



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2009

MINUTES OF THE AGENDA MEETING

Chairman Alexander Mirabella presided. Roll call showed Vice Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Chester Holmes, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Rick Proctor, Freeholder Rayland Van Blake and Freeholder Ward were in attendance. Freeholder Deborah P. Scanlon was absent.

Also present were Deputy County Manager M. Elizabeth Genievich, County Counsel Robert E. Barry, Esq., and Clerk of the Board Nicole L. DiRado.

The Prayer and Salute to the Flag were led by the Clerk of the Board.

The statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by the Clerk of the Board.

Freeholder Scanlon entered the meeting at this point.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Oaths of Office

- Union County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board: Patricia Goeb

RESOLUTIONS

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

Joanne Rajoppi, County Clerk

Freeholder Estrada asked if this year's contract amount is the same as last year's. County Clerk Rajoppi stated that there has been a slight increase in the contract amount for this year.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Sequoia Voting Systems, Inc., Denver, Colorado**, to grant a license to use the WinEds elections management software for the 2009 elections in the amount of **\$21,706.02. (CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA)**



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OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR

Theodore J. Romankow, Prosecutor

Albert Cernadas, Jr., First Assistant Prosecutor represented the Office.

There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept grant funding from the **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 **\$15,341** for the purpose of enforcing Megan's Law in Union County for the period of April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010. There is a cash match requirement in the amount of **\$5,114. (CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA)**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

M. Elizabeth Genievich, Deputy County Manager / Director

Director of the Division of Purchasing Michael Yuska represented the Department.

There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contracts obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the **Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq: (CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA)**
 - a. Department of Administrative Services, Division of Motor Vehicles: Absolute Fire Protection Co., Inc., South Plainfield, New Jersey, to exercise a 24-month extension option to provide vehicle equipment installation services including lights, light bars, strobes, communication equipment, etc., for the County's fleet of marked and unmarked units in an amount not to exceed **\$332,100.**

Freeholder Estrada asked if the total contract amount is for two years. Director Yuska stated yes, it is an open-ended contract for twenty-four months and based on the previous uses, this contract amount would be the worst case scenario.
 - b. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities: Alper Enterprises, Inc., Moorestown, New Jersey, to furnish and install complete roofing repairs to the former Union County Parks Headquarters Building located in Warinanco Park, City of Elizabeth and Borough of Roselle, New Jersey in the amount of **\$285,000.**



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- c. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities, Division of Public Works; Weldon Materials, Inc., Westfield, New Jersey, to exercise a 12 month extension option to provide and deliver road material for Public Works and participating Cooperative Members to enter into their own contracts in an amount not to exceed **\$873,702**.
- d. Department of Parks and Community Renewal, Division of Golf Operations; Dominick Morelli, Jr., Lyndhurst, New Jersey, to exercise an extension option for the Pro Shop at Galloping Hill Golf Course for the period of June 16, 2009 through November 30, 2009 in the amount of **\$300 per month**.
- e. Department of Parks and Community Renewal, Division of Golf Operations; Ron Regner, Summit, New Jersey, to exercise an extension option for the Pro Shop at Ash Brook Golf Course for the period of June 19, 2009 through November 30, 2009 in the amount of **\$409 per month**.
- f. Department of Parks and Community Renewal, Division of Golf Operations; Lesco, Cleveland, Ohio, to provide and deliver grass seed for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months in an amount not to exceed **\$72,303; FM Brown's Sons, Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania**, to provide and deliver grass seed for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months in an amount not to exceed **\$2,825; Northern Nurseries, Somerset, New Jersey**, to provide and deliver grass seed for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months in an amount not to exceed **\$2,320; Crop Production Services Inc., North Brunswick, New Jersey**, to provide and deliver grass seed for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months in an amount not to exceed **\$12,057**, in an amount not to exceed **\$89,505**.
- g. Department of Parks and Community Renewal, Division of Golf Operations; Seeton Turf Warehouse, LLC, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, to provide and deliver ground maintenance chemicals for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months in an amount not to exceed **\$23,400; Lesco, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio**, to provide and deliver ground maintenance chemicals for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months in an amount not to exceed **\$213,465.61; DeAngelo Brothers, Inc., Hazelton, Pennsylvania**, to provide and deliver ground maintenance chemicals for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months in an amount not to exceed **\$3,040; Synatek, Souderton, Pennsylvania**, to provide and deliver ground maintenance chemicals for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months in an amount not to exceed **\$84,471.76 and Crop Production Services, Inc., North Brunswick, New Jersey**, to provide and deliver ground maintenance chemicals for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months in an amount not to exceed **\$258,409.59**.



