

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 28, 2005

Chairman Rick Proctor presided. Roll call showed 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. Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella was absent. Also in attendance were County Manager George Devanney, County Counsel Robert Barry and Clerk of the Board Nicole L. Tedeschi.

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG 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 Kowalski, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative on the minutes of March 17, 2005, with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent; six members of the Board voted in the affirmative on the minutes of March 31, 2005, with Freeholder Mapp and Freeholder Sullivan abstaining and Vice Chairman Mirabella absent; eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative on the minutes of April 7 and April 14, 2005, with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES: March 17 and 31, 2005 – Executive Meeting; April 7 and 14, 2005 – Executive Meeting.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

OATHS OF OFFICE: (Note & file)

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The Chairman stated there would be several presentations at this time. He asked the Union County Municipal Clerks in attendance to come forward: Kathleen Leonard of Clark; Rosalie Hellebreacht, Cranford; Eleanor McGovern, Fanwood; Janet Vlasisavljevic, Hillside; Val Imbriaco, Linden; Laddie Wyatt, Plainfield; Jean Kuc, Rahway, and Marcia Matthews, Roselle. The Resolution honored the office of Municipal Clerk as the oldest among public servants, and one which constitutes a vital part of local government. The Chairman read the Resolution. The group thanked the Board for the recognition.

Freeholder Holmes joined the Chairman in presenting a Resolution to Walter Pommnitz in recognition of his receiving the Volunteer Recognition Award, developed by the Union County Office of Volunteer Services to honor outstanding volunteers. Freeholder Holmes made remarks and read the Resolution, which highlighted Mr. Pommnitz's many hours devoted to volunteering in the Master Gardener's program. Mr. Pommnitz thanked the Board and Madeline DiNardo for nominating him. He also stated that there is a gardening hot line available to answer questions from the public, and that there is a garden in Watchung where food is grown for the needy. He stated that he is proud to a part of this great County gardening organization.

The Chairman presented Resolutions to the Cadets from Rahway and Linden Junior ROTC honoring them for receiving the Volunteer Recognition Award and thanking them for the work they have done and for the civic pride they showed during the recent TOPOFF 3 exercise. The ROTC volunteered for the exercise and their work greatly contributed to the success of the event. The Chairman read the resolution. Master Chief Jim Kelly of the Linden cadets thanked the Board and praised the cadets for their willingness to volunteer. The spokesman for the Rahway Junior ROTC thanked the Board and Cadet Staff Sergeant Myers thanked the Board. The Chairman thanked the cadets for their service and stated the community was very proud of them.

Freeholders Estrada and Sullivan came forward and presented a Resolution to Sister Elaine Maguire honoring her for receiving the Volunteer Recognition Award for her outstanding commitment to the children of Union County as the coordinator of the Rainbows Program in Elizabeth at St. Mary's of the Assumption Parish, a program which helps children who have had a life-changing event in their lives, such as death, divorce, recent immigration, entering foster care, or having a parent incarcerated. The program provides support to ease the emotional pain of the children. Freeholder Sullivan read the Resolution, but stated that it outlined only the tip of the iceberg of all the work Sister Elaine has done. He congratulated her and thanked her. She thanked the Board for the recognition, and thanked the Rainbow Office for having her as one of the nominations. Sister Elaine accepted the award on behalf of all the volunteers and staffers of the Rainbows Program, and Monsignor Robert J. Harrington, whom she called the Grandfather of the program.

Freeholder Kowalski and Union County Surrogate James LaCorte along with the Chairman presented a Resolution Michael Galuppo of Cranford honoring them upon receiving the Volunteer Recognition Award, for his service in the Union County Courthouse through the Surrogate's Office for eight years with people who need assistance at the courthouse. He volunteered as a Court Visitor evaluating the care and condition of persons the court has declared incapacitated, to insure that the best interests of those persons are being met. He has also been a volunteer mediator with the Court's Municipal Mediation program for over ten years, the goal of which is to provide an avenue to resolve disputes without litigation. Freeholder Kowalski read the Resolution and thanked Mr. Galuppo for his service. Mr. Galuppo thanked Mr. LaCorte for nominating him and thanked the Board for the recognition. Mr. LaCorte made remarks about Mr. Galuppo's work for the residents of Union County.

