

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 24, 2005

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

Also in attendance were County Manager George Devanney, County Counsel Robert Barry and Clerk of the Board Nicole L. Tedeschi.

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

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

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes. On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 10, 2005 – Regular Meeting and February 10, 2005 – Executive Meeting.

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The Chairman called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Scanlon, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

C O M M U N I C A T I O N S :

OATHS OF OFFICE: (Note & file)

The Chairman stated that the flowers on the dais were from the students of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools, who had planned to be in attendance this evening but due to the snowstorm that arrived during the afternoon did not come but sent the flowers and some Irish Soda bread to the Board. The Chairman also read a letter from Rahway Councilmen Jerome Scaturo and David Brown, thanking Freeholder Holmes for assisting in getting a flashing traffic safety signal near a school in Rahway. Freeholder Holmes accepted the Councilmen's thanks and thanked the Board for its support of the project.

The Chairman stated that there would be a further presentation later in the meeting, when some members of the Union County St. Patrick's Day committee had arrived.

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The first order of business was the Final Reading of Bond Ordinance No. 609-2005.

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 609-2005

BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 1 AND 4.E. OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 516-00) ENTITLED: "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$9,836,770 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS", ADOPTED OCTOBER 11, 2000.

 BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 516-00 entitled:

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$9,836,770 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS"

adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, New Jersey (the "County") on October 11, 2000 (the "Prior Ordinance") is hereby amended to add the acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery to the categories of purposes authorized to be undertaken, and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 1. The County of Union (the "County"), State of New Jersey is hereby authorized to make various public improvements and to acquire new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, in, by and for said County, as more particularly described in Section 4 hereof. The cost of the

improvements and acquisitions includes all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor."

Section 2. Section 4.E. of the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended to add the acquisition of a filing system for the use of the Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services, to the specific purposes authorized to be undertaken, and shall hereafter read as follows:

"[Section 4.]E. Project Seniors in Motion; Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services - (A) Acquisition of new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, consisting of ten vans for Project Seniors in Motion and (B) acquisition of a filing system for the use of the Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 400,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 20,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 380,000
Period of Usefulness	5 years."

Section 3. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and is available for public inspection.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

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**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE
PURPOSE OF COMMENTING ON
BOND ORDINANCE NO. 609-2005 ONLY**

There were no comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

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Chairman Proctor moved Bond Ordinance No. 609-2005 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise the same in accordance with the law. Seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

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The next order of business was the First Reading of Bond Ordinance No. 610-2005.

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 610-2005

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONS TO AND RENOVATION OF BAXEL AND WEST HALLS TO HOUSE THE NEW ALLIED HEALTH/MEDICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM FOR UNION COUNTY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$20,000,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

 WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Union County Vocational-Technical schools (the "Board of Education") has heretofore determined by resolution that it is necessary to sell bonds or notes in order to raise money for the construction of additions to and renovation of Baxel and West Halls to house the new Allied Health/Medical Science Program, including the acquisition of original furnishings and equipment therefor, and has delivered a statement of the estimated cost of such project and the amount of money presently needed for such project to the Board of School Estimate of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools (the "Board of School Estimate"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Estimate has heretofore determined by resolution that funds are necessary for the project specified in the statement of the Board of Education and has determined the sum of money presently needed for such project and the amount thereof to be raised by the County of Union by the issuance of bonds or notes and has

delivered a certificate to that effect together with the statement of the Board of Education to the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, New Jersey; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The County of Union (the "County"), State of New Jersey is hereby authorized to construct additions to and renovate Baxel and West Halls to house the new Allied Health/Medical Science Program, including the acquisition of original furnishings and equipment therefor, for Union County Vocational-Technical School (located in Scotch Plains) in, by and for the County. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor. It is hereby determined and stated that said public buildings being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Section 2. The sum of \$20,000,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized by this ordinance. No down payment is required pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:54-31. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefitted.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said purpose is not a current expense of said County, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of said County pursuant to the Local Bond Law, and (3) the total estimated cost of said purpose is \$20,000,000, and (4) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary

to be issued for said purpose is \$20,000,000, and (5) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$3,300,000 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purpose, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 4. To finance said purpose, bonds of said County of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$20,000,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 5. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of said County of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$20,000,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 6. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations

prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, by the County Manager and by the Director of Finance/County Treasurer and shall be under the seal of said County and attested by the Clerk or Deputy Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Director of Finance/County Treasurer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 7. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of fifteen years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of said County, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said County, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$20,000,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 9. Any funds received from the State of New Jersey or any of its agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purpose shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purposes shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 10. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and is available for public inspection.

