

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

MINUTES OF THE AGENDA MEETING

SEPTEMBER 21, 2006

Chairman Alexander Mirabella presided. Roll call showed Vice Chair Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Chester Holmes, Freeholder Adrian O. Mapp, Freeholder Rick Proctor, Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan, and Freeholder Nancy Ward were present. Freeholder Deborah Scanlon was absent. Also present were County Counsel Robert Barry, County Manager George Devanney, and Clerk of the Board Nicole DiRado.

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG were lead by the Clerk of the Board.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT was read by the Clerk.

Freeholder Deborah P. Scanlon enters the meeting.

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I. OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR
Theodore J. Romankow, Prosecutor

Robert Barry, County Counsel represented the department.

There were no questions.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Authorizing the Union County Prosecutor's Office to engage and compensate experts for services rendered necessary for investigations and prosecution of crimes in Union County in an amount of **\$60,000. (CH. MIRABELLA)**
2. Granting permission to the Prosecutor's Office to purchase confidential intelligence equipment from a confidential vendor to comply with **N.J.S.A 19:44A** in an amount of **\$19,498. (CH. MIRABELLA)**
3. Authorizing a professional services agreement with Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners to serve as independent contractors for the **County of Union SART/SANE Program** for the contract period October 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007 in an amount of **\$71,588. (CH. MIRABELLA)**

II. RUTGERS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Dr. Karen M. Ensle, Director

Dr. Ensle stated that the Resolution brings federal dollars into Union County and is part of a match program. Currently the Rutgers Cooperative Extension employs eight full time and one part time worker. The Cooperative is looking to expand the staff and hire two more people. The match required is the in-kind of staff salaries.

Freeholder Estrada asked Dr. Ensle to detail some of the work the Rutgers Cooperative does with children and nutrition.

Dr. Ensle stated that in many cities, including Elizabeth, Plainfield, Rahway, Hillside and Linden they have a professional staff to work with the participants of the food stamp program teaching children how to eat healthily. Approximately one thousand people are taught a week.

RESOLUTION

1. Authorizing an agreement and any and all other documents as may be necessary to authenticate the in-kind contribution of **\$300,000** and to secure the receipt of **\$365,000** by the **Union County Food Stamp Nutrition Education Project** from October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007. **(FR. MAPP)**

III. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

M. Elizabeth Genievich, Deputy County Manager/Dir. of Administrative Services

RESOLUTIONS

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contracts obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with **Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq: (CH. MIRABELLA)**
 - a. **RUNNELLS SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL: E&A Supply, Inc., Plainfield, New Jersey**, to furnish and deliver three (3) fully assembled bay tray delivery carts and one (1) Ergonomic Tilting Braising Pan in an amount not to exceed **\$22,372.45**.
 - b. **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES: ISECURETRAC Corp., Omaha, Nebraska**, to exercise the 1st twenty-four (24) month extension option for electronic monitoring equipment and services in an amount of **\$56,392.50. {Grant funds}**
 - c. **OFFICE OF THE SURROGATE: County Business Systems Inc., Pennington, New Jersey**, to preserve the Docket Books of the Surrogate's Office through microfilming and recreation in an amount of **\$59,525.15. {Partially PARIS Grant Funding}**

2. Authorizing the County Manager to renew the following Policies as recommended by the **Citizens Insurance Review Committee (CIRC) dated August 31, 2006: (CH. MIRABELLA)**
 - a. Renewing the **Public Official Bond for John Voytac with The Harford Bond Center, Rockaway, New Jersey**, from October 1, 2006 – September 30, 2007 in an amount not to exceed **\$350. (No increase)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a negotiated contract with **Union Center National Bank, Union, New Jersey**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(3), to provide a credit card processing system in an amount of **\$98,494. (CH. MIRABELLA)**

Freeholder Estrada asked where the credit card transactions take place. Director Genievich stated that they are currently used at the golf courses, Surrogate's office and the County Clerks office.