Freeholder Kowalski then presented a Resolution to Mrs. Dottie Baniewicz of Cranford, honoring her upon receiving the Volunteer Recognition Award for her work organizing ladies

night and garage sale fund raising events for the benefit of Project Home of Cranford, a non-profit that provides assistance to people in danger of becoming homeless. She also set up the Cranford September 11th fund which raised enough money to build a World Trade Center memorial in Cranford. She has also volunteered Project Graduation, and has served as a board member for Cranford Family Care, which helps families in need and has done countless other volunteer activities. Freeholder Kowalski stated she had known Mrs. Baniewicz for ten years and that she has served the community unstintingly. Mrs. Baniewicz made remarks thanking the board and thanking the organizations she has been a part of and several individuals, Jerry Dobbin, Barbara Bildger, Bob Hoffler and the girls of Project Home and to her husband and daughter.

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

Vincent Lehotsky, Knapp Drive, Rahway, commented on Resolution 479-2005, with a question regarding the Union Count First initiative program and the vendor. The Chairman responded to his question. He then commented on Resolution 494-2005, with a question on what a “cap bank” is. The County Manager responded to his question and explained the budgetary terminology. He then commented on 496-2005 with a question about the total budget numbers. Finance Department Director Larry Caroselli responded to his question and gave further details.

Bruce Patterson, Garwood, commented on Resolution 494-2005 with questions about the “cap bank” figures. Director Caroselli responded to his questions. Mr. Patterson stated his opposition to the resolution. He then commented on Resolution 507-2005 with a question. The County Manager responded to his question detailing the new Laborer positions being added through the Open Space Trust Fund. Mr. Patterson then commented on 495-2005 with a question as to what the resolution was about. Director Caroselli responded with an explanation of the purpose, to provide the various departments with money until the adoption of the Budget on May 26, 2005.

Dan Nozza, Applegate Ave., Elizabeth, commented on the “cap bank” resolution and in opposition to increases in the budget. Mr. Nozza also commented on Resolution 479-2005 in opposition to the vendor chosen. The Chairman and the County Manager responded to his comments. Mr. Nozza then commented on 481-2005 with a question about what this trust fund is. The County Manager responded to his questions and outlined the programs under that fund. Freeholder Estrada also responded.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

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

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR ADOPTION:

477-2005 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, authorizing the submission of a project proposal to NJ Transit for inclusion in **NJ Transit's Consolidated Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Grant application**, submitted to the Federal Transit Corporation, an operating administration of the US Department of Transportation, for Federal transportation assistance authorized by Section 3037 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), to provide transportation of low-income individuals for employment purposes.

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

478-2005 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the **Employment & Training Institute, Inc, Ringwood, New Jersey**, to provide technical assistance for the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program implemented by the Division of Workforce Development Operations, for compliance with the Federal and State mandated WIA Performance Measures, for the contract period of May 1, 2005 – April 30, 2006, in an amount of **\$4,875**.

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

479-2005 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Spohn Ranch, City of Industry, California**, to repave the old tennis courts and to purchase/install new exterior fencing and ten (10) skateboard /in-line skating station structures (Mattano Park) in an amount not to exceed **\$150,000**.

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

480-2005 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with **Art Selections & Investment, Ltd., Union, New Jersey**, for the purpose of implementing an environmental enhancement to the pool areas in the Rahway and Linden parks in conjunction with and for the Union County Office of Open Space, Recreation & Historic Preservation Trust Fund, in an amount not to exceed **\$18,500**.

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

481-2005 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, amending **Resolution No. 173-2005**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement(s) to encumber and allocate funds from the Union County Open Space, Recreation & Historic Preservation Trust Fund for the **Kids Recreation Trust Grant Program** in an additional amount of **\$900,000**, for a new amount not to exceed **\$1,892,600**.

