

**UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**APRIL 14, 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 Scanlon, Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan, and Freeholder Nancy Ward in attendance. Also present were County Manager George Devanney, 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 Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES: March 17, 2005 – Agenda 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 Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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

**OATHS OF OFFICE: (Note & file)**

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Chairman Proctor, Freeholder Holmes and Vice Chairman Mirabella presented Resolution 407-2005 to Darrion Caldwell and Ryan Wilson, members of the Rahway High School Wrestling team, winners of the NJSIAA State Championship. The Freeholders also presented Resolution 408-2005 to Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Wilson and Andre Neblett, for winning the Region 3 Championship at the NJSIAA contest.

Freeholder Estrada presented Resolution 307-2005 to Evangeline Bordamonte, congratulating her upon her retirement from the Division of Youth and Family Services after 30 years. Freeholder Estrada read the Resolution aloud, and made remarks congratulating Mrs. Bordamonte on her work in the community and on overcoming the difficulties of being an immigrant to this country and achieving so much success. Mrs. Bordamonte thanked the Board

for the recognition and expressed her gratitude to this country for the opportunities she has received.

Freeholder Sullivan presented Resolution 411-2005 to Steven Kosinski, former intern in the Union County Freeholder Board office, thanking him for his good work over six years and congratulating him on graduating from New Jersey Institute of Technology and getting a new position at ADP in Roseland, NJ.

Freeholder Ward presented Resolution 470-2005 to Dan Robertosi and the students of Linden High School, in recognition of winning the Union County Mock Trial Championship. This contest is sponsored by the NJ State Bar Association and the County Bar Associations. Twelve schools competed in Union County and Linden High School won and will represent the County in the State championship. Mr. Robertosi was the coach. Freeholder Ward noted that Linden has won this championship three years out of the last four.

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PURPOSE OF COMMENTING ON RESOLUTIONS  
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Vincent Lehotsky, 2311 Knapp Drive, Rahway, commented on Resolution 423-2005, suggesting that Middlesex County acquire part of the neighboring property to prevent construction on it which may impact the amount of runoff into the creek. He also commented on Resolution 428-2005 in support of the vendor. He commented on Resolution 461-2005, asking for information about the settlement. The County Counsel outlined the suit and the settlement, which involved an encroachment onto County property by Hovnanian and a reforestation of the property as part of the settlement and a payment of \$25,000. Mr. Lehotsky also commented on Resolution 475-2005, noting his own volunteering activities during the event and made several suggestions for the next exercise.

Chairman Proctor responded to his comments, agreeing that the exercise went well.

Bruce Patterson, 325 Laurel Ave., Garwood, commented on Resolution 472-2005 wishing everyone a happy County Government Week.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED**

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The Chairman called for a motion to move Resolutions 417-2005 – 418-2005 and 420-2005 – 475-2005. 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:**

**417-2005 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, authorizing the County Manager to award subcontracts pursuant to a Request for Proposal (RFP) procurement process for **2005 Alcohol Grant and Addiction Recovery Program (ARP)**, and funded programs/services would address one or more of the prevention/intervention/treatment modalities identified in the 2005 – 07 Union County Alcoholism & Drug Abuse and Alliance Plan, for the contract period of May 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.

**418-2005 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to the **New Jersey Housing Mortgage Finance Agency, Trenton, New Jersey**, for the participation in the statewide Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for the contract period of July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004. This contract makes a payment in the amount of **\$26,448** for Union County's participation in cost sharing for 2004 Year One start up of the initiative. New Jersey Housing Mortgage Finance Agency was selected by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development as the entity responsible for the implementation of the federally mandated automated homeless tracking system in New Jersey. Each participating county in the state has been awarded federal grant dollars toward this Collaborative.

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

**419-2005 VOID**

**420-2005 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, authorizing the County Manager to accept and enter into contract(s) with the **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)** in the total amount of **\$3,792,411** for the 2004 McKinney-Vento Act Homeless Assistance competitive grant award. The budget cycle includes 12 projects (8 renewals and 4 new) for various program durations, ranging from one (1) year up to five (5) years. The competitive award will be effective immediately upon execution of the various HUD grant agreements, subsequent to completion of the Technical Submission(s) pending receipt in the first quarter of 2004.

