Irene and the October Nor'easter.

Freeholder Sullivan and Freeholder Kowalski presented a Resolution to the Union County Trail Chainsaw Crew for their hard work and time donated throughout the storms of 2011.

Freeholder Sullivan called upon Ned O'Connell and his crew. Mr. O'Connell explained that they primarily clean-up the Watchung Reservation. He said they were very busy from the hurricane debris and snow from the storms. He said they clean up 23 trails to make it easier for people to walk.

Freeholder Kowalski read the Resolution aloud. She thanked them for making the trails clear for residents to enjoy, which also lessens the load for the Parks and Public Works Departments.

Freeholder Sullivan thanked them for their outstanding work.

2. Certificate presentations was made to the Clark Pop Warner Cheerleaders for their 4th Place finish in the Pop Warner National Cheer Championship.

Chairman Mirabella called upon the Clark Crusader Cheerleading squad, the Head Coach, Kim Shriner and the Assistant Coach, Melissa.

Head Coach Shriner called upon the team and the team moms.

Head Coach Shriner thanked the Board for the recognition. She said it is the first time in Clark history they made it to Nationals at Disney World. She thanked the Assistant Coach, the parents and the team moms.

Chairman Mirabella and Vice Chairman Carter called upon George Karikititis of Elizabeth to make a presentation to the Board explaining the history of Greek Independence Day.

Mr. Karikititis thanked the Board for allowing him to make the presentation and for supporting a Resolution declaring March 25th Greek Independence Day in Union County.

Chairman Mirabella thanked him for the history lesson. He hopes the economy in Greece will improve soon, and said the Board will continue to recognize March 25th as Greek Independence Day.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Oaths of Office

1. Oath of Office: Commission on the Status of Women - Sally Samuel.
2. Oath of Office: Construction Board of Appeals - Charles Medallis.
3. Oath of Office: Human Services Advisory Council - Tom Beck, Sid Blanchard, Susan Grinkervich, Richard Hlavacek, Donna Morris, Heather Mills-Pevonis and Rita Veiga.
4. Oath of Office: LACADA - Debra Apostol, Karyn Weingarten and Karen Yuschak.
5. Oath of Office: Mental Health Advisory Board - Joyce Haberer.
6. Oath of Office: Union County Transportation Advisory Board - David Amlen and James Mathieu.
7. Oath of Office: Senior Citizen Disabled Resident Transportation Board - William Totten.

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

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. February 02, 2012 – Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

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

2. February 09, 2012 – Regular Meeting Minutes

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

3. February 16, 2012 – Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

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

4. February 23, 2012 – Regular Meeting Minutes

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

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL READING

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

728-2012 Ordinance authorizing the execution and acknowledgment and delivery by the County of Union of certain agreements in relation to guaranteed lease revenue bonds, series 2012 (Union County Family Court Building Project - Elizabeth) of the Union County Improvement Authority.

WHEREAS, the Union County Improvement Authority (the “Authority”) has been duly created by an ordinance of the Board of Chosen Freeholders (the “Board of Chosen Freeholders”) of the County of Union, New Jersey (the “County”), as a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey (the “State”) pursuant to and in accordance with the County Improvement Authorities Law, constituting Chapter 183 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1960 of the State, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, the County has requested that the Authority undertake and provide financing for the design and construction of a Union County Family Court Building and Office Facility to be located, in part, at 10 Cherry Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey, which is a facility owned and operated by the Authority, and on adjoining lands currently owned by the County (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Project is expected to provide new Family Court facilities for the Union County Superior Court, and office facilities for the Authority and the County, and will include a parking structure; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is desirous of assisting in the financing of such Project, to the extent permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, the Authority expects to obtain funds to assist the financing of the Project through the issuance of its bonds in an amount not to exceed \$45,000,000 GUARANTEED LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2012 (UNION COUNTY FAMILY COURT BUILDING PROJECT-ELIZABETH) (the "Bonds") issued pursuant to a Bond Resolution to be adopted by the Authority entitled "**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF COUNTY GUARANTEED LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2012 (UNION COUNTY FAMILY COURT BUILDING PROJECT-ELIZABETH) OF THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$45,000,000 IN CONNECTION WITH THE AUTHORITY'S FINANCING OF THE PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LEASE AGREEMENT AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS ANNEXED THERETO, A PURCHASE AGREEMENT ANNEXED THERETO, AND SUCH RELATED INSTRUMENTS AS NECESSARY AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**" (the "Bond Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, specifically Section 35 thereof (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-78), the Authority is authorized to enter into and perform any lease or other agreement with the County for the lease to or use by the County of all or any part of any public facility or facilities as determined in Section 11 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-54); and

WHEREAS, the Authority intends to lease the Project to the County pursuant to the terms of a "Property and Infrastructure Lease Agreement (Union County Family Court Building Project-Elizabeth)" to be dated as of the first day of the month of issuance of the Bonds between the Authority, as lessor, and the County (together with any amendments thereof or supplements thereto in accordance with its terms, the "Lease Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, during the term of this Lease, title to the Project will reside with the Authority; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the terms of the Lease, (i) the County will manage and operate the Project, collect and disburse the revenues realized and pay the expenses incurred in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, in order to induce the prospective purchasers of the Bonds to purchase same, and to provide additional security, the Bonds shall otherwise be secured by a guarantee ordinance adopted by the County unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteeing a portion of the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Bonds, all pursuant to Section 37 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 13 ("Section 13") of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-56), prior to the issuance of the Bonds, the Authority shall make a detailed report with respect to such

financing to the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County, which report shall include copies or a description of, without limitation, the various financing documents; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-6 and N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80 the Authority shall make application, on behalf of the Authority and the County to the Local Finance Board in the Division of Local Government Services of the Department of Community Affairs of the State (the "Local Finance Board") for the Local Finance Board's review of the financing, including, *inter alia*, the Bond Resolution, the Lease Agreement, the County Guaranty, and Continuing Disclosure Agreement (the "Financing Documents"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the terms of Section 37 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80) and the County Guaranty, the County shall be obligated, if necessary, to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the County without limitation as to rate or amount to make the timely payment of the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Authority believes: (i) it is in the public interest to accomplish such purpose; (ii) said purpose is for the health, wealth, convenience or betterment of the inhabitants of the County of Union; (iii) the amounts to be expended for said purpose are not unreasonable or exorbitant; and (iv) the proposal is an efficient and feasible means of providing for the needs of the inhabitants of the County of Union and will not create an undue financial burden to be placed upon the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, as follows:

Section 1. The County Manager, Director of Finance, County Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer or such other authorized officer of the County (each an "Authorized Officer") are hereby each severally authorized and directed, upon the satisfaction of all the legal conditions precedent to the execution or acknowledgment and delivery by the County, of the Financing Documents to be so executed or acknowledged by the County.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby authorized and directed, upon the execution or acknowledgment of the Financing Documents in accordance with the terms of Section 1 hereof, to attest to the Authorized Officer's execution or acknowledgment of such documents and is hereby further authorized and directed to thereupon affix the seal of the County to such documents.

Section 3. Upon the execution or acknowledgment and attestation of and if required, the placing of the seal on the Financing Documents as contemplated by Sections 1 and 2 hereof, the Authorized Officer is hereby authorized and directed to (i) deliver the fully executed or acknowledged, attested and sealed documents to the other parties thereto and (ii) perform such other actions as the Authorized Officer deems necessary, desirable or convenient in relation to the execution and delivery thereof.