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

482-2005 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, amending **Resolution No. 1062-2003**, authorizing the County Manager to encumber an additional **\$500,000** of the Union County Open Space, Recreation & Historical Preservation Trust Fund to be allocated towards the Board of Chosen Freeholders Grant Initiative **“Preserving Union County”** for a new amount not to exceed **\$1,000,000**.

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

483-2005 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, amending **Resolution No. 174-2005**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into agreement(s) with municipalities for reimbursement in accordance with the Freeholder Initiative **“Greening Union County”** Matching Grant Program, to be allocated from funds encumbered from the Union County Open Space, Recreation & Historic Preservation Trust Fund in an amount of **\$50,000**, for a new amount not to exceed **\$350,000**.

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

484-2005 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, amending **Resolution No. 284-2004**, to the contract with **PMK Group, Cranford, New Jersey**, for engineering and environmental services and construction documents related to the redesign of Meisel Park in an additional amount of **\$12,975**, for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$222,975**.

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

485-2005 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, amending **Resolution No. 1088-2004**, to the contract with **Joseph A. Mancuso, Piscataway, New Jersey**, to provide technical theater expertise in the form of consulting services related to the renovation and

additions of the UC Arts Center, in an additional amount of **\$5,000 (\$75 per hour)** for a new contract amount not to exceed **\$10,000**.

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

- 486-2005** **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to accept and execute an agreement for a **\$15,000** grant from the **New Jersey Historical Commission**, to archive the “Historical Photographs of the Union County Park System” and to authorize a County Cash Match of **\$6,000** and a County In-Kind Match of **\$6,300** as specified by the grant requirements.

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

- 487-2005** **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to award a professional services agreement to **PMK Group, Cranford, New Jersey**, to prepare a restoration design, including bid specifications, of a woodland area disturbed by an adjoining property owner in the Watchung Reservation in an amount not to exceed **\$8,400**.

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

- 488-2005** **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Life Medical Supplies, Inc., Linden, New Jersey**, to provide orthopedic footwear and orthotic services for the residents/patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of May 1, 2005 – April 30, 2006, in an amount not to exceed **\$2,500**.

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

- 489-2005** **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the **Township of Cranford**, to co-sponsor a **4th of July fireworks** presentation in Nomahegan Park in an amount not to exceed **\$7,500**.

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

490-2005 **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 three (3) year grant from the **New Jersey State Council on the Arts FY06-08 “Local Arts Program (LAP)”** category in the annual amount of **\$32,300** with the following appropriation from the County, no match requirement in the first year; a 1:2 match in the second year; and 1:1 match the third year.

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

491-2005 **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager, through the Division of Cultural & Heritage Affairs to apply for and execute all applications and agreements relating to a grant from the **New Jersey State Council on the Arts FY06-08 “Local Arts Staffing Initiative (LASI)”** category in the amount of **\$675,440, \$412,720** from the State of New Jersey, with a County appropriation cash match of **\$65,680**.

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

492-2005 **FREEHOLDER SCANLON**, re-appointing **Fanny Jaramillo, Plainfield, New Jersey and Reverend Shirley B. Cathie, Plainfield, New Jersey**, to serve as members of the Union County Commission on the Status of Women for a term commencing January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2007.

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

493-2005 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, amending **Resolution No. 771-2004**, to the contract with **Albert L. Chu, t/a ALC Communications, Inc. Randolph, New Jersey**, for the provision of specialized planning, program design, advice and consultation on the matters of international relations, global trade development, and local international business development, to extend the contract period to April 30, 2006.

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

494-2005 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, authorizing the establishment of a **Cap Bank** within the Calendar Year 2005 County Budget pursuant to **N.J.S. § 40A:4-45.15b**.

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

495-2005 **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 Holmes, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

496-2005 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, introducing the **2005 Operating Capital Budget**.

