

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 6, 2006

Chairman Alexander Mirabella presided. Roll call showed Vice Chair Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Adrian O. Mapp, Freeholder Rick Proctor, Freeholder Deborah P. Scanlon, Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan and Freeholder Nancy Ward were in attendance.

Also in attendance were Deputy County Manager M. Elizabeth Genievich, County Counsel Robert Barry and Clerk of the Board Nicole L. Tedeschi.

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG was led by the Clerk of the Board.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT was read by the Clerk of the Board.

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the Minutes from the March 30, 2006 – Regular Meeting. On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mapp roll call showed that eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor abstaining.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 30, 2006 – Regular Meeting

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OATHS OF OFFICE: (Note & file)

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PURPOSE OF COMMENTING ON
RESOLUTIONS ON THE AGENDA ONLY**

Kevin Retcho, Linden commented on Resolution 2006-414 and asked what the benefit package was. County Manager Devanney clarified that it is a contract with a 0% increase for two years in exchange for benefits upon retirement. The 0% increase will pay for the benefits package.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood commented on Resolution 2006-394 and asked what the surveying services were and whether there was a grade at this location. County Manager Devanney commented that this piece of land was adjacent to another piece of property that might have graving sites; it is to ensure State regulations regarding subdivisions on the property are adhered

to. Mr. Paterson then commented regarding Resolutions 2006-407 through 2006-411 and asked the Board for a comment on this matter. County Counsel Robert Barry said that it is a lawsuit that alleges a discrimination action and assault. Mr. Paterson goes on to ask about Laudatory 2006-415 commenting that he believed that Ms. Devanney was only in an Administrative roll for one year and that it would be a large feat to achieve “Business Administrator of the Year”. Chairman Mirabella told Mr. Paterson that he would share his good wishes with Mrs. Devanney.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

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Chairman Mirabella asks for a motion to adopt Resolutions 2006-391 thru 2006-436. On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR ADOPTION:

2006-391 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, an Amendment to the **Temporary 2006 Budget** as a result of notification received from the following agencies:

- a. Department of Human Services for a program entitled: **“Respite Care Cost Share”** in an amount of **\$25,000**.
- b. US Department of Housing and Urban Development for a program entitled: **“Supportive Housing Program”** in an amount of **\$150,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-392 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, an amendment to the **2006 Temporary Budget** pursuant to the provisions of **Ch. 96, P.L. 1951. {N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20}**

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-393 **FREEHOLDER HOLMES**, authorizing the County Manager to sponsor the **United Youth of New Jersey, (UYNJ) African Heritage Day Parade, Inc.**, which is being held on May 7, 2006 in the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey, in the amount of **\$4,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-394 **FREEHOLDER SCANLON**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with **Harbor Consultants, Inc, Cranford, New Jersey**, to provide professional land surveying services for the property known as Hazelwood Cemetery, Clark, New Jersey. This project includes surveying the existing parcel, locating the existing grave locations, and performing a Major Subdivision. Survey work to be done prior to the acquisition of said property through the Open Space, Historical Preservation & Recreation Trust Fund for a total contract amount not to exceed **\$27,860**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-395 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, appointing **Captain Thomas Schafer, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey**, to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board commencing January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-396 **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with **Simplex Grinnell, Rockaway, New Jersey**, for the fire alarm maintenance and repair services for Oriscello Correctional Facility for the contract period of April 10, 2006 – April 9, 2007 in an amount not to exceed **\$60,940**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-397 **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI AND FREEHOLDER HOLMES**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Bunzl Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**, (through N.J.H.A. Group Purchasing) to purchase hospital housekeeping supplies for Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of March 1, 2006 – February 28, 2007 in an amount of **\$43,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-398 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contracts obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with **Local Public Contracts Law 40A:11-1 et seq:**

- a. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE: **TAB Products Co. LLC, Mayville, Wisconsin**, to deliver and install five (5) drawers filing cabinet system in an amount of **\$19,388.98**.