Section 4. The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union hereby authorize the performance of any act, the execution or acknowledgment and delivery of any other document, instrument or closing certificates, which the Authorized Officer, deems necessary, desirable or

convenient in connection with this contemplated transaction, and the Board hereby directs the Authorized Officer to execute or acknowledge, and cause the Clerk of the Board to attest and affix the seal to any such documents, instruments or closing certificates, the authorization of which actions shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution or acknowledgment, attestation, affixation and delivery, as the case may be, thereof by such persons. Such closing certificates shall include, without limitation, (a) a determination that any information provided by the County in connection with the preparation and distribution of the (i) any preliminary official statement or supplement with relation to the Bonds is “deemed final” for the purposes and within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (“Rule 15c2-12”) and (ii) any official statement or supplement with relation to the Bonds constitutes a final Official Statement for the purposes and within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12, (b) a determination that the Continuing Disclosure Agreement complies with Rule 15c2-12, (c) a determination that any information provided by or on behalf of the County or relating to the County, the Project, the Financing Documents or the transactions contemplated thereby in connection with the preparation and distribution of any such Preliminary Official Statement or the Official Statement complies with Section 10 and Rule 10b-5 of the Securities Exchange Act, and (d) any representations, warranties, covenants, certificates or instruments required by any issuer of a municipal bond insurance policy or any other form of credit enhancement securing all or a portion of the Bonds or the issuer of a rating on all or a portion thereof.

Section 5. A public hearing shall be held on this ordinance on March 8, 2012 at the meeting room of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, Administration Building, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Section 6. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to publish and post notice of this ordinance as required by law.

Section 7. Upon the adoption hereof, the Clerk of the Board shall forward certified copies of this ordinance to the County Manager, Director of Finance, County Counsel, Bond Counsel to the County, the Authority, and Bond Counsel to the Authority.

Section 8. This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Public Hearing on Ordinance 728-2012 was held on March 8, 2012 and was subsequently approved by the Local Finance Board.

Freeholder Sullivan, Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman, moved Ordinance 728-2012 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

RESULT: ADOPTED [8 TO 0]; MOVER: Daniel P. Sullivan, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Linda Carter, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Scanlon, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Carter, Chairman Mirabella; **ABSTAIN:** Freeholder Hudak;

729-2012 Guaranty ordinance of the County of Union, New Jersey, regarding the payment of the principal of and interest on certain guaranteed lease revenue bonds, series 2012 (Union County Family Court Building Project - Elizabeth) of the Union County Improvement Authority in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$45,000,000 for the purpose of providing additional security in connection with the Authority's issuance of bonds.

WHEREAS, the Union County Improvement Authority (the “Authority”) has been duly created by an ordinance of the Board of Chosen Freeholders (the “Board of Chosen Freeholders”)

of the County of Union, New Jersey (the "County"), as a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey (the "State") pursuant to and in accordance with the County Improvement Authorities Law, constituting Chapter 183 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1960 of the State, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the County has requested that the Authority undertake and provide financing for the design and construction of a Union County Family Court Building and Office Facility to be located, in part, at 10 Cherry Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey, which is a facility owned and operated by the Authority, and on adjoining lands currently owned by the County (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project is expected to provide new Family Court facilities for the Union County Superior Court, and office facilities for the Authority and the County, and will include a parking structure; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is desirous of assisting in the financing of such Project, to the extent permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, the Authority expects to obtain funds to assist the financing of the Project through the issuance of its bonds in an amount not to exceed \$45,000,000 GUARANTEED LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2012 (UNION COUNTY FAMILY COURT BUILDING PROJECT-ELIZABETH) (the "Bonds") issued pursuant to a Bond Resolution to be adopted by the Authority entitled "**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF COUNTY GUARANTEED LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2012 (UNION COUNTY FAMILY COURT BUILDING PROJECT-ELIZABETH) OF THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$45,000,000 IN CONNECTION WITH THE AUTHORITY'S FINANCING OF THE PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LEASE AGREEMENT AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS ANNEXED THERETO, A PURCHASE AGREEMENT ANNEXED THERETO, AND SUCH RELATED INSTRUMENTS AS NECESSARY AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**" (the "Bond Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, in order to induce the prospective purchasers of the Bonds to purchase same, the Bonds shall otherwise be secured by a guarantee ordinance adopted by the County unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteeing a portion of the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Bonds, all pursuant to Section 37 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 13 ("Section 13") of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-56), prior to the issuance of the Bonds, the Authority shall make a detailed report with respect to such financing to the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County, which report shall include copies or a description of, without limitation, the various financing documents; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A 40A:5A-6 and N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80 the Authority shall make application, on behalf of the Authority and the County to the Local Finance Board in the Division of Local Government Services of the Department of Community Affairs of the State (the "Local Finance Board") for the Local Finance Board's review of the financing, including, *inter alia*, the Bond Resolution, the Lease Agreement, the County Guaranty, and Continuing Disclosure Agreement (the "Financing Documents"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the terms of Section 37 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80) and the County Guaranty, the County shall be obligated, if necessary, to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the County without limitation as to rate or amount to make the timely payment of the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Authority believes: (i) it is in the public interest to accomplish such purpose; (ii) said purpose is for the health, wealth, convenience or betterment of the inhabitants of

the County of Union; (iii) the amounts to be expended for said purpose are not unreasonable or exorbitant; and (iv) the proposal is an efficient and feasible means of providing for the needs of the inhabitants of the County of Union and will not create an undue financial burden to be placed upon the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of the full membership thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

Section 1. This guaranty ordinance shall be adopted by the governing body of the County in the manner provided for adoption of a bond ordinance as provided in the Local Bond Law, constituting Chapter 169 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1960 of the State, as amended (the "Local Bond Law"), codified as N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1, et seq.

Section 2. Pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of the Act, specifically Section 37 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80), the County is hereby authorized to and hereby shall unconditionally and irrevocably guarantee the punctual payment of the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$45,000,000, which Bonds are to be issued to fund the Project as described in the preamble hereof, on such terms and conditions as may be agreed to by and between the County and the Authority. Upon the endorsement of the Bonds referred to in Section 3 below, the County shall be unconditionally and irrevocably obligated to pay the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Bonds, when due, in the same manner and to the same extent as in the case of bonds issued by the County and, accordingly, the County shall be unconditionally and irrevocably obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the County for the payment thereof without limitation as to rate or amount when required under the provisions of applicable law.

Section 3. The Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the County Manager, the Director of Finance of the County, the County Treasurer, or the Deputy County Treasurer (each an "Authorized Officer") shall, by manual or facsimile signature, execute an endorsement on each of the Bond evidencing this guaranty by the County as to the punctual payment of the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest thereon. The endorsement on each Bonds shall be in substantially the following form, and absent the fully executed endorsement in such following form on any such Bond, such Bond shall not be entitled to the benefits of this guaranty ordinance:

GUARANTY OF THE COUNTY OF UNION.

The payment of the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the within Bond is hereby fully, unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by the County of Union, New Jersey (the "County"), and the County shall be unconditionally and irrevocably obligated to pay the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on this Bond, when due, in the same manner and to the same extent as in the case of bonds issued by the County and, accordingly, the County shall be unconditionally and irrevocably obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the County for the payment hereof without limitation as to rate or amount when required under the provisions of applicable law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County has caused this Guaranty to be executed by the manual or facsimile signature of an Authorized Officer.

COUNTY OF UNION,
NEW JERSEY

By:
Name:

Title:

Section 4. The Authorized Officers are each hereby authorized to enter into, execute and deliver in the name of the County and on its behalf, a guaranty agreement or similar instrument (the "Guaranty Agreement") setting forth such matters with respect to the guaranty authorized by this guaranty ordinance as the County or the Authorized Officer (after consultation with counsel to the County) deems appropriate, and the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby authorized, if necessary, to attest to the signature of the Authorized Officer and to affix the seal of the County to the Guaranty Agreement.

