



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2009

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR 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 and Freeholder Rayland Van Blake were in attendance. Freeholder Deborah P. Scanlon and Freeholder Nancy Ward were 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 led by the Clerk of the Board.

Freeholder Ward entered the meeting at this point.

PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Mirabella called upon Vice Chairman Sullivan and Joseph Graziano, Director of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities, to present Resolutions to the winners of the Shade Tree Poetry Contest. Director Graziano called upon James Kelly Bureau Chief of Shade Tree & Conservation and Jim Nichnadowicz, Chairman of the Shade Tree Advisory Board and recognized them for their efforts.

Chairman Mirabella called upon the winners:

Kathryn Smilowitz, Holy Spirit School, Union, 1st Place, Grade 8

Kelsey Durkin, Lincoln School, Garwood, 1st Place, Grade 7

Diana Lazo, Abraham Lincoln School, Elizabeth, 2nd Place, Grade 7 (was not present)

Daniel Hitchen, New Providence Middle School, 3rd Place, Grade 7

Kaitlin McGuire, Lincoln School, Garwood, 1st Place, Grade 6

Yamiemily Hernandez, St. Genevieve School, Elizabeth, 2nd Place, Grade 7

Georgiana Volturo, Holy Spirit School, Union, 3rd Place, Grade 6

Chairman Mirabella congratulated them on their poems and for their work throughout the County on the Shade Tree Committee. He also stated that Freeholder Scanlon, Liaison to the Shade Tree Advisory Board was not able to attend the Freeholder Meeting to present them with the Resolutions, but extends her congratulations to the winners.



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Director Graziano thanked Barbara Knapp for all her hard work in mailing out the poem requirements to schools throughout Union County. He stated that they receive at least 200 poems per year.

Chairman Mirabella thanked the students for their assistance in keeping the environment “green” and urged them to continue writing poems.

Chairman Mirabella called upon Freeholder Holmes to present a Resolution to Maxine Bryant. Freeholder Holmes called upon Freeholder Proctor to join him in presenting her with the Resolution. Freeholder Holmes stated that it is not an easy task to have the community help law enforcement and he presented Ms. Bryant with a Resolution for her assistance in a burglary arrest.

Freeholder Proctor thanked Ms. Bryant for getting involved in her community which helps make it a better place to live and thanked her for her dedication and spirit.

Ms. Bryant thanked the Board for the recognition and stated that when she witnesses a wrong doing, she gets involved by calling the proper authorities.

Next, a presentation is being made to the Board by representatives of Cigna Insurance. Effective July 1, 2009, Cigna will be providing employee health benefits for the County of Union.

Cigna Insurance

Amy Malcynski, New Business Manager
Kevin Ritchie, Vice President-Sales

Chairman Mirabella asked County Manager Devanney to introduce representatives on behalf of Cigna Insurance. County Manager Devanney called upon Mathew Presutti of Brown & Brown Insurance to introduce the new healthcare provider. Mr. Presutti stated that he came to the meeting along with Representatives of Cigna to introduce themselves to the Board and would answer any questions or concerns about the change in the healthcare provider. He also stated that Cigna guarantees “equal to or a greater than” plan than Horizon Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Jersey’s current plan with a significant savings. He stated that Cigna’s coverage is the best plan for the County employees and retirees and introduced Amy Malcynski, the new Business Manager and Kevin Ritchie, Vice President of Sales.

Ms. Malcynski thanked the Board for the opportunity to have Cigna Insurance as the County’s healthcare provider and stated that they will guarantee the coverage to be equal to or greater than the County’s current plan with Horizon and stated that if any problems or concerns arise throughout the policy, Cigna will make sure the County is satisfied. She stated that there will be



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seventy open meetings to address the employees concerns. Ms. Malcynski also stated that they are very excited to be partners with Union County.

The Board had no questions.

Chairman Mirabella gave a statement regarding the Swine Flu Epidemic:

Chairman Mirabella stated that Union County is in close contact with New Jersey Health officials and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and is closely monitoring the swine flu situation across the country.

Union County is closely working with local hospitals, schools and other state partners to increase surveillance efforts throughout the County. Our primary goal is to protect the health of our residents. We continue to investigate reports of illness or suspected illness and are following guidelines issued by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The symptoms of swine flu seem to resemble those of seasonal flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting as well. Residents experiencing severe symptoms, such as difficulty breathing, should seek immediate medical treatment. Otherwise, the Office of Health Management recommends at-home care to prevent the spread of the illness.