Section 11. The County intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Section 1 of this bond ordinance. If the County incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the County expects to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 12. The full faith and credit of the County are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the County, and the County shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the County for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 13. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

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Chairman Proctor moved Bond Ordinance No. 610-2005 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise the same in accordance with the law. (Final Reading: 3/10/05) Seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

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The next order of business was the First Reading of Ordinance No. 611-2005.

ORDINANCE NO. 611-2005

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CODIFICATION OF THE LAWS, ORDINANCES, POLICIES AND RESOLUTION OF UNION COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; PROVIDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SAID CODE; AND SAVING FROM REPEAL CERTAIN LEGISLATION NOT INCLUDED THEREIN” ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION ON AUGUST 19, 1993.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE “ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF UNION COUNTY”, ABOLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS & FACILITIES AND REDISTRIBUTING ITS FUNCTIONS AMONG VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

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Freeholder Scanlon moved Ordinance No. 611-2005 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise the same in accordance with the law. (Final Reading: 3/10/05)
Seconded by Freeholder Ward, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

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

There were no comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

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Chairman Proctor called for a motion to move Resolutions 258-2005 through 316-2005. On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE BEING OFFERED FOR ADOPTION:

258-2005 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, endorsing the **CY 2005-2007 Union County Comprehensive Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Alliance Plan. {Funding: n/a}**

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

259-2005 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with **Bernice Manshel, BLM Consulting, West Orange, New Jersey**, to provide consultation and training support services to the Division of Youth Services/Youth Services Commission (YSC) for the contract period of March 14, 2005 – June 17, 2005, in an amount not to exceed **\$9,000**.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

260-2005 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with **Anthony DiFabio, Psy.D, Fanwood, New Jersey**, to provide case review, consultation and training support services to staff within the Division of Youth Services to improve delivery of crisis intervention, monitoring and case management functions for the contract period of March 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005, in an amount not to exceed **\$18,500**.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

261-2005 **FREEHOLDER HOLMES**, appointing **Diane E. Kelly, Elizabeth, New Jersey, Phyllis Monguso, Union, New Jersey, and Celia Ringer, Roselle, New Jersey**, to the Union County Division on Aging Advisory Board commencing January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2007.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

262-2005 **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager, through the Division of Cultural & Heritage Affairs to apply for and execute all applications and agreements relating to a grant in the Special Projects Support category from the **New Jersey State Council on the Arts** in the amount of **\$14,000**, with a required hard cash match of **\$6,750**, from the County of Union and the balance of the required match from **\$7,000** in registration fees from 150 attendees and corporate donations in the amount of **\$2,000** for a total program cost of **\$29,750** for the purpose of providing a conference called “Visual Arts and the Mind.”

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

263-2005 **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager, through the Division of Cultural & Heritage Affairs to execute any and all applications and agreements for Arts Grants to local organizations which are funded through the Union County Arts Grant Program which is fully funded by a state grant from the **New Jersey State Council on the Arts** in an amount of **\$112,395**.

