



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, MAY 31, 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.

PRESENTATION FROM THE BOARD

Vice Chairman Carter presented Plainfield Police Lieutenant Jeff Plum with a Laudatory Resolution commending him for his continued dedication in assisting homeless individuals and families in Plainfield, New Jersey and for his support of Union County's annual Survey of the Homeless.

Vice Chairman stated that it gave her great pleasure to know and work with Lt. Plum and Director Guzzo. She stated that Lt. Plum's experience in the community has helped them considerably.

Director Guzzo stated that the Program began in 2005, where a survey of the homeless is taken during the coldest of nights. It is a federally mandated program, which brings money into the County for food and shelter to assist the homeless. Director Guzzo commended the tremendous help of the staff, police and sheriff's departments. He stated that he has participated in the survey in Plainfield and has worked with Lt. Plum in the overnight hours for the past few years and he makes their job easier. He said he knows the people on the streets, councils them and also speaks Spanish. Director Guzzo said he cannot say enough of good things about Lt. Plum.

Vice Chairman Carter read the Resolution aloud.

Lt. Plum thanked all the volunteers and the County for the service they provide to the community of Plainfield.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

1. Oath of Office: Sidney Blanchard, Carolyn Cole, Thomas E. Connell, Janice C. Lilien, Donna Morris, Stelio Papadopoulo, Cory Storch and Mary Ellen Tango – Homeless Trust Fund Advisory Board; Veronica Blalock – Human Services Advisory Council; Steven Thorpe – Union County Transportation Advisory Board.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Chairman; **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. April 05, 2012 – Special Meeting Minutes

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

2. April 05, 2012 – Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

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

3. April 19, 2012 – Regular Meeting Minutes

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

4. April 26, 2012 – Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

RESULT: ACCEPTED [8 TO 0]; MOVER: Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Vernell Wright, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Scanlon, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Carter; **ABSTAIN:** Chairman Mirabella;

5. April 26, 2012 – Regular Meeting Minutes

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Vernell Wright, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak,

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

APPROVAL OF THE CAP BANK RESOLUTION

Chairman Mirabella asked Director Taylor to explain the purpose of the Cap Bank Resolution.

Director Taylor stated that the Cap Bank Resolution is similar to that on the municipal side of an Ordinance. It allows for Counties to approve on 2 separate occupations to vote on separate but identical Resolutions. She said in this case, it allows the County to increase its levy by \$2.1 million. It is a financial tool to allow for financial flexibility in the budget this year, and subsequent years. She said that under the 1977 Cap, we are still below the 2% of what would have been afforded to us. Under the 1977 Cap with this Cola Resolution, we are increasing the levy to \$302 million and under the 2010 Cap we would have been able to go up to \$306 million. We are using the more restrictive Cap consistent with law. It is again, a financial tool most commonly used by public entities.

The meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on the 2012 CAP Bank resolution only.

Jim Mathieu, Council Member, Garwood, stated that the Borough of Garwood voted against the Cap Bank. He said under the new State law, governments "can go to the people for a referendum any time and ask them if they want to go over the tax increase levy." They could vote for or against an increase in taxes when they feel it is the right thing to do. He urged the Board to vote against Resolution 2012-455.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, is opposed to the Cap Bank Resolution. He urged the Board to vote, no. He believes the Freeholders want to raise more taxes than the 2% Cap. He asked if \$2.1 million a set number. He feels that the \$2.1 million is a contrived amount.

Mr. Paterson stated that it is a Resolution to exceed the County tax levy and to establish a Cap Bank. He said if you vote against the Cap Bank, the County tax levy cannot be exceeded. He urged the Board to vote no on the Cap Bank Resolution.

Director Taylor stated that we are using the 1977 Cap and the \$2.1 million is a result of the 1977 Cap. She said they are still below the 2% Cap, and it is not a contrived number, as stated by the previous speaker. She explained that under the 1977 Cap and the 2010 Cap, there are exceptions to those Caps such as capital expenditures, health insurance, emergency appropriations, debt service and pensions. She stated that they are utilizing the restrictive Cap, and the Board wants to be fiscally responsible, this year and in subsequent years.

Keith Sluka, Council President, Garwood, stated that they voted in favor of financial flexibility for the past five years, but is now opposed to the Resolution. He stated that the constituents do not want financial flexibility.

