

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 26, 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 Deborah P. Scanlon, Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan, and Freeholder Nancy Ward in attendance. Also present were County Manager George Devanney, County Counsel Robert Barry and Clerk of the Board Nicole L. Tedeschi.

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

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

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes. On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on the minutes of January 8, 2006, and eight members of the board voted in the affirmative on the minutes of January 19, 2006, with Freeholder Ward abstaining.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 8, 2006 -Re-Organization Meeting; January 19, 2006 – Agenda and Executive Meetings.

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The Chairman called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

COMMUNICATIONS:

OATHS OF OFFICE: (Note & file)

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The first order of business was the First Reading of Ordinance No. 623-2006.

ORDINANCE NO. 623-2006

**AN ORDINANCE SETTING FEES FOR UNION
COUNTY PARK FACILITIES FOR THE YEAR
2006**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union as follows:

1. That the schedule of fees attached hereto are hereby adopted as the official fees for the use of all County Park Facilities.
2. That this Ordinance shall take effect at the time and manner provided by law.
3. That the Clerk of the Board be and is hereby authorized and directed to publish the required notice in the appropriate newspaper of such introduction and of a public hearing on February 16, 2006 and shall forward one certified copy, upon final passage, to each Clerk of all Municipalities located within the County of Union.
4. That the plans pertinent to this Ordinance are on file in the Clerk of the Board's Office.

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Vice Chair Kowalski moved Ordinance No. 623-2006 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise the same in accordance with the law. (Final Reading: 2/16/2006) Seconded by Freeholder Scanlon, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE
PURPOSE OF COMMENTING ON
RESOLUTIONS ON THE AGENDA ONLY**

Jerry Goldman, Kipling Rd., Elizabeth, offered congratulations to the re-elected Freeholders, Estrada, Proctor and Ward. He then requested a copy of Ordinance 623-2006 and was referred to the Clerk of the Board.

Susan Jaffee, a member of a group called FOCUS for the visually impaired spoke to the Board regarding an issue with the Paratransit service. Her group is requesting to be allowed to book the service to transport members to a regular evening meeting. This service had been suspended due to various concerns. The Chairman referred her to Frank Guzzo, Director of Human Services, who spoke with her outside of the meeting to address the issues.

Bruce Patterson, Willow Ave., Garwood, offered congratulations to the Chairman. He then commented that the Agenda for tonight's meeting was handed out too late for him to peruse, and requested that if the agenda is late in being produced that the meeting be delayed for five minutes to allow the public to read the Agenda. Chairman Mirabella apologized for the delay in getting out tonight's agenda, explaining that there had been a last minute change.

Donna Bolle, Elizabeth, commented on an incident that occurred today during a Paratransit ride, in which a handicapped passenger had fallen. She asked the managers of the service if they could reinforce to the drivers the importance of making sure that passengers are properly secured. The Chairman referred her to Frank Guzzo, the Director of the Human Services Department, who stated that he would look into the incident.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

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The Chairman called for a motion to move Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-145.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92; eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolution 2006-93 with Freeholder Ward voting no; and nine members of the Board voting in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-94 through 113; and eight members of the Board voting in the affirmative on Resolution 2006-114 with Freeholder Proctor abstaining; and nine members of the Board voting in the affirmative on Resolution 2006-115 through 2006-145.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE BEING OFFERED FOR ADOPTION:

2006-55 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, authorizing the County Manager to appropriate the amount of **\$8,000,000** from the **Open Space, Historical Preservation and Recreation Trust Fund** account for the acquisition of real property consisting of approximately 16.276 acres (plus or minus) located at 11-31 and 26-32 Stanford Drive and 244-276 Snyder Avenue and designated as Block 1901, Lots 1, 2, 3 and 51-56 in the **Township of Berkeley Heights, County of Union**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