Section 5. It is hereby found, determined and declared that:

(a) This guaranty ordinance may be adopted notwithstanding any statutory debt or other limitations, including particularly any limitation or requirement under or pursuant to the Local Bond Law, but the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds which shall be entitled to the benefits of this guaranty ordinance, being an amount not to exceed \$45,000,000, shall, after their issuance, be included in the gross debt of the County for the purpose of determining the indebtedness of the County under or pursuant to the Local Bond Law.

(b) The principal amount of the Bonds entitled to the benefits of this guaranty ordinance and included in the gross debt of the County shall be deducted and is hereby declared to be and to constitute a deduction from such gross debt under and for all the purposes of the Local Bond Law (i) from and after the time of issuance of the Bonds until the end of the fiscal year beginning next after the completion of the Project, and (ii) in any annual debt statement filed pursuant to the Local Bond Law as of the end of said fiscal year or any subsequent fiscal year if the revenues or other receipts or moneys of the Authority in such year are sufficient to pay its expenses of operation and maintenance in such year and all amounts payable in such year on account of the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on all such guaranteed Bonds, all bonds of the County issued as provided in Section 36 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-79) and all bonds of the Authority issued under the Act.

Section 6. The following matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The maximum principal amount of Bonds which are hereby and hereunder guaranteed as to the punctual payment of the principal thereof (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest thereon is and the maximum estimated cost of the Project to be financed in accordance with the transaction contemplated hereby is \$45,000,000.

(b) The purpose described in this guaranty ordinance is not a current expense of the County and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(c) A supplemental debt statement of the County has been duly made and filed in the office of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State, and such debt statement shows that while the gross debt of the County, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by this guaranty ordinance by \$45,000,000 in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the net debt of the County is not increased, and the obligation of the County authorized by or incurred pursuant to the terms of this guaranty ordinance will, be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) All other items to be contained in a bond ordinance adopted pursuant to the Local Bond Law are hereby determined to be inapplicable to the County's guaranty of the Bonds hereby.

Section 7. The Authorized Officers are hereby further authorized to execute such other certificates or agreements relating to this guaranty ordinance that may be required by the Authority to comply with the terms of the financing documents relating to the Bonds, including, without limitation, (i) any agreements or certificates detailing the time and method that payment under this guaranty ordinance shall be made by the County, (ii) any letters of representations or similar undertakings to be executed in connection with the sale of the Bonds, setting forth certain representations, warranties and covenants of the County as an inducement to the purchaser of the

Bonds, (iii) any certificates deeming “final” (for the purposes of Rule 15c2-12 of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission) any preliminary or final Official Statements of the Authority relating to the Bonds, (iv) any continuing disclosure agreement or other instrument undertaking the secondary market disclosure obligations of the County required by said Rule 15c2-12. Such further agreements, instruments or certificates shall not abrogate the County’s responsibilities hereunder.

Section 8. The Authorized Officers are hereby further authorized to (i) manually execute and deliver and the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby further authorized to attest by manual signature to such execution and to affix, imprint, engrave or reproduce the corporate seal of the County to any agreement (including any agreement providing for the replenishment by the County of the bond reserve fund relating to the Bonds or any deficiency agreement, support agreement or other agreement providing for the payment by the County of any shortfall of revenues necessary to pay debt service on the Bonds), document, instrument or closing certificate deemed necessary, desirable or convenient by the Authorized Officers, in their respective sole discretion, after consultation with counsel to the County, to be executed in connection with the execution and delivery of this guaranty ordinance and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, which determination shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of each such agreement, document, instrument or closing certificate by the party authorized under this guaranty ordinance to execute such agreement, document, instrument or closing certificate and (ii) perform such other actions as the Authorized Officers deem necessary, desirable or convenient in relation to the execution and delivery thereof.

Section 9. The provisions of this guaranty ordinance are severable. To the extent any clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph or provision of this guaranty ordinance shall be declared invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 10. All capitalized words and terms used but not defined in this guaranty ordinance shall have the meanings ascribed to such words and terms, respectively, in the preambles hereto.

Section 11. This guaranty ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.

Section 12. Upon the adoption hereof, the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders shall forward certified copies of this ordinance to the County Manager, County Counsel, County Bond Counsel, the Executive Director of the Authority, and the Law Office of John G. Hudak, Esq., LLC, Bond Counsel to the Authority.

Public Hearing on Ordinance 729-2012 was held on March 8, 2012 and was subsequently approved by the Local Finance Board.

Freeholder Sullivan, Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman, moved Ordinance 729-2012 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

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

730-2012 Bond Ordinance to amend the following Bond Ordinances previously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, State of New Jersey (1) Bond Ordinance Number 671-2008 (2) Bond Ordinance Number 708-2010 and (3) Bond Ordinance Number 601-2004.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Section 4.D of Ordinance No. 601-2004 entitled:

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, NEW ADDITIONAL FURNISHINGS AND NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$49,032,044 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS AND FUNDS FROM THE CITY OF LINDEN, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS."

adopted by the County on August 19, 2004, as previously amended by Ordinance No. 708-2010 adopted on June 10, 2010, is hereby amended to add the undertaking of various improvements at Runnells Specialized Hospital, including the upgrading of fire alarm systems and control systems and electrical improvements, to the purposes authorized; and shall hereafter read as follows:

"[Section 4.JD. Runnells Specialized Hospital - (i) Undertaking of various improvements, including renovation of long-term care units and dining rooms, redesign and improvement of the occupational and physical therapy department, upgrading of fire alarm systems and control systems and electrical improvements, and (ii) acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new communication and signal systems equipment consisting of food preparation equipment, patient lift equipment, hospital beds, specialty chairs and nurse communication system.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 1,336,165
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 66,810
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 1,269,355
Period of Usefulness	10 years."

Section 2. Section 4.G of Ordinance No. 601-2004 (as previously amended by Ordinance No. 708-2010) is hereby amended to add professional services in connection with the authorized projects to the purposes authorized; and shall hereafter read as follows:

"[Section 4.JG. Department of Engineering and Public Works, Division of Engineering - Professional and construction services for the repair or replacement of various bridges and culverts, traffic signal rehabilitation and road resurfacing projects, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 4,679,336
State Grant Appropriated	\$ 1,500,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 158,967
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 3,020,369
Period of Usefulness	10 years."

Section 3. Section 4.F of Ordinance No. 616-2005 entitled:

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, NEW ADDITIONAL FURNISHINGS AND NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT

IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$21,576,863 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS."

adopted by the County on August 18, 2005, as previously amended by Ordinance No. 708-2010 adopted on June 10, 2010, is hereby amended to add professional services in connection with the authorized projects to the purposes authorized; and shall hereafter read as follows:

"[Section 4.]F. Department of Engineering and Public Works, Division of Engineering - Professional and construction services for the repair or replacement of various bridges and culverts, traffic signal rehabilitation and road resurfacing projects, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 1,236,000
Federal Grant Appropriated	\$ 600,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 31,800
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 604,200
Period of Usefulness	10 years."