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

**421-2005**      **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, appointing the following to the Human Services Advisory Committee:

**Carolyn Cole**  
**Elizabeth, New Jersey**  
**Term: 1/1/05 – 12/31/06**

**Michael A. Petrucci.**  
**Cranford, New Jersey**  
**Term: 1/1/05 – 12/31/07**

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

**422-2005**      **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, amending **Resolution No. 381-2004**, to approve Amendment No. 5 to a Professional Service Contract with **DMR Architects, Maywood, New Jersey**, for additional construction administration services to the Trailside Nature & Science Center in Mountainside in an additional amount not to exceed **\$19,100**, for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$461,300**.

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

**423-2005**      **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, amending **Resolution No. 2105-2003**, for an additional **\$34,700** for the services of **T&M Associates, Middletown, New Jersey**, related to design work at Esposito Park, Clark, NJ, relative to the changed New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Stormwater Regulations and the addition of a Boundless Playground at the site for the Union County Open Space and Recreation Trust Fund, for a new contract amount of **\$159,450**.

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

**424-2005**      **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **David Foster, DVM, Morganville, New Jersey**, to provide routine and emergency veterinary dental services to the horses at the Watchung Stables for the calendar year 2005 in an amount not to exceed **\$4,000**.

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

**425-2005**      **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Professional Engineering Service contract with **T&M Associates, Middletown, New Jersey**, for the purpose of providing Professional Architectural Services for

the renovation of the Ash Brook Golf Course Clubhouse in an amount not to exceed **\$34,500**.

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

**426-2005**      **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, approving the minutes of **Runnells Specialized Hospital (RSH) Advisory Board of Managers Meeting** of October 13, 2004.

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

**427-2005**      **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Judy Schmutter, DDS, Visiting Dental Associates, Glen Rock, New Jersey**, to provide dental services to 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 the County}**

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

**428-2005**      **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, amending **Resolution No. 324-2005**, to the contract with **Grainger Industrial Supply, Lake Forest, IL**, to reflect the correct contract account information.

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

**429-2005**      **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Spectrum Medical Leasing, Morton Grove, IL**, a division of IFC Credit Corporation, to lease twenty- two (22) Alaris Thermometers and five (5) Alaris vital check with pulse oximetry devices through NJHA for the contract period of May 1, 2005 – April 30, 2009, in an amount of **\$45,360**.

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

**430-2005**      **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with **Center for Hope Hospice, Scotch Plains, New Jersey**, for the provision of hospice services to Runnells Specialized Hospital residents/patients **{At no cost to the County}**

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

**431-2005**      **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Gibbons, Del Deo, Dolan, Griffinger & Vecchione, Esqs, Newark, New Jersey**, to provide legal services concerning several regulatory & reimbursement matters to Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of April 15, 2005 – March 31, 2005, in an amount of **\$50,000**.

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

**432-2005**      **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 **FY 2006/2007 General Operating Support Grant Program from the New Jersey Historical Commission** for the contract period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 in the amount not to exceed **\$125,800**.

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

**433-2005**      **FREEHOLDER MAPP**, supporting the **Mayors for Peace Campaign** and endorsing the Resolution adopted by the U.S. Conference of Mayors supporting the commencement of negotiations on the elimination of nuclear weapons

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

**434-2005**      **FREEHOLDER MAPP**, urging President Bush to restore funding for the Army Corps of Engineers **Green Brook Flood Control Project**.

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

**435-2005**      **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, authorizing the County Manager, through the Department of Economic Development to execute any and all agreements for Program Year 2004 **New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development Supplemental Workforce Fund for Adult Literacy Program** for Basic Skills/ESL instruction for the contract period of April 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005, in an amount not to exceed **\$100,000**.

