

**MINUTES
OF THE
SWEARING-IN AND
REORGANIZATION CEREMONY FOR
THE MEMBERS OF THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS**

**JANUARY 8, 2006
ONE O’CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON**

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The Honorable Walter R. Barisonek, Assignment Judge, Superior Court of the County of Union called the meeting to order, and then introduced the Mistress of Ceremonies Charlotte DeFilippo, Chairman, Democratic Committee of Union County. Also in attendance was Superior Court Judge Roberto Alcazar.

***MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES
GREETINGS:***

*The Honorable Charlotte DeFilippo,
Chairman of the Democratic Committee of
Union County*

MOMENT OF SILENCE

*Charlotte DeFilippo, Chairman of the
Democratic Committee of Union County*

INVOCATION:

*Given by the Honorable Donald Keith
Hummel*

***THE PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS
Sheriff’s Office of Union County***

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

*Led by the Honorable Ralph Froehlich,
Sheriff of Union County*

STAR SPANGLED BANNER:

Sung by Marie Oakie

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION:

*Read by Joanne Rajoppi,
County Clerk*

Joanne Rajoppi, Union County Clerk

***Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder
Rick Proctor, Freeholder
Nancy Ward, Freeholder***

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OATH OF OFFICE:

The Honorable Walter R. Barisonek, Assignment Judge, Superior Court of the County of Union, swore in Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi.

Holding the Bible for County Clerk Rajoppi were her children, Peter and Andrew Pappas.

COMMENTS:

UNION COUNTY CLERK JOANNE RAJOPPI

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OATH OF OFFICE:

The Honorable Roberto Alcazar, Superior Court Judge swore in Freeholder Angel G. Estrada.

Holding the Bible for Freeholder Angel G. Estrada were his wife, Tere and their children Liliana, Christopher, Jorge and Daniel.

COMMENTS:

FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA

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OATH OF OFFICE:

The Honorable Nicholas Scutari swore in Freeholder Rick Proctor.

Holding the Bible for Freeholder Rick Proctor were his daughters Kathryn and Kimberly and his son-in-law, Daniel.

COMMENTS:

FREEHOLDER RICK PROCTOR

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INTRODUCTION:

Chairman DeFilippo introduced Freeholder Ward.

OATH OF OFFICE:

The Honorable Edward Kologi, Esq. swore in Freeholder Nancy Ward.

Holding the Bible for Freeholder Nancy Ward were her mother Rita Ward and her sister Josie Ward.

COMMENTS:

FREEHOLDER NANCY WARD

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HONORED GUESTS:

*The Honorable Robert Menendez,
13th Congressional District
The Honorable Raymond J. Lesniak,
State Senate 20th District
The Honorable Neil Cohen,
Assemblyman, 20th District
The Honorable Joseph Cryan, Assemblyman,
20th District
The Honorable Nicholas P. Scutari,
State Senate 22nd District
The Honorable Jerry Green,
Assemblyman, 22nd District
The Honorable Linda Stender,
Assemblywoman, 22nd District
The Honorable J. Christian Bollwage,
Mayor of the City of Elizabeth*

The Honorable Robert Menendez made remarks, congratulating the re-elected Freeholders.

Mistress of Ceremonies Charlotte DeFilippo turned the meeting over to Nicole L. Tedeschi, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, for roll call and reading of the "Open Public Meetings Act."

Roll call showed Freeholder Rick Proctor, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Chester Holmes, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Adrian O. Mapp, Freeholder Deborah P. Scanlon, Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan and Freeholder Nancy Ward in attendance. Also present were County Manager George Devanney and County Counsel Robert Barry.

The first order of business was the selection of a Chairperson. The Clerk called for nominations of a Chairman Pro-Tem to conduct the election of a Chairman. Freeholder Proctor nominated Freeholder Deborah P. Scanlon to serve as Chairman Pro-Tem.

Freeholder Holmes seconded the nomination. Roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

Chairman Pro-Tem Scanlon called for nominations for the election of Chairman for The Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2006. Freeholder Sullivan nominated Freeholder Alexander Mirabella for Chairman. Seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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The Honorable Raymond Lesniak stepped forward and after making a few remarks praising the record of accomplishments of the Chairman-elect, administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Chairman Alexander Mirabella, who then assumed the seat as Chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2006.

Holding the Bible for Chairman Mirabella were his wife, Phyllis and their children Alex and Micayla.

The next order of business was the election of a Vice-Chairman for the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2006.

Chairman Mirabella called for nominations for the office of Vice-Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Freeholder Scanlon nominated Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Proctor.