Section 4. Section 4.D of Ordinance No. 632-2006 entitled:
 "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, NEW ADDITIONAL FURNISHINGS AND NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$37,506,027 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE STATE GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS."

adopted by the County on August 17, 2006, as previously amended by Ordinance No. 673-2008 adopted on December 4, 2008 and Ordinance No. 708-2010 adopted on June 10, 2010, is hereby amended to add professional services in connection with the authorized projects to the purposes authorized; and shall hereafter read as follows:

"[Section 4.]D. Department of Engineering and Public Works, Division of Engineering - Professional and construction services for the repair or replacement of various bridges and culverts, traffic signal rehabilitation and road resurfacing projects, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 1,905,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 95,275
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 1,810,225
Period of Usefulness	10 years."

Section 5. Section 4.D of Ordinance No. 653-2007 entitled:

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, NEW ADDITIONAL FURNISHINGS, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT AND NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$29,204,825 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A FEDERAL GRANT, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS."

adopted by the County on September 6, 2007, as previously amended by Ordinance No. 708-2010 adopted on June 10, 2010 and Ordinance No. 714-2010 adopted on December 8, 2010, is hereby amended to add professional services in connection with the authorized projects to the purposes authorized; and shall hereafter read as follows:

"[Section 4.]D. Department of Engineering and Public Works, Division of Engineering - Professional and construction services for the repair or replacement of various bridges and culverts, traffic signal rehabilitation and road resurfacing projects, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 6,400,000
Federal Grant Appropriated	\$ 4,000,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 120,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 2,280,000
Period of Usefulness	10 years."

Section 6. Section 4.D of Ordinance No. 671-2008 entitled:

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, NEW ADDITIONAL FURNISHINGS, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT AND NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$33,441,260 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE STATE GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS."

adopted by the County on October 9, 2008, as previously amended by Ordinance No. 714-2010 adopted on December 8, 2010, is hereby amended to change the improvement authorized from undertaking of the County Traffic Signal Rehabilitation Program at various locations to professional

and construction services for the repair or replacement of various bridges and culverts, traffic signal rehabilitation and road resurfacing projects; and shall hereafter read as follows:

"[Section 4.]D. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities, Division of Engineering - Professional and construction services for the repair or replacement of various bridges and culverts, traffic signal rehabilitation and road resurfacing projects, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 2,639,890
State Grant Appropriated	\$ 250,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 119,495
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 2,270,395
Period of Usefulness	10 years."

Section 7. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and is available for public inspection.

Section 8. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

This meeting is open to the public for the purposes of commenting on Ordinance 730-2012 only.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, questioned the amendments to Ordinances 730-2012, 731-2012 and 732-2012.

Director Taylor explained that they are pre existing Ordinances specifically to Runnells Specialized Hospital and Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Department. She stated that out of the \$6, 063,859 balance, we are looking to appropriate \$5,737,000 for fire alarm upgrades at Runnells Specialized Hospital and soft costs associated with ongoing projects with Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Department.

John Bury, Kenilworth, asked if the Board needs to report to the Local Finance Board for appropriations made in the Bond Ordinances. He asked who tracts the process and if it could be made available via OPRA requests.

Director Taylor stated that based on the available balances according to our audited financial statements, they are reconciled to their internal financial system that is utilized, and based upon those balances, re-appropriations are made specifically to those departments and continuing projects. She stated that it is existing monies that are available, and are allowed to be utilized without approval from the Local Finance Board. They are not new monies.

Chairman Mirabella stated that this is reviewed through the audit process. Director Taylor agreed.

Bridget Jordan, Scotch Plains, asked about the ongoing project which involves the Public Works Department.

Director Graziano explained that it pertains to traffic signals, road resurfacing projects, new or replacement of equipment for various bridge work and culvert work. He stated that it is Federal dollars that is being appropriated.

Jim Buettner, Cranford, asked if the reallocation of funds is the intent of the original purpose.

Director Taylor stated that by definition of repurposing an ordinance is where the original purpose does not comport with the recommended purpose, but its within the same department and we are expanding the use for soft costs and fire alarms that were not reference in the original Ordinance, therefore, it is being amended to repurpose reflect to allow for those uses.

Freeholder Sullivan stated that only reallocation of dollars is allowed, not new monies. He stated that the projects are complete came in under cost. This is a reallocation of old monies, not new monies.

This concludes the Public Hearing on Ordinance 730-2012.

Freeholder Sullivan, Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman, moved Ordinance 730-2012 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

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

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

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

731-2012

An ordinance to amend the laws of Union County: Administrative Code and Policies and General Legislation: by amending Chapter 139-Vehicles, County Owned, Article I-Assignments and Guidelines; Article V-Motor Vehicles Fleet; and Article VI-Motor Pool and Nonmotor Pool Vehicles.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union that the “Laws of Union County” are hereby amended as specified below:

Chapter 139, VEHICLES, COUNTY-OWNED

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

ARTICLE I, Assignment and Use Guidelines

[Adopted 9-11-1975 by Res. No. 806-75; amended 1-26-1978 by Res. No. 79-78]

§ 139-1. Establishment of policy.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union hereby reaffirms and adopts the contents of Resolution No. 806 dated September 11, 1975, as the policy of this Board with respect to vehicles owned by the County of Union, with the following amendments.

§ 139-2. Guidelines enumerated.

A. The following plan will be implemented by the Division of Motor Vehicles of the Department of Administrative Services in accordance with the Administrative Code of the County of Union [Amended 9-14-2000 by Ord. No. 515; amended 6/20/02 by Ord. No. 553; amended 3/27/08 by Ord. No. 667]:

(1) When an individual leaves the employment of Union County, the motor vehicle will not be automatically reissued to his/her replacement; at that particular time, the Division of Motor Vehicles will determine the merits of reassigning the vehicle.

(2) When an individual who is assigned a motor vehicle requests that his/her vehicle should be replaced, he/she must apply to the Division of Motor Vehicles for reconsideration of the assignment of the motor vehicle.

B. The entire motor pool management will be assigned to the Division of Motor Vehicles of the Department of Administrative Services in accordance with the Administrative Code of the County of Union (i.e., insurance, license plates, maintenance, assignment of motor pool vehicles and replacement plan). [Amended 9-14-2000 by Ord. No. 515; amended 6/20/02 by Ord. No. 553; amended 3/27/08 by Ord. No. 667]

C. All presently issued and valid gasoline credit cards shall be immediately recalled by the Division of Motor Vehicles and, where approved, reissued with the specific license plate number embossed onto said gasoline credit card, for the purpose of permitting examinations of charges thereon by license number and driver assigned and to prevent any abuses thereof. [Amended 9-14-2000 by Ord. No. 515; amended 3/27/08 by Ord. No. 667]

D. Where determined by the Division of Motor Vehicles to be appropriate, economy cars will be utilized by the County of Union. [Amended 9-14-2000 by Ord. No. 515; amended 3/27/08 by Ord. No. 667]

E. It shall be the policy of the County of Union that, excluding assignments set forth in §139-12, the use of a County-assigned vehicle by an employee shall be limited to official County business, and said vehicle shall not be used for personal purposes with the exception of authorized commuting use to and from the employee's workstation. [Added 1-23-1986 by Res. No. 69-86]

F. No more than 20% of the total motor vehicle pool, excluding law enforcement vehicles, shall be assigned for portal-to-portal use. [Added 9-14-2000 by Ord. No. 515]

ARTICLE V, Motor Vehicle Fleet

[Adopted 3-24-1988 as Res. No. 393-88]

§ 139-10. Policy adopted.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union does hereby adopt the following policy with respect to the Union County motor vehicle fleet, passenger cars.

The passenger car motor vehicle fleet shall be limited to a maximum of 230 vehicles, which limit can only be increased by specific Freeholder resolution based upon adequate justification by the requesting entity.

Upon assignment of a new motor vehicle to any person entitled thereto the older vehicle shall be turned in for disposition to the Fleet Manager.

