

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
EXECUTIVE MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2006

Present: Chairman 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. Freeholder Nancy Ward was absent. Also present are the County Manager George W. Devanney, Deputy County Manager M. Elizabeth Genievich, County Counsel Robert Barry, Clerk of the Board Nicole L. Tedeschi.

Also present: Chuck Sigmund, Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, Vikki Durbin, Trust Fund Administrator, Mike Brennan, Deputy Trust Fund Administrator, Ryan Garner, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, Sebastian D'Elia, OPI Director, Joseph Salemme, Labor Negotiations

The following items were discussed:

1. Sevelle Property / Ponderosa Farm: A discussion relative to the potential plans for the Sevelle Property ensued. The comments of the public were considered. The Board discussed the legal implications of not going forward with the Green Meadows Farms at the Sevelle site. **(Minutes redacted pursuant to Items #1 & #5 of attached redaction explanations)**. The Board is not comfortable moving forward at this time and will involve members of the community, Scotch Plains and County-wide residents, in future consideration for projects on this site. We want to be good neighbors, but we have needs to meet the community county-wide. There has clearly been a break down in communication on behalf of the Mayor and Council in Scotch Plains.
2. Early Retirement Package: The Board supports offering an early retirement incentive package as a way to divert layoffs. Approximately 50 people are eligible.