2006-56 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, amending **Resolution No. 1249-2005**, for the purposes of expanding the Paratransit contract with **ATC / Vancom, Chicago, Illinois**, for the provision of transportation services in the form of a van shuttle service under the "Welfare to Work" program for the contract period of January 1, 2006 – January 31, 2006 (1 month) in an additional amount of **\$4,900**, for a total contract amount of **\$2,195,467**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

- 2006-57** **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, amending **Resolution No. 1263-2005**, for the purposes of expanding the Paratransit contract with **Connex Transit, Inc. (formerly ATC / Vancom), Chicago, Illinois**, for the provision of transportation services in the form of a van shuttle service under the “Welfare to Work” program for the contract period of February 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006 for an additional amount of **\$70,000**, for a total contract amount of **\$2,151,871**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

- 2006-58** **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the **New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Youth and Family Services**, for the 2006 Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP) funding to provide personal assistance services to Union County residents with chronic physical disabilities for the contract period of January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006 in an amount of **\$612,433**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

- 2006-59** **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the **New Jersey Department of Community Affairs** to accept 2006 Community Services Block Grant initial funding in the amount of **\$395,769** for the period of October 1, 2005 – September 30, 2007.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

- 2006-60** **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, authorizing the County Manager to apply for a three year application to the **New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division on Women**, in the amount of **\$53,000** per annual budget cycle for the contract period of June 30, 2006 – June 29, 2009 for the Rape Prevention and Crisis Hotline Grant.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

2006-61 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Inter-local Services Agreement with the **County of Mercer** for the purposes of providing case management services to clients who have exceeded the sixty (60) monthly lifetime limit for public assistance for a contract period of October 1, 2005 – March 31, 2006 in the reimbursable amount not to exceed **\$77,686**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

2006-62 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, amending **Resolution No. 2006-32**, to rescind the appointments of **Thomas Reedy and Teresa Soto-Vega**; appointing **John Hill, HIV/AIDS Target Population** for an unexpired term through December 31, 2006; appointing **Erica Ferry, Schering Plough Kenilworth and Ed Zarnock, CLC, Union** for terms effective immediately and expiring December 31, 2007; appointing **Sharron Brown; Plainfield, Marc Snyder, Community Health Law Project, Elizabeth; Kathleen Dunn, YMCA, of Eastern Union County; Elizabeth; Frank Caragher, Arc of Union County, Rahway; Elizabeth Pineros, PROCEED, Inc.**, for terms commencing January 1, 2006 and expiring December 31, 2008. (**Human Services Advisory Council**)

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

2006-63 **FREEHOLDER PROCTOR**, appointing **Kevin Illing, Cranford, New Jersey**, to the Senior Citizen & Disabled Resident Transportation Advisory Board for a term commencing January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2008.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

2006-64 **FREEHOLDER SCANLON**, pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended to the issuance by the **Union County Improvement Authority** of its County of Union general obligation lease revenue bonds, series 2006 (County College Facility Project) for the purpose of financing a project for the Union County College in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, New Jersey.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

2006-65 **FREEHOLDER SCANLON**, consenting to (I) the issuance by the **Union County Improvement Authority** of its “City of Linden General Obligation Lease revenue Bonds, series 2006 (City of Linden Firehouses Project)” in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed **\$25,000,000** and (II) certain other matters related thereto and pursuant to N.J.S.A.40:37A-56(1).

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

2006-66 **FREEHOLDER SCANLON**, authorizing the County Manager to make available to the **Union County St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee** the sum of **\$4,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

2006-67 **FREEHOLDER SCANLON**, appointing the following to the **Shade Tree Advisory Board Committee: Carol McLaughlin, Cranford, New Jersey**, commencing January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2008; and **Michael Peterson, Roselle Park, New Jersey**, to the unexpired term commencing January 1, 2004 – December 31, 2006.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

