

EXECUTIVE MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION – JUNE 23, 2005

Present: Chairman Proctor, Vice Chairman Mirabella, Freeholders Estrada, Holmes, Kowalski, Mapp, Scanlon, Sullivan & Ward, County Manager George W. Devanney, Deputy County Manager M. Elizabeth Genievich, County Counsel Robert Barry and Clerk of the Board Nicole Tedeschi

Also Present: Joe Mancuso, Hope Blackburn & Jason Walstein (Bert Zittimer's office), Vikki Drake, Trust Fund Administrator, Ryan Garner, Deputy Trust Fund Administrator; John Phelps, Lawrence Caroselli; Chris Howard, Esq., Chuck Sigmund and Bill Donegan, Esq.

The following items were discussed:

- 1: Kean University: A discussion relative to the walkway on the campus of Kean University and a resolution in support of Kean's Green Acres application ensued.
- 2: Union County Arts Center: The County plans to purchase the UCAC and lease it back to the UCAC Board. The County will agree to front the UCAC \$75,000 per year for 5 years until they generate revenue. The Board will include 2 Freeholders, County Manager or designee and 2 board members. Annual financial reports, quarterly financial reports and monthly financial reports will be provided to the Board and the County. The bank building will be leased by the County to the UCAC for \$1. Remainder of the minutes redacted under Attorney-Client privilege communication on a matter involving on-going contractual negotiations.
- 3: Health Insurance: Health Benefit premiums and the prescription plan premiums are increasing. Initially the increase was going to be 22%, but the County's broker got it down to 12%. The County pays approximately \$10,000 per employee in health benefits costs. The Board supports a feasibility study in determining if it would be helpful to municipalities to develop a JIF with the County.
- 4: Haggerty v. the County of Union: Settled for \$100,000.
- 5: Cingular Wireless: Cingular Wireless wants to put a mobile tower at 1115 Prospect Avenue, Mountainside (County Property) for the PGA at the rate of \$1,500 per month for 6 weeks. Board would like to see if Cingular will pay more money in rent.
- 6: Jimenez v. The County of Union: Ms. Jimenez, carrying her son, fell at the Annex of the Court House and has had 2 surgeries and therapy. The judge gave a value of \$100,000 for settlement purposes. Trial date is set for July. Remainder of the minutes redacted under Attorney-Client privileged communication.
- 7: Cedera v. the County of Union: Minutes redacted under Attorney-Client privileged communication.

- 8: A Union County employee tested positive for tuberculosis. Out of 50-90 employees tested, 6 tested positive. Chest X-Rays of those employees are needed to confirm TB. The reason as to why the employees have tested positive needs to be determined – it is possible that it is because of the type of vaccine the person received. The immediate family members were negative but a relative tested positive. The employee is being treated.