

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
AGENDA MEETING – DECEMBER 1, 2005

PRESENT: Chairman Rick Proctor, Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholders Angel G. Estrada, Chester Holmes, Bette Jane Kowalski, Adrian O. Mapp, Deborah P. Scanlon, Daniel P. Sullivan. Freeholder Ward is absent.

County Manager George W. Devanney, Deputy County Manager M. Elizabeth Genievich, County Counsel Robert E. Barry, Clerk of the Board Nicole L. Tedeschi

ALSO PRESENT: Director Harold Gibson, Ben Laganga, Salena Carroll, IEM Consultants, Joe Salemme, Labor Negotiations, Frank Guzzo, Director of Human Services, Vikki Durbin, Ryan Garner, Trust Fund Office

The following items were discussed:

1. Fanelli v. County of Union: Lawsuits against Sheriff Froehlich and former Undersheriff Bill Malcolm have been dismissed. The County of Union is the only defendant left. Minutes redacted under Attorney-Client privileged communication in a matter involving on-going litigation.
2. Homeland Security – Continuity of Government: The Federal government is providing a grant for “Federal Urban Area Security Initiative” focusing on the continuity of government plans. Union County and Morris County have been chosen in New Jersey to be pilot programs because of our efficient way of executing plans. Scope of the plan discussed with the Board.
3. Parks Foremen’s Association Settlement: Settlement negotiations with the Parks Foremen’s Associations were discussed with the Board. The Board supports the proposed negotiations.
4. Council 8: Settlement negotiations with Council 8 were discussed with the Board. The Board supports the proposed negotiations.
5. Medical Transportation: A discussion ensued relative to the Plainfield-based medical transportation company the County uses to provide transportation for the financially disadvantaged and elderly.
6. Paratransit: Two bids came in for the paratransit contract and they are currently being reviewed by county counsel’s office.
7. Cranford Cell tower: A proposal was submitted to the County for a cell tower on the Shade Tree property. The County does not support the proposal and will not entertain a proposal at this time.
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10. Greenwork Elizabeth: A presentation was made to the Trust Fund committee regarding the development of parks and greenways in Elizabeth, as an urban area. The cost of phase one is approximately \$500,000 and funding from the Trust Fund should be considered. Phase one would be done in one year, then phase two by 2007.
11. Domestic Partnership: The Board supports.
12. Fair and Open Procurement Process: County Counsel updated the Board as to how the law is developing and the procedures the County is preparing to conform to the legislation that will take effect in January 2006.
13. Salaries: A discussion relative to the salaries of directors and freeholders ensued.