- b. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & FACILITIES; DIVISION OF GOLF OPERATIONS: **Reed & Perrine Sales Inc., Tennent, New Jersey**, in an amount of **\$45,973.60**; **Lesco, Cleveland, Ohio**, in an amount of **\$23,276**; **Seeton Turf Warehouse, LLC, Maple Shade, New Jersey**, in an amount of **\$610**; **Grass Roots Turf Products, Inc, Randolph, New Jersey**, in an amount of **\$3,640**; and **Fertl-Soil Turf Supply Inc, Scotch Plains, New Jersey**, in an amount of **\$632.40**; to obtain, furnish and deliver various types of fertilizer to the County of Union for the usage at the County Golf Courses for a total bid amount of **\$74,132**.
- c. DIVISION OF GOLF OPERATIONS: **The Active Network, Inc, Burnaby, British Columbia**, Optional 3rd year extension – integrated telecommunications computerized reservation, point of sale, registration and photo golf identification card system in an amount not to exceed **\$34,800**.
- d. DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING: **Douglas Ballantine Landscape, Milltown, New Jersey**, for the purpose of restoration planting at Watchung Reservation in an amount of **\$61,450**.
- e. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & FACILITIES: **Fertl-Soil Turf Supply Inc, Scotch Plains, New Jersey**, in an amount of **\$44,304.16**; **UAP Distribution Inc, North Brunswick, New Jersey**, in an amount of **\$56,624.24**; **Koonz Supply, Normandy Beach, New Jersey**, in an amount of **\$29,352.73**; **Lesco Inc, Cleveland, Ohio**, in an amount of **\$97,321.86**; **Synatek LP, Souderton, Pennsylvania**, in an amount of **\$3,840**; **The Terre Co, NJ Inc, Clifton, New Jersey**, in an amount of **\$3,780**; **Reed & Perrine Sales, Inc, Tennent, New Jersey**, in an amount of **\$59,752.61**, to furnish and deliver Grounds Maintenance Chemicals for a total bid amount of **\$294,975.60**.
- f. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & FACILITIES: **Whirl Corporation, Inc, Post Monmouth, New Jersey**, to provide the installation of four (4) fitness courses that the County has purchased from another vendor in an amount of **\$35,460**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-399 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, granting permission to the **Borough of Roselle Park** to close Chestnut Street from Grant Avenue to Webster Avenue, Roselle Park, New Jersey, on Monday, May 29, 2006, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a Memorial Day Parade.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-400 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Inter-Local Agreement with the **Borough of Mountainside** for the purpose of providing milling and resurfacing of a portion of Woodland Avenue, a municipal street, as part of the Union County 2006 Milling, Resurfacing, & Handicap Ramp Construction Project. (Mountainside agrees to reimburse the County of Union 100% of the costs, approximately **\$10,500**, associated with the work done on Woodland Avenue).