A Vehicle Distribution Committee shall be established which shall include the County Manager, Bureau Chief of Motor Vehicles and other appropriate individuals as determined by the County Manager and the Bureau Chief of Motor Vehicles. [Amended 9-14-2000 by Ord. No. 515]

The County Manager shall implement this policy by revision and dissemination of new policies and procedures, including rules and regulations, concerning motor vehicles within 60 days of the effective date of this article.

§ 139-11. (Reserved)

ARTICLE VI, Motor Pool and Nonmotor Pool Vehicles

[Adopted 9-24-1992 by Res. No. 749A-92]

§ 139-12. Assignment of nonmotor pool vehicles.

[Amended 9-14-2000 by Ord. No. 515; 6-20-02 by Ord. No. 553; 3-10-2005 by Ord. No. 611]

Assignment shall be to the County Manager; Deputy County Manager; County Counsel; Department Directors; Constitutional Officers; First Assistant Prosecutor; Undersheriffs; County Police Chief; OEM Coordinator; Superintendent Juvenile Detention Center and Medical Examiners

Assignments may also be made by the County Manager based upon review and approval by the County Manager of a written statement of justification. Such statement shall set forth in detail the regular requirement of vehicle usage outside of normal working hours and on weekends. The assignments of such vehicles shall at all times be on the basis of the position and not individuals.

§ 139-13. Criteria for use of motor pool vehicles.

The criteria for use of motor pool vehicles by County employees for the conduct of County business shall be restricted to the following:

- A. Law enforcement purposes.
- B. Client transportation and visits.
- C. Construction site visits.
- D. All duly authorized County business.
- E. Visits to areas with high rate of vehicle theft/break in.

Freeholder Jalloh, Policy Subcommittee Chairman, moved Ordinance 731-2012 for the First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The Public Hearing and Final Reading are scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2012.

RESULT: INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 4/19/2012 7:00 PM; MOVER: Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Scanlon, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Carter, Chairman Mirabella;

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, asked why there is an additional \$20,000 being allocated to the Union County Performing Arts Center for Resolution 2012-326. He had questions regarding Resolution 2012-323. On Resolution 2012-315, he urged the Pay to Play process, and asked that Freeholders Hudak, Estrada and Wright vote no. He made remarks concerning Resolution 2012-324.

Chairman Mirabella stated that Resolution 2012-326 is this Board's initiative for an Autism Program. In reference to Resolution 2012-323, he said it is the cost of the property and for the funds being bonded.

Chairman Mirabella stated that the Summer Arts Festival will continue as the Board feels it is important to keep it going for the residents of Union County.

John Bury, Kenilworth, regarding Resolution 2012-324 asked why an additional \$20,000 was being given to this law firm. He commented about the price to repair the Union County Performing Arts Center organ, yet people are being laid off.

Renee Wilder, President of CWA, asked what kind of revenue is being spent the week of April 9th through April 14th as mentioned in 2012-333.

County Manager Faella stated that there is no revenue being spent. It pertains to Resolution 2012-333, stating it is merely a symbolic gesture for flexible programs that provide communities with

resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs in the lives of low-and moderate-income citizens. He said Wednesday, April 11th individuals and organizations will be honored with Resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2012-297 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Amending Resolution Number 2011-135 to reallocate \$148,299 from 82 First Street Elizabeth Housing LLC, Elizabeth, New Jersey to 84-86 First Street, LLC Project in the 2009-2010 Consolidated Plan.
- RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Angel G. Estrada, Bette Jane Kowalski;
SECONDER: Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Scanlon, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Carter, Chairman Mirabella;
- 2012-298 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to subcontract with Prevention Links to facilitate Suicide Prevention Education Training for the period of March 1, 2012 - March 31, 2012 in the amount not to exceed \$1,597.00.
- RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder;
SECONDER: Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Scanlon, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Carter, Chairman Mirabella;
- 2012-299 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract, pursuant to Request for Proposal (RFP), to Sage Eldercare, Inc. for the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) for the period of April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013, in the amount not to exceed \$57,000.00 with funding provided by the Area Plan Contract, New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services.
- RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder;
SECONDER: Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Scanlon, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Carter, Chairman Mirabella;
- 2012-300 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2010-353, renewing the lease agreement for the Youth Services Bureau with Morning Star Community Development Urban Renewal Corporation, to clarify the 2012 expiration date and account number and to authorize the short term continuance of the lease on a month-to-month basis at the current fixed rate of \$6,732 per month not to exceed \$40,392 for a period of no more than six months beginning May 1, 2012 and ending no later than October 31, 2012.
- RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder;
SECONDER: Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Scanlon, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Carter, Chairman Mirabella;
- 2012-301 FREEHOLDER DANIEL P. 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: Russell Reid, Inc. d/b/a Mr. John, Inc., for the purpose of providing the rental of portable toilets, for a period of 24

months from date of contract, with an option of a 24 month extension, in the amount of \$48,846.00 (representing a reduction of \$21,150 from the previous contract).

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

2012-302 FREEHOLDER DANIEL P. 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: Ray's Food & Ice Cream Concessions, for the purpose of providing Food Concessions at Warinanco Park Snack Stand, Rahway Park Snack Stand and Watchung Loop Snack Stand, for a three year period, in the amount of \$3,500 per year for a total of \$10,500.00.

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

2012-303 FREEHOLDER DANIEL P. SULLIVAN: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement with Edmunds & Associates, Robbinsville, New Jersey, for the support and maintenance of the financial accounting and electronic requisition system in the amount of \$19,635.00 for the contract period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

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

2012-304 FREEHOLDER DANIEL P. SULLIVAN: Awarding a contract to This Is It! Productions, Inc., Hoboken, New Jersey, for the planning, production, promotion and management services for the 2012 Summer Arts Festival to take place each Wednesday Evening from July 11, 2012 to August 29, 2012 at either Echo Lake Park in Mountainside, New Jersey or Oak Ridge Park in Clark, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$59,600 (of which \$10,000.00 will be offset by corporate sponsorships).

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

2012-305 FREEHOLDER DANIEL P. SULLIVAN: Appointing Stephen Thorpe as a member to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board to represent the Township of Winfield and Jack Molenaar to represent the Borough of Fanwood from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012.

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

2012-306 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT: 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: Runnells Specialized Hospital: 2K's Commercial Kitchen Service &

Repair Inc., Fords, New Jersey, for the purpose of maintaining and repairing kitchen equipment, April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$50,400.00.

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

2012-307 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT: 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: Runnells Specialized Hospital: Reporters Transcription Center, for the purpose of providing Medical Transcription Service, April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$50,960.00 for a period of 24 months.

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

2012-308 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT: Amending Resolution Number 2011-921, an agreement with Holsman Healthcare, LLC, Belleville, New Jersey, extending the current contract an additional sixty (60) days to provide occupational therapy services for the residents/patients of Runnells Specialized Hospital in an amount not to exceed \$79,000.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$1,049,125.00 for the period of April 1, 2012 through May 31, 2012.

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

2012-309 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT: Amending Resolution Number 2011-354, an agreement with InterStaff, Inc., Owings Mills, Maryland, extending the current contract an additional sixty (60) days to provide supplemental physical therapy services for the residents/patients of Runnells Specialized Hospital in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 for a new total contract not to exceed \$288,600.00 for the period of April 1, 2012 through May 31, 2012.

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

2012-310 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT: Amending Resolution Number 2011-353, an agreement with Holsman Healthcare, LLC., Belleville, New Jersey, extending the current contract an additional sixty (60) days to provide supplemental physical therapy services for the residents/patients of Runnells Specialized Hospital in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$147,500.00 for the period of April 1, 2012 through May 31, 2012.