Afternoon Music Inc, Summit, NJ, \$1,700
Bridgeway, Elizabeth, NJ, \$3,700
Calvary Chorale, Summit, NJ, \$1,200
Celebration Singers, Cranford, NJ, \$2,550
Central Jersey Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Plainfield, NJ, \$2,000
Children’s Specialized Hospital, Fanwood, NJ, \$2,300
Chinese American Cultural Assoc. (CAME), Westfield, NJ, \$1,700
Choral Art Society of NJ, Rahway, NJ, \$2,400
City of Plainfield Senior Citizens Center, Plainfield, NJ, \$2,900
Classical New Jersey, Plainfield, NJ, \$2,300
Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, NJ, \$2,500
Community Players, Westfield, NJ, \$3,450
Concord Singers, Summit, NJ, \$2,400
Connection for Women & Families, Summit, NJ, \$1,800
Cranford Housing Board, Cranford, NJ, \$1,300
Cranford Public Schools/NJIO, Cranford, NJ, \$3,470
Crescent Concerts, Plainfield, NJ, \$3,000
Elizabeth Public Library, Elizabeth, NJ, \$3,600
Elizabethport Presbyterian Center, Elizabeth, NJ, \$2,650
First Congregational Church of Westfield, Westfield, NJ, \$1,900
Friends of Jazz, Plainfield, NJ, \$3,000
Friends of Springfield Library, Springfield, NJ, \$1,800
Garden State Cultural Association, Fanwood, NJ, \$1,800
Holy Trinity Interparochial School, Westfield, NJ, \$1,800
Housing Authority of Elizabeth, Elizabeth, NJ, \$3,000

Kenilworth Public Library, Kenilworth, NJ, \$800
Linden Public Library, Linden, NJ, \$1,700
New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, Westfield, NJ, \$2,700
New Providence Memorial Library, New Providence, NJ, \$800
Plainfield Public Library, Plainfield, NJ, \$2,800
Plainfield Symphony Orchestra, Plainfield, NJ, \$4,000
Rahway Valley Jerseyaires, Cranford, NJ, \$2,600
Raritan Valley Chapter, The Links, Springfield, NJ, \$1,800
Restore Ministries, Union, NJ, \$3,000
Roselle Public Library, Roselle, NJ, \$1,500
Springfield Library, Donald Palmer Museum, Springfield, NJ, \$1,600
Suburban Community Music Center, Murray Hill, NJ, \$2,750
Summit Chorale, Summit, NJ, \$3,200
Summit Housing Authority, Summit, NJ, \$1,825
Summit Symphony Orchestra, Summit, NJ, \$1,400
Temple Emanu-El of Westfield/I Have a Dream of Plainfield, Union, NJ, \$3,000
Union County Education Services Comm., Westfield, NJ, \$3,300
United Church of Christ Congregational, Plainfield, NJ, \$1,650
United Way of Greater Union County, Elizabeth, NJ, \$3,300
Urban League of Union County, Elizabeth, NJ, \$1,500
Women's Resource Center, Summit, NJ, \$2,150
YM-YWHA of Union County, Union, NJ, \$2,350
YWCA of Eastern Union County, Elizabeth, NJ, \$2,450

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

264-2005 **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, amending **Resolution No. 1037-2004**, to increase the hourly rate from **\$45 to \$50**, to provide for reimbursement for two Senior Associate Attending Physicians who provide medical management services for Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005, in an additional amount not to exceed **\$15,000**, for an amended contract amount of **\$300,000**.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

265-2005 **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, amending **Resolution No. 128-2005**, to the contract with **Direct Supply, Milwaukee, WI**, in order to purchase “Nursing Assistant Videos” for training purposes for the contract period of January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005, in an additional amount of **\$5,700**, for a new contract amount not to exceed **\$66,700**.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

266-2005 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, authorizing the County Manager, through the Division of Information Technologies to enter into an agreement with **Photo Science, Exton, Pennsylvania**, to provide high resolution color digital ortho-photography of eighteen municipalities in Union County for the contract period of February 1, 2005 – January 31, 2006, in the amount of **\$95,760**.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

267-2005 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, authorizing the County Manager, through the Division of Planning and Community Development to enter into an agreement with **Development Directions, LLC, Rahway, New Jersey**, to administer the Senior Home Improvement Program (Freeholder Chairman Initiative for 2005) for the contract period of March 1, 2005 – February 28, 2008, in an amount not to exceed **\$500,000**.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

268-2005 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, amending **Resolution No. 2158-2003**, changing the administrative fee percentage to a flat fee of **\$21,500** per month for **Development Directions, LLC**, for the administration of the Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program for the remainder of the agreement period of March 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

