

EXECUTIVE SESSION
AGENDA MEETING – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2005

Present: Chairman Proctor, Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholders Estrada, Holmes, Kowalski, Mapp, Scanlon, Sullivan and Ward, County Manager Devanney, Deputy County Manager Genievich, County Counsel Robert Barry, Clerk of the Board Tedeschi

Also Present: Kathy Hatfield, Esq.
Chuck Sigmund, Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, Ron Zuber, David DeVecchio & Tony Ferano, Jingoli Construction and Noel Musial, The Musial Group;
Frank Guzzo, Director of Human Services, Harold Gibson, Director of Public Safety, Chief Daniel Vaniska Ben Laganga

The following items were discussed:

1. Espinosa v. the County of Union: The Courts ruled in the County's favor on our motion for Summary Judgment and dismissed plaintiff's complaint in its entirety. Mr. Espinosa's attorney has stated he will file an appeal in the 3rd Circuit, but has yet to do so.
2. Police Vehicle Storage Building & the Vennieri Building: The garage is almost 11,000 squared-feet. There are 3 floors of office space. First Floor: Clerk's passport office, classroom space, Rape Crisis Center in back; Second Floor: Medical Examiner Office & Autopsy Suite, Police, EMS, Consumer Affairs and Weights & Measures; Third Floor: County Superintendent of Schools & Rutgers Cooperative Extension with a Parking Deck attached. Minutes redacted under Attorney-Client privilege communication on a matter involving on-going contractual negotiations. Disclosure at this time would adversely affect the public interest.
3. Hurricane Katrina Update – The County's Response: For one week, the County was told by the State that our help was not needed. On Friday afternoon, the State told us they needed an assessment of what we can offer and what the municipalities can offer in terms of aid. On Tuesday, 9/6, 11 officers of which 6 of them are county employees, were deployed. We are now on a hold pattern. There were slight problems with municipal officers and fire fighters telling us they could deploy officers, but did not have the consent of their administration. From Human Services perspective, the Red Cross contacted Frank Guzzo for housing availability. Human Services will receive referrals and distribute food stamps, vouchers, day care assistance, and help with insurance, etc. We believe the state will approve funding reimbursements. Right now we are helping families that have families here, but ultimately we expect to hear from families that are relocating. We are looking to plan ahead for other phases of rebuilding: for example, demolition, public works employees may be needed. Chairman prepared all the immunizations for officers that were being deployed.

4. The County would have been a co-defendant in a wrongful death action arising out of a police pursuit; however we were successful in opposing an application to file a late tort claim. With the Court's denial of the application, no suit can be initiated against the public entities.
5. Nazario v. Union County: This case was settled for \$19,450.