We understand that people may be concerned about this outbreak of swine flu in parts of the U.S. There are actions that you can take to help prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illnesses, like influenza:

- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Avoid close contact with sick people.
- Stay home if you are sick and follow guidelines issued by State and local health authorities.

Families and individuals should also take this opportunity to review and update their family emergency plans.

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services has set up a toll free, 24-hour hotline to answer questions from the general public and New Jersey health care providers. Swine Flu Hotline: 1-866-321-9571.



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Residents can also visit the County website at www.ucnj.org for additional information about swine flu.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Oaths of Office

Note and File

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Scanlon absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to approve the Minutes of:

1. April 16, 2009 – Regular Meeting Minutes
2. April 23, 2009 – Agenda Meeting Minutes

On a motion made by Freeholder Van Blake and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the April 16, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes with Freeholder Scanlon absent and seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Ward abstaining from the April 23, 2009 Agenda Meeting Minutes and Freeholder Scanlon absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on Resolutions on the Agenda only.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, stated that he is proud to see that two students who won the Shade Tree Poetry Contest are from Garwood.

Mr. Paterson asked if the Swine Flu epidemic information will be listed on the County website.

Communication Director Sebastian D'Elia stated that it is located on the front page of the County's website and said by following the links it will bring take you to that page.

Mr. Paterson asked why the Board did not ask the Cigna Representatives what the dollar amount in total savings would be by changing healthcare providers. County Manager Devanney responded that it was negotiated to a 9% savings compared to Horizon Blue Cross



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& Blue Shield of New Jersey. Mr. Paterson asked if the increase from Horizon was considered in this year's budget. County Manager stated that the budget reflected a 4% increase as they did not expect such a high increase from Horizon.

Mr. Paterson made comments pertaining to Resolution 2009-423. He stated that the person appointed to the Union County Utilities Authority is a County worker and he was under the impression that it should be an independent authority. On Resolution 2009-425, he stated that he appreciates that the County is addressing the unemployment problem, but he asked if the amount stated comes from County tax dollars or if the additional grants received are from the State. On Resolution 2009-446, he made comments to the contract amount stating that the new amount of \$780,000 (rounded) is an astronomical amount for the construction administration for one bridge. On 2009-447, he said that the cost is excessive for the design service for an elevator. He claims that the average cost of professional services is \$150 per hour.

Chairman Mirabella asked Mr. Paterson what source he uses to obtain the cost information.

County Manager Devanney responded to Mr. Paterson's inquiries. He stated that in reference to Resolution 2009-446, the additional grants were received for work force for the First Street Bridge. He said that the initial allocation was for the design and this amount represents construction administration.

County Manager Devanney responded to Mr. Paterson's inquiries regarding Resolution 2009-447 and stated that he believes that it is not only for the elevator in the jail. Director of Corrections Brian Riordan explained further that it is for major renovations in the old Juvenile Detention Center that needs to be reconfigured to accommodate prisoners who need to be temporarily relocated. He added that these renovations are mandated by the State.

Jim Beuttner, Cranford, inquired about Resolution 2009-435 "e" asking if the amounts listed in the contract were all considered in the budget. County Manager Devanney responded, yes, they were considered in the budget.

RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to adopt Resolutions 2009-409 through 2009-489.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR ADOPTION:

- 2009-409** **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Pino Consulting Group, Inc., (PCG) West Windsor, New Jersey**, for the purpose of conducting a revenue enhancement review to maximize Union County's Medicaid reimbursements for the period of April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2011. The contract is on contingency and capped at \$200,000.



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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 Scanlon absent.

2009-410 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, modifying the 2009 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of **\$122,600** as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: **“Summer Heat 2009 Grant.”**

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-411 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, modifying the 2009 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of **\$15,367** as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: **“LIHEAP CWA Grant” (Low Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program).**

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-412 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, modifying the 2009 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of **\$35,964** as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for a program entitled: **“Clean Communities Grant.”**

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-413 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, modifying the 2009 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of **\$475,858** as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: **“WIA Youth Program Grant.”**

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-414 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, modifying the 2009 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of **\$249,854** as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: **“WIA Adult Program Grant.”**

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 Scanlon absent.



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- 2009-415** **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, modifying the 2009 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of **\$1,391,397** as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: **“WIA Dislocated Worker Program Grant.”**

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 Scanlon absent.