Jim Buettner, Cranford, stated that he agreed with Mr. Sluka regarding the Cap Bank Resolution. He also spoke about the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund monies and how it is spent.

2012-455 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Resolution to exceed the County tax levy limit and to establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A 40A: 4-45.14).

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

APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION TO READ THE BUDGET BY TITLE

Statement of Compliance read by the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders relative to the public hearing conditions set forth pursuant to NJSA 40A: 4-8(1a)(1b).

2012-456 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Determining that the 2012 Union County Budget shall be read by title and declaring that the public hearing conditions set forth pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-8(1a)(1b) have been satisfied.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2012 UNION COUNTY BUDGET AS INTRODUCED

Chairman Mirabella gave an outline of the Agenda pertaining to the budget and thanked Freeholder Sullivan, as Chairman of the Fiscal Committee for his hard work on the budget.

Freeholder Sullivan gave an update on the County's ongoing effort to adopt the 2012 budget. He stated the following:

This is a public hearing on the 2012 budget. We will not be voting on a final budget tonight. On June 14th, we will be holding a second public hearing on amendments to the budget only. Later that night, we will vote on adopting a final budget. We did not hold traditional budget hearings this year, as these extraordinary circumstances required any number of meetings between the parties involved- department directors, the fiscal committee, and bargaining units to close the gap over a long period of time. We begin tonight with a review of the scope of our budgetary problems. We were faced with a \$36 million deficit, which was due to a number of issues:

- An \$8.7 billion reduction over the past few years in tax ratables due to the prolonged real estate slump and sluggish statewide economy.
- A reduction in state reimbursements to Runnells Hospital and state revenues to our jail for retaining state prisoners. Total for both: \$4.5 million
- Rising contractual health, and pension costs totaling \$17 million.

Freeholder Sullivan stated that due to the size and scope of these issues, we embarked on a comprehensive plan to close this gap. The plan included cutting costs, layoffs, program reductions, and revenue maximization.

In this regard, all Departments and Constitutional Offices were initially asked to cut up to 5 percent off their adopted 2011 operating budget. Then we initiated program reductions to wit:

- MusicFest and Rhythm and Blues by the Brook were canceled for 2012;
- Kids Kingdom events were canceled for 2012;
- The budget for Freeholder Scholars, Senior Scholars and College for Teens were cut roughly in half, and similar cuts were made to Consumer Affairs, and Rutgers Cooperative Extension program, which I will detail later.

The Freeholder Board, County Manager and Department Directors are taking a three-day voluntary salary reduction equivalent to what three unions have already accepted. We deferred a salary increase for 632 exclusionary employees, many of whom are in their fifth year without a raise.

We initiated a hiring freeze for non-essential employees, reformed our prescription drug program and are moving to a new health provider effective July 1st, saving millions. We maintained a voluntary furlough program. We achieved hundreds of thousands more in savings through the County Manager's Efficiency Taskforce.

Finally, we were forced to make two rounds of workforce reductions totaling 280 employees. A combination of approximately 44 layoffs and retirements were effective on May 1st. Well over 100 layoffs and retirements will be effective tomorrow on June 1st. We held over the employment of 101 workers from Runnells who would have been laid off on June 1st until August 31st as we work to privatize the dietary, and services through Competitive Contracting, and the laundry services through public bidding.

Our sympathy goes out to those who have been laid off, and we are continuing our effort to soften the impact through job fairs, counseling and rapid response efforts.

On Friday, the State Department of Community Affairs approved our efforts to refinance a portion of our debt which may help us to realize approximately \$2 million in revenues this year. Half of these funds will be used to help maintain important health, consumer protection and safety net services while the other half will be retained for our budget surplus. The funds will be used to build back services in the Division of Social Services, Public Works (tree maintenance), and the Division of Consumer Affairs, which will continue to operate at a reduced staffing level, avoiding closure. We will also bring back our SLAP program, which puts non-violent offenders to work in our community, at reduced staff levels.

In addition, we will provide funding for a staff member at our Rutgers Cooperative Extension program, while also paying for a portion of the program's administrative positions. This will enable Rutgers to offer 4-H and full program services.

