

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 31, 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.

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 Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Mapp and Sullivan absent.

APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES: February 17, 2005 – Agenda Meeting; March 3, 2005 – Agenda Meeting; March 10, 2005 – Regular Meeting and March 10, 2005 – Executive Meeting.

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

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

OATHS OF OFFICE: (Note & file)

The Chairman called upon County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi who called up Lester Sargent and Sal Mione of the Courthouse Centennial Committee. Together they made a presentation to the Freeholder Board on behalf of the Centennial Committee, giving the Board a copy of the invitation to the Centennial Opening and some drawings of commemorative stamps. Ms. Rajoppi also acknowledged Freeholders Kowalski and Holmes, who are also on the Centennial committee, and thanked them for their participation.

Chairman called on Freeholder Estrada who made a presentation to Patsy Kouten, Project Manager of Community Coordinated Child Care of Hillside, in honor of The Week of the Child, April 3rd through the 9th. Freeholder Estrada read the Resolution, and Ms. Kouten made remarks thanking the Board.

The Chairman called up Freeholder Kowalski along with the other members of the Centennial Committee, who made a presentation to Union County Building Services welder Peter Ortuso, who helped locate and uncover the Courthouse time capsule. The Freeholder read the Resolution that outlined the process of how the capsule was uncovered, removed and opened.

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

Vincent Lehotsky, Knapp Drive, Rahway commented on Resolution 369-2005 and asked if the program could be expanded if successful. The County Manager responded to his question, stating that it could be expanded but other methods are also used for goose control. Mr. Lehotsky commented on Resolution 384-2005 regarding position controls, asking which positions were in question. The County Manager responded to his question, stating that it involved the Prosecutor's office.

(Name inaudible) commented on Resolution 376-2005 complimenting the Board adopting this Resolution increasing veterans benefits.

Bruce Patterson, Garwood, commented on Resolution 382-2005 asking what the transfer Resolution was about. County Manager deferred to Joseph Bowe of the Finance Department, who responded in detail stating that it was about an item for the Prosecutor's office. Mr. Patterson commented on resolution 390-2005, asking why a consultant was needed for this bid. Acting Director Ronald Zuber explained the pricing and buying system and how the consultant watches the price daily and keeps in touch with other municipalities the County is working with. Mr. Patterson commented on Resolution 395-2005, commenting on the case, and asking several questions. County Counsel Robert Barry responded to Mr. Paterson and explained that the resolution was to pay fees for legal services involving several matters. On item 399-2005, Mr. Patterson asked for an explanation of the settlement. County Counsel responded to his comment with a brief outline of the case.

Daniel Nozza, Elizabeth commented on Resolution 395-2005 asking questions about the case. County Counsel responded with a brief outline of the case.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

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

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE BEING OFFERED FOR ADOPTION:

362-2005 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, endorsing the **Priority Populations Plan** as required by **New Jersey Department of Human Services (NJ DHS)** that is designed to enable the County of Union to assess the human service needs of priority populations.

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

363-2005 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, authorizing the County Manager to extend the lease agreement with the **YMCA of Eastern Union County, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, for the rental of the first floor of the Andrew K. Ruotolo Jr., Justice Complex, for the provision of child care services for the contract period of September 1, 2005 – August 31, 2006, in an amount of **\$3,745** per month or **\$44,940** per year.

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

364-2005 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, appointing the following members to the Union County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC):

Laurie D. Egeth
Elizabeth, New Jersey
Term: 1/1/05 – 12/31/07

Bertha Little-Mathews
Union, New Jersey
Term: 1/1/05 – 12/31/07

Evelyn H. Shulman
Union, New Jersey
Term: 1/1/05 – 12/31/07

Holly A. Phillips
Cranford, New Jersey
Term: 1/1/05 – 12/31/07

Mary Spillane
Union, New Jersey
Term: 1/1/05 – 12/31/06

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

365-2005 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **TAB, Mountainside, New Jersey**, to design, install, and computerize both active and archive case files for the Division of Social Services Plainfield, New Jersey, in an amount of **\$254,206.66**.