269-2005 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, an amendment to **2005 Temporary Budget**, pursuant to the provisions of **CH. 96, P.L. 1951. (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20)**

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

270-2005 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, amending the **2005 Temporary Capital Budget**.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

271-2005 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, an amendment to the 2005 Temporary Budget in the amount of **\$94,420**, as a result of notification received from the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice for a grant entitled: **“Project Safe Neighborhood Grant Program.”**

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

272-2005 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, an amendment to the 2005 Temporary Budget in the amount of **\$29,225**, as a result of notification received from the NJ Police Training Commission for a program entitled: **“Law Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment Fund.”**

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

273-2005 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, an amendment to the 2005 Temporary Budget in the amount of **\$12,651**, as a result of notification received from the New Jersey Division of Aging and Community Services for a program entitled: **“Respite Care Services.”**

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

274-2005 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN, an amendment to the 2005 Temporary Budget in the amount of **\$245,000**, as a result of notification received from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for a program entitled: **“County Environmental Health Act (CEHA).”**

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

275-2005 CHAIRMAN PROCTOR, authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contracts obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with **Local Public Contracts Law 40A:11-1 et seq.**

- a. **Division of Parks & Recreation, Mitchell Products, LLC, Millville, New Jersey, to provide Top Dressing Material in an amount not to exceed \$52,500 for a period of 24 months.**
- b. **Division of Social Services, Amaker & Porterfield, Plainfield, New Jersey, to provide door to door non-emergency medical transportation service, in an amount not to exceed \$995,000, for the period of twelve (12) consecutive months with the provision for one (1) 24-month extension.**
- c. **Department of Parks & Recreation, De Angelo Brothers Inc., Hazelton, PA, to provide Lake Management, in an amount not to exceed \$24,750.**
- d. **Division of Emergency Management, Radiac Research Corporation, Brooklyn, New York, to provide Household Hazardous Waste Collection, optional 1 year extension, in an amount not to exceed \$132,525.**

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

276-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to **renew** the following **Policies** as recommended by the **Citizens Insurance Review Committee (CIRC)** dated February 9, 2005:

- ?? **Contractor's Equipment Policy – Inland Marine with The Hartford Insurance Company, Rockaway, New Jersey, for the contract period of March 1, 2005 – March 1, 2006, in an amount not to exceed \$61,008. (No increase)**
- ?? **Blanket Property Policy Schedule with The Hartford Insurance Company, Rockaway, New Jersey, for the contract period of March 1, 2005 – March 1, 2006, in an amount not to exceed \$344,128. (\$26,561 increase due to additional new locations added to the policy) (The County filed a claim against this policy and we were awarded over \$330,000 for water damage).**
- ?? **Public Official's Bond for George Devanney, County Manager with The Hartford Bond Division, Hartford, Connecticut, for the contract period of March 16, 2005 – March 16, 2006, in an amount not to exceed \$200. (No increase)**
- ?? **Special Glass coverage through U.S. Plate Glass Insurance Company MassPlate, Garden City, New York, for the contract period of March 1, 2005 – March 1, 2006, in an amount not to exceed \$739. (No increase)**
- ?? **Hospital Director's and Officers Liability Employment Practices for Runnells Specialized Hospital with Chubb Specialty Group, Simsbury, Connecticut, for the contract period of March 1, 2005 – March 1, 2006, in an amount not to exceed \$22,769.78. (No increase)**
- ?? **Hospital Health Care Facility Professional Liability, Health Care Provider's Professional Liability and Comprehensive General Liability for Runnells Specialized Hospital with Princeton Insurance Company, Princeton, New Jersey, for the contract period of March 1, 2005 – March 1, 2006, in an amount not to exceed \$290,391.16. (Increase of \$39,660.16)**
- ?? **Umbrella Insurance Policy for Runnells Specialized Hospital with Princeton Insurance Company, Princeton, New Jersey, for the contract period of March 1, 2005 – March 1, 2006, in an amount not to exceed \$175,126.93. (Increase of \$24,131.93)**
- ?? **Property Policy Boiler & Machinery & Crime for Runnells Specialized Hospital with Chubb Insurance, Florham Park, New**