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

497-2005 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, amending **Resolution No. 2162-2002**, to the contract with **4Connections, LLC, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, to include the relocation of four additional fiber optic strands to the new Elizabeth firehouse, together with the necessary installation and testing of these fiber strands in an additional amount of **\$21,400**, for a new contract amount of **320,760**.

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

498-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contracts obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with Local Public Contracts Law 40A:11-1 et seq.

- a. DIVISION ON AGING: **Acme American Repair, Brooklyn, NY**, to provide kitchen equipment maintenance and service utilized in the Division on Aging/Nutrition Program for the elderly for twenty-four (24) consecutive months, in an amount not to exceed **\$34,300**.
- b. DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: **Smiths Detection, Danbury, CT**, a field ft-ir spectrometer with integrated computer capable of analyzing gases and vapors in an amount not to exceed **\$62,500**.
- c. DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS: **W.E. Timmerman Co., Inc., Whitehouse, New Jersey**, to furnish and deliver one (1) street sweeper in an amount of **\$189,035**.

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

- 499-2005 CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to renew the following policies as recommended by the **Citizen Insurance Review Committee (CIRC)**:

Special Excess Liability Policy with **AIG Insurance Company, Pennsylvania, c/o Continental, Marmorstein & Malone, Paramus, New Jersey**, for the period of May 1, 2005 – March 1, 2006, in an amount not to exceed **\$421,550. (No increase)**

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

- 500-2005 CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, amending **Resolution 441-2004**, approving Amendment No. 2 to a professional service contract with **T&M Associates (formally JCA Associates), Clark, New Jersey**, for the purpose of providing an unanticipated Cultural Investigation and Alternative Analysis for the Replacement of the Division Avenue Bridge, New Providence and Summit, New Jersey, for an additional amount of **\$27,000** for a new contract amount of **\$174,458**.

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

- 501-2005 CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing a waiver of bid under the provision of **N.J.S.A.40A:11-5(1) (g)** for the purchase of special equipment for confidential and undercover investigation to be used by the County Police in an amount of **\$78,965**.

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

- 502-2005 CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to purchase goods and services related to **Homeland Security & Domestic Preparedness** from a pre-approved federal procurement program list. **{Funding: n/a}**

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

503-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, allowing the Union County Prosecutor's Office permission to purchase equipment for use in confidential and undercover investigations as per the terms of the bid waiver signed by the **Office of the Attorney General, Director of the Division of Criminal Justice** in an amount of **\$30,900**.

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

504-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, amending **Resolution No. 159-2005**, to include the representation of William Kane and to increase the appropriation to **Allan C. Roth, Esq, Springfield, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled: **Weinstock, et. als. v. County of Union, et als.** for an additional amount of **\$5,000**, for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$10,000**.

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

505-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, resolution for the 2nd approval of land swaps with Springfield post **Lustbader Ogden** hearing.

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

506-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, amending the contract with the **PMK Group, Cranford, New Jersey**, to expand the services to include a Phase I Environmental Report on the property to be received from the Township of Springfield.

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

507-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to adjust and/or change the **Internal Position Controls** of the Budget.

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

508-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, supporting **Senate Bill S-263, New Jersey State Property Tax Convention**, and imploring the legislature to put the public approval of the convention on the ballot next November.

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

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE LAUDATORY IN CONTENT:

509-2005 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA, declaring the month of May as “**Mental Illness Awareness Month**” in Union County.

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

510-2005 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA, congratulating **Huberto Leal** on his twenty (20th) year anniversary with the Union County Senior Lunch Program as the Site Coordinator at Union Baptist Church.

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

511-2005 FREEHOLDER HOLMES, congratulating the **Correction Officers** that are being recognized for their outstanding services on May 5, 2005.

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

512-2005 FREEHOLDER HOLMES, proclaiming the month of May as “**Older American’s Month**” in Union County. This year’s theme is, “Seniors in Grace, Bringing forth Spiritual Fruit.”

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

513-2005 FREEHOLDER HOLMES, designating the week of April 30 – May 8, 2005 as “**Corrections Week**” in Union County.