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2. Authorizing the County Manager to renew the following policy as recommended by the County's insurance broker: **(FREEHOLDER SCANLON)**
 - . Prosecutor's Liability Policy including liability for the DNA Laboratory with Underwriter's at Lloyd's of London Insurance Company from May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010 in an amount not to exceed **\$131,589**. (\$19,600 increase from last year because we added DNA liability)

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

Brian Riordan, Director

1. Amending Resolution No. 984-2008, a contract with **Somerset County Police Academy, Somerville, New Jersey**, to provide basic training courses for Union County Correctional Officers recruits in an amount not to exceed **\$48,000**. This resolution reduces the authorized amount from \$48,000 to a not to exceed amount of **\$28,000**. **(CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA)**

Freeholder Proctor asked how many hires would be trained for this year. Director Riordan stated that there were forty-three hired this year and fifteen have already been trained. He said that seven will train in 2010.

Freeholder Estrada asked if they could be trained by our County's academy. Director Riordan stated, no, we do not have offer a correction officers' training curriculum, and added that if we did, the supervising officers would have to be pulled from the jail to serve as instructors and this would result in more overtime costs.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Passaic County Police Academy, Wayne, New Jersey**, to provide basic training courses for Union County Jail Correction Officers recruits. This resolution will allow the Director to use Passaic County Police Academy for the training of recruits in addition to Somerset. The cost for Passaic County training shall be in an amount not to exceed **\$20,000** for the contract period of May 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. (The total training cost of \$48,000 previously approved is not increased.) **(CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA)**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Lawrence Caroselli, Director

No requests have been submitted at this time.



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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Frank Guzzo, Director

1. Supporting the **New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC)** resolution which opposes the proposed cuts in state funding to counties for the maintenance of patients in psychiatric facilities. **(FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the **New Jersey Department of Labor** for implementation of NJ Summer HEAT (Help Employ Area Teens) 2009 Initiative. The County will provide education, staff support and transportation to Elizabeth youth and other Union County youth participants of this program in an amount not to exceed **\$122,600**. {State Funding: \$122,600} **(FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and enter into contracts(s) with the **US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)** for the 2008 McKinney-Vento Act Homeless Assistance competitive grant award in the total amount of **\$3,375,331**. {Federal funding: \$3,375,331} **(FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI)**

Freeholder Ward asked if the federal funding in item #3 is coming from the stimulus plan. Director Guzzo stated no, it is a result of a competitive bid. He stated that the County applies for it every year and this is the highest award in the State. Freeholder Ward asked how much the County received last year. Director Guzzo stated that he did not have the figures with him, but he would get back to her. Freeholder Ward asked if this money is for the homeless, those infected with the HIV virus and the disabled. She also asked if it was funding for housing assistance. Director Guzzo replied, yes, there is money set aside for rental assistance, but not for foreclosures.

Freeholder Estrada asked if these funds are coming from the Code Blue program. Director Guzzo replied yes, it is.

Freeholder Ward asked about stimulus money for those who cannot pay their rents. Director Guzzo stated that every year the County receives funds from the State for rental assistance, but they have not received word on stimulus funds to date.

Director of Parks and Community Renewal Alfred Faella interjected and stated that the County will be receiving Community Development dollars from HUD for rental and mortgage payment assistance within the next three weeks.

4. Authorizing the County Manager to award contracts as a result of the 2008 McKinney-Vento Act Homeless Assistant competitive grant award through the **US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)** in the total amount of **\$3,375,331**. This resolution would further authorize the County Manager to de-obligate funds among the



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agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation. {Federal Funding: \$3,375,331}
(FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI)

5. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to the non-profit agency **Severall Sources Shelters, Ramsey, New Jersey**, to provide evidenced-based curriculum and training to administer the curriculum to the Family Court, Probation, Juvenile Detention and UC Division of Youth Services, to address delinquency prevention and intervention for youth and families involved in or at-risk of becoming involved with the juvenile justice system for the contract period April 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009 in the amount of **\$54,600**. {State Funding: \$54,600} **(FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI)**

Freeholder Ward asked for an explanation of the contract and services in item #5. Director Guzzo stated that it is to train the County staff for a youth based curriculum for family courts, probation and juvenile detention to recognize youth gangs under the County's care.