Jersey, for the contract period of March 1, 2005 – March 1, 2006, in an amount not to exceed \$59,030. (\$2,144 Increase – Runnells Hospital has a separate building that is up for Public Sale later this month. Once this building is sold it will be deleted from this policy and the premium will be lower than last year's premium)

- ?? Third Party Claims Management of the Self-Insured Liability for the County including Public Officials Liability claims as well as Employment Related claims with Dietz & Hammer Alternative Risk Solutions, Newton, New Jersey, for the contract period of March 1, 2005 – March 31, 2006, in an amount not to exceed \$91,000. (\$34,000 Increase - New company will perform a much higher quality of work than our previous company)**
- ?? Commercial Auto Fleet Policy with the PMA Insurance Group, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, for the contract period of March 1, 2005 – March 31, 2006, in an amount not to exceed \$874,664. (No Increase – We insure 627 vehicles)**
- ?? Claims Management Services for Worker's Compensation and First Party Auto Property Damage Subrogation claims (T.P.A. Services) with PMA Insurance Group, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, for the contract period of March 1, 2005 – March 1, 2006, in amount not to exceed \$259,500. (No Increase)**
- ?? Excess Worker's Compensation Policy including Terrorism with PMA Insurance Group, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, for the contract period of March 1, 2005 – March 1, 2006, in an amount not to exceed \$460,356. (The rate is the same but the premium has increased because it's based on this years payroll)**
- ?? Special Liability Policy with AIG Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania c/o Continental Marmorstein & Malone, Paramus, New Jersey, for the contract period of March 1, 2005 – March 1, 2006, in an amount not to exceed \$83,022, this premium is for a 60 day extension only. (No Increase)**

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

277-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, approving **Change Order No. 2, (final)** to the contract with **3M Company of St. Paul, MN**, for additional material supplies for the Bureau of Traffic Maintenance in the amount of **\$881.61**, for a new contract amount of **\$31,381.61**.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

278-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, granting permission to the **City of Linden**, to hang a banner across North Wood Avenue and Elizabeth Avenue, Linden, New Jersey, from June 13, 2005 through June 27, 2005 to advertise the Divas Women's Softball Tournament to be held on June 24, 25, 26, 2005.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

279-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, concurring with the **City of Linden**, granting permission to Union County Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee to hang a banner across North Wood Avenue and Elizabeth Avenue, Linden, New Jersey, from February 27, 2005 through March 14, 2005 to advertise the Union County Saint Patrick's Day Parade to be held on Saturday, March 12, 2005 in the Township of Union, New Jersey.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

280-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing **Amendment No. 1, (final)** to the contract with **Dewberry Goodkind, Inc., Bloomfield, New Jersey**, for construction administration services for the replacement of South Street Bridge over the Salt Brook in New Providence, New Jersey, **reducing** the contract amount by **\$12,654.97**, for an amended contract of **\$165,395.68**.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

281-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing **Amendment No. 1, (final)** to the contract with **Schoor DePalma, Manalapan, New Jersey**, for design services for intersection upgrade for four (4) intersections in Roselle, New Jersey, **reducing** the contract amount by **\$32,500.45**, for an amended contract amount of **\$148,081.55**.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

282-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing **Amendment No. 1, (final)** to the contract with **Louis Berger Group, Inc., East Orange, New Jersey**, for construction administration and inspection services for the construction of four (4) intersection upgrades on Kenilworth Boulevard and Salem Road at 5 Points, Union, New Jersey, **reducing** the contract amount by **\$12,444.67**, for an amended contract amount of **\$54,744.33**.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

283-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing an assignment of all current Professional Service Contracts between the County of Union and **JCA Associates, Clark, New Jersey**, to **T&M Associates, Middletown, New Jersey**. **{No additional funds are required with this request}**

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

284-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, designating the **Union County Department of Engineering & Public Works, Division of Engineering**, as the Lead Planning Agency for the Robinson's Branch of the Rahway River Regional Stormwater Management and Planning Project.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

