

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 9, 2006

ROLL CALL

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 16, 2006 – Regular & Executive Meetings;
February 22, 2006 – Agenda & Regular Meetings.**

*** * * * ***

COMMUNICATIONS:

OATHS OF OFFICE: (Note & file)

*** * * * ***

The first order of business is the First Reading of Bond Ordinance No. 624-2006.

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 624-2006

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK FOR OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSES IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$6,500,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

*** * * * ***

Freeholder Scanlon moving Bond Ordinance No. 624-2006 for First Reading and authorizing the Clerk of the Board to advertise the same in accordance with the law. {Final Reading: 3/30/2006}

* * * * *

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

* * * * *

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR ADOPTION:

2006-274 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, an Amendment to the **Temporary 2006 Budget** in the amount of **\$121,966,704.33** as a result of notification received from the following agencies:

- a. US Department of Housing and Urban Development for a program entitled: **“McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance”** in an amount of **\$3,726,466**.
- b. New Jersey Department of Environment Protection for a program entitled: **“County Environmental Health Act (CEHA)”** in an amount of **\$183,750**.
- c. New Jersey Department of Transportation for a program entitled: **“Signs and Markings”** in an amount of **\$1,014,000**.
- d. County of Union – Match for a program entitled: **“Match – Job Access and Reverse Commute Grant”** in an amount of **\$30,000**.

2006-275 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, an amendment to the **2006 Temporary Budget** in the total amount of **\$170,755,337.37**, pursuant to the provisions of **Ch. 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20)**.

2006-276 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, transfer Resolution for the **2005 appropriations**, pursuant to **N.J.S.A.40A:4-59**.

2006-277 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, adopting the **2006 Temporary Capital Budget** in the amount of **\$6,500,000**.

2006-278 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)** and accept the 2005 McKinney-Vento Act Homeless Assistance competitive grant award funds in the amount of **\$3,726,466** for seven (7) projects with various program durations ranging from one (1) to three (3) years, effective immediately upon execution of the HUD grant agreements.

- 2006-279** **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, authorizing the County Manager to do all things necessary to enter an agreement and accept funding from the **New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Youth and Family Services** for the **2006 Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC)** to provide operating support to the Human Services Advisory Council and the Commission on Missing & Abused Children for the contract period of January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006 in an amount of **\$66,008**, with a required **\$15,900** County Match for a total amount of **\$81,908**.
- 2006-280** **FREEHOLDER HOLMES**, sponsoring the **Strike Merchants Bowling Club** with the sum of **\$2,000**.
- 2006-281** **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with **Edwards & Kelcey, Inc., Morristown, New Jersey**, to provide professional services for the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) grant funded transportation planning study entitled: “Union County Freight Access Study between Port Elizabeth and Tremeley Point” for the contract period of March 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007 in an amount not to exceed **\$200,000**.
- 2006-282** **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, amending **Resolution No. 757-2005 (BA No. 49)** for the purpose of changing budgetary appropriations and account numbers with **Bayway Lumber, Linden, New Jersey and The Viva Group, Inc., Berkeley Heights, New Jersey**, for the Division of Facilities Management portion **ONLY** for a twenty-four (24) month contractual term.
- 2006-283** **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, approving **Change Order No. 1 (Final)** to the contract with **Voice Print International, Camarillo, California**, in the amount of **\$171,020.20** for the purpose of providing a Logging Recording system for the Union County Communications Center, (New Police Headquarters and Forensic Laboratory) Westfield, New Jersey. This change order will **decrease** the original contract amount by **\$10,054** for a new contract amount of **\$160,966.20**.
- 2006-284** **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, approving **Change Order No. 1 (Final)** to the contract with **Sprint Communications Company, LP, Overland Park, Kansas**, for the purpose of integrating the GIS/Mapping System with the Emergency and 9-1-1- Call-Center Phone System for the Union County Communications Center, Westfield, New Jersey in an amount of **\$9,849.78** for a new total contract amount of **\$184,448.49**.
- 2006-285** **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, sponsoring the **Union County Baseball Association, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, to provide support for the programs and services for the youth of Union County in an amount not to exceed **\$2,000**.

- 2006-286** **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement **Somerset County Technology Institute, School of Practical Nursing, Bridgewater, New Jersey**, for the purpose of providing educational experience in clinical area for students enrolled in the School of Practical Nursing for the contract period of March 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006 at no cost to the County.
- 2006-287** **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to change the **Nursing Facility Private Fee Structure** rate for private pay Long Term Care residents at Runnells Specialized Hospital from the current per diem rate of **\$255 per day to \$265 per day. {Effective upon approval}**
- 2006-288** **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Arjo, Inc., Roselle, Illinois**, to purchase eleven (11) patient lifts with scales, fifty three (53) slings for the lifts and two (2) hygiene chairs for Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of March 1, 2006 – July 31, 2006 in an amount of **\$84,082.96**.
- 2006-289** **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, appointing **Jeff Tandul, Linden, New Jersey**, to the Parks Advisory Board for a term commencing immediately and terminating December 31, 2008.
- 2006-290** **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to renew the following **Policies** as recommended by the **Citizens Insurance Review Committee (CIRC) dated February 16, 2006**:
- a. Renewing the **Excess Worker’s Compensation Policy** with the **PMA Insurance Group, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey**, from March 1, 2006 – February 28, 2007 in an amount not to exceed **\$555,573. {13% increase due to Domestic Terrorism Surcharge, \$500,000 self insured retention limit and an increase in County payroll}**
 - b. Renewing the **Auto Insurance Policy** on the fleet of vehicles with the **PMA Insurance Group, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey**, from March 1, 2006 – February 28, 2007 in an amount not to exceed **\$899,618. {1% increase from last year}**
 - c. Renewing the **Special Excess Liability Policy** with **Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania (AIG) c/o Continental Marmorstein & Malone, Paramus, New Jersey**, from March 1, 2006 – February 28, 2007 in an amount not to exceed **\$507,122. {the expiring premium was \$504, 472 almost exactly the same}**
- 2006-291** **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contracts obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with **Local Public Contracts Law 40A:11-1 et seq**:

- a. DIVISION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES: PC Mall Gov, Inc., Chantilly, Virginia, to furnish and deliver different types of Data Processing Cables and accessories for twenty-four (24) consecutive months in an amount not to exceed **\$2,882.40**.
- b. DIVISION OF POLICE: Life Fitness Inc., Schiller Park, Illinois, to furnish and deliver equipment in an amount of **\$35,891.16**.