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

2012-311 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT: Appointing Roger Stryeski and Patrick McShane as Delegate members and Thomas Dean as an Alternate member to the Union County Air Traffic and Noise

Advisory Board to represent the Borough of Roselle for a term commencing January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

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

2012-312 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: A resolution renewing the Union County Commodity Resale System; offering shared services opportunities for Union County municipalities to participate in the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel.

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

2012-313 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed non-bid contract with Simplex Grinnell, Rockaway, New Jersey for services required to be performed constituting an exception to public bidding pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (dd): Dept. of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities: Division of Facilities Management, for the purpose of providing 2120 Fire Alarm and Sprinkler System Services commencing April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2014, for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month extension for a contract not to exceed \$250,324.64.

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

2012-314 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER 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 & Facilities: Jesco Co., Inc, South Plainfield, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing a John Deere Backhoe Loader, in the amount of \$126,737.00.

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

2012-315 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2008-1079, a Professional Engineering Service contract with T&M Associates, Middletown, New Jersey to provide additional engineering and construction support services for the overtopping protection of Seeley's Pond Dam - Lake Surprise Dam Rehabilitation, as approved by NJDEP Dam Safety, in the amount of \$43,200.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$236,812.00.

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

- 2012-316 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution concurring with the City of Summit granting permission to Our House Foundation to close Broad Street from Summit Avenue to Maple Street between 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 6, 2012 for the 5-Mile Run Event.
- RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Scanlon, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Carter, Chairman Mirabella;
- 2012-317 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution concurring with the Township of Berkeley Heights granting permission to the Berkeley Heights Youth Soccer Club to hang a banner across Springfield Avenue from April 23, 2012 to May 7, 2012 to advertise their "Berkeley Heights Travel Soccer Tryouts May 6 for Fall 2012/Spring 2013 Season League Play".
- RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Scanlon, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Carter, Chairman Mirabella;
- 2012-318 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 808-2004, a Professional Engineering Service contract with T&M Associates, Middletown, New Jersey to provide construction administration and inspection services for the Prospect Street Culvert Replacement (Su21), in the amount of \$83,900.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$197,776.00.
- RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Scanlon, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Carter, Chairman Mirabella;
- 2012-319 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Rescinding Resolution Number 2009-838, and authorizing the County Manager to apply for and if awarded enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the 2010 Local Bridges, Future Needs for the Rehabilitation of Summer Street (El-4) over the Elizabeth River, City of Elizabeth, in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.
- RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Scanlon, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Carter, Chairman Mirabella;
- 2012-320 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2011-701 updating the reimbursement rate to reflect current Medicare and Medicaid fee schedules for BLS emergency.
- RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Scanlon, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Carter, Chairman Mirabella;
- 2012-321 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2011-542, to reflect a change in the account number only.
- RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Scanlon, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Carter, Chairman Mirabella;

- 2012-322 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply, accept and expend grant funds from the National Association of City and County Health Officials in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Union County Medical Reserve Corps Capacity Building Grant.
- RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Scanlon, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Carter, Chairman Mirabella;
- 2012-323 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Approving the transfer of 13-15 Lyons Place, 101-107 Rahway Avenue and 109-115 Rahway Avenue to the Union County Improvement Authority pursuant to NJSA 40:37A-77 for purposes of the construction of the New Family Courthouse.
- RESULT: ADOPTED [8 TO 0]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Scanlon, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Carter, Chairman Mirabella; **ABSTAIN:** Freeholder Hudak;
- 2012-324 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2012-240 to increase the appropriation to Bauch Zucker Hatfield, LLC, Springfield, New Jersey Special Counsel in the matter entitled Stephen McGuire v. UC, et als. in the amount of \$20,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$75,000.00.
- RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Scanlon, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Carter, Chairman Mirabella;
- 2012-325 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Interlocal Solid Waste Services Agreement with the Union County Utilities Authority.
- RESULT: ADOPTED [8 TO 0]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Scanlon, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Carter, Chairman Mirabella; **ABSTAIN:** Freeholder Sullivan;
- 2012-326 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Enter into an agreement with the Union County Performing Arts Center for the purpose of presenting three events entitled Sensory Friendly Theatre for Children with Autism and their families in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.
- RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Scanlon, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Carter, Chairman Mirabella;
- 2012-327 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into a contract with GPS Insight, LLC, Scottsdale, Arizona, for rental of GPS vehicle tracking units for the period of February 1, 2012 through January 31, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.
- RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Scanlon, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Carter, Chairman Mirabella;

2012-328 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into a contract for the purpose of providing annual support services, supplies and additional hardware for the Barcode, Evidence Analysis, Statistics and Tracking (BEAST) evidence logging system in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for the period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

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

2012-329 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into a Professional Services Contract with various experts for litigation support and transcription services for the period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 in the amount of \$185,000.00.

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

2012-330 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: To apply for and accept funding from the FY11 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant in the amount of \$40,322 for the period October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.

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

2012-331 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Supporting United States Senate Bill (S.2093), the Preserving American Homeownership Act, sponsored by Senator Robert Menendez, to create a program to reduce the mortgage principal for eligible homeowners.

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

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2012-341 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA: Proclaiming the week of April 9, 2012 through April 14, 2012 as "National Community Development Week" in Union County.

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

2012-332 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA: Recognizing Diane Johnson and representatives of the Newark Field Office of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for their efforts.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak,

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

- 2012-333 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Resolution Thanking Ann J. Ferguson for hosting the 2012 Union County Community Development Week Recognition Program on April 11, 2012 at the John T. Gregorio Tower, Linden.

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

- 2012-334 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Congratulating eight (8) Boy Scouts from St. John the Apostle Boy Scout Troop 330 that have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. The eight scouts are: Brian Butterly, Matt Diorio, Daniel Kondracki, Patrick Moore, Charles Nary, Vincent Polakowski, Alex Reyes and Daniel Sheldon.

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

- 2012-335 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Recognizing March 2012 as “National Nutrition Month” and commemorating the Get Moving, Get Healthy, NJ nutrition and health education provided by Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County.

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

- 2012-336 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Congratulating Barbara Fuller, Assistant Administrator of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, upon her retirement from the County of Union and commending her for her years of dedicated service.

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

- 2012-337 FREEHOLDER DEBORAH P. SCANLON:** Proclaiming Friday, April 27, 2012, Arbor Day in the County of Union.

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

- 2012-338 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Proclaiming March, 2012 as “Social Work Month” in the County of Union.

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

2012-339 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Recognizing the Springfield Free Public Library as it celebrates 80 years of service.

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

2012-340 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Congratulating and commending Leonard Schley of Roselle Park for completing 50 years of active service as a member of the Roselle Park Fire Department.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Chairman Mirabella asked Freeholder Sullivan to read a statement relative to the budget.

Freeholder Sullivan stated that after weeks of a methodical review of departmental budgets by directors and constitutional officers, the County is in the process of closing a very significant budget deficit that was caused in part by reduced state funding and reimbursements. He said that a few weeks ago, he spoke about the findings of the Efficiency Task Force's report which recognized the potential to save more than \$850,000 through a series of cost cutting measures to be implemented throughout the course of the fiscal year. He said we are near the final two weeks before budget introduction. He reported some of the major measures that are being implemented to close this deficit.

First, all Department Directors were asked to cut up to 5 percent off their 2011 Adopted Budget's Operating and Expense totals. Department heads have worked painstakingly over the past several weeks to come up with savings that will meet this directive. Next, after a series of discussions over time involving Fiscal committee and Departmental meetings relative to personnel and contract negotiation, this Board has reached a consensus to reluctantly initiate program and workforce reductions.