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-401 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing an Agreement between the County of Union and the **New Jersey Department of Transportation, Division of Local Aid and Economic Development**, for the purpose of obtaining a discretionary grant in the amount of **\$150,095.30** for reimbursement of County funds expended for the Feasibility Study and Preliminary Scoping for the NJSH Route 82 (Morris Avenue) Bridge over the Rahway River in the Townships of Springfield and Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-402 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, granting permission to the **Borough of Kenilworth** to hang a banner across the Boulevard at the Boulevard and North 22nd Street, Kenilworth, New Jersey from August 1, 2006 to August 28, 2006 to advertise the Firemen's Carnival sponsored by the Kenilworth Volunteer Fire Department; from August 28, 2006 to September 19, 2006 to advertise the Health Fair sponsored by the Kenilworth Board of Health; from September 19, 2006 to October 23, 2006 to advertise the Kenilworth Octoberfest Street Fair sponsored by the Pride in Kenilworth Committee; and to close the Boulevard from 23rd Street to 18th Street, Kenilworth, New Jersey, on Sunday, October 8, 2006 (rain date Sunday, October 15, 2006) from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the Annual Kenilworth Octoberfest Street Fair.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-403 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, to provide anger management training for the males and females incarcerated in the Union County Correctional Facility for the contract period of April 1, 2006 – March 31, 2007 in an amount of **\$30,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-404 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, amending **Resolution No. 894-2005**, to the contract with **Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, to provide inpatient/outpatient and emergency room services to the Union County Jail inmates and Juvenile Detention detainees for the contract period of January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006 in an amount not to exceed **\$600,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-405 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to execute and sign any and all documents in order to effectuate the receipt of overtime traffic reimbursement grant in the amount of **\$4,000** from the Highway Safety Grant with the **New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety** for a **“Click It or Ticket”** Seat Belt Campaign.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-406 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, supporting the **“Click It or Ticket”** safety belt mobilization both locally and nationally from May 22 – June 4, 2006 and pledges to increase awareness of the mobilization and the benefits of safety belt use.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-407 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Robert Renaud of Palumbo & Renaud, Cranford, New Jersey**, to represent Steven Sisco in the matter entitled **Eduardo C. Tapari v. UC, et als**, in an amount not to exceed **\$5,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-408 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Edward Kologi, Esq. Linden, New Jersey**, to represent Garry Feuhrberg in the matter entitled **Eduardo C. Tapari v. UC, et als**, in an amount not to exceed **\$5,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-409 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Elnardo Webster, Esq. of Booker, Rabinowitz, Trenk, Lubetkin, Tully, DiPasquale & Webster, West Orange, New Jersey**, to represent Dennis Baxter in the matter entitled **Eduardo C. Tapari v. UC, et als**, in an amount not to exceed **\$5,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-410 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Bruce Bergen, Esq. of Krevsky, Silber & Bergen, Cranford, New Jersey**, to represent Jeffrey Marciano in the matter entitled **Eduardo C. Tapari v. UC, et als**, in an amount not to exceed **\$5,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-411 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Thomas Battaglia, Esq. Berkeley Heights, New Jersey**, to represent Barbara Baldassarre in the matter entitled **Eduardo C. Tapari v. UC, et als**, in an amount not to exceed **\$5,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-412 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, authorizing County Manager to enroll various County departments, agencies and employees in professional organizations and associations in an amount not to exceed **\$114,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-413 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with **PBA 199 (Union County Correction Officers)**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-414 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with **PBA 199A (Correction Superior Officers)**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE LAUDATORY IN CONTENT:

2006-415 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, congratulating **John J. Davis, President, CEO, Union Center National Bank**, on his receipt of the Award for Achievement by a Corporation/Business Establishment from the Union County Human Relations Commission.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-416 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, congratulating **Gerry Gallagher**, on his receipt of the Award for Achievement by a Non-Profit Organization, Center for Hope Hospice & Palliative Care from the Union County Human Relations Commission.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-417 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, congratulating **Patricia & William Lopez Family**, on their receipt of the Award for Achievement by an Individual from the Union County Human Relations Commission.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-418 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, congratulating **Thomas Callahan, Jr, Senior at Linden High School**, on his receipt of the Award for Achievement by a Student from the Union County Human Relations Commission.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-419 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, congratulating **Gabriel Gluck, Star Ledger**, on his receipt of the Award for Achievement by the Media from the Union County Human Relations Commission.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-420 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, congratulating **Assistant Prosecutor John Esmerado, Supervisor, Child Abuse Unit, Union County Prosecutor’s Office**, on his receipt of the Award for Achievement by Law Enforcement from the Union County Human Relations Commission.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-421 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, congratulating **Reverend Joseph L. Adair**, on his receipt of the Award for Achievement by the Clergy from the Union County Human Relations Commission.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-422 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, congratulating **Stuart Green, M.S.W. Founder and Chairman of the New Jersey Coalition for Bullying Awareness and Prevention**, on his receipt of the Special Achievement Award from the Union County Human Relations Commission.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-423 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, congratulating **Joseph Nierle, Drama Teacher, Westfield High School**, on his receipt of the Special Achievement Award from the Union County Human Relations Commission.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-424 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, congratulating **Wilson Londino, Owner of Los Faroles Restaurant**, on his receipt of the Special Achievement Award from the Union County Human Relations Commission.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-425 **FREEHOLDERS ESTRADA AND MAPP**, congratulating **The Plainfield Public Library**, on their receipt of the Award for Achievement by a Community Organization from the Union County Human Relations Commission.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-426 FREEHOLDER HOLMES, congratulating **William Rack, Rahway, New Jersey**, upon receiving the Senior Citizen of the Year Award.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-427 FREEHOLDER HOLMES, congratulating **Candise Jean Frye, Union County Division of Social Services**, on the occasion of her 50th Birthday.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-428 FREEHOLDER SCANLON, expressing sincere appreciation to the **Elizabethtown Gas Company** for its willingness to serve as a supporter and partner of “Planning for Emergencies in Child Care” workshop for the promotion of the health and safety of young children enrolled in 301 state licensed child care centers and 133 home care providers in Union. County.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-429 FREEHOLDER SCANLON, recognizing the efforts of the **Union County Partners for Healthy Children** as they strive to improve the health and safety of young children in Union County.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-430 FREEHOLDER SCANLON, congratulating **Coach Brian Shanahan, Union High School**, who is being honored by the Irish American Society of Union for his committed services to the community in the area of athletics.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-431 FREEHOLDER SCANLON, congratulating the following **Outstanding Youths** who is being honored by the Irish American Society of Union.