6. Authorizing the County Manager to award two (2) contracts in the total amount of **\$3,887.41** for the contract period April 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009 to provide training to staff and career information to youth in areas that will address delinquency prevention and intervention for youth involved or at-risk of becoming involved with the juvenile justice system. One contract is for the **DHS/Division of Youth Services, Linden, New Jersey**, in the amount of **\$887.41** and the other if for the **Union County Sheriff's Office, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, in the amount of **\$3,000**. {State Funding: \$3,887.41} **(FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI)**
7. Opposing the elimination of approximately **\$1.4 million** in state funding by the **New Jersey Department of Children and Families Commissioner Kimberly Ricketts** that supports the County Human Services Advisory Council (CHSAC). **(FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI)**

Freeholder Kowalski commented on items #1 and #7. She asked if other counties have been protesting cuts in services from the State. She asked how many counties have joined Union County and if he asked the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) to assist us.

Director Guzzo stated that the cost has been shifted from the State to the County and the State wants the County to assume 2.75% or 2.5% of the cost for psychiatric care. NJAC is against the funding shift and is soliciting support for all counties.

Director Caroselli stated that there is no impact on the 2009 budget it will be part of the 2009/2010 fiscal year budget. He stated that according to the Liaison for NJAC, it will be \$6,000,000 for the entire state.



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DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES

Joseph Graziano, Director

There were no questions.

1. Amending Resolution No. 2008-585, a professional engineering service contract with **Harbor Consultants, Inc., Cranford, New Jersey**, for the Lenape Park Bikeway project in an additional amount of \$17,000 for a new contract amount of **\$99,300**. **(CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA)**
2. Concurring with the **Township of Berkeley Heights**, granting permission to the Berkeley Heights Volunteer Rescue Squad to place a banner across Springfield Avenue from May 8th to May 17th to advertise the annual Open House and Blood Drive to be held on Sunday, May 17th. **(CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA)**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL

Alfred Faella, Director

There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute all applications and agreements relating to a grant in the General Operating Support category from the New Jersey Historical Commission in the amount of **\$143,831** with required cash match of **\$88,831** from the County of Union. **(FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI)**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Richard Childs, Acting Director

There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to execute and sign any and all documents in order to apply, accept and expend a 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 2009" Seat Belt Campaign**. **(CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA)**



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RUNNELLS SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL

Joseph Sharp, Administrator

There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Standard Textile, Cincinnati, Ohio**, to purchase uniforms through NJHA Group Purchasing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:9-87 & 88 for the contract period of April 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 in an amount not to exceed **\$5,400. (FREEHOLDER HOLMES)**
2. Amending Resolution No. 2008-1048, a contract with **Direct Supply, Milwaukee, Wisconsin**, to include an additional \$10,000 for the purchase of tables and chairs for the 1 West Dining Room through NJSA 30:9-87 & 88 for the contract period of January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 for a new contract amount of **\$59,000. (FREEHOLDER HOLMES)**

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Dennis Kobitz, Administrator

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with **Liberty Transport, Union, New Jersey**, for the purpose of transporting Sequoia Voting Machines to and from polling locations throughout the County during the 2009 Election cycles in the amount of **\$40,000. (CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with **University Van Lines, Rahway, New Jersey**, for the purpose of transporting Sequoia Voting Machines to and from polling locations throughout the County during the 2009 Election cycles in the amount of **\$40,000. (CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with **Princeton Van Service, Ewing, New Jersey**, for the purpose of transporting Sequoia Voting Machines to and from polling locations throughout the County during the 2009 Election cycles in the amount of **\$18,000. (CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with **Royal Printing, West New York, New Jersey**, for the purpose of printing voting authority books, poll books, and all other printing needed to run an election within the County during the 2009 Election cycles in the amount of **\$100,000. (CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA)**



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5. Supporting the passage of **Assembly Bill No. A3214** on March 16, 2009 and urging the composition and swift passage of a companion Senate Bill and subsequent approval into law by the Governor. **(CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA)**

Freeholder Estrada asked for an explanation of item #5.

Administrator Kobitz replied that it is to end the mailing of sample ballots to inactive voters. He stated that we have been trying to get legislation to have the Election Board stop mailing ballots to voters whose mail has been returned to us. He claims that they are required to continue mailing sample ballots for four years until the federal elections have occurred. He stated that by putting an end to this, it will save the County \$15,000 per election times three per year. He stated it will save millions of dollars once this is passed throughout the State. He did assure the Board, however, that people who tried to vote if they did not receive sample ballots would be permitted to provisionally. Also, municipal sample ballots are available at the Board of Elections should anyone call requesting one. So, they are readily available to the public.

