

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 10, 2005

Chairman Rick Proctor presided. Roll call showed Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Chester Holmes, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Adrian O. Mapp, Freeholder Deborah P. Scanlon, Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan, and Freeholder Nancy Ward in attendance. Also present were Deputy County Manager M. Elizabeth Genievich, County Counsel Robert Barry and Clerk of the Board Nicole L. Tedeschi.

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

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

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes. On a motion by Freeholder Holmes, seconded by Freeholder Scanlon, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on the Executive Session minutes of February 17, 2005 and eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative on the minutes of February 24, 2005 with Freeholder Mapp abstaining.

APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES: February 17, 2005 – Executive Meeting and February 24, 2005 – Regular Meeting.

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Chairman Proctor called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion by Freeholder Estrada, seconded by Vice Chairman Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

COMMUNICATIONS:

OATHS OF OFFICE: (Note & file)

The Chairman stated there would be several presentations at this time. The Chairman called upon Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, Superintendent of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools to receive a Resolution proclaiming National Career and Technical Education Week, February 13-19,2005. Dr. Bistocchi introduced several students who were in attendance with him from the school: Melody Hidalgo, Courtney Ervin, Timothy Rial, Christina Rivera, Kenneth Schreihofner, Nora Ali, and Raymond Reavis. He also introduced three of the school's administrators and Peter Capodice of the Vocational-Technical Schools Board of Education. The Chairman thanked Dr. Bistocchi and commended him and his staff for the fine job that they are doing with the students.

The Chairman then called upon Freeholder Estrada to present a resolution to David Morrison, who is retiring after forty years from ATC Vancom as a driver for the Paratransit system. Mr. Morrison and his wife came forward and Mr. Morrison made remarks thanking the Board, and complimenting the other workers in the Paratransit system.

The Chairman then called on Freeholder Kowalski to present resolutions to the Volunteer Guild of Runnells Specialized Hospital for their outstanding services. Hospital Director Joseph Sharp and Assemblywoman Linda Stender, who is also the Volunteer Coordinator at the hospital, also took part in the presentation and the Assemblywoman complimented the dedication of the staff and of the volunteers. The Volunteer Guild members in attendance were: Leonard Forgione, President, Rosaleen Appenzoller, Secretary, Barbara McMahon, Treasurer, Joan Confort, Pasquale DeFabio, Herbert Appenzoller, and James Picozzi. Mr. Forgione made remarks thanking the Board and thanking Assemblywoman Stender.

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The first order of business was the Final 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.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE
PURPOSE OF COMMENTING ON
BOND ORDINANCE NO. 610-2005 ONLY**

There were no comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

Chairman Proctor moved Bond Ordinance No. 610-2005 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise the same in accordance with the law. Seconded by Vice Chairman Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

The next order of business was the Final 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.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE
PURPOSE OF COMMENTING ON
ORDINANCE NO. 611-2005 ONLY**

Vincent Lehotsky, Rahway, commented on the ordinance and on the redistribution of the parts of the department to other departments. He asked to which department the different segments of Operations and Facilities would be transferred. The County Manager responded to his question and detailed the distribution of departments.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

Freeholder Scanlon moved Ordinance No. 611-2005 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise the same in accordance with the law. Seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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

Vincent Lehotsky, Rahway, commented on Resolution 333-2005.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

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The Chairman called for a motion to move Resolutions 318-2005 - 356-2005. On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE BEING OFFERED FOR ADOPTION:

318-2005 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, re-appointing **Thomas Klem, Elizabeth, New Jersey and Michael Rojek, Clark, New Jersey**, to the Union County Advisory Board on the Disabled for a term commencing January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2007.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

319-2005 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, urging President Bush to rescind his cuts and preserve full funding of the “**Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act**” and its successor acts in the interest of the students who are served through career and technical education and the economy of the United States.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

320-2005 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, appointing **Alfredo Gonzalez, Linden, New Jersey**, to the Union County Advisory Board on the Disabled for a term commencing January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2007.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

321-2005 **FREEHOLDER HOLMES**, appointing **Joseph Costello, Union, New Jersey and Ronald Manzella, Union, New Jersey**, to the Union County Solid Waste Advisory Council for a term commencing January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

322-2005 **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, approving the dissolving of an **outstanding patient balance** owed to Runnells Specialized Hospital in an amount of **\$2,415**, as it is uncollectible.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

323-2005 **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, approving the dissolving of an **outstanding patient balance** owed to Runnells Specialized Hospital in an amount of **\$3,065.56**, as it is uncollectible.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