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

514-2005 FREEHOLDER HOLMES, designating the week of May 15 – 21, 2005 as “**National Police Week**” in Union County.

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

- 515-2005** **FREEHOLDERS HOLMES AND KOWALSKI**, celebrating “**Law Day U.S.A.**” and the Naturalization Ceremony on May 2, 2005 as part of the Union County Court House Centennial Committee Activities.

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

- 516-2005** **FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**, designating May 8 – 13, 2005 as “**Nurses Week**” and May 6, 2005 as “**National Nurses Day**” in Union County.

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

- 517-2005** **FREEHOLDER WARD**, congratulating **Anthony George Baker, Boy Scouts of America, Troop 40**, on attaining his Eagle Scout Award.

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

- 518-2005** **FREEHOLDER WARD**, designating April, 2005 as “**National Landscape Architecture Month**” in Union County.

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

- 519-2005** **VICE CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, congratulating and commending the honorees of the “**2005 Unity Achievement Awards**” presented by the Union County Human Relations Commission for their outstanding services and contributions to the residents of Union County.

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

520-2005 **VICE CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, congratulating **Dottie Baniewicz, Cranford Civic Organizations**, on her receipt of the Volunteer Recognition Award by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders' Office of Volunteer Services.

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

521-2005 **VICE CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, congratulating **Sister Elaine Maguire, Rainbows Program of Elizabeth**, on her receipt of the Volunteer Recognition Award by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders' Office of Volunteer Services.

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

522-2005 **VICE CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, congratulating **Michael Gallupo, Union County Surrogate's Office Volunteer Coordinator/RSVP/Superior Court Volunteer Program**, on his receipt of the Volunteer Recognition Award by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders' Office of Volunteer Services.

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

523-2005 **VICE CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, congratulating **The Junior ROTC Programs of Rahway and Linden**, on their receipt of the Volunteer Recognition Award by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders' Office of Volunteer Services.

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

524-2005 **VICE CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, congratulating **Walter Pommnitz, Rahway, New Jersey**, on his receipt of the Volunteer Recognition Award by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders' Office of Volunteer Services.

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

525-2005 **VICE CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, congratulating **Katherine Van Haasteren**, on earning the Girl Scouts Gold Award.

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

526-2005 **VICE CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, congratulating **Jennifer Leslie Bauer**, on earning the Girl Scouts Gold Award.

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

527-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR AND THE ENTIRE BOARD**, congratulating **Pamela Zardecki Boright, Westfield, New Jersey**, on her upcoming retirement after 37 years of outstanding and dedicated service in the field of education.

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

528-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR AND THE ENTIRE BOARD**, extending deepest condolences to the family of **Joan Ladines, Clark, New Jersey**, in this, their time of sorrow.

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

529-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR AND THE ENTIRE BOARD**, congratulating **Kevin Boyle, Coach**, who was honored by Saint Patrick's High School Alumni Association on Saturday, April 23, 2005 at their 14th Annual Hall of Fame Dinner/Alumni Reunion.

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

530-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR AND THE ENTIRE BOARD**, congratulating **Neal McCarthy**, who was honored by Saint Patrick's High School Alumni Association and on Saturday, April 23, 2005 at their 14th Annual Hall of Fame Dinner/Alumni Reunion.

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

- 531-2005** **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR AND THE ENTIRE BOARD**, congratulating **Debbie Skrupskis Durand**, who was honored by Saint's Patrick High School Alumni Association on Saturday, April 23, 2005 at their 14th Annual Hall of Fame Dinner/Alumni Reunion.

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

- 532-2005** **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR AND THE ENTIRE BOARD**, congratulating **Angel G. Estrada**, who was honored by Saint Patrick's High School Alumni Association on Saturday, April 23, 2005 at their 14th Annual Hall of Fame Dinner/Alumni Reunion.

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

- 533-2005** **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR AND THE ENTIRE BOARD**, congratulating **Gerald Imbriacco**, who is being honored by Saint Patrick's High School Alumni Association on Saturday, April 23, 2005 at their 14th Annual Hall of Fame Dinner/Alumni Reunion.