285-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing **Amendment No. 1, (final)** to the contract with **Louis Berger Group, Inc., East Orange, New Jersey**, for construction administration and inspection services for Traffic Signal Improvements at the intersections of South Avenue with Union Avenue, High Street, Walnut Avenue, and Centennial Avenue in the Township of Cranford, **reducing** the contract amount by **\$19,471.17**, for an amended contract amount of **\$38,084.83**.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

286-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, granting permission to the **Union County Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee** to hang banners as follows: **Township of Clark**, one banner across Central Avenue in front of 152 Central Avenue, Clark, New Jersey; **Township of Cranford**, two banners across Centennial Avenue, Northbound and Southbound between North Avenue and South Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey; **City of Linden**, two banners across Wood Avenue, Eastbound and Westbound at Elizabeth Avenue, Linden, New Jersey; **City of Rahway**, one banner across West Milton Avenue on the Westbound side of the Train Station, Rahway, New Jersey; **Borough of Roselle Park**, one banner across Chestnut Street, Northbound between East Lincoln Avenue and West Lincoln Avenue, Roselle Park, New Jersey; **Township of Union**, one banner across Galloping Hill Road, Westbound between Trent Place and Lehigh Avenue, Union, New Jersey; **Town of Westfield**, two banners across Central Avenue, Northbound and Southbound between North Avenue and South Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey, from February 27, 2005 through March 14, 2005 to advertise the 9th Annual Union County Saint Patrick's Day Parade to be held on Saturday, March 12, 2005 in the Township of Union.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

287-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, appointing **David A. Cohen, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey**, to serve on the Union County Vocational Technical School Board of Education commencing January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2009.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

288-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to award the “Exception to Bidding” contract under **N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(i)** which allows for specialized equipment repairs.

- a. **Division of Motor Vehicles, Hoffmen International, Piscataway, New Jersey, to provide repair of Fiat Hatchi Loader, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.**

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

289-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to renew an agreement with **Simplex Grinnell, Rockaway, New Jersey**, for the fire alarm maintenance and repair services for Oriscello Correctional Facility for the contract period of April 10, 2005 – April 9, 2006, in an amount not to exceed **\$61,205**.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

290-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, amending **Resolution No. 147-2005**, for the purpose of changing the chargeable account number for a professional service contract with **PMK Group, Cranford, New Jersey**, to provide professional engineering and consulting services to assist Union County in the preparation of a Request for Bid for the supply and delivery of natural gas to the City Gate and various Union County locations, as well as the Union County Co-Operative Pricing System Member Facilities for the contract period of January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005, in an amount not to exceed **\$12,500**.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

291-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** with the **Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Partners**.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

292-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the **New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice, Police Training Commission**, in the amount of **\$29,225**, to be used for training and equipment for the Basic Recruit and In-Service Training Programs at the John H. Stamler Police Academy. **{There is no County Match Required}**

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

293-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Dr. Stephen Parker, Roselle Park, New Jersey**, to provide physical examinations for Sheriff's Officer candidates for the contract period of January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005, in an amount not to exceed **\$5,000**.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

294-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Lawrence Tosi, Esq., of Warren & Tosi, Little Falls, New Jersey**, as special counsel to represent the County of Union in the matter entitled **Alyssa D. Scala v. County of Union, et als**, in an amount not to exceed **\$5,000**.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

295-20055 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Nia Gill, Esq., of Gill and Cohen, Montclair, New Jersey**, as special counsel to represent Rick Proctor in the matter entitled **Alyssa D. Scala v. County of Union, et als**, in an amount not to exceed **\$5,000**.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

296-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Kathy Hatfield, Esq., of Schenck, Price, Smith & King, Morristown, New Jersey**, as special counsel to represent Denise Santiago in the matter entitled **Alyssa D. Scala v. County of Union, et als**, in an amount not to exceed **\$5,000**.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

297-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, approving the settlement of pending litigation entitled **David Sica, v. UC, et als**, in the amount of **\$75,000** as recommended by the Department Law, Office of the County Counsel.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

298-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Lawrence Tosi, Esq., of Warren & Tosi, Little Falls, New Jersey**, as special counsel to represent Frank Guzzo in the matter entitled **Estate of Edward Sinclair, Jr. v. County of Union, et als**, in an amount not to exceed **\$5,000**.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