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

**436-2005**      **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, amending **Resolution No. 680-2004**, to the contract with **Union County College, Cranford, New Jersey** to provide a local Official Trilingual GED Test Center in an additional amount of **\$22,000, for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$137,142**.

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

- 437-2005**     **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, authorizing the County Manager, through the Department of Economic Development to execute an agreement with **Union County College, Cranford, New Jersey** to provide a local Official Trilingual GED Test Center for the contract period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 in an amount not to exceed **\$106,612.08**.

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

- 438-2005**     **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, amending the 2005 Temporary Budget in the amount of **\$3,792,411**, as a result of notification received from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for a program entitled: **"McKinney – Vento Homeless Assistance."**

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

- 439-2005**     **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, amending the 2005 Temporary Budget in the amount of **\$929,040**, as a result of notification received from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for a program entitled: **"Signs and Markings 2005."**

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

- 440-2005**     **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, amending the 2005 Temporary Budget in the amount of **\$84,960**, as a result of notification received from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for a program entitled: **"Traffic Standards 2005."**

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

- 441-2005**     **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, appointing **Linda Foreman, Roselle New Jersey and Bertram Warren, MD, Fanwood, New Jersey**, to the Mental Health Board for a term to commence on January 1, 2005 to June 31, 2007.

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

- 442-2005**     **VICE CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, amending **Resolution No. 98-2005**, to contract with **This Is It! Concept and Event Production, Hoboken, New Jersey**, to plan, produce and promote the 2005 Musicfest at Echo Lake Park,

Cranford, New Jersey, Saturday, September 17, 2005, in an additional amount of **\$44,000**, for a total contract amount not to exceed **\$144,300**.

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

**443-2005**

**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 & Public Works: **LaFarge North American, DBA QPR, Alphrette, GA**, to provide the County of Union and the Union County Cooperative Pricing System with a vendor to furnish and deliver road material to various locations in the amount of **\$3,000**.
- b. Department of Engineering & Public Works: **Micro Pave Systems, Inc., Cedar Knolls, New Jersey**, to provide the County of Union and the Union County Cooperative Pricing System with a vendor to furnish and deliver road material to various locations in the amount of **\$63** (Contract awarded to solicit price for the entire Co-Op).
- c. Division of Building Services: **Emco Elevator, Kearny, New Jersey**, to provide services to maintain and repair elevators (21) in various County buildings. The term of the contract shall be for 12 months upon the signing of the contract with provisions for two (2) twelve (12) month extensions, in the amount of **\$357,072**.
- d. Department of Parks, Recreation & Facilities: Awarding the following contracts for the Department of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, Division of Golf Operations / Horticulture for the purposes of providing grass seed. Multiple vendors were awarded separate lots of specific kinds of seed: **Lesco, Inc., Cleveland, OH**, in the amount of **\$10,879.50**; **Reed & Perrine Sales, Inc., Tennent, New Jersey**, in the amount of **\$5,640**; and **the Terre Co, of New Jersey, Clifton, New Jersey**, in the amount of **\$4,251.50**.
- e. Department of Economic Development / Division of Information Technologies: **XTEL Communications, Marlton, NJ**, to provide internet services at the Union County Administration Building in the amount of **\$32,393**.

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



**444-2005**      **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, amending **Resolution No. 267-2005**, expanding the **Senior Citizen Home Improvement Program** (Chairman Initiative for 2005) to include the **City of Elizabeth and the Township of Union adding \$100,000** in project funds and **\$20,000** for administrative funds for Development Directions, LLC for the contract period March 1, 2005 through February 28, 2008 for a new contract amount not to exceed **\$620,000** (allocated \$500,000 in project funds and \$120,000 in administrative funds).

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

**445-2005**      **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to apply for and enter into a Grant Agreement between the County of Union and the **State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP)** for the purpose of implementing the Municipal Stormwater General Permit in the amount of **\$10,000**.

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

**446-2005**      **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, supporting the Resolution adopted by the **Linden City Council** on February 15, 2005, designating bus stops at specific locations along various County roadways in the City of Linden.