IV. DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS **Joseph Graziano, Director**

Freeholder Proctor welcomed Director Graziano.

Freeholder Holmes stated that he would like information to a location in Rahway (E. Hazelwood and New Brunswick Avenues). Director Graziano stated that he would get that information for the Freeholder.

RESOLUTION

1. Supporting the **Township of Springfield Ordinance No. 2006-03**, prohibiting stopping or standing on Morris Avenue, a Union County roadway, between the easterly point on the New Jersey State Highway Route 24 Ramp and the intersection with Morris and Essex Turnpike. **(CH. MIRABELLA)**

Freeholder Scanlon asked for the location discussed in the ordinance. Director Graziano stated that it was a piece of roadway behind the Bed Bath and Beyond on Route 124 in Springfield. The piece of roadway travels over Route 78.

V. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE **Lawrence Caroselli, Director**

RESOLUTIONS

1. Modifying the 2006 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of **\$25,000** as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey for a program entitled: **"9-1-1 Program." (FR. ESTRADA)**

2. Modifying the 2006 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of **\$96,300** as a result of notification received from the NJ Historical Commission for a program entitled: **“Historical Commission Grant.”** In addition, appropriating **\$32,100** from the matching fund grant entitled: **“Match-Historical Commission Grant.”** (FR. ESTRADA)
3. Modifying the 2006 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of **\$604,701** as a result of notification received from the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services for a program entitled: **“Local Core Capacity Infrastructure-LINCS.”** (FR. ESTRADA)
4. Modifying the 2006 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of **\$10,150** as a result of notification received from the NJ State Council on the Arts for a program entitled: **“Special Project Support Grant.”** In addition, appropriating **\$5,800** from the grant account entitled: **“Match-Special Project Support Grant.”** (FR. ESTRADA)
5. Modifying the 2006 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of **\$18,000** as a result of notification received from the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services for a program entitled: **“Office on Aging – State Grant.”** (FR. ESTRADA)
6. Modifying the 2006 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of **\$100,800** as a result of notification received from the NJ Division of Criminal Justice for a program entitled: **“Gang Suppression Grant.”** In addition, appropriating **\$33,600** from the grant account entitled: **“Match-Gang Suppression.”** (FR. ESTRADA)

Freeholder Ward asked what department would gain this income. Director Caroselli stated that he believed it was the Prosecutors office.

7. Modifying the 2006 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of **\$37,250** as a result of notification received from the NJ Division of Highway Traffic Safety for a program entitled: **“Child Safety Program.”** (FR. ESTRADA)
8. Modifying the 2006 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of **\$12,000** as a result of notification received from the NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for a program entitled: **“Veterans Paratransit.”** (FR. ESTRADA)
9. Modifying the 2006 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of **\$104,500** as a result of notification received from the Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: **“COUNT Grant.”** (FR. ESTRADA)

VI. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Frank Guzzo, Director

There were no questions.

RESOLUTIONS

1. To allocate funding to the following agencies for hospice and palliative care services utilizing Peer Grouping funds: **Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway Hospice**, for the period of January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 in the amount of **\$17,499. {Local Funding} (FR. ESTRADA)**
2. To allocate funding to the following agencies for hospice and palliative care services utilizing Peer Grouping funds: **Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center Hospice**, for the period of January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 in the amount of **\$2,501. {Local Funding} (FR. ESTRADA)**
3. Amending **Resolution No. 2006-497** to ratify contracts to the following: **Center for Hope Hospice, Jewish Family Services, SAGE Eldercare and Visiting Nurse and Health Services** without the receipt of formal bids as an **“emergency” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6** due to the closure of programs previously funded. **(FR. ESTRADA)**
4. Amending **Resolution No. 2006-442** to ratify the contract with **Visiting Nurse and Health Services** without the receipt of formal bids as an **“emergency” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6** due to the closure of programs and under spent recipients previously funded. **(FR. ESTRADA)**
5. Amending **Resolution No. 2006-444** to ratify the contracts with **SAGE Eldercare and Jewish Family Services** without the receipt of formal bids as an **“emergency” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6** due to either under spent recipients previously funded or unallocated funds. **(FR. ESTRADA)**

Freeholder Holmes asked which facility would we be contracting with. Director Guzzo stated that the location of this particular Jewish Family Services was on Westfield Avenue in Elizabeth.

