

EXECUTIVE SESSION
AGENDA MEETING – JULY 7, 2005

Present: Chairman Proctor, Vice Chairman Mirabella, Freeholders Holmes, Kowalski, Mapp, Scanlon, Sullivan and Ward. Freeholder Estrada is absent. County Manager George W. Devaney, County Counsel Robert E. Barry and Clerk of the Board Nicole Tedeschi

Also Present: Chuck Sigmund, Vikki Durbin Drake, Ryan Garner, Frank Dann, Harold Gibson

The following items were discussed:

1. Update on Goose Management: This year's goose management program occurred on June 27, 2005. 352 geese were removed. The Parks Department is making major strides in population control; the egg addling has been a success and will continue this program as well. This was the first year golf courses were included in management plans.
2. Seville Property: Minutes redacted under Attorney-Client privilege communication on a matter involving on-going contractual negotiations.
3. Eastman Street Bridge: DEP has not made a decision as to a corrective action that should be taken, and has said that the County and Cranford should come to an agreement as to what should happen, then approach DEP with a plan of action. An agreement between the County and Cranford is likely to occur next week.
4. Paratransit: There has been a change in the vendor's management that is causing many problems with the paratransit service. Complaints had increased dramatically. Frank Guzzo has taken actions to remedy the situation and the vendor is acting accordingly and working with Director Guzzo to improve services. Director Guzzo is also preparing to go out to bid for the next contract period, as the current contract expires in six months.
5. Plainfield Police: The situation in Plainfield is deteriorating rapidly. Plainfield now realizes they need additional personnel, after they already laid off 15 officers. In addition to the one officer that is deployed in Plainfield, the County will be providing 2 additional officers and marked patrol cars to help patrol the area, and monitor drug trafficking, among other services, all which should help secure the town. The Sheriff is donating 11 officers to aide Plainfield.
6. Personnel Matter: The County has a new health insurance broker working for Statfeld Insurance.
7. Meisel Field: Permits have been received by DEP.

8. Update on Lawsuits stemming from the M&E Railroad Reactivation: Minutes redacted under Attorney-Client privileged communication in a matter involving on-going litigation.
9. Update on Jiminez v. The County of Union: Settled for \$50,000.
10. Update on The County of Union v. Cedera: Settled for \$65,000.