324-2005 **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Grainger Industrial Supply, (thru NJHA pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:9-87 & 88) Lake Forest, Illinois**, to provide a comprehensive maintenance, repair and operations product procurement and inventory management system for Runnells Specialized Hospital, for the contract period of March 1, 2005 – February 28, 2006, in an amount not to exceed **\$31,700**.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

325-2005 **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Sammons Preston Rehabilitation Products, Bolingbrook, Illinois**, to purchase two (2) Kinetec spectra knee continuous passive motion machines for Runnells Specialized Hospital @ **\$2,350 each** for a total contract amount not to exceed **\$4,700**.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

326-2005 **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Garrubbo, & Capece, Esqs., Westfield, New Jersey**, to provide legal services for assistance with various legal matters at Runnells Specialized Hospital and appeals with the New Jersey Department of Health for the contract period of January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005, in an amount not to exceed **\$50,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

327-2005 **FREEHOLDER SCANLON**, adopting the **Union County “Workspace Policy.”**

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

328-2005 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, authorizing the County Manager, through the Division of Planning & Community Development to adopt the **Union County Cross Acceptance Report** as required by the Cross Acceptance Manual prepared by the New Jersey State Planning Commission as identified in the **State Planning Rules N.J.A.C. 5:85**.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

329-2005 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, authorizing the County Manager, through the Department of Economic Development to enter into an agreement with **Union County Economic Development Corporation, Union, New Jersey**, to provide procurement training/technical assistance to private businesses within Union County and associated general economic development services to the County for the contract period of January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005, in an amount not to exceed **\$80,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

330-2005 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, authorizing the County Manager, through the Department of Economic Development to enter into an agreement with the **Union County Economic Development Corporation, Union, New Jersey**, to provide general economic development services within Union County for the contract period of January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005, in an amount not to exceed **\$80,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 331-2005** **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, an amendment to the **2005 Temporary Budget** pursuant to the provisions of **CH.96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20)**.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 332-2005** **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, amending the **2005 Temporary Debt Service Budget**.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 333-2005** **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, opposing the Bush's Fiscal Year 2006 budget which will propose the total elimination of the **Community Development Block Grant** within the **Department of Housing and Urban Development**, and propose a much smaller program within the **Department of Commerce** that will focus mainly on economic development.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 334-2005** **FREEHOLDER WARD**, appointing **Jerome Feder, Westfield, New Jersey and Rosemary Millet, Westfield, New Jersey**, to the Union County Air Traffic Noise Advisory Board for a term commencing January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 335-2005** **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, amending **Resolution No. 714-2004**, deleting the award of contract to **Professional Servicewear, Inc., Hightstown, New Jersey (BA. #67-2004)** in an amount of **\$3,764.91**.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

336-2005 **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. Office of the Sheriff, Division of Security, **Katzins Uniforms Inc., Newark, New Jersey**, to purchase uniforms for the Union County Sheriff's Office, Division of Security for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months, in an amount not to exceed **\$55,000.**

- b. Department of Parks & Recreation, **AAbar, Inc., East Orange, New Jersey**, to furnish and deliver infield clay material for ball fields at various locations within Union County for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months in an amount not to exceed **\$53,475.**

- c. Division of Public Works, **MID Atlantic Truck Centre, Linden, New Jersey**, to provide one (1) Utility Body Welding Truck in an amount not to exceed **\$84,670.**

- d. Department of Parks & Recreation, Division of Golf Operations, **Reed & Perrine Sales, Inc., Lot #1 & #3, Tennent, New Jersey**, to obtain, furnish and deliver various types of fertilizer to the County of Union for usage at the County Golf Courses for a total amount of **\$7,034.**

 Department of Parks & Recreation, Division of Golf Operations, **Fertl-Soil Turf Supply, Inc., Lot #2, #5, #7 & #10, Scotch Plains, New Jersey**, to obtain, furnish and deliver various types of fertilizer to the County of Union for usage at the County Golf Courses for a total amount of **\$38,384.**

 Department of Parks & Recreation, Division of Golf Operations, **LESCO, Lot #4 & #6, Cleveland, Ohio**, to obtain, furnish and deliver various types of fertilizer to the County of Union for usage at the County Golf Courses for a total amount of **\$21,370.**

- e. Division of Building Services, **Pennetta & Sons, Inc., Jersey City, New Jersey**, to perform installation, repair and maintenance of the electronic and electro-mechanical systems within the properties owned or leased by the County in an amount not to exceed **\$125,000.**

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

337-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, allowing for an exception to public bidding as allowed by **N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a**, state contract purchases.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

338-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, amending **Resolution No. 1236-2004**, for the purpose of increasing the ADT Security Services, Inc., charges from **\$3,800 to \$4,199.04** which is included in the lease agreement for the premises known as **St. John's Parsonage, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, for the use by the **Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs**, for a total contract amount not to exceed **\$22,199.04**.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