VII. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & FACILITIES **Charles Sigmund, Director**

RESOLUTION

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a professional engineering service agreement with **T&M, Middletown, New Jersey**, to provide a preliminary design and a cost estimate and to draft bid specifications for improvements to the Ash Brook Golf Course Irrigation System in an amount of **\$124,500. (VC. KOWALSKI)**

Freeholder Estrada asked if there was a well already at this location. Director Sigmund stated that there was one well there currently, but it is not adequate to support the needs of the golf course, so another was needed, only well water is used at this property.

VIII. RUNNELLS SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL

Joseph Sharp, Director

RESOLUTIONS

1. Amending **Resolution No. 2006-456**, to amend the list of **Associate Attending Physicians** who provide on-call medical coverage for nights, weekends, emergency and holiday coverage for the residents / patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. **(VC. KOWALSKI & FR. HOLMES)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Standard Textile, Cincinnati, Ohio**, through NJHA Group Purchasing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:9-87 & 88, to purchase uniforms for employees at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of September 1, 2006 through May 31, 2007 in an amount of **\$25,100**. **(VC. KOWALSKI & FR. HOLMES)**
3. Amending **Resolution No. 2006-883**, to the contract with **Penn Jersey Paper Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**, through NJHA Group Purchasing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:9-87 & 88, to include paper and plastic supplies at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 in an additional amount of **\$5,000** for a new total contract amount of **\$99,880**. **(VC. KOWALSKI & FR. HOLMES)**
4. Renewing an agreement between Runnells Specialized Hospital and **The Summit Area Gerontological Endeavor (SAGE), Summit, New Jersey**, to provide outpatient physical, occupational and speech therapy services to the adult medical day care clients of SAGE for the contract period of September 14, 2006 through September 13, 2008. **(VC. KOWALSKI & FR. HOLMES)**

Freeholder Scanlon asked about the cost of the program cost. Director Sharp stated that this was just an agreement. There is no feed to the County.

The County Manager added that he will have a Resolution for the Regular meeting on September 28, 2006 regarding the enhancement of the 9-1-1 system.

IX. COUNTY COUNSEL
Robert E. Barry, Esq.

There were no questions.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Amending **Resolution 2006-354** to increase the appropriation to **Garrubbo, Capece, D’Arcangelo & Millman, Westfield, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled: **Todaro v. UC, et als.** in an additional amount of **\$5,000** for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$70,000. (CH. MIRABELLA)**
2. Amending **Resolution No. 2006-844** to increase the appropriation to **Schenck, Price, Smith & King, Morristown, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled: **Scala v. UC, et als.** in an additional amount of **\$10,000** for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$30,000. (CH. MIRABELLA)**
3. Amending **Resolution No. 2006-662** to increase the appropriation to **Brownstein, Booth & Associates, Union City, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled: **Estate of Edward Sinclair v. UC, et als.** in an additional amount of **\$25,000** for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$95,000. (CH. MIRABELLA)**

X. FREEHOLDERS

RESOLUTIONS

FREEHOLDER SCANLON

Freeholder Scanlon stated that she will have an addition to the Regular Meeting Agenda for September 28, 2006 from Policy.

1. Amending **Resolution No. 2006-720** to the contract with **PMK Group, Cranford, New Jersey**, to conduct a preliminary groundwater investigation at the Esposito property located at 659 Madison Hill Road, Clark, New Jersey. This investigation will occur based on the results of the environmental activities performed at the Esposito property. This agreement is in conjunction with and for the Union County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund in an additional amount of **\$14,105** for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$63,735.**

Freeholder Mapp stated that he would be adding two Resolutions to the Regular Meeting Agenda for September 28, 2006.

CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD

1. Congratulating **Annie Adams, Plainfield, New Jersey**, on celebrating her “100th” Birthday on October 9, 2006.

Freeholder Holmes asked Leonard Simmons from Roselle, NJ to come up and receive his Resolution. Mr. Simmons is a long time community activist, Freeholder Holmes made specific mention of the Park that was named in his honor. Mr. Simmons thanked the Freeholders. Mr. Simmons stated that he got involved as a community activist via politics in 1933 while he was in Princeton, New Jersey. In 1934 he moved to Roselle, New Jersey and fought to make a better community. He fought for what he believed was right and he is still fighting today at the age of eighty seven.

Chairman Mirabella, Freeholder Holmes and Freeholder Sullivan addressed the delegation from Wenzhou. Chairman Mirabella spoke to a representative who translated for him. The Chairman thanked the delegation from Wenzhou for coming to visit Union County, New Jersey and told them it was an honor. Chairman Mirabella introduces Freeholder Holmes and Sullivan. The Chairman stated that he and Freeholder Sullivan had taken a trip to Wenzhou a long time ago and enjoyed it very much. Chairman Mirabella stated that he enjoyed the friendship Wenzhou and Union County have created. The Chairman acknowledged the partnership Wenzhou and Kean University created by hosting the first American University in Wenzhou. The Chairman stated that the Board of Chosen Freeholders had two Resolutions to present the Wenzhou delegation. The first Resolution is in recognition of the relationship Union County has with Wenzhou and the sorrow Union County feels for their people at this time due to a typhoon. The second Resolution stated that September 21, 2006 would be known as Wenzhou Training Day in Union County.

The Leader of the Delegation from Wenzhou stated that he was very honored to be able to attend the Freeholder Meeting and receive the two Resolutions. The Leader stated that once every fifty years approximately there is a disaster. The Resolutions presented showed the relationship between Wenzhou and Union County. He thanked the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders for their concern for the people of Wenzhou and the loss during the recent typhoon. The Leader thanked the Board of Chosen Freeholders on behalf of the delegation and the 1.39 million people of the City. The Leader asked the Freeholders and anyone else who was interested to please come visit Wenzhou.

Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to adjourn. On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed Vice Chair Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Chester Holmes, Freeholder Adrian O. Mapp, Freeholder Rick Proctor, Freeholder Deborah Scanlon, Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan, and Freeholder Nancy Ward in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT

Listed below is the schedule for upcoming Freeholders meetings. Meetings are generally held on **Thursday at 7:00 pm** in the Meeting Room, Administration Building, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified.

AGENDA/WORK SESSIONS

7:00 P.M.

**October 5
October 19**

REGULAR/PUBLIC MEETINGS

7:00 P.M.

September 28
October 12
October 26**

**** The September 28, 2006 Regular Meeting will be mobile at the Trailside Nature and Science Center, Auditorium, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, New Jersey at 7:00pm.**

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Union County Day at Trailside Nature and Science Center

9:00am – 7:00pm Car Seat Inspection Station and D-Chips Program, AMC Lowes Mountainside 10, Route 22 East, Mountainside, New Jersey.

There will be museum tours and walking tours of the reservation throughout the day.

The following programs have been scheduled at Trailside and are open to the public:

2:45pm – 3:00pm Refreshments

2:45pm – 4:00pm Runnells Blood Pressure and Grip Strength Testing

3:00pm – 3:30pm Lecture 1: Division on Aging, Fran Benson / Prescription Drugs, Betty Sebring

3:30pm – 4:00pm Lecture 2: Division of Consumer Affairs, Florence Peterson

4:00pm – 4:30pm Senior Scholars Program – Yoga, sponsored by Union County College

5:00pm – 7:00pm Public Reception w/ light refreshments and tour of the museum

7:00pm Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders Regular Meeting

Nicole L. DiRado, RMC, MPA
Clerk of the Board

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