2006-68 **FREEHOLDER SCANLON**, amending **Resolution No. 962-2004**, to the contract with **T&M Associates, Middletown, New Jersey**, for the preparation of bid specifications and documents in conjunction with and for the Open Space, Recreation & Historic Preservation Trust Fund in an additional amount of **\$15,900** for a new contract amount not to exceed **\$70,500**. This plan and bid documents will include elements such as necessary structure repairs, access/parking improvements, landscaping enhancements, and fencing required for general maintenance and to begin operation as Green Meadow Children’s Farm.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

2006-69 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, designating the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs as the **Official County Cultural and Heritage Affairs agency**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

- 2006-70** **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, authorizing the County Manager, through the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, to apply for private and public funding for grants for the purpose of developing and implementing programs and services for the arts, education, history and preservation.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

- 2006-71** **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, authorizing the County Manager, through the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs to hire, engage and compensate the services of non-professional and professional entertainers, workshop leaders, instructors and consultants as circumstances dictate in an individual, case by case in an amount not to exceed **\$5,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

- 2006-72** **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, amending **Resolution No. 1293-2005**, a contract with **Development Directions, LLC, Rahway, New Jersey**, to extend the contract an additional three months from January 31, 2006 – April 30, 2006 to allow time for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide communication as the approved Per Unit Administrative Fee in order to enter into a formal agreement for further administration of the HAP Program.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

- 2006-73** **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with **Development Directions, LLC, Rahway, New Jersey**, for the purposes of administering the Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Rehabilitation Program for a contract period of January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2008 in an amount not to exceed **\$160,000** annually, or 20% of the total allocation for the Administration Fee.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

2006-74 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, authorizing the County Manager to execute invoices and payments relative to **telecommunications bills** as they become due and owing for a contract period of January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006 in an amount not to exceed **\$1,275,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

2006-75 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with **Sprint Nextel, Reston, Virginia**, for the purposes of executing the Frequency Relation for Phase I of the FCC Rebanding Project. This agreement will include reimbursement to the County of Union for equipment, time, labor and engineering services association with the project.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

2006-76 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, appointing **Tony Hall, Rahway, New Jersey**, to the **Transportation Advisory Board** for a term commencing January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

2006-77 **FREEHOLDER WARD**, appointing **Joseph Groder, Springfield, New Jersey**, to the **Union County Air Traffic Noise Advisory Board** for a term commencing January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

2006-78 **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to engage the services of certain non-professional individuals (i.e.: entertainers and instructors) and to make purchases of livestock (i.e.: Stable school horses) for the Department of Parks and Recreation as circumstances dictate in an individual, case by case basis in an amount not to exceed **\$5,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

2006-79 **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, amending **Resolution No. 1020-2002**, authorizing Change Order Number 1 (final) to the contract with **French & Parrello Associates, Holmel, New Jersey**, for the purposes of testing and inspection at the Union County Froehlich Public Safety Building, **decreasing** the contract amount by **\$14,274** for a new contract amount of **\$41,326**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

2006-80 **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, amending **Resolution No. 342-2004**, authorizing Change Order Number 1 (final) to the contract with **Fai Gon Electric, Inc., Piscataway, New Jersey**, for the purposes of installation of Baseball / Softball field lighting, Field No. 8, Warinanco Park & Lighting 4 Tennis Courts in Rahway River Park, Rahway, **decreasing** the contract amount by **\$7,645** for a new contract amount of **\$247,480**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

2006-81 **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Local Government License Agreement with the **American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP), Atlanta, Georgia**, to cover music played or performed on County-owned premises or at County-sponsored events during 2006 in an amount of **\$4,259**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

2006-82 **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Licensing Agreement with **Society of European Stage Authors & Composers, (SESAC) Nashville, TN**, to cover music played or performed on County-owned premises or at County-sponsored events during 2006 in an amount of **\$2,490**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

2006-83 **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a professional services contract with **Michael C. Aromando, D.V.M., MS, Chester, New Jersey**, for the purposes of providing routine and emergency medical treatment to the horses at the Watchung Stables for the contract period of January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006 in an amount of **\$11,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

