



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 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 Deborah P. Scanlon, Freeholder Nancy Ward were present. Freeholder Rayland Van Blake was absent.

Also present were County Manager George W. Devanney, 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.

### APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Oaths of Office

1. Robert Rachlin, Union County Utilities Authority

### RESOLUTIONS

#### OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR

Theodore J. Romankow, Prosecutor

Assistant Prosecutor David Hancock addressed the Board on behalf of Prosecutor Theodore J. Romankow.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the **New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice, Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor**, to continue current efforts to combat automobile theft and related crimes in Union and Essex Counties for the period of January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 in the amount of **\$250,000. (CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA)**

Freeholder Estrada asked if the amount for item #1 was the same as previous years. Assistant Prosecutor Hancock stated that it was the same amount of money but a different source of funding.



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2. Authorizing the County to apply for and accept grant funding in the amount of **\$196,382** from the **State of New Jersey Office of Victim Witness Advocacy** to continue services to victims of crimes in Union County for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. There is a cash match requirement in the amount of **\$49,096**. **(CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA)**

### DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

M. Elizabeth Genievich, Deputy County Manager / Director

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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 Engineering, Public Works and Facilities: **Drill Construction Company, Inc., West Orange, New Jersey**, to construct a new weapons fire range at the existing facility in Springfield in the amount of **\$808,245**.
  - b. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities: **Rencor, Inc., Somerville, New Jersey**, for the replacement of Bridge Ra23, at Monroe Street, over the Rahway River, City of Rahway in the amount of **\$2,969,019.46**.
  - c. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities: **Marbro, Inc., Montclair, New Jersey**, for the replacement Bridge Cr14, at Springfield Avenue over the Rahway River, in the Township of Cranford in the amount of **\$2,281,117**.
2. Authorizing the County Manager to comply with regulations of **LFN-2005-14** in order to allow other Counties to use the county contracts and equipment directly related to **Homeland Security needs:** BA. No. 33-2009 – fire rescue vehicles (awarded under Resolution No. 2009-436) and BA. No. 35-2009 – point distribution kits (awarded under Resolution No. 2009-571). **(CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA)**

Freeholder Proctor asked if #2 was a mutual aid agreement. Director Genievich stated that she believed it was a shared service. Michael Yuska, Director of the Division of Purchasing, explained that the Local Finance Notice mandates that the Freeholders approve this resolution so that other municipalities and counties within the USAI region can use contracts we have secured through public bidding to make purchases with Homeland Security grant funds.

3. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to **Birdsall Services Group, Cranford, New Jersey**, to provide workplace health and safety consulting services for



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the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 in an amount not to exceed **\$176,500**.  
(**CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**)

Freeholder Kowalski asked if item #3 was a new service that the County was providing. Director Genievich stated that Birdsak is the consultant to the County's Safety Committee, which meets every month.

4. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to **BGIA, Woodbridge, New Jersey** and **Brown and Brown, Florham Park, New Jersey** to act as the County's insurance consultants and brokers of record for health insurance for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012, at no cost to the County. (**CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**)
5. Authorizing the County Manager to designate six vehicles, a 2001 Crown Victoria, 2000 Chevrolet Impala, 2005 Crown Victoria, 2003 Crown Victoria, 2000 Crown Victoria and a 1998 Crown Victoria, as **surplus vehicles** so they may be donated to two municipal police departments. (**CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**)
6. Authorizing the County Manager to **donate** the following vehicles: a 2001 Crown Victoria and a 2001 Chevrolet Impala to the Township of Hillside; and a 2005 Crown Victoria, 2003 Crown Victoria, 2000 Crown Victoria and a 1998 Crown Victoria to the City of Plainfield as they are no longer needed for County purposes pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36(2). The police departments have expressed an urgent need to acquire the vehicles. (**CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**)
7. Authorizing the County Manager to renew the **Runnells Medical Liability Policy**, as recommended by the County's insurance broker, with the Princeton Insurance Company, Princeton, New Jersey, for the period of July 1, 2009 through July 30, 2010 in an amount not to exceed **\$19,560.48**. (No increase in premium) (**FREEHOLDER SCANLON**)

### DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

Brian Riordan, Director

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There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Repko Consulting Group, LLC, Princeton, New Jersey**, for the purpose of monitoring the implementation of the catalyst/electronic medical records system at the Union County Jail and the Juvenile Detention Center for the contract period July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 in an amount not to exceed **\$15,000**. (**CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**)



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### DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES

Joseph Graziano, Director

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Michael Brennan, Director of the Division of Parks Maintenance, addressed the Board on behalf of Director Graziano.