We are in continued discussions with our unions, including CWA on ways to save jobs, and lessening any impact on services. Through all of our efforts, we closed the budget gap, meeting the state cap on spending. This year's approximate \$488.9 million proposed budget would increase property taxes by an average of about \$96. However, we continue to look at the budget as a 12-month work in progress, and we are working to implement reforms in several other areas the county manager identified for reform in his executive budget.

Runnells Specialized Hospital continued to operate at an approximate \$11.3 million deficit at the

close of 2011. The Watchung Stables is running at a \$600,000 deficit, and our County Jail costs \$55 million a year to operate. We have embarked on a feasibility study to privatize the Watchung Stables that will occur in conjunction with our stakeholders in the community. We requested permission from the Division of Local Government Services to examine privatizing the operations of the jail through competitive contracting and developing strategies for an RFP.

As I previously referenced we are seeking to privatize the dietary and housekeeping at Runnells Specialized Hospital through competitive contracting, and laundry services through public bidding.

As part of the competitive contract, the County will require the vendor to give current employees, in good standing, the first right of refusal for any employment opportunities that arise as a result of the contract. It should also be noted that employees and/or their representatives shall be permitted to respond to the competitive contract proposal, giving them the opportunity to retain their jobs and meeting our goals of efficiency and cost savings.

If employees are represented by an organization that has negotiated a contract with the contracting unit (meaning the County), only the bargaining unit shall be authorized to submit such recommendations or proposals. Similar to as we do with our juvenile detention center, we are also exploring options to lease unused portions of the hospital for revenue. And in other areas, we are continuing to seek new ways of sparking economic development and new revenues for Union County through business initiatives.

In this regard, Chairman Mirabella's Union County Means Business series has succeeded in drawing our public-private partners together in strategies aimed at improving our economic environment. We have received verbal inquiries from businesses that are interested in moving to Union County, and are in talks with at least one major company in moving office jobs here.

We are in the process of developing in conjunction with the Union County Economic Development Corporation, a new low-interest loan program to help businesses with equipment, inventory, working capital, and renovations on owned property.

Chairman Mirabella will have an announcement forthcoming on June 6th at the Union County Means Business forum at Union County College's Nursing School in Elizabeth.

The meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on the 2012 Budget as introduced on April 19, 2012 only.

Tom Getzendanner, Council Member, City of Summit, thanked County Manager Faella for working on savings towards the 2013 budget, Chairman Mirabella for weighing in on NJDEP's environmental lawsuit against Occidental Chemical for polluting Newark Bay. He spoke about the CAP Levy and the Open Space, Recreation and Preservation Trust Fund tax. He stated that the City of Summit sends more tax dollars to the County than are kept for their own City Hall.

Mr. Getzendanner furnished the Clerk of the Board with a copy of his statement, which is attached.

Tina Lopez, CWA Local 1080, Assistant Supervisor Social Services Division, thanked the Board, especially Freeholder Sullivan as Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, Director Taylor, and the Directors and staff for all their hard work on the budget, and for closing the gap. She thanked Director DiRado and Director Guzzo with helping their Union expedite the response.

Steve Gold, Westfield, stated that last year he was made aware of the Programs the County offers for disabled persons. He said he has a 15 year old child with Autism and he appreciates the programs, Margaret Heisey and her colleagues. He said the programs are needed.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, appreciates the Board being fiscally responsible. He stated the Budget is still being increased by \$12 million. He urged Districting for accountability.

Don Feo, New Providence, stated that he has a 21 year old son with Autism. He congratulated the Board and thanked them for the recreational programs for kids with needs. He said the programs allow his son to get involved with the community and he receives much joy from these programs.

Mr. Feo stated that he had not been at Trailside for more than 40 years and commended the Board for such a beautiful facility. He stated that the counselors of the Programs are great. He thanked Margaret Heisey for coordinating the programs and urged the Board to keep them in place.

Tina Renna, Cranford, spoke of the highly paid employees who did not lose their jobs. She make comments about the large salaries that were given in January and the catered Freeholder Meetings. She spoke of bumping rights and the SLAP program.

Michelle Smith, Employee of Runnells Specialized Hospital, stated that they want to help save jobs. She spoke about her sister who has been with the County for 25 years, who received a senior position with a \$2,000 increase. She was told she would be demoted and that her salary would be minimally affected, but now she is being told it will be affected by 50% to do the same job for 25 years. She said she will be laid off in August and is just asking for fairness. She said she goes above and beyond in her duties.