- 2006-84** **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a negotiated contract with **Finne Building and Investment, Inc., Plainfield, New Jersey**, for the purposes of providing Utility System Improvement for the Deserted Village of Feltville / Glenside Park, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey in the amount of **\$1,100,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

- 2006-85** **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to bill a resident of Runnells Specialized Hospital at the Medicaid Daily Rate effective October 1, 2005.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

- 2006-86** **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **US PASS (U.S. Post Acute Service Solutions), Morganville, New Jersey**, for the purpose of generating revenue by billing sub-acute beds using an outside agency for the contract period of January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006 in the amount of **\$24,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

- 2006-87** **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Grainger Industrial Supply, Lake Forest, Illinois**, through the NJHA pursuant to NJSA 30:0-87 and 88, for the purposes of providing maintenance, repair and operations product procurement and inventory management system for the contract period of January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006 in the amount of **\$37,200**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

- 2006-88** **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, approving the meeting minutes of the **Runnells Specialized Hospital Advisory Board of Managers** from June 8, 2005.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

- 2006-89** **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, authorizing the 2006 annual membership to the **Health Care Association of New Jersey, Hamilton, New Jersey**, for the membership period of January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006 in an amount not to exceed **\$14,490**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

- 2006-90** **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, authorizing the 2006 annual membership to the **New Jersey Hospital Association / American Hospital Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**, for the membership period of January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006 in the amount of **\$21,172**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

- 2006-91** **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the law office of **Christina Strong, Belle Mead, New Jersey**, to provide legal services concerning several regulatory and reimbursement matters to Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of February 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006 in an amount of **\$50,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

- 2006-92** **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to execute any and all documents necessary to provide to the **Township of Cranford** a temporary construction easement and a permanent easement upon completion of the diversion of 0.28 acres of County Park properties for the Cranford Stormwater Management Project to enable the expansion of the capacity of the storm sewer along the Rahway River Park.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-55 through 2006-92.

- 2006-93** **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, granting permission to the **Township of Scotch Plains** to allow a vendor to enter the Ash Brook Reservation to remove white-tailed deer, in the manner prescribed by the Fish and Game Code of the State of New

Jersey, up to and including February 11, 2006. (All employees of that vendor must be licensed as required by New Jersey State Statues.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolution 2006-93 with Freeholder Ward voting no.

2006-94 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, rescinding a contract and **Resolution No. 1147-2005**, with **Supply Saver Corporation, Neptune, New Jersey, (BA. No. 1008-2005)** for printer cartridges, as the vendor has indicated that they cannot honor the prices on their bid and contract.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-94 through 2006-113.

2006-95 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, amending **Resolution No. 15-2005**, a contract with **Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP, Morristown, New Jersey**, special counsel for personnel affairs, for an additional amount of **\$20,000** for a total contract not to exceed **\$120,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-94 through 2006-113.

2006-96 **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. DIVISION OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT: **Warnock Dodge, East Hanover, New Jersey**, for the purpose of providing two (2) 2006 Jeep Wrangler Sports with Snow Plows in an amount of **\$55,994**.
- b. OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF: **Smiths Detection, Inc., Pine Brook, New Jersey**, for the purpose of providing two (2) X-Ray screening units in an amount of **\$47,200**.
- c. BUREAU OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS: **Battery Zone, Somerset, New Jersey; Battery Jack, Inc., Minooka, Illinois; and Multiplier Industries Corp., Mt. Kisco, New York**, to supply radio batteries for a contract period of 12 months in an amount not to exceed **\$21,778**.
- d. DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES: **Amaker & Porterfield, Plainfield, New Jersey**, exercising the option to extend the contract for the term of one twenty-four (24) month period for door to door non-emergency medical transportation services for eligible persons, to and from local doctors, hospital labs, etc. and with the capability to assist dialysis patients if necessary in an amount not to exceed **\$1,400,000. (100% Grant Funds)**

- e. DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES: Mid-Atlantic Truck Center, Inc., Linden, New Jersey, for the purpose of purchasing one (1) 2006 10-12 YD Tandem Axle Dump Truck with Plow & Spreader in an amount of **\$143,428.**

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-94 through 2006-113.