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

366-2005 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, amending **Resolution No. 61-2005**, to the contract with **Schwartz, Simon, Edelstein, Celso & Kessler, LLP, Florham Park, New Jersey**, to provide the County with general law services related to legal negotiations for work done in conjunction with and for the Union County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund in an additional amount of **\$75,000**, for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$125,000**.

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

367-2005 **VOID**

368-2005 **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, waiving the fees for the **Township of Union Annual Senior Golf Tournament** to be held at Galloping Hill Golf Course on Thursday, June 9, 2005. (rain date June 10)

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

369-2005 **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to retain the services of **Geese Police, Inc., Howell, New Jersey**, for the purpose of border collie patrolling of the County's three golf courses for a period of eighteen (18) weeks for a total cost of **\$5,850**.

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

370-2005 **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Vani Andavolu, MD, Edison, New Jersey**, to provide professional Psychiatry services for the patients/residents of Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of May 1, 2005 – April 30, 2006. **{This is a Fee for Service Agreement/At No Cost to Union County}**

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

371-2005 **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **David Schoenberg, DDS, Glen Rock, New Jersey**, to provide professional dental services for the patients/residents of Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of May 1, 2005 – April 30, 2006. **{This is a Fee for Service Agreement/At No Cost to Union County}**

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

372-2005 **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Posey Company, Arcadia, CA**, to purchase therapy and nursing supplies for Runnells Specialized Hospital (through NJHA Group Purchasing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:9-87 and 88) for the contract period of March 15, 2005 – March 14, 2006, in an amount of **\$12,000**.

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

373-2005 **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Erin Pojanowski, PA-C, Summit, New Jersey**, to provide professional medical services to the patients/residents of Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of April 1, 2005 – August 31, 2005. **{This is a Fee for Service Agreement/At No Cost to the County}**

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

374-2005 **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, approving the dissolving of an outstanding patient balance owed to Runnells Specialized Hospital in an amount of **\$985.50**, as it is uncollectible.

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

375-2005 **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the **Township of Berkeley Heights**, to provide public health nursing services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:3a2-1 et seq.

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

376-2005 **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, urging Congress to increase Veteran's benefits in the 2006 Budget.

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

377-2005 **FREEHOLDER SCANLON**, appointing **Robert Bresenhan Jr., Rahway, New Jersey**, to the Union County Motion Picture Advisory Board for a term commencing January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2007.

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

378-2005 **FREEHOLDER SCANLON**, adopting the Union County **"Policy"** Against Workplace Discrimination and Harassment.

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

379-2005 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a professional service contract with **CBIZ Valuation Group, LLC, Chicago, IL**, for updates to the Asset Valuation Report for the County of Union at a cost of **\$4,900**.

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

- 380-2005** **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, an amendment to the 2005 Temporary Budget in the amount of **\$8,500**, as a result of notification received from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Women for a grant entitled: **“Rape Care Program.”**

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

- 381-2005** **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 Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Mapp and Sullivan absent.

- 382-2005** **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, transfer Resolution for the 2004 Appropriations, pursuant to the **N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59**.

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

- 383-2005** **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, an amendment to the 2005 Temporary Budget as a result of notification received from the City of Newark for a grant entitled: **“Ryan White Title I Emergency Relief Funds”** in the amount of **\$2,657,306**.

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

- 384-2005** **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, authorizing the County Manager to adjust and/or change the **Internal Position Controls** of the Budget.

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

385-2005 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, appointing **Pamela A. Eagan, Roselle Park, New Jersey**, to serve on the Union County Mental Health Advisory Board for a term commencing January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2007.

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

386-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, amending **Resolution No. 1183-2004**, deleting the award of a contract to **Tri-Lift New Jersey, Inc., Edison, New Jersey, (BA. #110-2004)** in an amount of **\$36,177**.