Director Brennan stated that the department will have two additional resolutions to add to the next meeting's agenda. The first will be regarding the Stanford Drive project and the second will be regarding the County's acquisition of Oak Ridge Road.

1. Concurring with the **Township of Scotch Plains**, granting permission to St. Bartholomew's Catholic Church to hang a banner across Park Avenue from August 1, 2009 through September 8, 2009 for the advertising of the Annual Labor Day Italian Festival, which is to be held September 4, 5, 6 and 7, 2009. **(CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA)**
2. Concurring with the **Township of Springfield**, granting permission to close Meisel Avenue, between Linden Avenue and Milltown Road between the hours of 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 4, 2009, (with a rain date for the next clear night); and also granting permission to hang a banner on Mountain Avenue and on Meisel Avenue from June 5, to July 6, 2009. **(CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA)**
3. Concurring with the **Township of Berkeley Heights**, granting permission to the Berkeley Heights Rotary Club to hang a banner across Springfield Avenue from June 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009 to advertise the "Rubber Ducky Festival." **(CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Jurisdictional Agreement, No. 4436 (Route 1 & 9 – Section 4T) with the **State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation (DOT)** which would allocate jurisdictional responsibilities for highway maintenance and control between the County of Union and the State of New Jersey. **(CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA)**
5. Rescinding Resolution No. 2009-511 (BA. No. 36), a bid award to **Falcon Ridge Construction, Watchung, New Jersey**, for the dog park improvements at Echo Lake Park, Mountainside, New Jersey. **(CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA)**



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### DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Lawrence Caroselli, Director

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There were no questions.

### ORDINANCE

**THE TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF ALL DEPARTMENTS FOR THE CAPITAL BUDGET IS \$43,371,808 WHICH INCLUDES SECTION 20 COSTS OF \$2,333,646. THE DOWN PAYMENT AMOUNT IS \$1,873,597 AND THE AMOUNT OF DEBT TO BE AUTHORIZED IS \$37,998,211. 2009 COUNTY ROAD PROGRAM – GRANT AMOUNT \$3,500,000. (FREEHOLDER ESTRADA)**

### RESOLUTIONS

1. Authorizing the County Manager to awarding a contract for Retirement Planning Services to **Economic Planning Group, Edison, New Jersey** for the contract period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, at no cost to the County. **(FREEHOLDER ESTRADA)**
2. Modifying the 2009 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of **\$126,000** as a result of notification received from the **State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Juvenile Justice Commission** for a program entitled: **“State Facilities Education Act (SFEA) Grant.” (FREEHOLDER ESTRADA)**

### DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Frank Guzzo, Director

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Director Guzzo stated that he would have 3 additional resolutions on the agenda for the next meeting. The first will be regarding a reallocation of \$54,000, the second will be regarding a spending plan for stimulus money, and the third will be regarding boilerplate agreement to accept juveniles from other counties at the Juvenile Detention Center facility in Linden.

There were no questions regarding items on the agenda.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award the **2009-2010 Emergency Shelter Grant** program subcontracts, pursuant to the request for proposal procurement process, to provide activities, programs and services which relate to emergency and transitional shelter, essential services and homeless prevention for the contract period August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2010 in the amount of **\$232,582**, which represents grant funding awarded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. {Federal funding: \$232,582} **(FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI)**



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2. Approving the **2009-2010 Peer Grouping Spending Plan** in the amount of \$375,000 for subcontracted services to be provided during the contract period June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010. {Local funding: \$375,000} **(FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI)**

### DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL

Alfred Faella, Director

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Director Faella stated that he would have an additional resolution on for the next meeting's agenda regarding a golf operations proposal.

1. Amending Resolution No. 2008-527 (BA. No. 1), a bid award to **Aquatic Technologies, Inc., Branchville, New Jersey**, for additional funds in the amount of \$12,000 to continue to provide lake and pond management services for various lakes throughout the Union County Park System for a new total amount of **\$40,702. (FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI)**

Freeholder Scanlon asked for a clarification of item #1. Director Faella stated that as a result of a combination of rain in the spring and drought in the fall, the oxygen levels in many of our lakes and ponds have dropped. This made it impossible for any wildlife to survive. This service would allow the lakes and ponds to be tested a few times a year so that the problem may be corrected and the wildlife can inhabit the area.