Chairman Mirabella asked Ms. Smith to speak to the Acting Director of Administrative Services, Matthew DiRado.

Jim Buettner, Cranford, spoke about the deficit and urged the Board to stop spending money on things that are not needed or wanted by the residents. He said the Board still voted to improve Oak Ridge Park.

INTRODUCING THE AMENDMENT TO THE 2012 UNION COUNTY BUDGET

The public hearing on the Budget Amendment will be held on June 14, 2012.

2012-457 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: **Introducing the Amendment to the 2012 Union County Budget.**

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Daniel P. Sullivan, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Deborah P. Scanlon, 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.

Mr. Solomon, Rahway, stated that he is in support of Resolution 2012-458. He spoke about the services it provides and thanked the Board and County Manager Faella for their support over the years, adding it is a great and needed program.

Jim Buettner, Cranford, asked what is being purchased for the amounts of \$10,000 each, as indicated in Resolutions 2012-465 through 2012-468.

Administrator of Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, Vikki Durbin-Drake stated that it is the normal process of the Fund to have one title company and two or three appraisers retained. It is not for a specific property.

Chairman Mirabella asked that they are retained in case they are needed Mrs. Durbin-Drake, replied yes, adding that two Green Acres approved appraisers are required by the State and when title work is required, we use the title company of record. We have three appraisal firms as competitive pricing is used. This is done annually as part of the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, asked if the monies for Resolutions 2012-465 through 2012-468 are from the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund. He agreed with Council Member of Summit, Tom Getzendanner about his request to cut the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund tax.

Mr. Paterson asked for an explanation of Resolutions 2012-470 through 2012-475. He asked why Resolution 2012-479 is a "not to exceed" amount. He is in favor of Resolution 2012-480, but asked why former Freeholder Ward is not a member, since she was the Liaison of the Board at one time and was very involved. He asked why the Director of the Board of Elections is being sued, referring to Resolution 2012-488. He made comments regarding the law firm from Linden.

Chairman Mirabella stated that the funds for the title company and the appraisers are taken from the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

Director Taylor explained Resolutions 2012-470 through 2012-475. She stated that the County has approximately \$130 million in bond anticipation notes. They are seeking to permanently finance \$100,000 worth of those notes into bonds to take advantage of the favorable current market. She said they plan on paying down debt from some notes for approximately \$12,000 and pay down notes from cash on hand from capital funds of \$915,000, leaving us with bond anticipation notes of \$29 million that can be reissued. Then adding new bond anticipation notes for prior authorizations. The new total bond anticipation notes to be issued will be \$60 million.

Director Taylor said, in short, Resolutions 2012-470 through 2012-475 are fore aggregating variances issuances previously authorized for short term debt and now permanently financing them. She said they are not tied to the UCIA, it is County debt, going to be issued for general obligation bonds.

Director Yuska stated that the elevator contract mentioned in Resolution 2012-479 went out to bid

two times and both times were over the estimate. They went back and solicited for quotations to the people who bid. He said they lowered the price underneath the bid estimate. It is not a bid, it was a negotiated contract, a set figure, and is a "not to exceed" amount. Director Yuska apologized for the miscommunication. He said the contract price is a negotiated price.

County Counsel Barry, Esq. explained Resolution 2012-480. He stated that Dennis Kobitz is being represented as he an employee of Union County, as the Administrator of the Board of Elections. He said it is a personnel matter with alleged discrimination. Employees of the Board of Elections are County employees. Mr. Kologi, Esq. was selected and the award was based upon a pre-approved fair and open process. He said to his knowledge Mr. Kologi, Esq. is no longer employed by the City of Linden.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

2012-458 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA: Approving the 2012-2013 Consolidated Action Plan, including the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Program, and the Emergency Shelter Grant Program application for HUD funds and authorizes the submission of said 2012-2013 Annual Action Plan on behalf of the Union County Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Program, and the Emergency Shelter Grant to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development so that projects as listed therein may be undertaken within the County of Union.

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

2012-459 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA: Amending Resolution Number 2011-576, adopting the 2011 Consolidated Plan to increase the Mountainside Senior Citizen Handyman Program by \$1,500.