- 2009-416** **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, modifying the 2009 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of **\$139,189** as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey Department of Human Services for a program entitled: **“American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Grant.”**

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 Scanlon absent.

- 2009-417** **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, modifying the 2009 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of **\$24,740** as a result of notification received from the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice for a program entitled: **“Law Enforcement Officers’ Training and Equipment Fund Grant – LEOTEF.”**

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 Scanlon absent.

- 2009-418** **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, authorizing the County Manager to make available to **Melly Mel Productions** the sum of **\$8,000** for the Elizabeth Avenue Carnival and the Elizabeth Waterfront Concert.

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 Scanlon absent.

- 2009-419** **FREEHOLDER HOLMES**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Life Medical Supplies, Inc., Linden, New Jersey**, to provide orthopedic footwear and orthotic services for the residents/patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010 in the amount of **\$2,500**.

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 Scanlon absent.

- 2009-420** **FREEHOLDER HOLMES**, requesting a **pre-qualified list of hair stylist(s)** to be approved to provide professional beautician services at Runnells Specialized



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Hospital for the contract period of May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010. {No cost to the County}

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-421 **FREEHOLDER HOLMES**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Bruna Cordones, Roselle, New Jersey**, to provide beautician services to the residents/patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010. {No cost to the County}

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-422 **FREEHOLDER HOLMES**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with **HealthCare Quality Strategies, Inc., East Brunswick, New Jersey, (HQSI)** as required by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-423 **FREEHOLDER HOLMES**, appointing **Robert Rachlin** as a member to the **Union County Utilities Authority** to fill an unexpired term commencing February 1, 2006 through December 31, 2011.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-424 **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to endorse the **Union County 2010-12 Three Year Comprehensive Alcohol/Drug Abuse Plan**, required by the New Jersey Department of Human Services/Division of Addiction Services (NJ-DAS). This Plan provides updated information and identified current substance abuse program needs.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-425 **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, amending Resolution No. 2008-637, to increase grant funding from **\$1,800,000** to **\$1,946,915** for **Work First New Jersey**.



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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 Scanlon absent.

- 2009-426 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, amending Resolution No. 2008-1164, to include new State contract vendors not listed under the original resolution, for the purchase of furniture and equipment from various vendors for the outfitting of the new consolidated **One-Stop Career Center, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, in an amount not to exceed **\$555,000**. {State funding: \$355,000; County funding: \$195,000}

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 Scanlon absent.

- 2009-427 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, amending Resolution No. 2009-90, (BA. No.5) a bid award to **Environ Systems, Union, New Jersey**, to include Lot B in an additional amount of \$3,948 and to reflect a change in the account number for a new total amount of **\$11,730**.

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 Scanlon absent.

- 2009-428 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with **Eplus Technology, Inc., Hamilton, New Jersey**, for managed/monitoring firewall and intrusion detection/prevention services for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011 in the amount of **\$95,151.12**.

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 Scanlon absent.

- 2009-429 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to reallocate **2007 HEART Grant** funds for the Roselle Public Library (\$500) and 2008 HEART Grant funds for Reeves Reed Arboretum (\$1,250) and \$240 HEART Grant account balance to be spent on another cultural program to benefit the residents of Union County, namely the **Teen Arts Showcase** at the Union County Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, April 29, 2009.

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 Scanlon absent.

- 2009-430 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, amending Resolution No. 2009-361, (BA No. 34-2009) a bid agreement with **Total Turf Golf, Bristol, Pennsylvania**, to purchase 900 tons of green and tee mix in an additional amount of **\$33,000** for a new contract amount of **\$213,819.**



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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 Scanlon absent.

2009-431 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI, authorizing an agreement and any and all other documents as may be necessary to authenticate the aforesaid in-kind contribution of \$300,000 and to secure the receipt of \$365,000 by the **Union County Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education (SNAP-ED) Project from USDA** October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-432 FREEHOLDER SCANLON, authorizing the County Manager to renew the following policies as recommended by the County's insurance broker:

- . Renewing the Professional Liability Insurance Policy for **Dr. Raymond Lanza**, with Princeton Insurance Company from May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010 in an amount not to exceed **\$16,842**. (\$1,393 decrease from last year)
- . Renewing the **Volunteer Accident Policy** with The Hartford Life Insurance Company, from April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010 in an amount not to exceed **\$310**. (\$1,422 decrease from last year)

2009-433 FREEHOLDER VAN BLAKE amending Resolution No. 2009-211, a contract with **Development Directions, LLC, Rahway, New Jersey**, to reflect an amendment to the current contract rate for services to an agreed upon amount not to exceed **\$520,000**. (This shall represent \$500 for each file opened and up to \$200 or 20% of construction costs for lead hazard reduction, whichever is greater.)

