

**UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS**  
**MINUTES FOR THE AGENDA MEETING**

**April 6, 2006**

Chairman Alexander Mirabella presided. Roll call showed Vice Chair Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Adrian O. Mapp, Freeholder Rick Proctor, Freeholder Deborah P. Scanlon, Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan and Freeholder Nancy Ward were present. Freeholder Chester Holmes was absent.

Also present were County Manger George Devanney, County Counsel Robert Barry and Clerk of the Board Nicole L. Tedeschi.

Freeholder Chester Holmes enters the dais.

**PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG** were led by the Clerk of the Board Nicole L. Tedeschi.

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

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**C O M M U N I C A T I O N S :**

**OATHS OF OFFICE: Jay Bloom, Union County Cultural & Heritage Advisory Board; Anton Evers; William Wright; Union County Transportation Advisory Board; Dr. Jerome Cohen, Runnells Specialized Hospital Advisory Board.**

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**I. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

**M. Elizabeth Genievich, Deputy County Manager/Dir. of Administrative Services**

There were no questions

**RESOLUTIONS**

1. 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: (CH. MIRABELLA)**
  - a. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE: **TAB Products Co. LLC, Mayville, Wisconsin,** to deliver and install five (5) drawers filing cabined system in an amount of **\$19,388.98.**

- b. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & FACILITIES; DIVISION OF GOLF OPERATIONS: **Reed & Perrine Sales Inc., Tennent, New Jersey**, in an amount of **\$45,973.60**; **Lesco, Cleveland, Ohio**, in an amount of **\$23,276**; **Seeton Turf Warehouse, LLC, Maple Shade, New Jersey**, in an amount of **\$610**; **Grass Roots Turf Products, Inc, Randolph, New Jersey**, in an amount of **\$3,640**; and **Fertl-Soil Turf Supply Inc, Scotch Plains, New Jersey**, in an amount of **\$632.40**; to obtain, furnish and deliver various types of fertilizer to the County of Union for the usage at the County Golf Courses for a total bid amount of **\$74,132**.
  - c. DIVISION OF GOLF OPERATIONS: **The Active Network, Inc, Burnaby, British Columbia**, Optional 3<sup>rd</sup> year extension – integrated telecommunications computerized reservation, point of sale, registration an photo golf identification card system in an amount not to exceed **\$34,800**.
  - d. DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING: **Douglas Ballantine Landscape, Milltown, New Jersey**, for the purpose of restoration planting at Watchung Reservation in an amount of **\$61,450**.
  - e. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & FACILITIES: **Fertl-Soil Turf Supply Inc, Scotch Plains, New Jersey**, in an amount of **\$44,304.16**; **UAP Distribution Inc, North Brunswick, New Jersey**, in an amount of **\$56,624.24**; **Koonz Supply, Normandy Beach, New Jersey**, in an amount of **\$29,352.73**; **Lesco Inc, Cleveland, Ohio**, in an amount of **\$97,321.86**; **Synatek LP, Souderton, Pennsylvania**, in an amount of **\$3,840**; **The Terre Co, NJ Inc, Clifton, New Jersey**, in an amount of **\$3,780**; **Reed & Perrine Sales, Inc, Tennent, New Jersey**, in an amount of **\$59,752.61**, to furnish and deliver Grounds Maintenance Chemicals for a total bid amount of **\$294,975.60**.
  - f. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & FACILITIES: **Whirl Corporation, Inc, Post Monmouth, New Jersey**, to provide the installation of four (4) fitness courses that the County has purchased from another vendor in an amount of **\$35,460**.
2. Authorizing County Manager to enroll various County departments, agencies and employees in professional organizations and associations in an amount not to exceed **\$114,000. (CH. MIRABELLA)**

**II. DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS**  
**Frank Dann, Director**

**RESOLUTIONS**

- 1. Granting permission to the **Borough of Roselle Park** to close Chestnut Street from Grant Avenue to Webster Avenue, Roselle Park, New Jersey, on Monday, May 29,