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

- 534-2005** **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, designating May 1 – 7, 2005 as “**Municipal Clerks' Week**” in Union County.

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

- 535-2005** **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, congratulating **Amparo Aguirre**, who is being honored by the Patriots' Path Council, Boy Scouts of America at their Fifth Annual Tribute to Women Luncheon to be held on Friday, April 29, 2005.

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

536-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, congratulating **Ann Marie Kay**, who is being honored by the Patriots' Path Council, Boy Scouts of America at their Fifth Annual Tribute to Women Luncheon to be held on Friday, April 29, 2005.

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

537-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, congratulating **Jo Haggerty Vargo**, who is being honored by the Patriots' Path Council, Boy Scouts of America at their Fifth Annual Tribute to Women Luncheon to be held on Friday, April 29, 2005.

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

538-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, congratulating **Mary Theresa Purves**, who is being honored by the Patriots' Path Council, Boy Scouts of America at their Fifth Annual Tribute to Women Luncheon to be held on Friday, April 29, 2005.

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

539-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, congratulating **Vincent A. Belluscio, Jr, Roselle, New Jersey**, on his retirement after 27 years of public service in municipal government.

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

540-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, congratulating **David Deredita, Arthur L. Johnson, High School**, being honored by UNICO's Thirteenth Annual "Brian Piccolo Award."

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

541-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, congratulating **Jody Tropeano, Arthur L. Johnson High School**, for being honored by UNICO's 30th Annual "Brian Piccolo Award."

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

542-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, congratulating **Vincent J. Russo, David Brearley High School**, for being honored by UNICO's 30th Annual "Brian Piccolo Award."

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

543-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, congratulating **Daniel Sullivan, Elizabeth High School, Elizabeth**, for being honored by UNICO's 30th Annual "Brian Piccolo Award."

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

544-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, congratulating **William Lawler, David Brearley High School, Hillside**, for being honored by UNICO's 30th Annual "Brian Piccolo Award."

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

545-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, congratulating **Candice Balsamo, Bernardsville High School, Plainfield**, for being honored by UNICO's 30th Annual "Brian Piccolo Award."

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

546-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, congratulating **Christopher D'Agostino, Seton Hall Prep, Plainfield**, for being honored by UNICO's 30th Annual "Brian Piccolo Award."

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

547-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, congratulating **Taylor Cianciotta, Scotch Plains/Fanwood High School**, for being honored by UNICO's 30th Annual "Brian Piccolo Award."

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

548-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, congratulating **Elizabeth Elko, Scotch Plains/Fanwood High School**, for being honored by UNICO's 30th Annual "Brian Piccolo Award."

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

549-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, congratulating **Marc Fabiano, Scotch Plains/Fanwood High School**, for being honored by UNICO's 30th Annual "Brian Piccolo Award."

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

550-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, congratulating **Joanna Galante, Union High School**, for being honored by UNICO's 30th Annual "Brian Piccolo Award."

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

551-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, congratulating **Stephen Blumett, Union High School**, for being honored by UNICO's 30th Annual "Brian Piccolo Award."

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

552-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, congratulating **Anthony Abitante, Governor Livingston High School**, for being honored by UNICO's 30th Annual "Brian Piccolo Award."

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

553-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, congratulating **Corey Cattano, New Providence High School**, for being honored by UNICO's 30th Annual "Brian Piccolo Award."

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

554-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, congratulating **Thomas James DelDuca, Westfield High School**, for being honored by UNICO's 30th Annual "Brian Piccolo Award."

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

555-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, honoring **UNICO** for their philanthropy/civic mindedness in awarding various scholarships.

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

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

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

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE FROM THE FLOOR:

556-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Ard Appraisal Company, Clark, New Jersey**, to prepare an appraisal survey for two properties, 65 Stanley Avenue, Summit, New Jersey and 836 Chestnut Street, Union, New Jersey, for purposes of seeking a diversion from the New Jersey State Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program for an eventual sale of the properties in an amount not to exceed **\$4,000**.