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

2012-460 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA: Appointing Hugh B. Bisset, III, Edward J. Heaton, Jennifer Holt Shah and Ina White to the Advisory Board on the Disabled for a term commencing January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014.

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

2012-461 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to do all things necessary to make a renewal application for Sexual Assault, Abuse and Rape Care (SAARC) grant funding in the amount of \$26,160.00 and enter into contract with New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA), Division on Women (DOW), for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 for the

Union County Rape Crisis Center to provide rape care direct services to sexual violence victims and significant others.

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

2012-462 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with NJ Transit to secure funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 in the amount of \$1,082,533.00 received through the Casino Tax Revenue, Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents Transportation Assistance Program (SCDRTAP) Grant, for the provision of curb-to-curb transportation for seniors age sixty and older, persons with disabilities and/or economically disadvantaged residents of Union County to medical, education, employment, nutrition, shopping and recreational facilities.

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

2012-463 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to execute the NJ Department of Community Affairs Grant Agreement for the period of October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012 for the administration of the Low Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) by the Division of Social Services in the amount of \$17,973.00.

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

2012-464 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Union County Workforce Investment Board and the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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

2012-465 FREEHOLDER SCANLON: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Appraisal Associates, Inc., Cranford, New Jersey, for appraisal services required by the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

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

2012-466 FREEHOLDER SCANLON: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Sterling DiSanto & Associates, Somerville, New Jersey, for appraisal services required by the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

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

2012-467 FREEHOLDER SCANLON: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with ARD Appraisal Company, Clark, New Jersey, for appraisal services required by the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

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

2012-468 FREEHOLDER SCANLON: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with A. M. Title Agency, Inc., Elizabeth, New Jersey, for title services required by the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

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

2012-469 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Amendment to the 2012 Temporary Budget per Ch. 96 P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20).

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

2012-470 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Resolution combining several authorizations of bonds into a single issue and prescribing the details and bond form thereof for \$62,165,000 general improvement bonds of 2012 dated June 15, 2012.

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

2012-471 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Resolution combining several authorizations of Bonds into a single issue and prescribing the details and Bond form thereof for \$23,190,000 County Vocational-Technical School Bonds of 2012 (New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act) Dated June 15, 2012.

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

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

2012-472 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Resolution prescribing the details and bond form thereof for \$10,355,000 Redevelopment Bonds of 2012 dated June 15, 2012.

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

2012-473 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Resolution prescribing the details and Bond form thereof for \$2,353,000 County College Bonds of 2012 (Series A) (Chapter 12 State Aid) dated June 15, 2012.

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

2012-474 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Resolution combining several authorizations of Bonds into a single issue and prescribing the details and Bond form thereof for \$1,937,000 County College Bonds of 2012 (Series B) dated June 15, 2012.

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

2012-475 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Resolution authorizing the publication, printing and distribution of a notice of sale and the publication of a summary notice of \$100,000,000 Bonds consisting of \$62,165,000 General Improvement Bonds of 2012, \$23,190,000 County Vocational-Technical School Bonds of 2012 (New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act), \$10,355,000 Redevelopment Bonds of 2012, \$2,353,000 County College Bonds of 2012 (Series A) (Chapter 12 State Aid) and \$1,937,000 County College Bonds of 2012 (Series B), each issue dated June 15, 2012, approving the preparation, distribution and execution of a preliminary and a final official statement for such Bonds, undertaking to provide continuing disclosure of financial information, covenanting to comply with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and authorizing various matters in connection with electronic bidding for the Bonds.

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

2012-476 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Resolution sponsoring the Elizabeth Portugal Day Committee, Elizabeth, New Jersey, in the amount of \$4,000.00.

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

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

2012-477 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Amending Resolution Number 2011-1121, and authorizing the County Manager to execute Addendum No. 1 to the Extension Deposit Agreement with New Jersey American Water, a public utility company, to include an additional \$16,100 to achieve the main installation for the Galloping Hill Clubhouse Project water and sewer line extension.

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

2012-478 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Authorizing the County Manager to extend the contract, (BA #50-10) with Modern Medical Systems Company, Farmingdale, New York, for the purpose of maintaining and repairing Medical Equipment from June 24, 2012 through June 23, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$129,874.00.

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

2012-479 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Standard Elevator, Clifton, New Jersey, for the purpose of upgrading and refurbishing the elevators at Runnells Specialized Hospital in the amount of \$506,750.00.