The following programs and services are affected:

- MusicFest and Rhythm and Blues by the Brook, as you may have read, will be canceled for 2012
- Kids Kingdom events will be canceled for 2012
- Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County
- The Division of Consumer Affairs
- Freeholder Scholars, Senior Scholars and College for Teens will be cut back to their 2011 spending levels

Additionally, the Freeholder Board, County Manager and Department Directors have all agreed to take a three-day voluntary salary reduction equivalent to what three unions have already accepted

(County Police Rank and File, County Police Superior Officers and Local 68 Engineers).

Freeholder Sullivan stated that as per the plan to reduce the workforce, this is a matter we have all agonized over and taken very seriously. During the past few years, we have exhausted our options in preventing layoffs, but unfortunately this year, given the significant budget deficit, there is no alternative. We filed our first plan with the State in February for 44 layoffs to be effective by May 1st. Yesterday, we filed a second round with the State for an additional 236 layoffs to be effective on June 1st. Throughout this period we also eliminated a total of 72 vacancies. With just the measures outlined, workforce reductions, vacancy eliminations, program eliminations, and operating and expense cuts, we will be able trim at least \$10 million off our deficit. The County Manager will explain in his budget letter to be released early next month what additional measures will or have been taken to further reduce the deficit and close the gap. We fully recognize that this budget will affect the lives of those employees who may be laid off, as well as those who provide county services. These are real people who depend on their jobs for their livelihood. While there are no words that can ease the pain for those employees who may be impacted, this Board expresses its sympathy. Any affected employee may receive services through our One Stop counselors as it pertains to any employment assistance, job search, or retraining service they may desire.

Furthermore, Civil Service will establish a special re-employment list for all affected County employees, ranked by seniority. If the need arises to call them back to work at the County, Civil Service will ensure they are called back.

Finally, once all budgetary details and numbers are finalized, the County Manager will release his Executive Budget by or on April 5th when the Freeholder Board will hold a Special Meeting for introduction.

Tom Getzendanner, Councilman, City of Summit, made comments regarding the Summit's property taxes. He urged the Board to stay within the nominal CAP. His comments are attached.

Ed Lozinski, President of Local Union Council 8, spoke about the current layoff situation and the layoffs of 2008. He urged the cancelling of all entertainment programs in lieu of layoffs. He said Council 8 has the largest Union, they are the hardest hit, and they are the least paid in salary. He is opposed to privatizing parts of Runnells Specialized Hospital. He urged that when jobs become available again to rehire those who were affected by the layoffs. He said between layoffs and vacancies, they are giving up 180 positions. He is opposed to the recent salary increases, and stated that they should have been withheld, as there are many employees who work "out of title." He said the employees have also been affected by the cost of health insurance and uniform givebacks.

Renee Wilder, Local 1080, Social Service employee, stated their clients are homeless and poor. The Social Services Division is already understaffed and overworked. She asked why 17 people were hired for a new training class that began on October 24th and are now being let go.

Rochelle Manuel, Union County resident/staff and volunteer of the Code Blue Program, stated that she is one of the volunteers who rounds up the homeless in the bitter code during the night. She said she was laid off 1.5 years ago, was called back in October, and is being laid off again. She asked why a training class started again when there were possible layoffs.

Tina Marie Lopez, Assistant Supervisor in Social Services, stated that she began employment five years ago and worked her way up. She urged the Board to consider the community that they service.

Mike Berkosky, Council 8 Attorney, stated that he attended a Freeholder Meeting a few months ago and urged the Board to come up with a solution rather than layoffs. He said he was invited to

attend one meeting, the day before the layoff notices were sent out. He said deals can be made, and asked for a seat at the table.

Marissa Taylor, Corrections Officer, said Correction Officers are desperately needed to avoid another prison escape.

Joanne (inaudible) Local 1080 works for Welfare stated that they received no raises in two years. She said Social Services receive funds from the Federal government. She asked how much is received in operating costs.

Brandon Thomas, Rahway, employee of Runnells Specialized Hospital. He urged the Board to evaluate employees who do not work and make big salaries to be let go. He said he is part of the team that takes care of Freeholder Estrada's mom. He is a proud parent of three children and works hard to keep his job. He urged the Board to reconsider the layoffs.

Jim Buettner, Cranford, made remarks concerning a previous speaker's comments about no raises for two years. He said instead they received lifetime health benefits and made comments concerning the Galloping Hill Golf Club operation. He thanked the Board for cancelling MusicFest.

Alfred Hendriks, Plainfield, stated that he has been an employee at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the past 19 years. He said he takes good care of County family members and is afraid they will revert back to their original condition.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, made remarks about high salaries, lifetime health insurance costs, the cost of Galloping Hill Clubhouse, Legal Fees, Architect Fees, etc. that have occurred in Union County government throughout the years.

John Bury, Kenilworth, stated that he is having a session regarding pensions, layoffs and debt on April 23rd at the Cranford Community Center and urged the Board to attend.

Mr. Bury provided the Clerk of the Board with a flyer with the information, which is attached.

Disbana Dishield, Plainfield Social Services, urged the Board to reconsider the layoffs. She said they will not be eligible for the services that it provided to the poor and homeless.

Donna Arfella, Social Services, asked the Board to give up their salary for a year.

Pat Misbetti, New Providence, stated that he read a 280 page document that mentioned the salary of the County Manager. It stated that it may not be lowered in 10 years without the consent of the County Manager. He asked how the Board could support a document of this nature. He also made remarks about the amount of calendars he received from the County Clerk's Office when he only requested one. He gave the additional calendars to the Clerk.

Chairman Mirabella asked the Clerk of the Board to notify the County Clerk of this matter.

Joe Broski, Roselle Park, President of Park Maintenance, stated that 15 of his dedicated members are being laid off. He said they take care of the parks and horticulture. He said they are already low in staff. He urged the Board to reconsider.

Lisa Bollock, Runnells Specialized Hospital, stated that she said she does not make a good salary, but would be willing to take a cut, provided it starts at the top.

(name inaudible), Union County, asked for an option to negotiate.

Kim Marg, Social Services, stated that she began working for Social Services 9 years ago. She said she was one of the employees that gave hope to those who suffered from the economy when it went bad three years ago. She said they work hard to service them and asked who will be there for them when they are laid off. She urged the Board to go to the Division of Social Services at the first of the month to see the lines of people that are out the door. She asked how could we handle the people and still provide them with dedicated services. He urged the Board to reconsider.

(name inaudible), Plainfield, asked to allow them to negotiate. She said retired individuals should not be allowed to come back for jobs. She urged the Board to re-evaluate the situation.

Simone, Runnells Specialized Hospital, stated that she works in the Dietary Department where there are six managers and one Assistant Director. She said the Assistant Director was recently hired at \$70,000 per year. She asked why all this supervision is needed. As for her, she said she works part time, and has been cut to three days and has recently received a layoff notice.

Kira Jones, Social Services, stated that she stays after hours without pay. She also asked why another training class was added in October. She stated that the Board's initiative is to increase activities for seniors, yet it appears they are being decreased.

Joanne, Fraud Investigator, Social Services, stated that she sees how the clients live, having no food. She said she started 15 years ago and there were 150 clients per employee at that time. The case load has risen to 600 per employee. She said they work 12 hours per day without additional pay. She said by lowering the staff, it could actually result in killing people having no food along with domestic violence issues.