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-434 FREEHOLDER WARD, appointing **Jeffery Robinson (Delegate)** and **Joseph Paszek (Alternate)** to the Union County Air Traffic and Noise Advisory Board to represent the City of Rahway for a term commencing January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

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 Scanlon absent.



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2009-435 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, accepting a donation of a 1996 vehicle from **Pangolin Pictures, New York, New York** on behalf of the Union County Prosecutor's Office to be used for the Union/Essex Auto Theft Task Force.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-436 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, 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:**

- a. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities: **Ritacco Construction, Inc., Belleville, New Jersey**, for the replacement of the South First Street Bridge over the Elizabeth River, Elizabeth, New Jersey, in the amount of **\$3,787,643**.
- b. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities, Division of Public Works: **Scalora Brothers, Inc., South Orange, New Jersey**, to furnish, deliver and plant trees for a period of twelve (12) months in the amount of **\$16,825**.
- c. Department of Parks and Community Renewal: **Ray's Food & Ice Cream Concessions, Inc., Clifton, New Jersey**, to provide food and boating concessions at Echo Lake Park for seven a (7) month season from April 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009 in the amount of **\$7,000**.
- d. Department of Parks and Community Renewal: **Tuckahoe Sand and Gravel, Inc., Pleasantville, New Jersey**, to furnish and deliver bunker sand for the Golf Courses for a period of twenty-four (24) months in an amount not to exceed **\$39,060**.
- e. Department of Parks and Community Renewal, Division of Golf Operations: **Grass Root Turf Products, Mt. Freedom, New Jersey**, to provide and deliver golf course supplies for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months in the amount of **16,400**; **Lesco, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio**, to provide and deliver golf course supplies to provide and deliver golf course supplies for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months in the amount of in the amount of **\$16,000**; **R&R Products, Tuscon, Arizona**, to provide and deliver golf course supplies to provide and deliver golf course supplies for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months in the amount of in the amount of **\$20,000**; **Grass Root Turf Products, Mt. Freedom, New Jersey**,



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to provide and deliver golf course supplies for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months in the amount of amount of **\$159,600**.

{Amount includes Change Order No. 1 for \$140,000, for a new contract amount of \$159,600. There is a pressing need to outfit Golf Driving Range in order to have it up and serving Union County residents as well as providing needed revenue.}

- f. Department of Parks and Community Renewal, Division of Information Technologies: Alliance Telecommunications Contractors, Inc., Parsippany, New Jersey, to provide the necessary data and voice cabling services throughout the County for a period of 24 months in an amount not to exceed **\$131,650**.
- g. Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management: Kintek Corporation, Orleans, Vermont, to provide and deliver Fire/Rescue ATV vehicles in an amount not to exceed **\$38,000**.
- h. Office of the Prosecutor: Ames Safety Envelope Company, Somerville, Massachusetts, to furnish, print and deliver special case folders in the amount of **\$8,460**.

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 Scanlon absent.

- 2009-437** **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **HR Systems, Inc., Frazer, Pennsylvania**, to provide on-going support and technical services for the County of Union's Integrated Human Resources Management/Payroll System for the period of May 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 in an amount not to exceed **\$10,000**.

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 Scanlon absent.

- 2009-438** **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, supporting the passage of **Assembly Bill No. A139**, amending N.J.S.2C:43-10 and requiring reimbursement to the County Jails for the cost of housing state sentenced inmates in County Correctional Facilities.

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 Scanlon absent.



