

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

MINUTES OF THE AGENDA MEETING

MAY 4, 2005

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

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

Freeholder Kowalski entered the meeting at this point.

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

Freeholder Chester Holmes entered the meeting at this point.

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

OATHS OF OFFICE: James Aiello, Union County Solid Waste Advisory Board and James Kennedy, Rahway, Union County Utilities Authority.

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NEW BUSINESS:

**I. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
M. Elizabeth Genievich, Deputy County Manager/Dir. of Administrative Services**

The Deputy County Manager explained that there were a number of different vendors listed below for chemicals the department was buying because not every vendor supplies every chemical needed.

RESOLUTIONS

1. 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: (CH. PROCTOR)**

- a. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & FACILITIES: Awarding the following contracts for the Department of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, Division of Golf Operations/Horticulture, to supply ground maintenance chemicals for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months. For each of the 55 items the bid was awarded to the lowest possible bidder: **The Terre Co., Clifton, NJ, in an amount of \$18,975; Fert L-Soil Turf Supply, Inc., Scotch Plains, NJ, in an amount of \$47,173.11; Verdicon, New Brunswick, NJ, in an amount of \$43,050; Reed & Perrine Sales, Tennent, NJ, in an amount of \$64,298.43; Seeton Turf Warehouse, LLC, Maple Shade, NJ, in an amount of \$17,500; Koonz Sprinkler Supply Inc., Springfield, NJ, in an amount of \$7,131.20; Lesco, Inc., Cleveland, OH, in an amount of \$20,115.10; Synatek, LP, Sounderton, PA, in an amount of \$31,511.40; for a total bid amount not to exceed \$249,754.24.**
- b. DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS: **Weldon Materials, Inc., Westfield, New Jersey**, to supply and deliver various items of bituminous concrete, additives and membrane materials for the Division of Public Works, for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months in an amount not to exceed **\$358,677.50**.
- Freeholder Mapp asked if the vendor in item “c” represented the only bid received. The Deputy County Manager stated that she doubted it but would check and respond to the Freeholder.
- c. DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS: **M&M Construction Company, Union, New Jersey**, for the expansion and renovations of the Union County Clerk’s Office and Record Room in an amount of **\$950,000**.

II. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
James Daley, Director

RESOLUTIONS

III. DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS
Frank Dann, Director

RESOLUTIONS

1. Granting permission to the **Township of Berkeley Heights**, to close Springfield Avenue from Snyder Avenue to the Berkeley Heights/Long Hill Township Bridge, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, from Saturday, July 16, 2005, 6:00 p.m. to Sunday, July 17, 2005, 2:00 a.m., for the Mt. Carmel Society’s Annual Festival and Fireworks Display. (**CH. PROCTOR**)

Freeholder Scanlon asked when the golf event at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield is to be held. Director Dann responded that is in the 2nd week of August. The Freeholder asked if there would be a way for drivers to go up Shunpike road past the golf club during the event and the Director responded that there would be.

2. Granting permission to the **Township of Springfield**, to close Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, from the intersection of Shunpike Road to North Trivett Avenue both north bound and south bound between the hours of 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Shunpike Road, Springfield, New Jersey, from the intersection of South Springfield Avenue to the intersection of Mountain Avenue both east bound and west bound between the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to all vehicular traffic except for emergency vehicles, on Monday, May 30, 2005, for the Annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony. **(CH. PROCTOR)**
3. Concurring with the **Borough of Fanwood**, granting permission to the Fanwood Business and Professional Association to close Martine Avenue between South Avenue and LaGrande Avenue, and South Avenue between Martine Avenue and Second Street, Fanwood, New Jersey on Sunday, June 26, 2005 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for a Street Fair. **(CH. PROCTOR)**

IV. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
Lawrence M. Caroselli, Director

RESOLUTION

Freeholder Mapp stated that he noted this contract is only for \$4,629 for a lot of services. He asked if all those services are included in this one price. Director Caroselli responded that they are and that the cost is based on the total number of W2 forms. ADP does not provide that large a quantity of information to the County, just a few points of information, he added.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Automated Data Processing, (ADP) Diamondbar, CA**, to provide Unemployment Compensation services in an amount of **\$4,629. (FR. SULLIVAN)**

V. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
Frank Guzzo, Director

RESOLUTIONS

Freeholder Mapp asked why Mercer County is a part of the agreement in item #1. The Director replied that Mercer County took the lead in its application, and that Union County would rather be part of the grant than to take the lead.