The Clerk called the roll for the election of Vice-Chairman for the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2006. Roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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The Honorable Linda Stender made remarks highlighting the accomplishments of Freeholder Kowalski, and then administered the Oath of Office. Holding the Bible for the Vice-Chair were her husband, Andy Lanset and her parents, Edwin and Irene Kowalski.

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**ANNUAL MESSAGE BY THE FREEHOLDER CHAIRMAN
ALEXANDER MIRABELLA**

(See attached copy)

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PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Hiver Ambroise, Executive Director of the Union County Democratic Committee stated that Mistress of Ceremonies Charlotte De Filippo unfortunately had to leave the ceremony a bit early, and that Joanne Rajoppi also had to leave. He offered a gift presentation to the County Clerk in her absence, and then gave gifts to Freeholders Angel G. Estrada, Rick Proctor and Nancy Ward.

A gift presentation to Chairman Alexander Mirabella was made by the Honorable Linda Stender, Assemblywoman and Municipal Chair of Fanwood.

The Union County Women's Political Caucus also gave a gift presentation to Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi.

The County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, Former State and County President of the Union County Women's Political Caucus, left a gift presentation to be presented to Freeholder Nancy Ward. The presentation was made by Assemblywoman Stender.

BENEDICTION: *The Honorable Donald Keith Hummel*

A FIVE-MINUTE RECESS WAS HELD, AND THEN THE NORMAL ORDER OF BUSINESS RESUMED.

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BUSINESS PORTION

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CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA *called the meeting to order.*

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

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

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes. On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: DECEMBER 15, 2005 - AGENDA, REGULAR and EXECUTIVE MEETINGS.

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**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMMENTING
ON RESOLUTIONS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

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The Chairman called for a motion to approve resolutions 2006 – 1 through 2006 – 54. On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE BEING OFFERED FOR ADOPTION:

2006-1 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, adopting the By-laws and Rules of Procedure for the year 2006.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2006-2 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, adopting the Temporary Budget for the year 2006.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2006-3 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, approving the Temporary Debt services for the year 2006.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-4 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, establishing certain change funds for the year 2006.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-5 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, designating depositories wherein all public monies and funds of the County of Union shall be kept for the year 2006.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-6 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing certain signatures for checks, wire transfers and other disbursements of the County of Union for the year 2006.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-7 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, establishing certain petty cash funds for the year 2006.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-8 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, adopting the Freeholder Standing Committee Assignments for the year 2006.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-9 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, appointing members of the Board as liaisons to various advisory and other boards.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-10 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, adopting the meeting schedule for the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2006.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-11 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, designating the **Star Ledger, La Voz, Courier News, The Home News Tribune, The Rahway News Record, Clark Patriot, North Jersey Newspapers Publishing, Luso Americano, Vistaso Hispano and the Westfield Leader** as the newspapers to receive legal notices for the year 2006.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-12 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, appointing **Don Readlinger of Hale Insurance Brokerage, LLC, Cranford, NJ** as Insurance Broker of Record, providing Insurance Consultant / Broker Services to the County of Union from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-13 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, awarding a contract to **Suplee, Clooney, & Company, Westfield, NJ**, to provide statutory audits of accounts of the County of Union and its agencies from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-14 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, awarding a contract to **NW Financial, Jersey City, NJ**, to provide financial advisory services from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-15 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, awarding a contract to **Rogut, McCarthy & Troy, PC, Cranford, NJ**, to provide specialized counsel services in connection with the issuance of bonds or notes by the County of Union from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-16 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, awarding a contract to **Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP, Morristown, NJ**, to provide Special Counsel Services for Labor Negotiations and Personnel Counsel from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006, in an amount not to exceed **\$60,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-17 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, appointing **Neil Cohen, Esq., Montclair, NJ**, as Special Counsel for the County of Union Planning Board for a term commencing immediately and terminating on December 31, 2006, at an annual salary of **\$27,500**.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-18 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, approving pre-qualified list of Litigation/Defense Counsels.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-19 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, awarding a contract to **PMK, Inc., Cranford, NJ**, for the purpose of General On Call Engineering Services from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 in an amount not to exceed **\$30,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-20 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, awarding a contract to **Harbor Associates, Inc., Cranford, NJ**, to provide Land Surveying Services to the County of Union from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 in an amount not to exceed **\$30,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-21 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing payment of postage to the **Postmaster/US Postal Service** from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 in an amount not to exceed **\$250,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-22 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, awarding a contract to **Ruderman & Glickman, Esqs., Springfield, NJ**, to provide Special Counsel Services for Personnel Affairs from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006, in an amount not to exceed **\$50,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-23 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, awarding a contract to **Roth & Horowitz, Springfield, NJ** to provide Special Counsel Services for Personnel Affairs from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006, in an amount not to exceed **\$75,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-24 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, awarding a contract to **Garrubbo, Capece, D'Arcangelo, Millman & Smith, Westfield, NJ**, to provide Special Counsel Services for Personnel Affairs from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006, in an amount not to exceed **\$25,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-25 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, awarding a contract to **Schwartz, Simon, Edlestein, Celso & Kessler, Florham Park, NJ**, to provide Counsel Services to the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006, in an amount not to exceed **\$60,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-26 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, awarding a contract to **Ard Appraisers, Clark, NJ** to provide appraisal services from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 in an amount not to exceed **\$25,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-27 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, awarding a contract to **Appraisal Associates, Inc., Cranford, NJ** to provide appraisal services from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 in an amount not to exceed **\$25,000**.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-28 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, designating Freeholder Holmes as the Union County Delegate to New Jersey Association of Counties and Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan as the Alternate from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-29 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, designating Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan as the Union County Delegate to North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority and Freeholder Chester Holmes as the Alternate from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-30 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, appointing the following to the **Advisory Council on Aging: Miriam Dickman, Cranford; John Surmay, Elizabeth; Joe Fox, Westfield; Toby Marx, Cranford; and Michael Gugliemino, Trinitas Hospital; Anita Weinberg, Executive Director, Visiting Health Services; Ruth Smith, Scotch Plains; and Dennis Maas, District Manager, Elizabeth Social Services**, effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-31 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, appointing the following to **Citizens**