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2009-439 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, concurring with the **Borough of Roselle**, granting permission to close Chestnut Street, between 1st and 3rd Avenues, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturday, May 16, 2009 (rain date Saturday, May 23, 2009) for the Roselle Fair and Festival.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-440 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, concurring with the **Township of Springfield**, granting permission to the Springfield Chamber of Commerce to close Springfield Avenue, between Caldwell Place and Morris Avenue, from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm to all but emergency traffic, on Sunday, May 3, 2009 and Sunday, September 13, 2009, for their Annual Street Fair; and also, granting permission to hang a banner on Mountain Avenue at North Trivett Avenue from April 20, 2009 to May 5, 2009 and from August 20, 2009 to September 16, 2009 to advertise the Street Fair.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-441 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, amending Resolution No. 2008-318, a professional engineering service contract with **CMX, Manalapan, New Jersey**, for construction administration and inspection services for the replacement structure of Springfield Avenue Bridge, Cranford, New Jersey, in an additional amount of \$208,270 for a new contract amount of **\$471,564.50**.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-442 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, concurring with the **Borough of Roselle Park**, granting permission to close Chestnut Street from Grant Avenue to Webster Avenue, on Monday, May 25, 2009 for a Memorial Day Parade.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-443 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, concurring with the **Borough of Kenilworth**, granting permission to the Pride in Kenilworth Committee to close the Boulevard from 23rd Street to 18th Street, from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on Sunday, October 25, 2009 for the Annual Kenilworth Street Fair.

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 Scanlon absent.



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2009-444 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing Change Order No. 1, to the contract with **Nova Records, South River, New Jersey**, for state mandated record storage (2007-present) due to an increase in record retrieval for an additional amount of \$20,000 for a new contract total of **\$42,969.91**.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-445 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing Change Order No. 1, to the contract with **Iron Mountain, East Brunswick, New Jersey**, for state mandated record storage (1990-2007) due to an increase in record retrieval for an additional amount of \$90,000 for a new contract total of **\$163,350**.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-446 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, amending Resolution No. 2009-173, a professional engineering service contract with **Hardesty & Hanover, LLP, West Trenton, New Jersey**, for the purpose of providing construction administration and inspection services for the South First Street Bridge in the amount of \$273,708 for a new contract amount of **\$980,243**.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-447 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, amending Resolution No. 2008-781, a professional architectural and engineering design service contract with **Netta Architects, Springfield, New Jersey**, for the interior alterations and elevator replacement for the Oriscello Correctional Facility, in an additional amount of \$12,950 for a new contract amount of **\$1,159,670**.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-448 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, granting permission to the **Township of Scotch Plains**, to close Front Street, from Park Avenue to Senger Place, from 8:00 am and 8:00 pm on Monday, May 25, 2009, to hold a Memorial Day Parade and Activities Also, granting permission to hang a banner on Park Avenue, at the corner of Front Street, to advertise the Memorial Day Parade and Activities.

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 Scanlon absent.



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2009-449 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to purchase a Forensic Recovery of Evidence Data Center (FREDC) for the Union County Prosecutor's Office in the amount of **\$52,587**. The item will be purchased from a General Sales Administration's (GSA) vendor.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-450 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend **\$64,052** from the 2008 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant to provide funding to local law enforcement agencies to prevent and control criminal activity.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-451 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept and expend a New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services Grant entitled: **Local Core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness** in the amount **\$485,096**.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-452 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept and expend funds offered by the **National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)** in the amount of **\$5,000**. These funds will allow for further development of the Union County Medical Reserve Corps coordinated by the Union County Office of Health Management.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-453 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept and expend a **New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, County Environmental Health Act (CEHA) Grant** in the amount of **\$272,011**. This CEHA grant will maintain the County's hazardous materials response, solid waste, air pollution, noise pollution, and water pollution investigation and inspection programs.

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 Scanlon absent.



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- 2009-454** **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept and expend a grant from the **United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Women's Health** in the amount of **\$3,000**.

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 Scanlon absent.

- 2009-455** **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, amending Resolution No. 2009-329, to increase the appropriation to **Edward Kologi, Esq., Linden, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled **Robert Trivisano v. UC, et als**, for an additional sum of \$20,000 for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$90,000**.

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 Scanlon absent.

- 2009-456** **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, amending Resolution No. 2009-232, to increase the appropriation to **Bauch Zucker Hatfield, LLC, Springfield, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled **Robert Trivisano v. UC, et als**, for an additional sum of \$30,000 for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$75,000**.

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 Scanlon absent.

- 2009-457** **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, amending Resolution No. 2009-235, to increase the appropriation to **LaCorte, Bundy, Varady & Kinsella, Union, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled **Paul Takacs v. UC, et als**, for an additional sum of \$10,000 for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$30,000**.

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 Scanlon absent.