- 2006-292** CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, concurring with the **City of Linden** granting permission to **Care Station, Linden, New Jersey**, to hang a banner across North Wood Avenue and Elizabeth Avenue, Linden, New Jersey, from Thursday, April 13, 2006 to Monday, May 1, 2006, to publicize a Health Fair to be held on Saturday, April 29, 2006 (rain date Sunday, April 30, 2006).
- 2006-293** CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, authorizing an **Inter-Local Agreement** with the **County of Morris** for the replacement of Central Avenue Bridge (Ne62) over the Passaic River, Borough of New Providence and Township of Chatham, New Jersey.
- 2006-294** CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, amending **Resolution No. 1229-2005** to increase the appropriation to **Palumbo & Renaud, Cranford, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled: **Sinclair v. County of Union, et als.** for an additional sum of **\$10,000** for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$25,000**.
- 2006-295** CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, amending **Resolution No. 949-2005** to increase the appropriation to **John Demassi, Esq., Scotch Plains, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled: **Baptiste v. County of Union, et als.** for an additional sum of **\$5,000** for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$10,000**.
- 2006-296** CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, amending **Resolution No. 970-2004** to increase the appropriation to **Carpenter, Bennett & Morrissey, Newark, Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled: **Espinosa v. County of Union, et als.** for an additional sum of **\$10,000** for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$90,000**.
- 2006-297** CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, amending **Resolution No. 1080-2005** to increase the appropriation to **Booker, Rabinowitz, Trenk, Lubetkin, Tully, Dispasquale, Webster, West Orange, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled: **Sinclair v. County of Union, et als.** for an additional sum of **\$10,000** for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$20,000**.
- 2006-298** CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, amending **Resolution No. 1234-2005** to increase the appropriation to **Schenk, Price, Smith & King, Morristown, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled: **Butler v. County of Union, et als.** for an additional sum of **\$10,000** for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$25,000**.

2006-299 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, approving the settlement of pending litigation entitled Weinstock, Ficacci & Testa, as recommended by the Department of Law.

2006-300 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, approving a pre-qualified provision for **Engineering Services**.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE LAUDATORY IN CONTENT:

2006-301 FREEHOLDER HOLMES, congratulating **Detective Gertha M. Murrell, Jersey City, New Jersey**, upon the occasion of her retirement from the Jersey City Police Department.

2006-302 FREEHOLDER MAPP, congratulating **Lieutenant Donald Moye, Plainfield, New Jersey**, upon the occasion of his retirement from the Plainfield Police Department after twenty five (25) years of services.

2006-303 FREEHOLDER MAPP, recognizing the contributions of former **Councilwoman Joanne Hollis**, to the City of Plainfield, New Jersey.

2006-304 FREEHOLDER MAPP, congratulating **Reginald Dixon, Plainfield High School** for winning the 55-meter dash at the Princeton University at the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association Championship.

2006-305 FREEHOLDER WARD, opposing the **Federal Aviation Administration's Metro Airspace Redesign** proposals; specifically as it relates to the Newark Liberty International Airport.

2006-306 VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI, proclaiming the month of March, 2006 as **"National Professional Social Workers Month"** in Union County, this year's theme is: **"Life's Journey, Help Starts Here."**

2006-307 VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI, declaring the month of March 2006 as **"National Nutrition Month"** in Union County.

2006-308 VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI, declaring March 30, 2006 as **"National Doctors' Day"** in Union County.

2006-309 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI, congratulating **Benjamin S. Chewey, Cranford, New Jersey, Boy Scouts of America, Troop 75**, on attaining his Eagle Scout Award.

2006-310 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, congratulating **Christine Ring, Summit, New Jersey**, for being named a Top Youth Volunteer in New Jersey for 2006.

2006-311 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, AND THE ENTIRE BOARD**, extending deepest condolences to the family of **Edward (Eddie) Oakie, Hillside, New Jersey**, in this, their time of sorrow.

* * * * *

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE
PURPOSE OF COMMENTING ON
RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR ONLY

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED**

* * * * *

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE FROM THE FLOOR:

2006-312 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, an amendment to the Temporary 2006 Budget in the amount of **\$173,311,013.37** as a result of notification received from the following agency:

- a. City of Newark – **“Ryan White Title – I HIV”** in an amount of **\$2,535,676**.

2006-313 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, supporting the application (**Kean University East Campus Link**) to the State House Commission for the diversion of lands in Elizabeth River Park, Block 101, Lot 5, in the Township of Union, approving the transfer of an easement to Kean University over Block 101, Lot 5 and accepting Block 1601, Lot 7 in the Township of Hillside as compensation for the diversion.

* * * * *

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED**

* * * * *

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

* * * * *

The voucher list through **March 1, 2006** will be available for public perusal in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

The next **Regular Meeting** of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will be held on **Thursday, March 30, 2006 at 7:00 pm** in the Freeholders Meeting Room, Administration Building, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

ADJOURNMENT