1. Entering into an Inter Local Services Agreement with **Mercer County**, to provide case management services to Union and Middlesex County clients who have exceeded the 60 month lifetime limit for the contract period of October 1, 2004 – September 30, 2005, in an amount not to exceed **\$100,254**. {**State funding: \$100,254**} (**FR. ESTRADA**)

Vice Chairman Mirabella asked if item #2 was part of the capital budget for this year. Director Dann said it was not, and will come out of the operational side.

2. To authorize the purchase of a Xerox CC65 Digital Copier from **Xerox Corp, Morris Plains, New Jersey**, to provide goods and services to the Division of Social Services in an amount not to exceed **\$31,320**. {**State funding: \$15,660; County funding: \$15,660; Total funding: \$31,320**} (**FR. ESTRADA**)

VI. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, & FACILITIES
Charles Sigmund, Director

Director Sigmund stated that he would be adding another resolution for next week involving the renewal of lease for the Narcotics Strike Force for the Prosecutor's Office.

RESOLUTION

Freeholder Holmes asked where this building is located. Director Sigmund deferred to Human Services Department Director Frank Guzzo, who replied that the location is the Probation Office in Plainfield. Director Guzzo elaborated on the specifics of the building. Freeholder Holmes asked several other questions about this building and its uses and Director Guzzo elaborated on the uses and costs of rents and renovations.

1. Authorizing a month-to-month lease agreement with **Antonio Lingwood, Plainfield, New Jersey**, for approximately 4,688 rentable square feet for use by the Union County Probation Office. Rental rate for the first floor space consisting of 3,125 square feet shall be **\$17.03** per square feet and the rent for the lower level space consisting of 1,563 square feet shall be **\$3.96** per square feet. Lease shall commence on April 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005 (9 months). Payments shall be made in monthly installments of **\$4,950.68**, in an amount not to exceed **\$44,556.12**. Lease shall also include payment for snow removal in an amount not to exceed **\$10,000** for a total amount of **\$54,556.12** per year. (**FR. KOWALSKI**)

VII. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Harold Gibson, Director

There were no questions.

RESOLUTION

1. Amending **Resolution No. 843-2004**, increasing the **Local Information Network Communications System (LINCS)** grant by **\$33,838**, to cover the costs associated with the startup and operation of a Medical Reserves Corps Unit and for the purchase of video conferencing equipment. **{State funding: \$33,838}**
(CH. PROCTOR)

VIII. DEPARTMENT OF RUNNELLS SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL
Joseph Sharp, Director

RESOLUTIONS

Vice Chairman Mirabella asked if the amount in item #1 represents one decedent's balance. Director Sharp replied that it is for one person. Freeholder Mapp asked who was responsible for the debt of the decedent. The Director said that the two persons in charge of the decedent's estate filed Chapter 13 bankruptcy.

1. To approve the dissolving of an outstanding balance as it is uncollectible in the amount of **\$57,121.04. (FR. KOWALSKI)**
2. Authorizing a contract with **Jack & Jill Ice Cream Co., Morristown, New Jersey, (through Healthcare Group Purchasing, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:9-87 & 88)** to purchase ice cream products for Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006, in an amount of **\$15,000. (FR. KOWALSKI)**
3. Renewing the contract with **Pecters Baking Company, Harrison, New Jersey, (through the Healthcare Group Purchasing, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:9-87 & 88)** for the purchase of bread and related bakery products for the residents/patients of Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006, in an amount of **\$42,000. (FR. KOWALSKI)**

Freeholder Mapp asked if for "fee for service agreements", there is any exposure to Union County in case of malpractice. The Director said that the County does carry malpractice insurance and so do the physicians we use.

4. Renewing the contract with **Calman Hunter, O.D., Cranford, New Jersey**, to provide professional optometry services to the patients/residents of Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of June 1, 2005 – May 31, 2006. **{This is Fee For Service Agreement/At No Cost to Union County} (FR. KOWALSKI)**

Freeholder Kowalski asked why the increase in item #5. The Director went into detail about the items to be purchased and their costs.

5. Amending **Resolution No. 1133-2004**, to the contract with **Penn Jersey Paper Company, Philadelphia, PA**, to purchase additional housekeeping supplies, paper, plastic and linen for Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005, in an additional amount of **\$56,058**, for a new total contract amount of **\$85,058. (FR. KOWALSKI)**

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| Previous Contract Amount: | \$29,000 |
| Additional Request: | \$56,058 |
| New Contract Amount: | \$85,058 |

IX. OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR

Theodore J. Romankow

First Assistant Prosecutor Albert Cernadas Jr. represented the Prosecutor's Office.

RESOLUTION

Freeholder Sullivan asked if it normal that the Prosecutor's Office is involved when there is a fatality in an accident. Mr. Cernadas responded that the office oversees all the investigations of accidents with fatalities and all fatality deaths in the County. If there is criminality, then they do further investigation. He said there are 8-15 traffic cases prosecuted per year and over 200 fatal car accidents a year in Union County.