- 2009-458** **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, amending Resolution No. 2009-178, to increase the appropriation to **Schwartz, Simon, Edelstein, Celso & Kessler, LLP, Morristown, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled **Aspen Landscaping Contracting v. UC, et als**, for an additional sum of \$20,000 for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$60,000**.

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 Scanlon absent.



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2009-459 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a collective bargaining agreement with **HPAE Local 5112** effective January 1, 2008 through December 3, 2011.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-460 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, amending Resolution No. 2009-11, the list of newspapers designated to receive legal advertisements, to include the following newspapers: **Suburban News and Union County Local Source**.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-461 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, re-appointing **Walter Boright** as a member to the **Union County Improvement Authority** for a term commencing February 1, 2009 through January 31, 2014.

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 Scanlon absent.

The following resolutions are laudatory in content:

2009-462 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, congratulating **Daniel Captao, Boy Scout Troop 101, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, on attaining his Eagle Scout Awards.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-463 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, congratulating **Bryan Galvao, Boy Scout Troop 101, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, on attaining his Eagle Scout Awards.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-464 **FREEHOLDER HOLMES**, congratulating **Reverend Allen Thompson, Jr.**, on his 25th Anniversary at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Rahway, New Jersey.

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 Scanlon absent.



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2009-465 FREEHOLDER HOLMES, commending **Maxine Bryant, Rahway**, who was instrumental in the arrest of a suspected criminal and the recovery of her neighbor's personal property.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-466 FREEHOLDER HOLMES, recognizing the week of May 3rd through May 9, 2009 as "**Corrections Officers' Week**" in Union County.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-467 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI, expressing appreciation and commending the **Elizabethtown Gas Company** for its leadership role in promoting the partnership of public and private sectors in support of the arts in Union County.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-468 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI, on the occasion of the Opening Reception of the 2009 Exhibit the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union express appreciation to the **National Arts Program Foundation** and commends **Leonard E.B. Andrews, Founder and Chairman**, for his leadership role in promoting appreciation and recognition of individual artistic achievement and its importance to community spirit.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-469 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI, expressing the Board's deepest sympathies to the family of **Edward J. Hoelzel**, in this their time of sorrow.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-470 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI AND CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, expressing the Board's deepest sympathies to the family of **Alfred E. Walcoff**, in this their time of sorrow.

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 Scanlon absent.



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2009-471 FREEHOLDER VAN BLAKE, congratulating **Louis E. Jones** on his 14 years of service to the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority (PMUA).

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-472 FREEHOLDER VAN BLAKE, proclaiming May 3, 2009 through May 9, 2009 as **“Municipal Clerks’ Week in Union County.”**

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-473 FREEHOLDER VAN BLAKE, expressing the Board’s deepest sympathies to the family of **Benjamin F. Champion, Plainfield, New Jersey**, in this their time of sorrow.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-474 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD, proclaiming Thursday, May 7, 2009 as **“National Day of Prayer”** in the County of Union.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-475 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD, congratulating **Detective Jonathan Vorob, Union County Sheriff’s Office**, who is the recipient of the Two Hundred Club of Union County “Medal of Valor” Awards for their heroic acts performed while in the line of duty.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-476 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD, congratulating **Officer Erik Finne, Union County Sheriff’s Office**, who is the recipient of the Two Hundred Club of Union County “Medal of Valor” Awards for their heroic acts performed while in the line of duty.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-477 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD, congratulating **Lieutenant Robert K. Week, Summit Police Department**, who is the recipient



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of the Two Hundred Club of Union County “Medal of Valor” Award for his heroic acts performed while in the line of duty.

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 Scanlon absent.

- 2009-478 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD,** congratulating **Officer Scott A. Pevonis, Elizabeth Police Department,** who is the recipient of the Two Hundred Club of Union County “Medal of Valor” Awards for their heroic acts performed while in the line of duty.

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 Scanlon absent.

- 2009-479 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD,** congratulating **Officer Michael Kurinzi, Elizabeth Police Department,** who is the recipient of the Two Hundred Club of Union County “Medal of Valor” Awards for their heroic acts performed while in the line of duty.

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 Scanlon absent.

- 2009-480 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD,** congratulating **Officer Douglas Fields, Jr., Elizabeth Police Department,** who is the recipient of the Two Hundred Club of Union County “Medal of Valor” Awards for their heroic acts performed while in the line of duty.