2006, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a Memorial Day Parade. (CH. MIRABELLA)

2. Authorizing an Inter-local Agreement between the County of Union and the **Borough of Mountainside** for the purpose of providing milling and resurfacing of a portion of Woodland Avenue, a municipal street, as part of the Union County 2006 Milling, Resurfacing, & Handicap Ramp Construction Project. (Mountainside agrees to reimburse the County of Union 100% of the costs, approximately **\$10,500**, associated with the work done on Woodland Avenue). (CH. MIRABELLA)

Freeholder Sullivan asked for a reason for why we were being approached regarding the resurfacing of a municipal street. Director Dann responded that often the County will share services with the municipalities to lower the cost for the municipality. Director Dann also mentions that it is a short piece of roadway, 145 feet, off of a County road. Freeholder Sullivan wanted to know if that was a good price. Director Dann stated that it the same price the County was charged previously. Freeholder Sullivan made mention that he believed that this kind of a relationship between the County and the municipality is good.

3. Authorizing an Agreement between the County of Union and the **New Jersey Department of Transportation, Division of Local Aid and Economic Development**, for the purpose of obtaining a discretionary grant in the amount of **\$150,095.30** for reimbursement of County funds expended for the Feasibility Study and Preliminary Scoping for the NJSH Route 82 (Morris Avenue) Bridge over the Rahway River in the Townships of Springfield and Union. (CH. MIRABELLA)
4. Granting permission to the **Borough of Kenilworth** to hang a banner across the Boulevard at the Boulevard and North 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Kenilworth, New Jersey from August 1, 2006 to August 28, 2006 to advertise the Firemen's Carnival sponsored by the Kenilworth Volunteer Fire Department; from August 28, 2006 to September 19, 2006 to advertise the Health Fair sponsored by the Kenilworth Board of Health; from September 19, 2006 to October 23, 2006 to advertise the Kenilworth Octoberfest Street Fair sponsored by the Pride in Kenilworth Committee; and to close the Boulevard from 23<sup>rd</sup> Street to 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Kenilworth, New Jersey, on Sunday, October 8, 2006 (rain date Sunday, October 15, 2006) from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the Annual Kenilworth Octoberfest Street Fair. (CH. MIRABELLA)

### III. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE Lawrence Caroselli, Director

There were no questions.

#### RESOLUTIONS

1. An Amendment to the **Temporary 2006 Budget** as a result of notification received from the following agencies: (FR. ESTRADA)

- a. Department of Human Services for a program entitled: **“Respite Care Cost Share”** in an amount of **\$25,000**.
  - b. US Department of Housing and Urban Development for a program entitled: **“Supportive Housing Program”** in an amount of **\$150,000**.
2. An amendment to the **2006 Temporary Budget** pursuant to the provisions of **Ch. 96, P.L. 1951 {N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20} (FR. ESTRADA)**

**IV. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

**Frank Guzzo, Director**

**RESOLUTION**

**V. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & FACILITIES**

**Charles Sigmund, Director**

**RESOLUTION**

1. Authorizing a renewal of the service agreement with **Simplex Grinnell, Rockaway, New Jersey**, for the Fire Alarm Maintenance and Repair Services for Oriscello Correctional Facility for the contract period of April 10, 2006 – April 9, 2007 in an amount not to exceed **\$60,940. (VC. KOWALSKI)**

Chairman Mirabella asked how it related to last years amount. Director Sigmund said that it was the same amount as last year, however twenty five thousand dollars were added because of a recommendation from County Police.

**VI. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Harold Gibson, Director**

**RESOLUTIONS**

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, to provide anger management training for the males and females incarcerated in the Union County Correctional Facility for the contract period of April 1, 2006 – March 31, 2007 in an amount of **\$30,000. (CH. MIRABELLA)**

Freeholder Proctor asked if this was a new program. Director Gibson said that it is not new, we have provided this program previously, however Community Access was not a previous vendor of this service.