Freeholder Estrada asked why the mailings of returned sample ballots have not been stopped. Administrator Kobitz stated that the County has been trying, but the Attorney General's office stated that we need to get the legislature involved hence, we asked Assemblyman Joseph Cryan and Senator Theresa Ruiz for their assistance.

Freeholder Scanlon stated that she was not aware that incorrect ballots needed to be returned to the Election Board to either be corrected or have voter removed from the rolls.

Chairman Mirabella asked if the other twenty counties have been asked for their support. Administrator Kobitz stated that they have asked all counties for their support via a Resolution.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Robert E. Barry, Esq., County Counsel

There were no questions.

1. Appointing **Michael D. Fitzgerald, Brielle, New Jersey**, to represent the County of Union in the matter entitled **County of Union v. Cephalon, Inc.** **(CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA)**
2. Approving the County of Union's participation in the Municipal Joint Defense Group in the matter entitled **NJDEP v. Novartis, Corp., et al**, Docket No. MRS-L-1834-07. **(CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA)**



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3. Amending Resolution No. 2008-996, to increase the appropriation to **Palumbo & Renaud, Cranford, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled **Catherine Alexander v. UC, et als**, for an additional sum of \$10,000 for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$30,000. (CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER George W. Devanney, County Manager

Deputy County Manager M. Elizabeth Genievich represented the Office.

Deputy County Manager Genievich stated that the Office may have an additional Resolution at the next Freeholder Meeting which will pertain to a healthcare provider, depending upon the rates.

There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to approve a pre-qualified list of vendors to provide **Paid Communication Consulting Services. (CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA)**

FREEHOLDERS

Chairman Mirabella stated that he would like to have the entire board join him on extending their condolences to the family of Assemblyman Eric Munoz. He stated that he asked County Manager Devanney to fly the flags at half staff. He stated that Mr. Munoz's death was a loss to Union County and he extends his heartfelt sympathy to his family.

Freeholder Estrada and Freeholder Holmes will have a Resolution congratulating the Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27.

Freeholder Holmes stated that he will have a Laudatory Resolution for the next Freeholder Meeting.

Freeholder Kowalski asked if the entire Board could also join Chairman Mirabella on items #1 and 3.

Freeholder Scanlon stated that she will have Laudatory Resolutions for the Irish American Society of Athletes.

FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA

1. Authorizing the County Manager to make available to the **Strike Merchants Scholarship Foundation Inc.**, the sum of **\$2,500.**



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FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI

1. Congratulate **Marcyann E. Sosnoski, Executive Director of the UCPC Behavioral Healthcare**, on her May 1, 2009 retirement and recognize her 44 years of service to Community Mental Health Services in Union County.
2. Congratulating the **Friends of the Cranford Public Library** who will be celebrating their 30th Anniversary on April 5, 2009.

FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI AND VICE CHAIRMAN DANIEL P. SULLIVAN

1. Congratulating **Gregory Scott Mease, Cranford, New Jersey, Boy Scouts of America, Troop 75**, on attaining his Eagle Scout Award.

FREEHOLDER DEBORAH P. SCANLON

1. Congratulating each winner of the **2009 Shade Tree “Young Writers of Union County”** contest.

CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA

1. Congratulating the **25th Annual Awards Night Celebration** honorees from Community Access Unlimited for their event on April 22, 2009.
2. Extending deepest condolences to the family of **New Jersey State Assemblyman Eric Munoz**, in this, their time of sorrow.
3. Proclaiming May 3, 2009 through May, 9, 2009 as **“National County Government Week”** throughout Union County.

ADJOURNMENT

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



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Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 7:00pm in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified. In the event an Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting are held on the same night, the Agenda Setting Session will commence at 7:00pm and the Regular Meeting will commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter should contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 908-527-4140.

AGENDA SETTING SESSIONS

REGULAR MEETINGS

April 23		April 16 April 30
May 7		May 14
May 28	Double Meeting	May 28
June 11	Summer Session	June 25
July 9	Summer Session	July 30
August 6	Summer Session	August 20
September 3		September 10
September 17		September 24
October 1		October 8
October 15	Double Meeting	October 15
November 5		November 12
December 3	Double Meeting	December 3
December 17	Double Meeting	December 17

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

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