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 Scanlon absent.

- 2009-481 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD,** congratulating **Officer Jorge Farinas, Elizabeth Police Department,** who is the recipient of the Two Hundred Club of Union County “Medal of Valor” Award for his heroic acts performed while in the line of duty.

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 Scanlon absent.

- 2009-482 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA,** celebrating **“National Women’s Health Week”** from Mothers’ Day May 10th through May 16, 2009.

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 Scanlon absent.



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2009-483 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, recognizing **Unity Post No. 229 of the American Legion** at their rededication and Flag Raising Ceremony.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-484 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, congratulating **Mayor Colleen M. Mahr, Fanwood** for being honored by the Union County Women's Political Caucus.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-485 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, congratulating **Mayor Kathi Fiamingo, Kenilworth** for being honored by the Union County Women's Political Caucus.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-486 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, commemorating the Anniversary of the **Fanwood Historic Preservation Commission**.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-487 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, congratulating **Dee O'Brien**, the founder of the Fanwood Historic Preservation Commission.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-488 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, congratulating **George Castro** for being chosen as a recipient of the Outstanding Ethnic Leader Award by the Heritage Festival Ball.

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 Scanlon absent.

2009-489 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, proclaiming the month of May, 2009 as **"Haitian Month"** in Union County, recognizing **Toussaint Louverture** as an historical figure in Haitian history and congratulating School No. 6 on being renamed the **Toussaint Louverture School No. 6**.

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 Scanlon absent.



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PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on any matter.

Joseph Dougherty, Elizabeth, read a prepared statement regarding the budget, taxes and illegal immigrants. He said that he was grateful to Vice Chairman Sullivan for thanking the public for attending the meetings and voicing their opinions whether it is in favor of or against the Board's decisions and stated that Vice Chairman Sullivan recognizes the importance of citizens on both parties. He said he hopes to attend future Freeholder Meetings.

Mr. Dougherty also commented about the dormant railroad tracks along Westfield Avenue and West Grand Street in Elizabeth. He stated that it has become a large garbage dump and remarked that it is a poor reflection on the City and the County.

Chairman Mirabella asked County Manager Devanney to see who is responsible in having that area cleaned up.

Bob Butler, Roselle, made comments pertaining to the parking problems at Nomahegan Park. He stated that the college students from Union County College have been utilizing the parking spaces and he urged the Board to contact the College to address the problem.

Chairman Mirabella stated that this is the first time the Board has been made aware of this problem and he asked County Manager Devanney to send a letter to Union County Chief of Police Daniel Vaniska and President Brown of Union County College to help monitor the situation.

Lavignia Ruby, Cranford, requested to make an appointment with Chairman Mirabella to discuss golf issues as per Assemblywomen Linda Stender's recommendation. Chairman Mirabella stated that an appointment should be made with the Clerk of the Board.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, made comments pertaining to Resolutions 2009-436 and 2009-446. He said that he believes the fees are approximately 8% higher than they should be. He asked if anyone is overseeing the professional fees for construction as they always appear to be too high.

Chairman Mirabella stated that this is merely Mr. Paterson's opinion that the fees are high and said the County does not spend money frivolously.

County Manager Devanney stated that the First Street Bridge is a Federal project with federal procurement guidelines. He said changes were made due to the required height allowance under the bridge and tidewater permits needed to be obtained. He stated that the new bridge is being constructed from federal grants and the total County dollars for the construction and design of the bridge is only \$273,000.



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Director Graziano stated that he is the person who oversees all the contracts and he keeps a close eye on every contract to ensure that they are not overpaying.

Jim Beuttner, Cranford, made comments regarding the budget increase and stated that Oak Ridge Golf Course has been turned into a dirt hill, it has been fenced and there is no intended use or projections for the property, only a small section for archery.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Chairman Mirabella stated that the next Freeholder Regular Meeting will be held on May 14th at the Clark Council Chambers and the day will be filled with events throughout the Township of Clark. He announced all the events and locations for the day.

Freeholder Holmes stated that he attended Spring Cleaning at Green Brook Park with Freeholder Kowalski and Director of Parks and Community Renewal Alfred Faella. He stated that there was a tremendous amount of negligence as people dump debris in County Parks. He asked County Manager Devanney to speak to the Union County Police and the County staff to make sure it remains clean.