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

387-2005 **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. Department of Engineering, **J.H. Reid General Construction, South Plainfield, New Jersey**, to provide improvement to Milton Lake Dam in the City of Rahway, County of Union, for a total amount of **\$882,300**.
- b. Department of Engineering, **Foggia-Supreme Electric, Inc., East Hanover, New Jersey**, to provide intersection improvements at Chestnut Street (CR627) and East West Grant Avenue, Roselle Park. Work to be done, but not limited to: installation of new traffic signal equipment, replacing and upgrading roadway signs and pavement striping, sidewalk, curb ramps with a detectable warning surface, milling and resurfacing within the project limits (curb to curb) portions of the roadway, for a total amount of **\$185,126**.
- c. Bureau of Motor Vehicles, **Polsky's Inc., Woodbury, New Jersey**, to provide uniforms for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for twenty four (24) months upon the signing of the contract with the provisions for two (2) twelve (12) month extensions, for a total amount of **\$25,500**.

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

388-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, granting permission to the **City of Summit**, to close Broad Street from Summit Avenue to Maple Street, Summit, New Jersey, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 1, 2005 for the **“Our House Foundations 5-Mile Run.”**

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

389-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, approving **Change Order No. 2, (final)** to the contract with **Della Pello Paving, Inc., Union, New Jersey**, for the 2003 Milling, Resurfacing, and Handicap Ramp Construction Project in the amount of **\$279,743.23**, for an amended contract of **\$2,938,061.62**.

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

390-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, pursuant to **N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq**, authorizing the County Manager to execute any and all contracts for the award of bids (lowest responsible bidder) to the following vendor(s):

- a. **Woodruff Energy, Bridgeton, New Jersey**, for the supply of Commercial Natural Gas to service various sites in Union County for a contract period of May 1, 2005 – April 30, 2007, in an amount not to exceed **\$1,700,000**.

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

391-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, to provide Anger Management Training for the incarcerated males and females of the Union County Jail for the contract period of April 1, 2005 – March 31, 2006, in an amount not to exceed **\$30,000**.

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

392-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the **New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice**, in an amount of **\$94,420** to be dedicated to the Project Safe Neighborhoods Program, to reduce gun violence by forging partnerships among federal, state, local law enforcement agencies and community.

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

393-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, appointing **Kathy Hatfield, Esq., Schenck, Price, Smith & King, Morristown, New Jersey**, as special counsel to represent the UC Prosecutor's Office, Ted Romankow and Al Cernadas in the matter entitled **Mary Jean Butler v. County of Union, et als**, in an amount not to exceed **\$10,000**.

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

394-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, amending **Resolution No. 891-2004**, to increase the appropriation to **Robert Varady, Esq., Union, New Jersey**, as special counsel in the matter entitled **Fanelli v. County of Union, et als**, for an additional sum of **\$10,000**, for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$70,000**.

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

395-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, amending **Resolution No. 895-2004**, to increase the appropriation to **Garrubbo & Capece, Westfield, New Jersey**, as special counsel in the matter entitled **Renna v. County of Union, et als**, for an additional sum of **\$5,000**, for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$32,500**.

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

396-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, amending **Resolution No. 1186-2004**, to increase the appropriation to **Garrubbo & Capece, Westfield, New Jersey**, as special counsel in the matter entitled **Freitas, III (Federal) v. County of Union, et als**, for an additional sum of **\$5,000**, for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$15,000**.

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

- 397-2005** **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, amending **Resolution No. 154-2005**, to increase the appropriation to **Ruderman & Glickman, Springfield, New Jersey**, as special counsel in the matter entitled **Weresow v. County of Union, et als**, for an additional sum of **\$36,000**, for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$188,000**.

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

- 398-2005** **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, approving the settlement of an outstanding patient's balance (patient #358580) in the amount of **\$24,605.07** owed to Runnells Specialized Hospital in an amount of **\$12,303**.

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

- 399-2005** **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, approving the settlement of pending litigation entitled **Jason Cruz v. County of Union, et al.**

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

- 400-2005** **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the **Union County Alliance, Union, New Jersey**, for FY 2005 to continue to implement and execute the priorities of its long range plan and initiatives for Union County in an amount not to exceed **\$120,000**.

