

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
AGENDA MEETING – JANUARY 19, 2006

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Varady, Esq., Rich Bauch, Esq.,
Vikki Durbin, Charles Sigmund, Ryan Garner & Michael Brennan

The following items were discussed:

1. Fanelli v. the County of Union: Trial was supposed to start on Wednesday, January 18, 2006 with arguments on motions. Fanelli requested a settlement of \$500,000 up front with approximately 325-350,000 in as back pay and the balance deemed compensatory damages which she would receive tax free. In addition, we would pay \$70,000 per year for 7 years. She will be required to apply for a disability pension which will give her 40% of her salary and, if approved, we get a dollar for dollar credit against the \$70,000 per year. Upon retirement in approximately 7 years, she will be required to apply for health benefits through the State plan. In the event she is ineligible for health benefits, the county will pay \$6,000 per year until such time as she becomes Medicare eligible.

In addition, QCA's third party carrier will contribute \$375,000 - Mr. Varady is asking for \$450,000. The Judge is trying to assist in getting a combined \$100,000 from Coregis Insurance and two other carriers, as of now they are at \$60,000, for a total potential contribution of \$435,000. **(Minutes redacted pursuant to Item #5 of attached redaction explanations).**

Plaintiff's counsel is claiming fees of \$1 million. High settlement would be \$2 million and the low end of the settlement would be \$1.7 million (minus \$435,000 from insurance companies). **(Minutes redacted pursuant to Item #5 of attached redaction explanations).** Board supports.

2. Saint Patrick's Day Parade: The Board supports funding in the amount of \$4,000.
3. Espinosa v. County of Union: The Board has been updated on the status of the case.
4. Murphy v. County of Union and Roberts v. County of Union: 6 defense counsels in both cases. Roberts has an offer of settlement for \$250,000. County Counsel is asking for the Board's support of settling both cases **(Minutes redacted pursuant to Item #2 of attached redaction explanations).** The Board supports.

(Minutes redacted pursuant to Items #3 & #5 of attached redaction explanations).

5. **(Minutes redacted pursuant to Item #6 of attached redaction explanations).**
6. Court House Dome Renovations: Discussions relative to the renovations of the Union County Court House Dome ensued.
7. Deer Management Program: A discussion relative to the deer management program in Scotch Plains ensued.