Insurance Review Board: Rosemary McClave, Hillside, Chairman; and Carlos Alma, Elizabeth; Jessie Sheehy, Linden; and George McDonough, Cranford effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-32 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, appointing the following to **Human Services Advisory Council: Thomas Reedy, Executive Director, United Family & Children's Society, Plainfield; Pat Mennuti, Executive Director, Community Coordinated Child Care, Hillside; Teresa Soto-Vega, Executive Director, PROCEED, Inc., Elizabeth; Catherine Saintilien, Executive Director, CMI Community Center, Elizabeth; Clare Elton, Union County Director, Catholic Community Services, Cranford; Charlene Taylor, Community Services Specialist, Housing Authority – City of Elizabeth, Elizabeth; Bill Webb, Executive Director, Family & Children's Services, Elizabeth; and Janice Williams, NJDHS, Union County Representative, DYFS, Paterson**, effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-33 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, appointing the following to **Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board: Conrad Person, Plainfield; Clara Fernandez, Elizabeth; Jay Bloom, Springfield** effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-34 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, appointing the following to the **Union County Hospice & Home Health Care Advisory Board: Bertha Little Matthews, Union** effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-35 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, appointing the following to the **Advisory Board on the Disabled: Carol Beviano, Linden; Janice Ortiz,**

Elizabeth; Edward Heaton, Union; and Ina White, Springfield effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-36 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, appointing the following to **Union County Public Health/Weapons of Mass Destruction Advisory Board: Nancy Ogonowski, Clark Health Officer, Clark**, effective January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2006; **Nancy Koblis, Linden Health Officer, Linden; John Ferraioli, Union Twp. Health Officer, Union; Chief Robert Quinlan, Hillside Police Department, Hillside; Ben Laganga, Union County Emergency Management Officer; Denise Santiago, Union County Health Officer; Roberta Milano, Union County LINCIS Coordinator; Ellen Shelly, Union County Epidemiologist; Daniel Iradi, Director of Emergency Services, American Red Cross – Summit, NJ Chapter**; effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-37 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, appointing the following to the **Advisory Board of the Status of Minorities: Connie Hamlin, Roselle; Jacques Howard, Plainfield; James Baker, Jr., Rahway; Hazel Walker, Roselle; LaRhonda Hall, Roselle**; effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-38 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, appointing the following as Members to the **Union County Planning Board: Livio Mancino, Kenilworth; Elizabeth Gemender, Berkeley Heights; Yves Aubourg, Roselle; Michael D'Agostino, Union; and Rob Garrison, Westfield** effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-39 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, appointing the following to the **Commission on the Status of Women in Union County: Teresa Hale,**