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

- 401-2005** **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, amending **Resolution No. 287-2005**, to correctly reflect the term of appointment of **David A. Cohen, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey**, to the Union County Vocational Technical School Board Education commencing January 1, 2005 to October 31, 2008.

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

402-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, appointing **Jane Larber, Scotch Plains, New Jersey**, to serve on the Union County Vocational Technical School Board of Education for a term commencing January 1, 2005 – October 31, 2005. (replaces the vacated seat of Gail Iammatteo, Scotch Plains, New Jersey)

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

403-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to renew the following policies as recommended by the **Citizen Insurance Review Committee (CIRC)**:

1. **Travel Accident Insurance Policy with The Hartford Insurance Company, Rockaway, New Jersey**, for the period of April 1, 2005 – April 1, 2006, in an amount not to exceed **\$474. (No increase)**
2. **Animal Mortality Policy for Horses at Watchung Stables with The Hartford Insurance Company, Omaha, NE**, for the period of March 1, 2005 – March 1, 2006, in an amount not to exceed **\$1,268. (\$168 difference – premium is based on the number of horses we insure)**
3. **Professional Malpractice Policy for Dr. Raymond Lanza, DO, with Princeton Insurance Company, Princeton, New Jersey**, for the period of May 1, 2005 – May 1, 2006, in an amount not to exceed **\$15,598.12. (The premium is \$38.70 less than last year)**
4. **Amendment to the Dental Plan for Police – Group 1296-02, with Delta Dental Plan, Parsippany, New Jersey**. The PBA Local 73 and Union County have negotiated to increase the annual dental benefit from **\$1,000 up to \$2,000**, for the period of January 1, 2005 – January 1, 2006. **(The cost difference is 12% at no cost to the County)**

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

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE LAUDATORY IN CONTENT:

404-2005 **FREEHOLDERS ESTRADA AND MAPP**, congratulating the following who are being honored by **Jack & Jill of America, Greater Union County Chapter, Inc.**, for their many years of community service to the people of Union County:

- ?? **Pastor Tracy Shider, Plainfield, New Jersey**
- ?? **Darlene Crow-McWilliams, Plainfield, New Jersey**
- ?? **Marguerite L. Brown Chambers**

?? **Reverend Tracey L. Brown, Plainfield, New Jersey**
 ?? **Karen Callaway Williams**
 ?? **Linda Susan Carter, Plainfield, New Jersey**

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

405-2005 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA, proclaiming April 3, 2005 – April 9, 2005 as **“The Week of the Yo ung Child.”**

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

406-2005 FREEHOLDER HOLMES AND THE ENTIRE BOARD, extending deepest condolences to the family of **Reverend Ollie C. Johnson, Plainfield, New Jersey**, in this, their time of sorrow.

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

407-2005 FREEHOLDERS HOLMES, MIRABELLA AND CHAIRMAN PROCTOR, congratulating **Darrion Caldwell (130) and Ryan Wilson (112) Rahway High School Wrestling Team**, on winning the State Championship at the NJSIAA Tournament in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

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

408-2005 FREEHOLDERS HOLMES, MIRABELLA AND CHAIRMAN PROCTOR, congratulating **Darrion Caldwell, (130) Ryan Wilson (112) and Andre Neblett (heavyweight), Rahway High School Wrestling Team**, on winning the Region 3 Championship at the NJSIAA Tournament in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

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

409-2005 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI, proclaiming the month of March, 2005 as **“National Professional Social Workers Month”** in Union County, this year’s theme is: **“Social Workers, Help Starts Here.”**

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

- 410-2005** **FREEHOLDERS SCANLON, KOWALSKI AND WARD**, proclaiming the month of March, 2005 as “**Women’s History Month**” in Union County.

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

- 411-2005** **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, extending best wishes to **Steven Kosinski, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, for his dedicated and outstanding services during his six (6) years as an intern in the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders Office, as he starts employment with the **ADP Company, Roseland, New Jersey**.