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

**447-2005**      **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, granting permission to the **Township of Scotch Plains**, to hang a banner across Park Avenue in the Center of Scotch Plains, New Jersey near the Municipal Building from April 25, 2005 to May 6, 2005 to publicize the National Day of Prayer Observance to be held on Thursday, May 5, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. on the Village Green.

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

**448-2005**      **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, granting permission to the **Borough of Roselle Park**, to close Chestnut Street from Grant Avenue to Webster Avenue, Roselle Park, New Jersey on Monday, May 30, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a "Memorial Day Parade."

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

**449-2005**      **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, granting permission to the **Township of Springfield** and the **225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee of the Battle of Springfield**, to close Mountain Avenue between Echo Plaza and North Trivett Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, to all but emergency traffic on Sunday, June 26, 2005 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for a **Parade Commemorating the 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Springfield**; granting permission to the **Township of Springfield and the 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee of the Battle of Springfield** to hang two (2) **banners**, one on Mountain Avenue at North Trivett Avenue, and one on Meisel Avenue at Meisel Park, Springfield, New Jersey, from May 17, 2005 to June 27, 2005 to publicize the “225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Springfield Event”.

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

**450-2005**      **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, granting permission to the **Township of Springfield** and the **Springfield Chamber of Commerce**, to close Mountain Avenue between Caldwell Place and Morris Avenue to all but emergency traffic on Saturday, May 14, 2005 and Saturday, September 17, 2005 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. for the **Springfield Chamber of Commerce Street Fair**; granting permission to the **Township of Springfield and the Springfield Chamber of Commerce** to hang two (2) banners, one on Mountain Avenue at North Trivett Avenue, and one on Meisel Avenue at Meisel Park, Springfield, New Jersey, from April 25, 2005 to May 16, 2005 and August 29, 2005 to September 19, 2005 to advertise the “**Street Fair.**”

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

**451-2005**      **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, granting permission to the **Town of Westfield**, to close South Avenue, from Central Avenue to the Traffic Circle, Westfield, NJ, from 7:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, 2005 for the “**Second Annual Westfield Classic Criterium Bike Race;**” granting permission to the **Town of Westfield** to hang a banner on South Avenue, at the intersection of Westfield Avenue and Summit Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey, from April 8, 2005 to April 18, 2005 to publicize the “**Second Annual Westfield Classic Criterium Bike Race.**”

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

**452-2005**      **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, amending **Resolution No. 1241-2004**, removing **Rudy Graddy, Madison, New Jersey** and adding the following **Forensic Technicians: John D. Valdivia, South Amboy, New Jersey, Michael S. Jorda, Jr., Harrison, New Jersey, and Kevin M. Toler, East Orange, New Jersey**, to assist the Medical Examiner during autopsies and external examinations for the contract period of January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005 in an amount not to exceed **\$60,000**.

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

**453-2005**      **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the **City of Elizabeth**, for the purpose of outlining the procedure for procuring, housing and deploying specialized firefighter equipment purchased through the Urban Area Security Initiative.

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

**454-2005**      **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager, through the **New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General**, to apply for and to accept grant funding from the FY05 Homeland Security Grant Program to enhance Union County's ability to prevent, detect, deter, respond to, and recover from threats and acts of terrorism in the amount of federal funding of **\$1,272,710**.

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

**455-2005**      **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to execute and enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement between the **County of Union Division of Environmental Health and Emergency Management** and the **Somerset County Office of Emergency Management. {No County Funding}**

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

**456-2005**      **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to execute and sign any and all documents in order to effectuate the receipt of overtime traffic reimbursement grant in the amount of **\$4,000** from the Highway Safety Grant with the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for a **“Click It or Ticket” Seat Belt Campaign** from May 23 to June 5, 2005.

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

- 457-2005**      **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to do all things necessary to apply for and accept an **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Grant** in the amount of **\$45,264** with a required County (in kind) match in the amount of **\$158,743** for a total of **\$204,007**.

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

- 458-2005**      **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, amending **Resolution No. 1254-2004**, to increase the appropriation to **Garrubbo & Capece, Westfield, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled **Todaro v. County of Union, et als.** for an additional sum of **\$10,000** for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$35,000**.

