

MINUTES OF THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

AGENDA MEETING

OCTOBER 5, 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, and Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan, present. Freeholder Chester Holmes and Freeholder Nancy Ward were absent. County Manager George W. Devanney, County Counsel Robert E. Barry, Esq., and Clerk of the Board Nicole L. DiRado were also present.

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

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

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Chairman Mirabella called upon County Counsel Barry to make his statement relative to Executive Session.

County Counsel Robert Barry stated that pursuant to provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act a public body may enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing certain enumerated subjects. This Board wishes to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations with the Union County Assistant Prosecutors' Association and the Union County Supervisors' Association (Departments of Parks & Recreation and Public Works).

The Minutes of the Executive Session shall be separated from the minutes of the Open Public Session. The minutes of the Executive Session, redacted as appropriate and necessary, shall be available in approximately 30 days. The Clerk of the Board shall retain the original minutes until such time as the confidential limitations have been removed, at which time they shall be made available.

Upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, the Board may retire to Executive Session. Given that this is not a voting session, upon the Board's return, it will not take formal action on the matters discussed.

The Chairman called for a motion to enter into Executive Session. On a motion by Freeholder Proctor and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative. Freeholder Chester Holmes and Freeholder Nancy Ward were absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

To the extent known, the following items will be discussed in Executive Session:

Labor Negotiations: Union County Assistant Prosecutors' Association

Labor Negotiations: Union County Supervisors' Association
(Departments of Parks & Recreation and Public Works)

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Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to return to the Agenda Meeting. On a motion by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative. Freeholder Mapp was absent.

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

Assistant Prosecutor Henry Jaeger represented the Office of the Prosecutor. There were no questions.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, and accept funding from the **State of New Jersey, Office of Victim Witness Advocacy**, in the amount of **\$450,819** in order to continue to improve and enhance services to victims of crime in Union County for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. **{There is a County in-kind match of \$112,705 required.}** (CH. MIRABELLA)
2. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, and accept funding from the **State of New Jersey, Division of Criminal Justice, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, Megan's Law and Local Law Enforcement Assistance** component in the amount of **\$12,744** for the purpose of continuing the enforcement of Megan's Law in Union County for the period of September 1, 2006 through February 8, 2008. **{There is a County match requirement in the amount of \$4,248.}** (CH. MIRABELLA)
3. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, and accept funding from the **New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice, Project Vision Grant Program** in the amount of **\$43,750** to continue a program to protect at-risk youth from the threat of gangs, guns and drugs in Plainfield, New Jersey, for the period of September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007. **{There is no County match required.}** (CH. MIRABELLA)

II. 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. OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF: Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc., Milford, Delaware, to purchase two (2) Ford Econoline Prisoner Vans with transport insert in an amount of **\$63,872**.

Freeholder Scanlon asked if this amount was for one van or two. Deputy County Manager Genievich responded that it is for two vans.

Freeholder Sullivan asked if this is to add or replace vans in the fleet. Deputy County Manager Genievich was not certain and would provide the Board with the response prior to the Regular Meeting.

- b. DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES: Preferred Petroleum Products & Service, Newark, New Jersey, to provide maintenance and repair services for the fuel dispensing units located at various locations within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed **\$85,604**.
- c. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES: Summit Truck Body, Inc., Summit, New Jersey, to provide collision repairs, body work, and paint services for heavy duty buses and shuttle vans in an amount of **\$123,000**.
- d. DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES: Summit Truck Body, Inc., Summit, New Jersey, to provide collision repairs, body work, and paint services for heavy-duty trucks in an amount not to exceed **\$125,000**.
- e. DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES: Air Brake and Equipment, Hillside, New Jersey, to provide repairs for heavy-duty trucks in an amount not to exceed **\$248,910**.

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

There were no questions.