- **Elizabeth Duffy**
- **Christopher W. Kaminski**
- **Ryan O’Grady**
- **Sean Panella**
- **Jacalyn Zieser**
- **Chelsea McCabe**

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-432 VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI, proclaiming April 2006 as “**Landscape Architecture Month**” as it has been proclaimed nationally.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-433 VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI, proclaiming the month of April as “**National Poetry Month**” in Union County.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-434 VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI AND FREEHOLDER HOLMES, proclaiming the month of April as “**Occupational Therapy Month**” in Union County.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-435 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD, congratulating **Angela Devanney, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey**, on being chosen Business Administrator of the Year by the Gateway Chamber of Commerce.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-436 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, congratulating **Mayor Clara Harelik, Springfield, New Jersey**, on being chosen Mayor of the Year by the Gateway Chamber of Commerce.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

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Kevin Retcho, Linden wanted to congratulate Freeholder Ward regarding the Animal Shelter. Mr. Retcho wanted to know if the County would be looking into teleconferencing instead of transporting inmates. Freeholder Estrada remarks that some of our inmates have the availability to teleconference instead of being transported, while other inmates were not movable. Not all municipalities have the teleconferencing capabilities. The inmates in the county detention facilities have this available to them.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood stated that he opposes UMDNJ's system for admitting students.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

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FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

The Chairman called for Freeholder comments.

Freeholder Ward made mention of the Teen Arts Festival. She was overwhelmed at the amount of talent in Union County from these young adults. There were several workshops that she attended that were very interesting. She ended her comments by saying that if American Idol wanted to see talented singers they should come to Union County.

Freeholder Holmes stated that he attended a workshop sponsored by Elizabethtown Gas Company called "Planning for Emergencies in Child Care". The workshop provided information to the public and specifically child care providers regarding Homeland Security issues.

Freeholder Estrada had no comments.

Freeholder Proctor had no comments.

Freeholder Mapp had no comments.

Freeholder Sullivan had no comments.

Freeholder Scanlon had no comments.

County Counsel had no comments.

County Manager Devanney remarked that he recently went to Washington D.C. to meet with bipartisan Congressional leaders to discuss transportation projects and juvenile projects. Thanks to trips of this kind, federal aid for millions of dollars have been made available to the County

for these kinds of projects. He stated that he was thrilled at the success of these efforts and wanted to thank Carolyn Sullivan for her over extending herself to make these events possible.

Vice Chair Kowalski wished everyone a safe and Happy Passover and Easter.

Chairman Mirabella stated that they are in the process with Freeholder Scanlon, Liaison to the Open Space Advisory Board and Victoria Durbin Drake, Administrator for the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, for putting together a committee for the Ponderosa Farm future. The committee will be able to help to decide what the best use for the Ponderosa Farm property is and for the people that live around it. The Chairman also extended his wishes for everyone to have a safe and Happy Passover and Easter.

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The voucher list through **March 29, 2006** will be available for public perusal in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

The next **Regular Meeting** of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will be held on **Thursday, April 27, 2006 at 7:00 pm** in the Freeholders Meeting Room, Administration Building, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to adjourn a motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed nine members of the Board in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT

Nicole L. Tedeschi
Clerk of the Board

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