Hillside, effective January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2006; **Carol Ann Lombardo, Garwood; Michele Morais, Elizabeth; Karen Sheehy, Linden; Megan Cryan, Union; Grace Wolf, Rahway; Judi Jenkins Gaudino, Summit; and Carolyn Vollero, Cranford** effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-40 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, appointing the following as an advisor to the **Shade Tree Advisory Board: Sean Ryan, Roselle Park** effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-41 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, appointing the following to the **Union County Fire Advisory Board: Deputy Chief Lathy Wirkus, Chief Tom Murray, Chief William Severage, Chief Fred Fretz, David Maas, Jay Rice, Chief Joseph Signorello, Chief Leonard Spina and Ben Laganga** effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-42 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, appointing the following to the **Emergency Management Council: George W. Devanney, M. Elizabeth Genievich, Harold Gibson, Ben Laganga, Christopher Scaturro, Daniel Vaniska, Leonard Dolan, Gareth Williams, Jeff Sias, Sebastian D'Elia, Ronald Kanterman, JoAnn Gemenden, Theodore J. Romankow, Ralph Froehlich, Frank Dann, Gerald Miller, Richard McCutcheon, Denise Santiago and Dr. Carmen M. Centuolo**, effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-43 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, appointing the following to the **Runnells Specialized Hospital Advisory Board: Dr. Martin Sheehy, Westfield; Mary DeFilippis, New Providence; and Dr. Jerome Cohen, Berkeley Heights** effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-44 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, appointing the following to the **Union County Improvement Authority: Anthony Scutari, Linden and Joseph Miskiewicz, Hillside**, effective February 1, 2005 through February 1, 2010.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-45 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, appointing the following to the **Union County Labor Advisory Board: Ed Zarnock, Union; and John Malcolm, Kenilworth** effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-46 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, appointing the following to the **Transportation Advisory Board: Walter Tucker, Garwood; Thomas R. Mezzo, Garwood Alternate**; effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-47 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, appointing the following to the **Union County Air Traffic Noise Advisory Board Walter Tucker, Garwood**; effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-48 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, appointing the following to the **Union County Utilities Authority: William Wolf, Rahway** effective February 1, 2006 through January 31, 2011; **James Huff, Clark** effective February 1, 2002 through February 1, 2007.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-49 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, appointing the following to **Union County Parks & Receptions Advisory Board: Richard Zack, New Providence; John Langan, Linden; Patricia Goeb, Union; and Chuck Florio, Linden** effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-50 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, appointing **John R. Boles as the Public Agency's Compliance Officer** for the County of Union for the year 2006.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-51 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, amending resolution number 1157-2005 to allow the County of Union to apply for up to **\$1,330,000** in PARIS Grant Funding in the second year application.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-52 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing a contract with David Foster, DVM, Morganville, New Jersey to provide routine and emergency veterinary dental services to the horses at the Watchung Stables for the period of January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2006-53 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD**, offering the condolences of the Board to the family of Ann Baran, former Union County Manager, in this their time of sorrow.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2006-54 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD,** acknowledging Monday, January 16, 2006 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in Union county in memory and recognition of his outstanding contributions to the welfare of mankind.

On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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***MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMMENTING
ON ANY MATTER***

There were no comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

The Chairman called for Freeholder comments.

Freeholder Proctor had no comments.

Freeholder Scanlon offered congratulations to Chairman Mirabella, and to the three Freeholders who were re-elected, Freeholders Estrada, Proctor and Ward. She also congratulated former Chairman Proctor on his year of leadership.

Freeholder Ward offered congratulations to the Chairman and Vice Chair Kowalski. She stated that she is looking forward to working with the Board.

Freeholder Estrada offered congratulations to the Chairman and the Vice Chair and wished them the best. He said that there are many challenges to be faced this year, but that he feels the Board has the experience to handle them.

Freeholder Mapp offered congratulations to the Chairman and Vice Chair.

Freeholder Sullivan offered condolences to the family of former County Manager Ann Baron. He commented on her many years of service to the County as County Manager. He also offered congratulations to the Chairman and Vice Chair, both of whom he said have experience and knowledge.

Chairman Mirabella also made remarks about Ann Baron, saying she was a colleague and friend of Union County and that she will be sorely missed.

Freeholder Holmes offered congratulations to the Chairman and Vice Chair, and also offered condolences to the family of Ann Baron.

Vice Chair Kowalski offered congratulations to the team of Freeholders and all those who worked this past year on the re-election campaign. She also thanked the Board for the support.

Chairman Mirabella thanked all the members of the Board for their confidence in him. He stated he was sure they will do well this coming year. He also welcomed Acting Director Al Faella of the Economic Development department.

The Chairman then thanked Sebastian D’Elia for his hard work in preparing for this ceremony, and he also thanked the Clerk of the Board and her staff for their hard work in planning this event. The Chairman then thanked George Devanney for his help in what will surely be a productive year, and he thanked all the residents of Union County.

The Chairman then called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Ward, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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ADJOURNMENT

The next agenda meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2006. The next regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2006. Both meetings will commence at 7:00pm in the Freeholders’ Meeting Room, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 6th Floor, Administration Building, Elizabeth, NJ.

Nicole L. Tedeschi
Clerk of the Board

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