- 2006-97** **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, concurring with the **Borough of Garwood** granting permission to the Garwood Fire Department Wet Down Committee to close South Avenue from Center Street to Maple Street, Garwood, New Jersey from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Saturday May 20, 2006 (Rain Date Sunday May 21, 2006) for a Wet Down Celebration for their new fire truck.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-94 through 2006-113.

- 2006-98** **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, amending **Resolution No. 74-2005**, to approve Change Order Number 1 (final) to the contract with **Kyle Conti Construction, LLC, Hillsborough, New Jersey**, for the replacement of the Cooper Road Bridge, Scotch Plains, **decreasing** the contract amount by **\$76,335.86** for a new contract amount of **\$579,219.14.**

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-94 through 2006-113.

- 2006-99** **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, amending **Resolution No. 482-1998**, to approve Change Order Number 1 (final) to a professional engineering service contract with **Hatch Mott McDonald (formerly Killiam Associates), Millburn, New Jersey**, for the purpose of conducting a feasibility assessment and final scope redevelopment for the Route 82 Bridge over the Rahway River, Springfield and Union, New Jersey decreasing the contract amount by **\$46,107.70** for a new contract amount of **\$150,095.30.**

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-94 through 2006-113.

- 2006-100** **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing **Change Order No. 1** to the contract with **Seeley Equipment & Supply Company, Farmingdale, New Jersey**, for additional snow plow/spreader parts in the amount of **\$3,500** for a new contract amount of **\$21,000.**

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-94 through 2006-113.

2006-101 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to **Catholic Community Services, Cranford, New Jersey**, for the purposes of providing alcohol and drug counseling treatment for the inmate population at the Union County Jail for the contract period of January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006 in an amount not to exceed **\$81,332**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-94 through 2006-113.

2006-102 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to **Reverend Father Paul T. Nolan, Jersey City, New Jersey**, for the purpose of providing religious services and counseling for 10 hours per week to Catholic inmates in the Union County Jail for the contract period of January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006 in the amount of **\$5,940**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-94 through 2006-113.

2006-103 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to **Reverend Ray Gaddis, Newark, New Jersey**, for the purpose of providing religious services and counseling for 10 hours per week to Protestant inmates in the Union County Jail for the contract period of January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006 in the amount of **\$5,940**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-94 through 2006-113.

2006-104 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to **Nadhir Abdul Salaam, East Orange, New Jersey**, for the purpose of providing religious services and counseling for 10 hours per week to Islamic inmates in the Union County Jail for the contract period of January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006 in the amount of **\$5,940**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-94 through 2006-113.

2006-105 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to **Rabbi Levi Bloch, Westfield, New Jersey**, for the purpose of providing religious services and counseling for 10 hours per week to Jewish inmates in the Union County Jail for the contract period of January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006 on a volunteer basis. **(AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY)**

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-94 through 2006-113.

2006-106 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to **Kanen Psychological Associates, Ridgewood, New Jersey**, for the purposes of providing psychological services for Union County Corrections Officers for the contract period of January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006 in an amount not to exceed **\$7,500**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-94 through 2006-113.

2006-107 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, amending **Resolution No. 940-2005**, to increase the **Union County LINC'S Bioterrorism Grant** award as per the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services in the amount of **\$89,532** for a total grant award in the amount of **\$627,645**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-94 through 2006-113.

2006-108 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept and expend grant funds offered through the **New Jersey Attorney General's Office** in the amount of **\$10,000** from a grant program entitled **"Emergency Management Grant for the Special Needs Community."**

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-94 through 2006-113.

2006-109 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a negotiated contract with **County Business Systems, Pennington, New Jersey**, for the purpose of restoring 75 maps in the Office of the County Clerk in the amount of **\$358,427.50**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-94 through 2006-113.