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

- 412-2005** **VICE CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD**, extending deepest condolences to the family of **Glenn Tillou, South Plainfield, New Jersey**, in this, their time of sorrow.

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

- 413-2005** **VICE CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, congratulating **Joe Nagy, Fanwood, New Jersey**, on receiving the 2005 Carol Wood Volunteers of the Year Award from the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club.

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

- 414-2005** **VICE CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, congratulating **George Weiss, Fanwood, New Jersey**, on receiving the 2005 Carol Wood Volunteers of the Year Award from the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club.

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

415-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, congratulating **John Cottage**, upon his retirement after 30 years of service as Coordinator of the Department of Emergency Management for Springfield, New Jersey.

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

416-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, naming the new County Police Building in Westfield, **“The Ralph G. Froehlich Public Safety Building.”**

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

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**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE
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Kevin Recha (location inaudible) asked a question regarding hiring for the parks department and the SLAP program. Chairman Proctor responded to his questions.

Bruce Patterson, Garwood, commented on lawsuit settlements and legal fees. He also commented on the sale of two properties in Berkeley Heights, questioning where the proceeds from the sale will be placed. He then commented on a newspaper article concerning the Medical Education Program at the Union County Vocational –Technical school, questioning the proposed cost of the project.

Jerry Goldman, Elizabeth commented on the Governor’s brother getting more money for his pension. County Manager Devanney responded that the Union County Prosecutor made the recommendation to hire Mr. Codey due to his experience in an area they were focusing on. Mr. Goldman also commented on former Freeholder Lewis Mingo’s new position with Human Services and about former Freeholder Linda Stender’s position at Runnells Hospital. Mr. Goldman commented in opposition to the salaries attached to various positions. Mr. Goldman also asked questions regarding the use of the water rights on a piece of County property in Summit. The County Manager responded to his questions regarding the easements granted to the American Water Company.

Daniel Nozza, Elizabeth, commented on persons getting promotions.

The County Counsel interjected a point of order regarding the way in which public comments may be issued and citing Mr. Nozza as being out of order.

Vincent Lehotsky, Rahway, commented on the use of video tape equipment and taping of the Freeholder Board meetings. He also commented on the TOPOFF disaster preparedness exercise coming up next week saying that he would be participating.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

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REPORTS: STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Chairman called for reports or comments.

Freeholder Estrada had no comments.

Freeholder Holmes had no comments.

Freeholder Kowalski had no comments.

Freeholder Ward had no comments.

Freeholder Scanlon extended her best wishes to Sheriff's Officer Giannella to get well soon after being shot in the face in a recent incident while serving a warrant. She also reminded everyone of Wildlife Sunday, April 17th, 2005 at Trailside Nature and Science Center.

Freeholder Scanlon reminded everyone that April is National Child Abuse Prevention month and encouraged everyone to wear a blue ribbon in April to indicate support. A Resolution will be prepared for it.

Vice Chairman Mirabella echoed Freeholder Scanlon's comments regarding Officer Gianella, and commended the other officers on the scene of that incident. The Vice Chairman also commented on how proud he was to participate in the table-top portion of the TOPOFF exercise, which was a good opportunity to plan a response to a terrorist attack. The Vice Chairman complimented the Chairman on his work in bringing this exercise to Union County and for being a leader on the preparedness issue.

County Manager Devanney stated that Ronald Zuber would no longer be Acting Director of Building Services, and commended him on the job he did in that temporary capacity. He also stated that he recently met with Union County's Senate and Congressional delegations and outlined some of the projects they are working on involving Union County. He commended Carolyn Sullivan of his staff for her work in putting together the information he needed to present the material to the representatives.

Chairman also commended the Sheriff's Officers and wished a speedy recovery for Officer Gianella.

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

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Re: Pending Litigation

The Chairman called for a motion to re-enter the Regular Meeting. On a motion by Freeholder Holmes, seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Mapp and Sullivan absent.

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

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The voucher list through **March 23, 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 **April 14, 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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