Freeholder Scanlon asked if these accidents were on highways or on local roads. Mr. Cerandas stated that most of these are highway accidents such as on Rt 78, the Garden State Parkway, or accidents involving high speed travel, regardless of if it is a state road or county road or not.

Freeholder Mapp asked if the office prosecuted all DWI incidents. Mr. Cernadas answered that the office does not prosecute straight DWI cases, these are done by the Municipal courts, but DWI cases involving fatalities are prosecuted by his office.

1. Applying and accepting funding from the **New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety** in the amount of **\$81,174**, to fund a County Investigator position to oversee the investigation of traffic fatalities in Union County. **{There is no County Match required} (CH. PROCTOR)**

X. COUNTY COUNSEL
Robert E. Barry, Esq.

RESOLUTION

1. Amending **Resolution No. 458-2005**, to increase the appropriation to **Garrubbo & Capece, Westfield, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled: **Todaro v. County of Union, et als.** in an additional amount of **\$10,000**, for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$45,000. (CH. PROCTOR)**

XI. COUNTY MANAGER
George W. Devanney

The Deputy County Manager stated she had nothing to add.

RESOLUTIONS

XII. FREEHOLDERS

RESOLUTIONS

FREEHOLDER ESTRADA

1. Proclaiming May, 2005 as “**Older Americans Month**” with the theme this year being “Celebrate Long-Term Living” selected by the Administration on Aging to recognize and honor the valuable contributions of older persons to their communities as they age.
2. Re-appointing **Oscar Ocasio, Elizabeth, New Jersey and Hal Hamilton, Plainfield, New Jersey**, to the Open Space, Recreation & Historic Preservation Trust Fund Public Advisory Committee effective immediately and expiring December 31, 2005.

FREEHOLDER HOLMES

Vice Chairman Mirabella asked to be added to this Resolution.

1. Congratulating **Stephanie Giameo, Roselle Park, New Jersey**, for her achievements in academics and gymnastics.

FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI

Freeholder Scanlon asked to be added to this Resolution.

1. Supporting **New Jersey State Senate Bill 2144 and Assembly Bill 3526** entitled: “Christopher’s Law” without delay in order to conform the New Jersey Statutes to the common sense of the people of New Jersey and to protect the people of New Jersey from unlicensed drivers.
2. Congratulating the following Boys Scouts who are being honored at the Court of Honor Ceremony on Sunday, May 15, 2005: **Ryan Berns, Matthew Bierman, Thomas Hannen III, Keith Hollerback, Eric Linger and Michael Strom.**
3. Appointing **Barbara Krause and William Illaria, Cranford, New Jersey,** to the Union County Air Traffic Advisory Board for a term commencing January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2006.

Freeholder Mapp stated that he would have a condolence resolution to the family of Jonnell Rollins.

FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN

1. Expressing appreciation and commending the **Elizabethtown Gas Company** for its leadership role in promoting the partnership of the public and private sectors in support of the arts in Union County.
2. Congratulating **Daniel J. Ferry, IV, Elizabeth, Timothy S. Ronco and Ryan C. Scott, Linden, Boy Scouts of America, Troop 23,** on attaining their Eagle Scout Award.

FREEHOLDER WARD

1. Congratulating **Mrs. Margaretta “Margo” Newkirk** on receiving the 2005 Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year Award in Linden, New Jersey.

VICE CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN

The Chairman stated that this resolution would be from entire Board.

1. Congratulating **Pansy G. Mingo, Plainfield, New Jersey,** on her upcoming retirement after 20 years of outstanding and dedicated service in the field of education.

CHAIRMAN PROCTOR

Freeholder Scanlon suggested that this resolution be from the entire Board.
Freeholder Sullivan asked the Clerk of the Board to explain award: The Clerk

stated that it was an award for the role she played as Director of Intergovernmental Relations and her work with NJAC.

1. Congratulating **Nicole L. Tedeschi, Clerk of the Board**, who being honored by the New Jersey National Association of Counties (NJAC) on receiving the County Service Award at their Presidential Awards Luncheon on Thursday, June 16, 2005.

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The Vice Chairman called for Freeholder comments. Freeholder Scanlon commented on a race between two staff members and congratulated the winner.

The Vice Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Ward and Freeholder Proctor absent.

The next **Agenda Meeting** of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will be held on **May 19, 2005 at 7:00 PM** in the Freeholders Meeting Room, Administration Building, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

ADJOURNMENT

Nicole L. Tedeschi
Clerk of the Board

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