Freeholder Kowalski thanked Freeholder Holmes in joining her in the Clean up at Green Brook Park and also thanked Director Faella. She stated it was a shared service/cooperative effort with the County Police, Department of Public Works and the City of Plainfield Public Works Department and youth volunteers. She stated that there was a large group of people in attendance to help clean the park and there was a visible difference when they were finished.

Freeholder Kowalski stated that she attended Wildlife at Trailside Nature and Science Center on Sunday and there was a good turnout. She said the Pet Fair is scheduled for Sunday, May 3rd at Trailside and urged the public to check the website for upcoming events. She also stated that she and Director Faella were the Mistress and Master of Ceremonies of Teen Arts Showcase at the Union County Performing Arts Center and said there was a large turnout. She congratulated the Cultural and Heritage staff, especially Kathy Kachlette. She said she is looking forward to the employee Art Show at the Elizabethtown Gas Company on Wednesday, May 6th.

Freeholder Proctor stated that it is important that families and businesses to have an emergency plan in place to deal with the swine flu epidemic, if needed. He stated that the public should be updated for home emergency care and employees should stay home if they are feeling ill. He urged the public to check the City of Rahway's website for a shopping list for medical items to have at home in case of a pandemic. He stated that it will be several months before a vaccine for the swine flu will be available.



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Chairman Mirabella thanked Freeholder Proctor for his great work in keeping the County abreast of the recommendations and procedures regarding the swine flu epidemic.

Vice Chairman Sullivan stated that last week he had the opportunity to visit the Galloping Hill Golf Course. He said the quality of construction of the driving range and the single nine course and the speed at which it is being done is admirable and he commends Joseph MacDermant of the Bureau of Golf Maintenance and Director of Golf Operations Armando Sanchez for overseeing the project. He said it will be great place to play once it is complete.

Vice Chairman Sullivan made comments pertaining to the South First Street Bridge and said he has worked very hard for the funding that the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority received. He said based on the federal monies received, there has been a nominal cost to the County. He stated in order to secure the funds, Federal guidelines need to be met. He said it will be a quality project when complete and he congratulated the staff for their hard work.

Vice Chairman Sullivan complimented Freeholder Proctor and the health management at Union County for their leadership in preparing for a possible pandemic swine flu. He stated that the County has been well informed by Freeholder Proctor and he is confident that by having Freeholder Proctor as a Health Officer and Chairman of the Union County Homeland Security Committee that he will keep Union County informed.

Vice Chairman Sullivan responded to Mr. Beuttner's comments regarding Oak Ridge Golf Course. He said that unfortunately Mr. Beuttner did not stay to hear his comments. He stated that Oak Ridge Golf Course was a great asset and will continue to be a great asset as many more people will enjoy it as a park.

Vice Chairman Sullivan congratulated his sister, Maureen, as she was elected to the Hoboken Board of Education and added she is a dedicated resident of the City. He also wished everyone a Happy Mothers' Day and said it has been an honor to work with two new moms, Freeholder Nancy Ward and Clerk of the Board Nicole DiRado and also wished a new mom in his family, daughter-in-law Joanna a Happy Mothers' Day.

Chairman Mirabella echoed Vice Chairman Sullivan's wishes for a Happy Mothers' Day to all moms and also stated that he was sorry that Mr. Beuttner did not stay for the remaining of the meeting to hear their response regarding Oak Ridge Park. He said that they are moving forward with the park, but the weather needs to cooperate in order for them to get the park in order for seeding and planting and they will need to act quickly.

Chairman Mirabella stated that he has attended a few park clean-ups and attended the Rahway Park Clean-up which is an extension of the Rahway River. He stated that he also attended the March of Dimes Walk with his family and joined Freeholder Estrada in the walk. He thanked Mary Krech for her help in organizing the food drive and thanked Carolyn Sullivan for organizing a successful March of Dimes walk.



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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 Scanlon absent.

The voucher list through April 15, 2009 will be available for public perusal in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.



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UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS' 2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

May 7

May 28 Double Meeting

June 11 Summer Session

July 9 Summer Session

August 6 Summer Session

September 3
September 17

October 1
October 15 Double Meeting

November 5

December 3 Double Meeting
December 17 Double Meeting

REGULAR MEETINGS

May 14 – Mobile Meeting
Clark Council Chambers
315 Westfield Avenue

May 28

June 25

July 30

August 20

September 10
September 24

October 8
October 15

November 12

December 3
December 17

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