RESOLUTION

1. Authorizing the County Manager to execute the **New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Jurisdictional Agreement #4551**, detailing jurisdictional responsibilities for drainage at the intersection of US Route 22 and New Providence Road (Cr 645) in Mountainside, New Jersey. **(CH. MIRABELLA)**

IV. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
Lawrence Caroselli, Director

RESOLUTIONS

1. Pursuant to **N.J.S.A. 40A:4-85, a Title and Text** Resolution is needed for changes in Ordinance No. 636-2006 affecting the organizational structure of the County's Administrative Code. **(FR. ESTRADA)**

Freeholder Proctor asked the Director to explain this resolution. Director Caroselli explained that this resolution moves funds from department to department in the previously adopted budget consistent with the changes made in the recent Administrative Code Amendment.

2. Authorizing a contract with **Pino Consulting Group, Inc., (PCG) West Windsor, New Jersey**, for the purpose of conducting Revenue Enhancement review to maximize Union County's reimbursements. The vendor was the only responder to an RFP and the contract is at no cost to the County. **(FR. ESTRADA)**

Freeholder Estrada noted that the proposal provided in the back up is very general and asked specifically what the Pino Consulting Group will do. Director Caroselli explained that the firm will seek revenue enhancements which the county will benefit from year after year. The firm will only receive a one time compensation payment which will represent a percentage of the savings.

Freeholder Sullivan commented that the Pino Consulting Group has been very successful over the years. In fact, one year, they found us \$7 million in savings alone which the County continues to realize.

3. Modifying the 2006 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of **\$13,560** as a result of notification received from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice for a program entitled: **"Sex Offender Registry Program."** **(FR. ESTRADA)**
4. Modifying the 2006 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of **\$43,750** as a result of notification received from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice for a program entitled: **"Project Vision."** **(FR. ESTRADA)**
5. Modifying the 2006 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of **\$117,990** as a result of notification received from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice for a program entitled: **"Multi-Jurisdictional Narcotics Task Force."** In addition, appropriating **\$117,990** from the matching grant entitled: **"Match – Multi-Jurisdictional Narcotics Task Force."** **(FR. ESTRADA)**

6. Modifying the 2006 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of **\$79,960** as a result of notification received from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Traffic Safety for a program entitled: **“Comprehensive Traffic Safety Program.” (FR. ESTRADA)**

V. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
Frank Guzzo, Director

Director Guzzo noted that he would have an additional resolution for next week’s agenda to award a bid for Paratransit vans.

RESOLUTIONS

1. To execute the **Union County Youth Services Commission revised By-Laws. (VC. KOWALSKI)**

Freeholder Ward asked when the By-Laws were revised last. Director Guzzo noted that it had been approximately four years since the By-Laws were last revised noting that the changes are consistent with the program changes made by the State.

2. Renewing the contract with the **Union County Educational Services Commission, New Providence, New Jersey**, to provide and supervise the educational programs at both the Juvenile Detention Center and Children’s Shelter as specified in the following manner: **(FR. ESTRADA)**

- **Juvenile Detention Center:** from September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007 in an amount not to exceed **\$325,404**. (September 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 in an amount of **\$108,468**; January 1, 2007 through August 31, 2007 in an amount of **\$216,936**)
- **Children’s Shelter:** from September 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 in an amount not to exceed **\$16,066. (FR. ESTRADA)**

Freeholder Estrada confirmed that the Children’s Shelter is the facility the County is closing and asked why the County is still paying for these services. Director Guzzo stated that this is in deed the facility that is closing but the County must still provide the services.