299-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Robert Renaud, Esq., of Palumbo & Renaud, Cranford, New Jersey**, as special counsel to represent Darryl Hatchett in the matter entitled **Estate of Edward Sinclair, Jr. v. County of Union, et als**, in an amount not to exceed **\$5,000**.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

300-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Elnardo Webster, Jr., Esq., of Booker, Rabinowitz, Trenk, Lubetkin, Tully, DiPasquale & Webster, West Orange, New Jersey**, as special counsel to represent Carl Cunningham in the matter entitled **Estate of Edward Sinclair, Jr. v. County of Union, et als**, in an amount not to exceed **\$5,000**.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

301-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Bruce Bergen, Esq., of Krevsky, Silber, Brown & Bergen, Cranford, New Jersey**, as special counsel to represent Michael Lapolla in the matter entitled **Estate of Edward Sinclair, Jr. v. County of Union, et als**, in an amount not to exceed **\$5,000**.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

302-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Edward Kologi, Esq., Linden, New Jersey**, as special counsel to represent George Devanney in the matter entitled **Estate of Edward Sinclair, Jr. v. County of Union, et als**, in an amount not to exceed **\$5,000**.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

303-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a an Interlocal Services agreement with the **Union County Improvement Authority** relating to the acquisition of and additional services in connection with an office building for the Office of the Prosecutor.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

304-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Alexander Booth, Esq., of Brownstein, Booth & Associates, Union City, New Jersey**, as special counsel to represent the County of Union, the County of Union Juvenile Detention Center a/k/a the George Herlich Detention Center and the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders in the matter entitled **Estate of Edward Sinclair, Jr. v. County of Union, et als**, in an amount not to exceed **\$5,000**.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

305-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, approving the settlement of pending litigation entitled **Laurie Weresow v. UC, et als**, in the amount of **\$390,000** as recommended by the Department of Law, Office of the County Counsel.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE LAUDATORY IN CONTENT:

306-2005 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, congratulating the Union County members of the Art Educators of New Jersey as they celebrate **Youth Art Month in March 2005**.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

307-2005 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, congratulating **Evangeline Bordamonte**, upon the occasion of retirement after 31 years of dedicated service from the **State of New Jersey, Division of Youth and Family Services, Elizabeth District Office**.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

308-2005 **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, recognizing the outstanding job done by **Thomas Skernich, Robert Smith (masons), Peter Ortuso (welder), Department of Operations & Facilities, Division of Building Services**, on recovering the Union County Courthouse time capsule.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

309-2005 **FREEHOLDERS KOWALSKI, ESTRADA AND SULLIVAN**, commending and congratulating **Paul Miller**, on his induction into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

310-2005 **FREEHOLDER SCANLON**, congratulating **Peg Cullen**, the 2005 Grand Marshall of the 9th Annual Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

311-2005 **FREEHOLDER SCANLON AND THE ENTIRE BOARD**, congratulating the dedicated members of the **2005 St. Patrick's Day Committee** and acknowledging all their efforts for coordinating the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

312-2005 **VICE CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, extending deepest condolences to the family of **Alfonso L. Pisano, Roselle Park, New Jersey**, in this, their time of sorrow.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

313-2005 **VICE CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, extending deepest condolences to the family of **Arthur C. Stender, Springfield, New Jersey**, in this, their time of sorrow.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

314-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, proclaiming the week of March 4 – 20, 2005 as **Living Well Week** in Union County.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

315-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, congratulating **Vice Chairman Mirabella** upon being chosen by Prevention Links to receive the **Alan Augustine Prevention Award** on April 18, 2005.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

316-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR, AND FREEHOLDER SCANLON**, congratulating **Assemblyman Joseph Cryan** upon being chosen by the Center for Hope to receive the **Coloney-Hudson Award**.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

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

There were no comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

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The Chairman called for a motion to suspend the rules. On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Scanlon, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

Chairman Proctor called for a motion to move the Resolution from the floor. On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan absent.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS FROM THE FLOOR:

317-2005 CHAIRMAN PROCTOR AND THE ENTIRE BOARD, extending deepest condolences to the family of **Joseph Suliga, Linden**, in this, their time of sorrow.