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

2012-480 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Appointing Donald Johnson, Salaam Ismial, Marissa Mansueto and Marlyse Benson to the Advisory Board for the Prevention of Youth Violence for a term commencing June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2014.

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

2012-481 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Resolution concurring with the Borough of Fanwood granting permission to the Fanwood Business and Professional Association to close Martine Avenue between South Avenue and LaGrande Avenue; and South Avenue between Martine Avenue and Second Street on Sunday June 10, 2012 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to hold their Annual Street Fair.

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

2012-482 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Supporting the Township of Union's permit application with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) to repair the Franklin Street Flood Control Facilities, Township of Union.

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

2012-483 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Resolution granting permission to the American Cancer Society to hang a banner across the Boulevard in Kenilworth from May 20, 2012 to June 4, 2012 to promote the "Relay for Life" event.

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

2012-484 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Service Agreement with the Borough of Roselle Park to provide Fire and Emergency Medical Basic Life Support Dispatch Services.

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

2012-485 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Service Agreement with the Township of South Orange to provide Emergency Medical Basic Life Support Dispatch Services.

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

2012-486 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement with the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway Mobile Intensive Care Unit to provide Emergency Medical Basic Life Support Dispatch Services.

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

2012-487 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Appointing DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C., Warren, New Jersey, to represent the County of Union in the matter entitled Catherine & Daniel Alexander v. UC, et als, in the amount of \$10,000.00.

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

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

2012-488 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Appointing the Law Firm of Kologi Simitz, Linden, New Jersey, to represent Dennis Kobitz in the matter entitled Rose Bravo v. UC, et als, in the amount of \$10,000.00.

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

2012-489 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Appointing Roth D'Aquanni, LLC, Springfield, New Jersey, to represent the Union County Board of Elections in the matter entitled Rose Bravo v. UC, et als, in the amount of \$10,000.00.

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

2012-490 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Appointing LaCorte, Bundy, Varady & Kinsella of Union as Special Counsel in a potential litigation matter in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

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

2012-491 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA: Authorizing a Settlement in the Matter of Ann Garbowski, et als.

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

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2012-492 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA: Recognizing Latino undergraduate students from Kean University on being honored by the Hispanic/Latino Alumni Council at their 12th Anniversary Gala.

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

2012-493 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA: Expressing the Board's sincere condolences to the family of Zenaida G. Manfugas, Professor of History Music at Kean University, who passed away on May 2, 2012.

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

2012-494 FREEHOLDER SCANLON: Recognizing the men and women who proudly serve the Union Township, New Jersey as part of their Police Department during the celebration of National Police Week 2012.

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

2012-495 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Commending Dr. Myra Weiger of Kean University, for receiving the prestigious Jean Harris Award from the Rotary International.

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

2012-496 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT, FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Congratulating the Volunteers of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County who are being honored at the Forty-Ninth Awards Ceremony & Luncheon.

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

2012-497 VICE CHAIRMAN CARTER: Commending Plainfield Police Lieutenant Jeff Plum for his continued dedication in assisting homeless individuals and families in Plainfield, New Jersey and for his support of Union County's annual Survey of the Homeless.

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

2012-498 VICE CHAIRMAN CARTER: Congratulating Allen Eke of Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains, New Jersey on being named the Star Ledger Union County Boys Track Athlete of the Year for 2011-12.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Daniel P. Sullivan, Linda Carter; **SECONDER:** Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak,

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

2012-499 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, FREEHOLDER SCANLON: Declaring the week of May 21-25, 2012, Prevention Week in Union County to celebrate the work of community organizations and individuals to prevent substance abuse and promote mental, emotional, and behavioral well-being.

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

2012-500 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD: Proclaiming the month of May "Foster Parent Recognition Month" in the County of Union.

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

2012-501 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD: Congratulating United States Marine Corps Captain Daniel Donnerstag on being named the Grand Marshall of the Union Township Memorial Day Parade.

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

2012-502 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD: Congratulating Janet Vlaisavljevic, Clerk of the Township of Hillside, on her retirement and commending her for her 24 years of public service.

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

2012-503 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD: Proclaiming the month of May "Municipal Clerks' Month" in the County of Union.