Local funding:	\$124,534	2006
	\$216,936	2007
Total funding:	\$341,470	

VI. RUNNELLS SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL
Joseph Sharp, Director

There were no questions.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Renewing the contract with **Rabbi Moshe A. Abramowitz, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, to continue to provide religious services for the Jewish residents/patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of November 1, 2006 through October 31, 2007 in an amount of **\$6,000. (VC. KOWALSKI & FR. HOLMES)**
2. Renewing the contract with **Leevon N. Coles, Plainfield, New Jersey**, to continue to provide religious services for the Protestant residents/patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of November 1, 2006 through October 31, 2007 in an amount of **\$8,000. (VC. KOWALSKI & FR. HOLMES)**
3. Amending **Resolution No. 2006-635** to amend the **list of pre-qualified practitioners** who provide professional medical services for the patients/residents of Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. **(VC. KOWALSKI & FR. HOLMES)**
4. Approving the dissolving of an **outstanding patient balance** owed to Runnells Specialized Hospital in an amount of **\$184**, as it is uncollectible. **(VC. KOWALSKI & FR. HOLMES)**
5. Amending **Resolution No. 1190-2005** to the contract with **Direct Supply, Milwaukee, Wisconsin**, through NJHA pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:9-87 and 88, for the purchase of hospital supplies and equipment for Occupational Therapy for the contract period of January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 in an additional amount of **\$3,000** for a new total contract amount of **\$66,000. (VC. KOWALSKI & FR. HOLMES)**
6. Amending **Resolution No. 2006-333** for additional funds in the amount of **\$25,000** for the purpose of reimbursing **Overlook Hospital, Summit, New Jersey**, for emergency services provided to the residents/patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 for a new total contract amount of **\$50,000. (VC. KOWALSKI & FR. HOLMES)**
7. Retaining the services of **Zimmet Healthcare Services Group, LLC, Morganville, New Jersey**, to provide Medicare and Insurance billing reimbursement and compliance consulting services to Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of November 11, 2006 through October 31, 2007 in an amount not to exceed **\$25,000. (VC. KOWALSKI & FR. HOLMES)**

VII. COUNTY MANAGER
George Devanney

RESOLUTION

The County Manager confirmed he does not have any resolutions for the Regular Meeting Agenda.

VIII. FREEHOLDERS

RESOLUTIONS

FREEHOLDER HOLMES

1. To extend the enrollment period for “**Medicare D**” for **2007** from December 31, 2006 to March 15, 2007, to allow sufficient time for Medicare recipients to make informed decisions.

FREEHOLDER PROCTOR

1. Congratulating **John Surmay, Health Official, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, who earned the prestigious “Osborne Award” for outstanding contributions to the field of public health.

FREEHOLDER SCANLON

Freeholder Scanlon noted that she would have additional resolutions as a result of the Trust Fund Committee meeting this evening.

1. Congratulating **Columbia M. Feudale, Union, New Jersey**, who will be celebrating her 100th Birthday on October 7, 2006.
2. Acknowledging and commending the **Elizabeth YWCA of Eastern Union County**, for their tireless efforts on behalf of all the women in Union County who have been subjected to domestic violence.

VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI

Vice Chair Kowalski noted that she would have an additional laudatory resolution and a condolence resolution.

1. Acknowledging **Schering-Plough Corporation**, for hosting a reception and for its leadership role in promoting partnerships between the private and public sectors which encourage support for the arts, history and humanities in Union County.

2. Commending the staff of **Jersey Gardens Outlet Mall**, for their dedicated efforts to promote National Arts and Humanities Month.
3. Proclaiming October 2005 as “**National Arts and Humanities Month**” in Union County and further proclaiming October 21st and 22nd as “**Visit Four Centuries in a Weekend.**”

Freeholder Estrada noted that he would have an additional resolution for the Regular Meeting.

Freeholder Sullivan would like to sponsor a resolution calling for the resignation of Speaker Hastert. He is disgusted that the leadership knew about the Foley scandal and did nothing proactive and it is necessary for the board to take the position that the Speaker must resign.

Chairman Mirabella noted that he would have a laudatory resolution and two business resolutions: one pertains to continued PARIS funding and the other is to award a bid for the recording system in the Freeholder Meeting Room.

Chairman Mirabella stated that as promised, the Board would start recording the Regular meetings again next week.

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Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to adjourn the agenda meeting. On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon, there were eight votes in the affirmative. Freeholder Mapp was absent.

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 19

REGULAR/PUBLIC MEETINGS

7:00 P.M.

October 12

October 26

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