2006-110 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, amending **Resolution No 1154-2005**, with **St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Plainfield, New Jersey**, to extend the lease agreement through March 31, 2006 and to change the method of payment of the rent from December 1, 2005 – March 31, 2006 to the Community Justice Grant for the SALT program in the amount of **\$7,400**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-94 through 2006-113.

2006-111 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, granting the Union County Prosecutor's Office permission to purchase equipment for use in confidential and undercover investigations in the amount of **\$53,900**. (waiver of public bid has been granted by the Office of the Attorney General)

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-94 through 2006-113.

- 2006-112** **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, granting the Union County Prosecutor's Office permission to purchase a vehicle for use in confidential and undercover investigations in the amount of **\$28,046**. (waiver of public bid has been granted by the Office of the Attorney General)

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-94 through 2006-113.

- 2006-113** **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, amending **Resolution No. 1079-2005** to reflect that the award from the **County Prosecutor Fraud Reimbursement Program** is **\$242,417**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-94 through 2006-113.

- 2006-114** **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the **Iselin Veterinary Hospital, Iselin, New Jersey**, for the purposes of providing veterinary services, exams, vaccines and food for the K-9 Unit for the contract period of January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006 in an amount not to exceed **\$10,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolution 2006-114 with Freeholder Proctor abstaining.

- 2006-115** **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, amending **Resolution Number 293-2005** an agreement with **Dr. Stephen Parker, Roselle Park, New Jersey**, for the purposes of providing physical examinations for candidates for Sheriff's Officers Candidates, for an additional amount of **\$3,000** for a total contract amount of **\$8,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-115 through 2006-145.

- 2006-116** **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, amending **Resolution No. 236-2005** an agreement with **Kanen Psychological Associates, Ridgewood, New Jersey**, for the purposes of providing psychological evaluations for Sheriff Officer Candidates, in an additional amount of **\$600** for a new contract amount of **\$5,600**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-115 through 2006-145.

2006-117 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, authorizing a professional service contract with **Copius Consultants, Seaford, New York**, for the purposes of consulting services on the upgrades and improvements of the Union County Firing Range, in an amount of **\$7,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-115 through 2006-145.

2006-118 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, authorizing the Office of the County Counsel to engage and compensate experts such as court reporters, expert witnesses, examining physicians and other litigation support services as well as deductible costs of Prosecutors liability insurance and other specialists which are essential to the defense of the County of Union in an amount not to exceed **\$60,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-115 through 2006-145.

2006-119 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, authorizing the County Manager to enter agreements for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers, agencies and for the maintenance of law libraries within the County of Union, in an amount not to exceed **\$251,326**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-115 through 2006-145.

2006-120 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, amending **Resolution No. 873-2005** to increase the appropriation to **Edward Kologi, Esq., Linden, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled **Sinclair v. County of Union, et als.** for an additional amount of **\$10,000** for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$20,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-115 through 2006-145.

2006-121 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, amending **Resolution No. 96-2005** to increase the appropriation to **Warren & Tosi, Little Falls, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled **Roberts v. County of Union, et als.** for an additional amount of **\$5,000** for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$15,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-115 through 2006-145.

2006-122 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, amending **Resolution No. 1012-1995** to increase the appropriation to **Edward Kologi, Esq., Linden, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled **Fanelli v. County of Union, et als.** for an additional amount of **\$20,000** for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$140,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-115 through 2006-145.

- 2006-123** CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, amending **Resolution No. 1005-2005** to increase the appropriation to **Edward Kologi, Esq., Linden, New Jersey** special counsel in the matter entitled **Brunson v. County of Union, et als.** for an additional amount of **\$5,000** for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$25,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-115 through 2006-145.

- 2006-124** CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, amending **Resolution No. 947-2005** to increase the appropriation to **Brownstein, Booth & Associates, Union City, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled **Sinclair v. County of Union, et als.** for an additional amount of **\$10,000** for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$35,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-115 through 2006-145.