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The Chairman called upon Freeholder Scanlon who called up the members of the Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. The Committee entered the meeting preceded by bagpiper Matty Glackin, former Grand Marshall of the Parade of 2004.

Freeholder Scanlon presented copies of Resolution 311-2005 to Frank McGovern, General Chairman 2005; Joseph Dugett, Adjutant; David Thornton, Sgt. At Arms; Stephen Gallagher, General Chairman 2003; Deborah Capasso, Corresponding Secretary; Gene Sully, Trustee; Marylou Lenihan, Trustee, and Patrick Scanlon, Treasurer. Frank McGovern made remarks thanking the Board for the recognition. The group then exited the meeting accompanied by the bagpipes.

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

Michael Compagna, Esq., representing Elizabeth Yellow Cab, commented on the issue of a bid opening and bidding process that had been held on January 19, 2005. He asked that the Board allow the contract for medical transportation services to be re-bid. He presented the Board with a petition from community members in support of his position.

Tony Canty, Linden, commented on the medical transportation contract and on problems he has had getting transportation to medical appointments.

Maria Vigiera, Elizabeth, commented on the medical transportation contract and on problems she has had taking her children to medical appointments.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

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REPORTS: STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Freeholder Ward made remarks offering her condolences to the family of former Freeholder and Senator Joseph Suliga, who was killed in a tragic accident last weekend. Freeholder Ward outlined former Senator Suliga's long career of public service as a member of the Linden Board of Education, 7th Ward Councilman, Union County Freeholder, State Assemblyman, State Senator and Chief Financial Officer of Linden. She spoke of his warmth and friendship and stated that she would miss him.

Freeholder Sullivan entered the meeting at this point and apologized for being late due to the bad weather this evening.

Freeholder Scanlon echoed the remarks made by Freeholder Ward regarding Joseph Suliga. She also reported that the Policy committee would have a couple of items for the next Agenda session, and she reminded everyone of the Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on March 12, 2005 starting at Union Center, Union, NJ.

Vice Chairman Mirabella concurred with the remarks made by Freeholder Ward regarding Joseph Suliga. He stated that former Senator Suliga's death was a great loss for Union County and for the state and offered his condolences to the family.

Freeholder Estrada also echoed Freeholder Ward's remarks on Joseph Suliga and offered his condolences.

Freeholder Holmes also concurred with Freeholder Ward's remarks and offered his condolences. He reported that a week ago he and Freeholder Kowalski received a donation from the 5th grade class of the Franklin School in Rahway toward the Union County Tsunami Relief Fund. The donation was for \$2500.

Freeholder Kowalski added her condolences to the Suliga family, and also commented on accepting the donation with Freeholder Holmes from the class at Franklin School. She stated that the kids understood the goal of raising money and worked hard to raise the funds. She stated that she had also accepted a donation of \$1300 from the ARC of Union County for Tsunami relief. She also commented on Black History Month, stating that Chairman Proctor made an excellent speech at a Black History Month event recently, in which he spoke of the importance of being aware of the history of all our communities.

The County Manager added his condolences to the Suliga family, and made remarks on the former Senator's career and on their long friendship. He stated that he had spoken to Mr. Suliga just hours before his untimely death and that in that phone call Mr. Suliga had once again made him smile. The County Manager stated he was glad to have had Mr. Suliga as his friend.

The County Counsel added his condolences to the Suliga family.

Chairman Proctor expressed his condolences to the Suliga family and remarked that many people had encountered Mr. Suliga's kindness and warmth in his many years of public service, and that Mr. Suliga always made him smile whenever they met. The Chairman stated that Mr. Suliga had helped many people throughout the County and State and had never asked for anything for himself. He stated that the former Senator would certainly be missed.

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

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The voucher list through **February 17, 2005** will be available for public perusal in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

The next **Regular Meeting** of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will be held on **March 10, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Freeholders Meeting Room, Administration Building, 6th Floor, Elizabeth.

ADJOURNMENT

Nicole L. Tedeschi
Clerk of the Board

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