339-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **General Physics Corporation, Tampa, Florida**, for Union County TOPOFF Biological Response Tabletop Exercise to be conducted on Monday, March 21, 2005, in an amount of **\$23,850**.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

340-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Samco/Time Recorders, Bogota, New Jersey**, to provide maintenance and update service for the Time and Attendance software and hardware equipment in the Union County Jail for the contract period of January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005, in an amount not to exceed **\$30,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

341-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an **Interlocal Health Services Partnership Agreement** with each of the 21 municipalities within the County of Union.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

342-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the **County Clerk** to pay any and all such bills as they become due and owing for the payment of all expenditures related to conducting and preparing an election and to add **GSV Productions**, to record sample election ballots; and **InTab, Inc.**, to make heavy duty plastic seal for provisional ballot bags for the contract period of January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005, in an amount not to exceed **\$550,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

343-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, applying for and accepting continuation funding from the **New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice, Statewide Community Justice Grant Program**, to assist in the reduction of crime and enhancement of the quality of life in Plainfield through partnerships with the community, law enforcement, government and service agencies for the contract period of April 1, 2005 – March 31, 2006, in an amount of **\$71,428**, with a County Match requirement of **\$23,809**, for a total contract amount of **\$95,237**.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

344-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, ratifying a contract between the Union County Sheriff's Office and **T&M Associates, Red Bank, New Jersey**, to provide cost analysis for the Sheriff's Firing Training Facility in an amount of **\$9,900**.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE LAUDATORY IN CONTENT:

345-2005 **FREEHOLDER HOLMES**, acknowledging the work of the **National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, (NAACP) Roselle Branch**, and also congratulating and commending the following recipients for their dedicated services to the community at their Annual Freedom Fund Banquet on March 11, 2005:

- ?? **Akira Ali, Achievement Award**
- ?? **Reverend Milton A. Byrd, Community Service Award**
- ?? **Reverend Leon E. Randall, Community Service Award**
- ?? **Oasis for Children, Inc., Humanitarian Award**
- ?? **Concerned "R" We, Inc., Unsung Hero Award**
- ?? **Julie Pinho, Unsung Heroine Award**

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 346-2005** **FREEHOLDERS SCANLON, KOWALSKI AND WARD**, congratulating **Samantha Rozycki, Union, New Jersey**, on her recognition by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women and her selection for the “2005 Women of Excellence Award” in the category of Community Service in the field of Youth Advocacy.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 347-2005** **FREEHOLDERS SCANLON, KOWALSKI AND WARD**, congratulating **Angie D. Devanney, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey**, on her recognition by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women and her selection for the “2005 Women of Excellence Award” in the category of Government in the field of Environmental Advocacy.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 348-2005** **FREEHOLDERS SCANLON, KOWALSKI AND WARD**, congratulating **Ethel Christie Smith, R.N, Springfield, New Jersey**, on her recognition by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women and her selection for the “2005 Women of Excellence Award” in the category of Lifetime Achievement.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 349-2005** **FREEHOLDERS SCANLON, KOWALSKI AND WARD**, congratulating **Shirley Boyden Maxwell, Kenilworth, New Jersey**, on her recognition by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women and her selection for the “2005 Women of Excellence Award” in the category of Arts & Humanities.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 350-2005** **FREEHOLDERS SCANLON, KOWALSKI AND WARD**, congratulating **Darielle Walsh, Westfield, New Jersey**, on her recognition by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women and her selection for the “2005 Women of Excellence Award” in the category of Volunteerism.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

351-2005 FREEHOLDERS SCANLON, KOWALSKI AND WARD, congratulating **Patricia Hall, Plainfield, New Jersey**, on her recognition by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women and her selection for the “2005 Women of Excellence Award” in the category of Business.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

352-2005 FREEHOLDERS SCANLON, KOWALSKI AND WARD, congratulating **Diane Litterer, Roselle Park, New Jersey**, on her recognition by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women and her selection for the “2005 Women of Excellence Award” in the category of Education in the field of Drug Prevention.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

353-2005 FREEHOLDERS SCANLON, KOWALSKI AND WARD, congratulating **Bertha Little Mathews, Vauxhall, New Jersey**, on her recognition by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women and her selection for the “2005 Women of Excellence Award” in the category of Government.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

354-2005 FREEHOLDERS WARD, SCANLON AND KOWALSKI, congratulating **Elizabeth L. Cox, Director of New Jersey Research & Information Service**, on being honored by the Union County Women’s Political Caucus on Wednesday, March 23, 2005.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

355-2005 FREEHOLDERS WARD, SCANLON AND KOWALSKI, congratulating **Joanne Rajoppi, County Clerk of Union County**, on being honored by the Union County Women’s Political Caucus on Wednesday, March 23, 2005.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