- 2006-125** CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, amending **Resolution No. 875-2005** to increase the appropriation to **Robert Varady, Esq., Union, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled **Fanelli v. County of Union, et als.** for an additional amount of **\$20,000** for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$105,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-115 through 2006-145.

- 2006-126** CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, approving a pre-qualified provision for **Construction Management Services**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-115 through 2006-145.

- 2006-127** CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, approving a pre-qualified provision for **Architectural Services**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-115 through 2006-145.

- 2006-128** CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, appointing **Freeholder Chester Holmes** as an **Alternate Liaison to the Runnells Hospital Board of Managers** for a term commencing January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-115 through 2006-145.

2006-129 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, amending Resolution No. 2006-30 removing the following from the Advisory Board on Aging: Ruth Smith, Anita Weinberg and Dennis Maas.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-115 through 2006-145.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE LAUDATORY IN CONTENT:

2006-130 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD, congratulating Gabrielle K. Apigo, Mountainside, New Jersey, for being chosen Miss Teen New Jersey Galaxy 2006.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-115 through 2006-145.

2006-131 FREEHOLDERS PROCTOR AND HOLMES, congratulating Master Sgt. James Connolly on receiving the Rahway Police Department “D” Award for his outstanding acts of bravery in the line of duty on January 5, 2005.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-115 through 2006-145.

2006-132 FREEHOLDERS PROCTOR AND HOLMES, congratulating Sgt. Anthony Decarlo on receiving the Rahway Police Department “D” Award for his outstanding acts of bravery in the line of duty on January 5, 2005.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-115 through 2006-145.

2006-133 FREEHOLDERS PROCTOR AND HOLMES, congratulating Police Officer Scott Durkin on receiving the Rahway Police Department “D” Award for his outstanding acts of bravery in the line of duty on October 17, 2005.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-115 through 2006-145.

2006-134 FREEHOLDERS PROCTOR AND HOLMES, congratulating Detective Joseph Holley on receiving the “D” Award for his outstanding acts of bravery in the line of duty on May 10, 2005.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-115 through 2006-145.

2006-135 FREEHOLDERS PROCTOR AND HOLMES, congratulating **Police Officer Richard Pannone** on receiving the “Life Saving” Award for his outstanding acts of bravery in the line of duty on January 23, 2005.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-115 through 2006-145.

2006-136 FREEHOLDERS PROCTOR AND HOLMES, congratulating **Police Officer John Pitts** on receiving the “Life Saving” Award for his outstanding acts of bravery in the line of duty on January 23, 2005.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-115 through 2006-145.

2006-137 FREEHOLDERS PROCTOR AND HOLMES, congratulating **Police Officer Nicholas Robles** on receiving the “Life Saving” Award for his outstanding acts of bravery in the line of duty on July 14, 2005.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-115 through 2006-145.

2006-138 FREEHOLDER SCANLON, congratulating the dedicated members of the **2006 St. Patrick’s Committee** and acknowledging all of their efforts for coordinating the Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-115 through 2006-145.

2006-139 FREEHOLDER SCANLON, congratulating **Kathleen McGinnis-DiChiara** the 2006 Grand Marshall of the 10th Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-115 through 2006-145.

2006-140 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, congratulating **Fred Henderson, Rahway, New Jersey** on his induction into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-115 through 2006-145.

2006-141 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, congratulating **Ed Kovac, Hillside, New Jersey**, on his induction into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-115 through 2006-145.

2006-142 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, congratulating John Langan, Linden, New Jersey, on his induction into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-115 through 2006-145.

2006-143 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, congratulating Lou Sneizak, Linden, New Jersey, on his induction into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-115 through 2006-145.

2006-144 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, congratulating Police Chief Dennis K. Lesak on his retirement from the Garwood Police Department.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-115 through 2006-145.

2006-145 THE ENTIRE BOARD, proclaiming the month of March as “Youth Art Month” in Union County.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2006-115 through 2006-145.