Jacqey Bohan, Assistant Supervisor, Social Services, stated that she cannot even describe the amount of people that are at their doors at 8:00am. The line runs down the street. She said they have 30 day deadlines and they are currently running 60 days. She said it is going to be a major problem with less staff.

Diana Vero, Social Services, stated that she was hired for the training class of October 24, 2011. She urged the Board to re evaluate and renegotiate.

Steven Alfred, Runnells Specialized Hospital, stated that he has been employed since 1986 and he worked his way up from housekeeping to transportation. He said the Hospital gives the patients the best care possible. He urged the Board to reconsider.

Matt Pisano, Painter, stated that he wall papered the Freeholder Meeting room. He is opposed to the new trucks and new items being purchased. He stated that he has been with the County for 9.5 years and would like to remain to complete ten years for his pension.

Anthony Santos, Shade Tree, stated that the Department is already short-handed. He described how hard and dangerous his job is climbing 100' high and dealing with live wires, especially during the hurricane.

Joan Capia, Social Services, stated that she has worked for Social Services for more than 20 years. She urged the Board to offer a "package." This would entice individuals to voluntarily leave. She stated at one point there was a "vacation package" that has been depleted, stating that this could also have been a savings.

Marva Coleman, 2nd Vice President of Union Council 8, 30 year County employee asked how many employees on the 6th floor who were recently hired making a large salary are affected by the layoffs.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

County Manager Faella stated that various departments will be affected by the layoffs. He also referenced a previous speaker by saying that he paid all his attorney fees and legal fees at his own expense for his legal fees.

County Manager Faella stated that Director Guzzo and Counsel Kathy Hatfield, Esq. Labor Attorney for the County of Union met with Union Leaders to discuss the nature of the budget. Ms. Hatfield said the first plan was in place prior to February 15th and on February 22nd there was a meeting held at Union County College with all the Union Presidents to discuss the budget deficit, and we gave them a proposal. They said if they bought into it, there would not be any further layoffs. We got silence. After the meeting, we reached out to some of the Union leaders, some came to the meeting, but the largest Union, Council 8, refused to negotiate. He said this resulted in being put in a bad position. He said the County Police, Rank and File and County Police Superiors and Local 68 gave a counter proposal, they were the only ones. He said there was no other choice to file the plan with the State, and that occurred yesterday. He said it is our hope that we can negotiate, as the layoff plan does not go into effect until June 1st.

Acting Administrative Director Matt DiRado stated that in reference to the Corrections Department, there is a total of 24 eliminations, 11 employees being laid off, and they have given up 13 vacancies.

County Manager Faella apologized for the additional calendars that were mailed out. He stated that this falls under the purpose of the Efficiency Task Force. He said he will look into this matter along with other ways to save. He asked Director Taylor to address the concerns of the retirement incentives that were given to eligible Exclusionary personnel.

Director Taylor stated that the Early Retirement Incentive Program (ERIP) has to be approved by the Local Government Services and reviewed and approved by the Division of Pensions and Benefits and that process, by Statute takes about six months. She stated that a draft survey needs to be conducted. She stated that they are looking at options that may be available, such as cash, annuities and such for various funding and the cost benefit of offering them and the savings to the County. She stated that at this point there is no cash available.

Since Exclusionary personnel have not received salary increases in the past few years, lifetime health benefits have been offered to those who are eligible.

County Manager Faella stated that the exclusionary employees that will be affected by the layoffs will be notified tomorrow. We cannot release any names at this point until they are notified.

Freeholder Estrada stated that the Board is satisfied with the employees' service provided, but the Board has a responsibility to balance the budget required by law. He said there were some Union groups that did not come forward to negotiate a plan. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting and expressing their opinions and concerns. He hopes they could come up with a resolution prior to June 1st.

Freeholder Wright thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She stated these discussions were

very tough and were not taken lightly.

Freeholder Carter stated that all the employees are important and these layoffs are not being taken lightly. She said we will continue to work collectively and there is still time. She said that information changes when not heard first-hand. She acknowledges it is a hardship for those who will be working with less staff.

Freeholder Carter stated that when positions become available, they will be rehired and we are committed to helping them seek other jobs in the meantime.

Chairman Mirabella echoed the other Freeholders about the layoffs. He said they did everything possible to avoid the layoffs. We don't take workforce reduction lightly. There are financial strains that need to be met. He realizes the hardship that will lose their positions and those who remain. We will provide job training and replacement. We will re-hire from the Civil Service list when positions come available. Hopefully, we negotiations could be made with the Unions to avoid everyone on the list losing their jobs.

Chairman Mirabella spoke about Union County Means Business. Union County Means Business networking breakfast series will be on Wednesday, April 4 beginning at 7:45 a.m. It will be conveniently located at L'Affaire, located at 1099 Route 22 East in Mountainside.

Chairman Mirabella thanked everyone for coming out this evening. He said the Board, County Manager and the Directors have full respect for all and the work provided. He appreciates the way the meeting was handled.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 PM.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder;
SECONDER: Linda Carter, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Scanlon, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Carter, 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 6, 2012
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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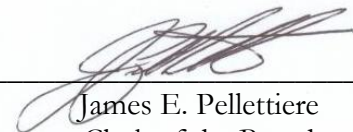
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James E. Pellettiere
Clerk of the Board

JEP:mb

March 22, 2012

Good evening Mr Chairman

I'm Tom Getzendanner, councilman from Summit Hope you're not tired of hearing from the western end of the county, because 15 variables drive our property taxes Freeholder spending is the last unknown in our equation

We really need a sense of your intentions Summit taxpayers have already been told the municipal component of their levy won't change much at all from last year And our school district is up barely 1%

Unfortunately the County now siphons off 26% of our total levy – your apportionment lands that heavily on Summit City Hall keeps just 23% of what we collect locally That's \$4mm less than we'll remit to Elizabeth if you can believe it!

So I'm here tonight to beg the Freeholders stay within nominal CAP, like most of your 21 towns already do themselves (Last year, counting categorical waivers, your appetite rose 4.8%)

The recent decision to skip MusicFest is encouraging Other counties now admit that money-losing medical facilities (like **Runnells Hospital**) should be subsidized by income not property taxes And put it on the market to stop this drain on county coffers (getting out of the healthcare business altogether)

If you can't voluntarily honor a 2% CAP at face value, then please consider declaring a "fiscal emergency" and temporarily cut the **Open Space millage in half**

As you know its original mission in 2001 of preserving 100 acres per decade has been exceeded 3x So no harm tempering this crusade (like 220 towns and counties in New Jersey have already done)

Currently the average household in Summit contributes \$130/yr to your OSTF whereas it started out costing them \$39 A pause in this program would soften our county levy without curtailing core service

If your solicitor feels that a permanent change would require legislation, then please put **Open Space** back on the ballot Nov 6th and let voters decide for themselves

Thanks for doing your best to reduce our county layer of government

Tom Getzendanner
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John Bury
3/22/12

Taxes and Debt

*Understanding what you're paying for
is the first step in controlling costs.*

Join us on:

**Monday - April 23, 2012 - 7pm
Cranford Community Center**

AV Room - 2nd Floor; 220 Walnut Avenue; Cranford, NJ

**For a unique multi-media presentation
on the 2012 Union County budget
with emphasis on:**

- *The link to campaign contributions*
- *Who needs to benefit and why*
- *Who pays the most and why*
- *What you can do now*
- *Debt Detail*

Join us for:

- Videos
- Handouts
- Refreshments
- Q&A Session

John Bury, an enrolled actuary and pension expert who has researched Union County government matters over the last four years will present under the auspices of the Union County Watchdog Association.



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