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

557-2005 **CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**, extending deepest condolences to the family of **Warren Brody, Roselle, New Jersey**, former Judge of the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey, in this, their time of sorrow.

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

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

The following persons commented in opposition to the closure of the Union County Trap and Skeet Facility unless otherwise noted:

Martin Scanlon, Union, President of UC Federation of Sportsman's Clubs.

Greg Kailiff, Summit

Mark Witrosky, Union

John Bretz, Cranford,

Nick Scaparatta, Linden

Mario Vitale, Cranford

Bill ___(inaudible), Clark

Peter O'Hallaran, Linden

Ken___(inaudible), Rahway

Mike___(inaudible), Clark

John Wiselow, Union

Ellen Mulligan, Clark

Roger Ferness, Union

Larry McDermott, Livingston

Vincent Lehotsky, Rahway, commented on the trap and skeet range, hazardous waste collection, tick season, earth day cleanup and the Bio Blitz event.

Cindy Kisner, of NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife

Mario Vitale, Cranford, commented on the geese, ducks and the trap and skeet range.

Daniel Nozza, Elizabeth, commented on an article on Elizabeth Mayor Bollwage in the Star Ledger.

John Maniconi, Whippany

Mr. ___(inaudible), Willets, Middlesex

Ralph Wassman, East Orange

Scott Boch, New Foundland

Tina Renna, Cranford, commented on the budget, the payroll and on County employee salaries.

Patricia Quatrocchi, Garwood, commented on the trap and skeet range in opposition to its closing and on the Kids Recreation Trust Fund and on money that was awarded by the Board to the municipality of Garwood that she stated it has yet to receive.

Bruce Patterson, Willow Ave., Garwood commented on the Volunteer Recognition resolutions and on the Vocational Technical School expansion.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

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REPORTS: STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The County Counsel made remarks outlining the County's position on the closing of the Trap and Skeet Facility. The Chairman interjected in response to a question from the public that the park is scheduled for closure on May 2, 2005.

The County Manager interjected in response to a remark by Ms. Quatrocchi, that Garwood received its check on April 5, 2005.

Freeholder Estrada commented on take our Kids to Work Day held on this day, stating that many kids participated and that it was a big success. He also commented on the Health Summit being held tomorrow in Scotch Plains at the UMDNJ campus dealing with the issue of childhood obesity.

Freeholder Kowalski corrected one thing in response to an earlier comment by Vincent Lehotsky, noting that some chemicals she took to a chemical waste location were identified, contrary to what he had alleged. She also commented on Take Our Kids to Work Day having attended events in the Public Works department. She also commented on several upcoming events in Union County including a Pet Fair at Trailside Nature and Science Center, and on the upcoming Bio Blitz at Lenape Park, Law Day on May 2. She also commented on the recent HSAC (Human Services Advisory Council) awards, Occupational Therapy Week at Runnells Hospital and on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board having a presentation by an archivist on gathering historical materials and the possibility of getting official historical designation for the Olmstead-designed Union County parks.

Freeholder Mapp had no comments.

Freeholder Sullivan commented on the introduction of the County Budget, thanking the Finance Committee and all the Freeholders for their attendance at the budget hearings where attendance was very good by members of the board. He thanked Director Caroselli, Melinda Zito and all the department heads. He also gave some details on the budget number. He also commented on the Trap and Skeet range and the County's lengthy efforts prior to today to deal with the DEP on that facility. He congratulated his son Daniel and his nephew Christopher who are being honored Sunday with the Brian Piccolo award.

The County Manager thanked Finance Department Director Larry Caroselli, Tax Assessor Chris Duryee, and Sebastian Delia for their work on the budget. He also commented on a constitutional amendment on property taxes.

The County Counsel had no further comments.

The Chairman echoed the comments of the County Manager and Freeholder Sullivan on the subject of the budget and property taxes.

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

The voucher list through **April 20, 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 **May 12, 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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