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

- 459-2005**      **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, appointing **Mark Ruderman, Esq. of Ruderman and Glickman, Springfield, New Jersey**, to represent the County of Union in the EEOC matter of **Tecia L. Bulle v. County of Union** in an amount not to exceed **\$5,000**.

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

- 460-2005**      **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, approving the **settlement of an outstanding patient's balance** (patient #364208) in the amount of **\$6,400** owed to Runnells Specialized Hospital for an amount of **\$750**.

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

- 461-2005**      **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, approving a **Settlement Agreement** between the **County of Union and K. Hovnanian**, relative to the property known as "The Reserve."

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

- 462-2005**      **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with **Media Squared, New Brunswick, New Jersey**, to provide media consulting services for production and marketing of initiative and programs for the contract period of May 1, 2005 – April 30, 2006, in an amount of **\$72,000**.

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:**

**463-2005**      **FREEHOLDERS ESTRADA AND HOLMES**, proclaiming the week of April 4 – 10, 2005, as “**National Public Health Week 2005**” in Union County.

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

**464-2005**      **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, proclaiming the month of April as “**Occupational Therapy Recognition Month**” and in particular honoring the Occupational Therapists at Runnells Specialized Hospital.

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

**465-2005**      **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, recognizing the outstanding contributions of the “**Volunteers of Runnells Specialized Hospital**” at their annual awards luncheon to be held on May 11, 2005.

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

**466-2005**      **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, proclaiming the month of April as “**National Poetry Month**” in Union County.

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

**467-2005**      **FREEHOLDER SCANLON AND THE ENTIRE BOARD**, proclaiming the month of April as “**National Child Abuse Prevention Month**” in Union County.

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

**468-2005**      **FREEHOLDER SCANLON**, congratulating the following individuals on their **Irish-American Society Student Athlete Awards: Thomas Conneely, Katelyn Sileo, Molly Peters, Matthew Melody, Samantha Maffei, Thomas Duffy, Dana N. Czapla and Jennifer Lynn Kaminski** and also honoring **Coach Chris Flinn** for his committed services to the community in the area of athletics.

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

**469-2005**      **FREEHOLDER SCANLON**, extending deepest condolences to the family of **Thomas Plaia, Union, New Jersey**, in this, their time of sorrow.

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

**470-2005**      **FREEHOLDER WARD**, congratulating **Linden High School** for their outstanding job presenting their cases, both as attorneys and witnesses on winning the “**Mock Trial**,” created by the New Jersey State Bar Association and the Union County Bar Association.

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

**471-2005**      **VICE CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, extending deepest condolences to the family of **Joseph A. LaMonaco, Roselle Park, New Jersey**, in this, their time of sorrow.

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

**472-2005**      **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, proclaiming the week of April 10 – 16, 2005, as “**County Government Week**” in Union County.

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

**473-2005**      **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, congratulating **Union County Sheriff’s Officer Scott Jones**, on his award for Valor from the Two Hundred Club of Essex County.

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

**474-2005**      **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, congratulating **Union County Sheriff’s Sergeant Melissa DeFilippo**, on her acceptance as a member of Session XII of the National Forensic Academy at the University of Tennessee.

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

**475-2005 CHAIRMAN PROCTOR AND THE ENTIRE BOARD**, thanking **TOPOFF3 Volunteers** for their help and assistance in making the Bioterrorism exercise a tremendous success.

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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**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 nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

The Chairman called for a motion to move Resolution 476-2005. On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Scanlon, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS FROM THE FLOOR:**

**476-2005 FREEHOLDER HOLMES**, appointing **Mayor James J. Kennedy, Rahway, New Jersey**, to the Union County Utilities Authority to fill the unexpired term of James C. Jones (resigned), for a term commencing April 14, 2005 – February 1, 2007.