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

2012-504 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD: Offering the Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Quinton Brown, Union County Juvenile Detention Officer, during their time of sorrow.

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

2012-505 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD: Offering the Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Kenny Fellner, of the County Park's Maintenance Department, during their time of sorrow.

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

2012-506 Chairman Mirabella AND THE ENTIRE BOARD: Offering the Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Robert Klein, of the Union County Division on Aging, during their time of sorrow.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Daniel P. Sullivan, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Angel G. Estrada, 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.

Jim Buettner, Cranford, read a letter addressed to the Suburban News by a resident of Scotch Plains regarding Oak Ridge Golf Course. He said is was opposed to the closing of the golf course.

Joanne Cucci-Turbett, President CWA Local 1080, employee of Social Services Division, thanked the Board, Kathy Hatfield, Esq., Director DiRado and Director Guzzo for working with them and to save jobs.

County Manager Faella thanked the CWA members and leadership for working with us and we appreciate your work and committed to continuing the process.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, spoke about the amendments to the budget and the total increase in salaries during the layoffs. He made comments regarding discussions of Executive Session of May 17th, Staten Island and the Rahway Valley Railroad and made comments regarding M& E. He spoke about articles regarding State Comptroller and Community Colleges.

Tina Renna, Cranford, asked why the Consumer Affairs Department and the Weights and Measures Department merged today. She spoke about a lawsuit and the senior mailing list and tax dollars at election time. Mrs. Renna also made comments regarding investigation of former County Manager Devanney, Freeholder Scanlon's son and a Councilwoman of Hillside. She stated that the County Police should not be investigating the Freeholder' son and she spoke about MusicFest.

John Bury, Kenilworth, made comments about the Park Madison in Plainfield and the Juvenile Detention Center, and asked how it will affect layoffs. He stated that he attended the Local Finance

Board's Meeting in Trenton where these two items were on the agenda.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Kowalski thanked those who attended the meeting, particularly the Councilman of Summit and the Union Leaders.

Freeholder Kowalski stated that there was a bit of excitement on the roof of the County Courthouse last week, where we have had a pair of rare peregrine falcons nesting for the past several years. We had a visit from the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, which sent their principal zoologist to put identification bands on the couple's four new chicks. She said peregrine falcons and other birds of prey disappeared from our region as the result of pesticide poisoning in the 1950's, and they have been gradually making a comeback. This is one of only two dozen known pairs in all of New Jersey, so we are very proud that Union County has been a good home to them.

Freeholder Jalloh thanked everyone who came to the meeting to express their opinions and concerns.

Freeholder Jalloh said the Freeholder Board has been very proud to work with the Union County Performing Arts Center on a new series called Sensory Friendly Theater. These are specifically arranged music, dance and theater performances that can be enjoyed by children with autism and related disorders. The series is designed to create a welcoming and supportive "judgment-free zone," so audience members can talk or move about as they wish, and experienced staff will be on hand to provide assistance if needed. The first performance will be on Sunday, June 10th at the Performing Arts Center in the downtown Rahway arts district and for more information, visit [ucpac.org](http://www.ucpac.org) <<http://www.ucpac.org>> or call the box office, 732-499-8226.

Freeholder Jalloh stated that he was happy to attend the Grand Opening of a Goodwill facility in Springfield.

Freeholder Jalloh thanked the staff and directors for their hard work on the budget.

Freeholder Sullivan stated that the ground was broken for a very important project here in Elizabeth. That is the construction of a new warehouse for the supermarket cooperative Wakfern, which came about with the help of collaborative financing through the Union County Improvement Authority, Union County and the federal Recovery Act.

Freeholder Sullivan said in addition to creating many temporary construction jobs, the project will save hundreds of existing jobs. On top of that, Wakefern expects the new warehouse to create even more jobs in the coming years. This is an excellent example of using both government and private resources, including federal funding, to spur an economic revival that benefits a whole cross section of a community. He said there was a chance that they were going to Essex County and is happy that they remained here. He congratulated everyone involved.

Freeholder Sullivan stated that Union County College is a separate entity. The County contributes \$13 million per year to Union County College. It is controlled by the Administration and the Board of Trustees. He said funding is broken down to 1/3 the County, 1/3 State and 1/3 tuition.

Freeholder Sullivan thanked the Directors, the County Manager, the Fiscal Committee and representatives of the Unions for their cooperation. He said it is a very difficult decision to lay off

10% of the workforce.