356-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, proclaiming the week of April 10 – April 16, 2005 as “**Union County Crime Victims’ Rights Week**” in Union County and honoring crime victims and those who serve them during this week and throughout the year.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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Chairman Proctor called for a motion to suspend the rules. On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

The Chairman called for a motion to move the Resolutions from the Floor. On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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

There were no comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE FROM THE FLOOR:

357-2005 **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, congratulating the **Volunteer Guild** of Runnells Specialized Hospital for their outstanding services and contributions of time and talent at Runnells Specialized Hospital.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

358-2005 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, an amendment to the **2005 Temporary Budget** in the amount of **\$20,000**, as a result of notification from the New Jersey Department of Emergency Management for a program entitled: “**TOPOFF 3 – POD.**”

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

359-2005 **VICE CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to sponsor the **YWCA Eastern Union County, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, to benefit Shower for New Beginning, Project Protect Transitional Housing for Victims of Domestic Violence and their children, in the amount of **\$1500**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

360-2005 **FREEHOLDER HOLMES**, congratulating **Arnethia Blowe, Belinda Smiley, Hazel Garlic, Olga Frye White, Georgia Jones Orr and Janifer Williams**, on receiving the Outstanding Achievement Award by **“Friends”** on Saturday, March 12, 2005, at the Sheraton Newark Airport Hotel, Newark, New Jersey.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

361-2005 **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. **Elevator Maintenance Corporation, Kearny, New Jersey**, to provide elevator maintenance and repair of five (5) elevators w/proprietary controls, for twelve (12) months of the contract, for a total contract amount not to exceed **\$141,600**.

On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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Vincent Lehotsky, Rahway, commented on railroads and rail cars passing through Union County and their contents, and the need for Emergency Management teams to know their contents. He also commented on “Bridge Jacking” as a way to lift a bridge that has been built too low. He also commented on the Union County Utilities Authority Commissioner who may address the Rahway City Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

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REPORTS: STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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Freeholder Estrada commented on attending the Legislative Conference of NACO (The National Association of Counties) stating that it was interesting to see how all the New Jersey counties have come together to condemn the cancellation of community block grant funds, a move that is planned by President George W. Bush.

Freeholder Holmes also attended the NACO conference and stated he was glad to have attended.

Freeholder Kowalski stated that she attended the Teen Arts Festival, organized by the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, which is going on at the Union County College Cranford Campus. She stated that there are exhibits of visual media, musical and dance arts in the show and all are done by young people of Union County. She also stated that applications for HEART grants are available at the office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. Freeholder Kowalski also commended the Courthouse Centennial Committee upon the success of its first event, the opening of the Courthouse Time Capsule which took place a short time ago.

Freeholder Mapp echoed the comments of the other Freeholders on the NACO conference, stating that it was refreshing to see and hear Senator John McCain, Senator Joseph Biden and Nancy Pelosi speak on their willingness to support the counties in helping to get the Block Grant funding restored.

Freeholder Ward commended all the people who worked hard on the opening of the Courthouse Centennial ceremonies. She stated she was honored to be a part of the ceremonies, and looked forward to other commemorative events to follow.

Freeholder Sullivan also supported the Resolution opposing the Block Grant funding cuts and commented on how the issue crosses partisan lines. He also complimented Freeholder Estrada on his knowledge of NACO and its officials and recommended the Freeholder for a post in that organization. He also reminded everyone to come to the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Union on Saturday.

Freeholder Scanlon also reminded people of the parade.

Vice Chairman Mirabella stated that the Homeland Security Committee was looking forward to the TOPOFF Biological Response Tabletop Exercise and added that Chairman Proctor is the Board's resident expert on Homeland Security and is representing this county very well in participating in this exercise.

The Vice Chairman also commented on the School Safety Program, which is a joint effort from the Prosecutor's Office and the Homeland Security Committee. He stated that a checklist is being developed to help schools improve the safety of the students.

The Vice Chairman also complimented Deputy County Manager M. Elizabeth Genievich on taking over the work of repairing the elevators in the Administration Building, stating that he felt sure the work would be done in a timely manner now that she has taken it on.

The County Manager had no comments.

The County Counsel had no comments.

The Chairman Called for a motion to enter into Executive Session. On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Scanlon, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Re: Pending Litigation

The Chairman called for a motion to re-enter the Regular 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 Ward absent.

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

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The voucher list through **March 2, 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 31, 2005 at 7:00 PM** in the Freeholders Meeting Room, Administration Building, 6th Floor, Elizabeth.

ADJOURNMENT

Nicole L. Tedeschi
Clerk of the Board

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