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**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE
PURPOSE OF COMMENTING ON
RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR ONLY**

There were no comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

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The Chairman called for a motion to suspend the rules. On a motion by Freeholder Proctor, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the Resolutions from the floor. On a motion by Vice Chair Kowalski, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE FROM THE FLOOR:

2006-146 FREEHOLDER SCANLON, congratulating **Joan Codey Durkin** who is being honored by the Cryan Association at their 46th Annual Dance on Saturday, January 28, 2006.

On a motion by Vice Chair Kowalski, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2006-147 FREEHOLDER SCANLON, congratulating **Edward Fitzgerald** who is being honored by the Cryan Association at their 46th Annual Dance on Saturday, January 28, 2006.

On a motion by Vice Chair Kowalski, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2006-148 VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI, extending deepest condolences to the family of **Jean-Rae Turner, Newark, New Jersey**, in this, their time of sorrow.

On a motion by Vice Chair Kowalski, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE
PURPOSE OF COMMENTING ON
ANY MATTER**

Jerry Goldman, Kipling Rd., Elizabeth, commented on an article in which he read of the purchase of some land in the City of Summit for \$4 million dollars, with a \$3 million contribution from the County. He asked who owned the property. The Chairman responded that the County will own the property and keep it as open space.

Bruce Patterson, Willow Ave., Garwood, praised the Board for the following initiatives that it took during 2005:

Advocating the East Coast Greenway (a system of interlocking parks and open spaces that runs throughout the state);

Rebuilding the “orphan” bridge between Roselle and Roselle Park;

Helping the Township of Cranford in a flood remediation program;

Maintaining good parks;

Helping the municipalities save money through the Union County Improvement Authority by maintaining a good bond rating that allows them to borrow money at a savings;

Ensuring future savings on fuel by buying oil futures;

Standing firm regarding the closing of the Trap and Skeet range.

He also praised the Board for its positions on some other issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

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FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

The Chairman called for Freeholder comments.

Freeholder Mapp had no comments.

Freeholder Sullivan had no comments.

Freeholder Scanlon had no comments.

Vice Chair Kowalski remarked that Jean-Rae Turner (Resolution 2006-148) was a member of the Cranford Historical Society, and that she will certainly be missed. The Vice Chair also offered congratulations to Director Joseph Sharp, of Runnells Specialized Hospital, upon the hospital getting an excellent review from the State. She also mentioned that the Parks and Recreation Department has many winter activities available including workshops on wildlife, and encouraged the public to participate. There is also a new flyer, she noted, listing these activities.

Freeholder Ward had no comments.

Freeholder Holmes had no comments.

Freeholder Estrada reflected upon the recent murder of 14-year old girl from Roselle whose body was found in Newark, reminding parents to supervise their children's activities, especially those having to do with the computer use with great care.

Chairman Mirabella interjected that he had authorized the County Manager to match Essex County's contribution of \$5000 to the reward fund for any information leading to the conviction of the perpetrator.

Freeholder Estrada continued and reminded the public that if any household has trouble meeting its energy bills, the Public Utilities Board has set aside funds to help. Interested persons should dial 211 Helpline for more information.

Freeholder Proctor had no comments.

The County Manager had no comments.

The County Counsel had no comments.

Chairman Mirabella made remarks concerning the ongoing problem of deer management throughout the County, and particularly in the Ashbrook Reservation and in Scotch Plains. He stated that the County has already taken several steps in developing a long-term program of deer management, but stated that he, County Manager Devanney and Director Sigmund of the Parks and Recreation Department had met with Mayor Martin Marks of Scotch Plains, to try to develop a more immediate solution to the deer problem. He emphasized that deer population has greatly increased of late and that something must be done.

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The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Scanlon, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

The voucher list through **January 11, 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 **February 16, 2006 at 7:00 PM** in the Freeholders Meeting Room, Administration Building, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

ADJOURNMENT

Nicole L. Tedeschi
Clerk of the Board

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