Chairman Mirabella stated that the next session of our Union County Means Business networking breakfast series will be next Wednesday, June 6th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Union County College Kellogg Building in midtown Elizabeth. The topic of this session is “Your Workforce: Incentives, Training and Resources to Develop Current Employees and Find Qualified Employees. “The entire series is free of charge to anyone who owns or manages a business in Union County, and he encouraged taking advantage of this opportunity to connect with government programs that can help you recruit, train and motivate your team. For more information you can visit the County website, ucnj.org.

Chairman Mirabella thanked Deputy Director of Parks and Community Development Cherron Rountree and Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Government Relations and Community Outreach Amy Wagner for setting up the breakfast.

Chairman Mirabella stated that he was joined by Freeholder Hudak. Freeholder Sullivan and other members of the Board has been a regular participant in visiting veterans graves in Union County. He said he is always happy to participate. He said he attended a concert in Fanwood, two memorial services on Memorial Day and was honored to march in the Fanwood/Scotch Plains Parade.

Chairman Mirabella said he was pleased to announce that the County partnered with the Westfield Armory for a Job Fair for Veterans. He said it was a great turnout with Veterans and businesses. He asked Director Guzzo to have another job fair later this year.

Chairman Mirabella also thanked County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, who provided information about Union County’s honorable discharge identification card for veterans. This card can help veteran to streamline the process of getting educational benefits, death benefits, licenses, local property tax rebates and retail discounts. The veterans that have not obtained the card yet, can get more information by using the County Clerk’s link on our website, ucnj.org, or call the County Clerk at 908-527-4787.

Chairman Mirabella stated that he was pleased that the gentlemen attended the meeting to speak about Autism. He thanked Margaret Heisey for all her hard work with the program.

Chairman Mirabella thanked President of Union County College, Margaret McMenamin for their linkage with Union County Means Business program. She will be announcing Union County College Means Business. He appreciates their relationship with Union County College.

Finally, Chairman Mirabella thanked Freeholder Sullivan, Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, the directors and employees and partnerships with the Unions for all the tiresome months working on the budget. He said the amendments to the budget shows that they did not give up. He said the budget is no longer a 4 month process, but a 12 month process, and added that they were prepared, but when anticipated revenue is taken away or the percentage increases are greater than anticipated, it makes it harder to work around. He said he was pleased that the date was extended for the employees at Runnells Specialized Hospital. He commended Administrator Wheeler for working on outside agencies, and said she has been a true advocate of workforce at the Hospital.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 PM.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Christopher Hudak, Freeholder;
SECONDER: Deborah P. Scanlon, Freeholder; **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

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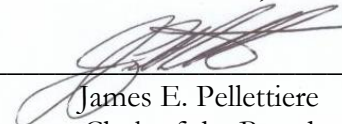
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December 20, 2012



James E. Pellettiere
Clerk of the Board

JEP:mb

May 31, 2012

Good evening Mr. Chairman.

I'm Tom Getzendanner, councilman from Summit. In the last five months you've heard from just about all 8 of our elected officials.

The 2012 budget cycle wasn't easy for any level of government, whether state or county or municipality.

We thank you for bending the county's cost curve. The ship of state is not easy to turn around, so I'm glad Mr. Faella has already started working on 2013.

I also want to thank Chairman Mirabella for weighing in on NJDEP's environmental lawsuit against Occidental Chemical for polluting Newark Bay. Which clever lawyers have now exponentially expanded to create liability for 100's of towns and joint sewage treatment authorities including Summit. A real budget-buster threat.

For the record, our 2012 County apportionment is growing 10x faster than Summit's pure local levy. So a lot of work remains at the county layer of government.

Let me make two specific Freeholder suggestions:

1. Next year don't use any categorical waivers you might legally be entitled. Instead honor the 2% nominal CAP as if it were "hard" (no exceptions). Like most of the 21 towns in Union County already do, voluntarily.
2. Let voters make up their own minds about the luxury *Open Space* tax they enacted in 2001. By placing that millage back on the ballot this November as a referendum issue. (8yrs before it expires naturally in 2020).

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, it's not right when Summit sends more tax dollars to the County than what we keep to run our own City Hall.

Thanks for doing your best to right-size county government.

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