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

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PURPOSE OF COMMENTING  
ON ANY MATTER**

Bruce Patterson, 325 Laurel Ave., Garwood, commented on an April 3rd Star Ledger newspaper article concerning a Mr. Norcross and the firm Schoor DePalma and read from the article. He also commented on a bridge built in Cranford by Schoor DePalma. He also commented on Union County Democratic Party line filing.

Vincent Lehotsky, 2311 Knapp Drive, Rahway, commented on President George W. Bush, New Jersey Attorney General Christopher Christie and the Democratic Party. He also commented on upcoming school board elections.

Mr. Lehotsky also commented on George Carlin's recent appearance at the Union County Arts Center and the management of the Center.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED**

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**REPORTS: STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Freeholder Estrada commented on the Union County Vocational & Technical School and the construction costs for new building going on there. He elaborated on the construction project in detail, refuting some earlier misstatements by a member of the public, and spoke about how the school is putting Union County children on the cutting edge of technology education.

Freeholder Holmes had no comments.

Freeholder Kowalski extended her thanks to all of the TOPOFF exercise volunteers and participants.

Freeholder Mapp stated that he attended the meeting hosted by Congressman Rush Holt on "Einstein Alley", New Jersey's answer to Silicone Valley and stated that we should embrace this economic opportunity for growth in Central New Jersey. The goal is to attract innovative research-based companies and investments to the area and to promote regional development that will facilitate growth. The Freeholder stated that this is a concept that we in Union County need to get involved in, and encouraged the Board to get involved and to get membership on the advisory board for this project.



Freeholder Ward commented on Union County Employee Appreciation Week, which is this week, and stated that she had the opportunity to meet many employees throughout the county this week.

Freeholder Sullivan also commented on Union County Employee Appreciation Week and recounted how he had met employees from various departments including Social Services and will be meeting with employees in the Public Works department.

Freeholder Scanlon commented on Blue Ribbons being worn by the Board members this evening in recognition of this month being Child Abuse Prevention month. She also extended her condolences to the family of Thomas Plaia, township attorney for Union Township, a close friend of her family. She outlined some of the highlights of Mr. Plaia's career.

Vice Chairman Mirabella commented on the Rutgers Cooperative Stakeholders meeting he attended along with Freeholder Sullivan and Estrada last week. He said it was interesting to see so many people from the various programs at that meeting, such as the Master Gardeners, the 4H groups and other agricultural groups, and that they appreciated the Freeholder Board's interest.

He also commented on a successful fundraising event for a battered women's shelter in Plainfield. He also complimented all those who worked on the TOPOFF 3 exercise, including Ben Laganga of Emergency Management, Denise Santiago and Deputy County Manager M. Elizabeth Genievich and the County Manager George Devanney. He stated that the County's response was very impressive and that he appreciated all the planning and volunteering that went into the exercise. He also complimented the Chairman (who is a professional health and public safety officer) on his leadership, performance and participation in the exercise.

The County Manager had no comments.

The County Counsel had no comments.

Freeholder Holmes interjected compliments about the Chairman's participation in the TOPOFF 3 exercise. He then commented on Freeholder Ward's activities during County Employee Appreciation week, noting that she assisted the Mayor of Linden in christening an Emergency Command Post that was developed from Homeland Security money the County received.

Chairman Proctor commented on TOPOFF 3 complimenting the County employees and the members of the Board for their participation noting how large the undertaking was and how hard everyone worked to make it a success. He noted that the Union County Lincs program, which has been operational for only nine weeks, participated fully and did very well. He noted other departments such as the Office of Emergency Management, HAZMAT, the Sheriff's Office, the Prosecutor's Office and many others that participated and complimented them on their performance.

The Chairman noted that this week is Employee Appreciation Week and praised the County's workers, and again he thanked those employees who participated in the TOPOFF 3 exercise.

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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 & Contract Negotiation**

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The Chairman called for a motion to re-enter the Regular Meeting. On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Scanlon absent.

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

The voucher list through **April 5, 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 28, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Freeholders Meeting Room, Administration Building, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Elizabeth.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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**Nicole L. Tedeschi  
Clerk of the Board**

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