Freeholder Kowalski remarked that this sounded like a wonderful idea and that perhaps this would take care of the algae problem in our lakes and ponds and additional fountains could be put in once the algae problem had been taken care of.

2. Amending Resolution 2009-566, a contract with **J.A. Alexander Inc., Bloomfield, New Jersey**, to agree to the option of constructing an additional 24 parking spots at the Galloping Hill Golf Course for an additional amount of \$108,150 for a new contract amount of **\$1,627,117.20. (FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI)**
3. Amending Resolution No. 2009-506, to include mandatory language as required by NJDEP. **(FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI)**

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Daniel Vaniska, Chief of Police / Acting Director

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There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend **\$469,981** from the **United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** through the **New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services**, to continue the Public Health Preparedness and Response program, also known as LINCS. **(CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA)**



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### **RUNNELLS SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL**

Joseph Sharp, Administrator

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Mr. Sharp asked that #4 be removed from consideration at this time.

1. Approving an Identity Theft Prevention Program policy for Runnells Specialized Hospital pursuant to the Federal Trade Commission's Red Flag Rules. **(FREEHOLDER HOLMES)**
2. Approving a **pre-qualified list of medical staff** to provide professional medical services at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. **(FREEHOLDER HOLMES)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the **Law Office of Christina Strong, Esq., Belle Mead, New Jersey**, to provide legal services concerning regulatory and reimbursement matters to Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010 in an amount not to exceed **\$15,000. (FREEHOLDER HOLMES)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contact with **Pino Consulting Group, Inc., West Windsor, New Jersey**, to assist Runnells Specialized Hospital with technical and procedural matters related to the certificate of need process for additional psychiatric inpatient beds and concurrent modifications to the Hospital's Financial and Management Plan for the contract period of September 1, 2009 through April 31, 2010 in an amount not to exceed **\$17,000. (FREEHOLDER HOLMES)**

### **OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL**

Robert E. Barry, Esq., County Counsel

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1. Approving the settlement of pending litigation entitled **Tina Renna v. UC**, Appellate Division, Docket No. A-0821-07T2 and UNN-L-1145-06. **(CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA)**

Vice Chairman Sullivan asked the County Counsel what the total dollar amount for #1 was. County Counsel Barry responded that the counsel fees were \$27,500 and that the court fees were \$807.

2. Amending Resolution 2009-20, approving additional pre-qualified Certified Short Hand Court Reporters. **(CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA)**



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

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County Manager Devanney stated that he would have an additional resolution for the next meeting's agenda regarding services to be provided for Runnells Specialized Hospital by Aruspex.

## **FREEHOLDERS**

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Freeholder Kowalski stated that she would have additional laudatory and condolence resolutions for the next meeting's agenda.

Freeholder Estrada also stated that he would have an additional condolence resolution for the family of Joan Heartfield and a Juvenile Detention Officer. Freeholder Holmes stated that he would like to join Freeholder Estrada in presenting those resolutions.

### **FREEHOLDER CHESTER HOLMES**

1. Honoring **Christine M. Mozes** for her contributions to Child Welfare in New Jersey.
2. Congratulating **Allen Cooley** on his recent graduation from college.

### **FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI**

1. Congratulating Gold Medal Fitness on celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

### **FREEHOLDER DEBORAH P. SCANLON**

1. Congratulating **Tammy Kopin** on her many years of service to Union Township.

### **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA**

1. Proclaiming July 30, 2009 as "Union County Day" in the City of Rahway and ceremoniously establishing the City of Rahway as the County Seat.
2. Congratulating the Fall/2008 and Spring/2009 graduates of the Union County Fire Academy.
3. Congratulating **Brian Fagan, Kenilworth, New Jersey, Troop 178, Boy Scouts of America** on attaining his Eagle Scouts Award.



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## EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

1. Contract Negotiations with Cigna
2. Potential Real Estate Acquisitions

County Counsel 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 will now enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing ongoing contract negotiations with Cigna and potential real estate acquisitions

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 Board's return, it will not take formal action on the matters discussed.

Upon a majority vote of the members present, the Board may now retire to Executive Session.

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to enter Executive Session. On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Van Blake absent.

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to reenter the Agenda Meeting. On a motion made by Freeholder Van Blake and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Estrada absent.

County Counsel Barry stated that as a result of discussions during Executive Session there may be an additional resolution on the agenda for the next meeting regarding an amendment to the Cigna contract.

County Manager Devanney announced that there will be an additional resolution on the Regular Meeting agenda, regarding a contract with the Township of Cranford.

## ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Vice Chairman Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Estrada absent.