2. Amending **Resolution No. 894-2005**, to the contract with **Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, to provide inpatient/outpatient and emergency room services to the Union County Jail inmates and Juvenile Detention detainees for the contract period of January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006 in an amount not to exceed **\$600,000**. **(CH. MIRABELLA)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept and expend a **“Click It or Ticket”** Seat Belt Enforcement Grant in the amount of **\$4,000**. **(CH. MIRABELLA)**

Freeholder Scanlon questioned how the grant would be used specifically. Director Gibson explained that County Police would pay extra attention to the wearing of the seat belts. Freeholder Scanlon asks how the public will be made aware of the efforts. Director Gibson said that the County Police and local papers will advertise the effort. Freeholder Holmes asked if there was equipment that goes on the mobile trailer for this effort. Director Gibson said that they will also be utilizing the equipment as part of the campaign.

4. Supporting the **“Click It or Ticket”** safety belt mobilization both locally and nationally from May 22 – June 4, 2006 and pledges to increase awareness of the mobilization and the benefits of safety belt use. **(CH. MIRABELLA)**

## **VII. RUNNELLS SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL**

**Joseph Sharp, Director**

There were no questions.

### **RESOLUTION**

1. Renewing the contract with **Bunzl Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**, (through N.J.H.A. Group Purchasing) to purchase hospital housekeeping supplies for Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of March 1, 2006 – February 28, 2007 in an amount of **\$43,000**. **(VC. KOWALSKI & FR. HOLMES)**

## **VIII. COUNTY COUNSEL**

**Robert E. Barry, Esq.**

There were no questions.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Robert Renaud of Palumbo & Renaud, Cranford, New Jersey**, to represent Steven Sisco in the matter entitled **Eduardo C. Tapari v. UC, et als**, in an amount not to exceed **\$5,000**. **(CH. MIRABELLA)**

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Edward Kologi, Esq. Linden, New Jersey**, to represent Garry Feuhrberg in the matter entitled **Eduardo C. Tapari v. UC, et als** in an amount not to exceed **\$5,000. (CH. MIRABELLA)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Elnardo Webster, Esq. of Booker, Rabinowitz, Trenk, Lubetkin, Tully, DiPasquale & Webster, West Orange, New Jersey**, to represent Dennis Baxter in the matter entitled **Eduardo C. Tapari v. UC, et als**, in an amount not to exceed **\$5,000. (CH. MIRABELLA)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Bruce Bergen, Esq. of Krevsky, Silber & Bergen, Cranford, New Jersey**, to represent Jeffrey Marciano in the matter entitled **Eduardo C. Tapari v. UC, et als**, in an amount not to exceed **\$5,000. (CH. MIRABELLA)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Thomas Battaglia, Esq. Berkeley Heights, New Jersey**, to represent Barbara Baldassarre in the matter entitled **Eduardo C. Tapari v. UC, et als**, in an amount not to exceed **\$5,000. (CH. MIRABELLA)**

**IX. COUNTY MANAGER**  
**George Devanney**

**RESOLUTION**

**X. FREEHOLDERS**

**RESOLUTIONS**

Freeholder Ward would like to add congratulations to Rosa Flloyd for Grand Marshall for the parade in May.

**FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**

1. Congratulating the following on receiving the **2006 Unity Achievement Awards**:
  - **John J. Davis, President, CEO, Union Center National Bank, Award for Achievement by a Corporation/Business Establishment.**
  - **Gerry Gallagher, Award for Achievement by a Non-Profit Organization, Center for Hope Hospice & Palliative Care.**
  - **The Plainfield Public Library, Award for Achievement by a Community Organization.**

Freeholder Mapp asked to join Freeholder Estrada on this recognition.

- **Patricia & William Lopez Family, Award for Achievement by an Individual.**
- **Thomas Callahan, Jr, Senior at Linden High School, Award for Achievement by a Student.**
- **Gabriel Gluck, Star Ledger, Award for Achievement by the Media.**
- **Assistant Prosecutor John Esmerado, Supervisor, Child Abuse Unit, Union County Prosecutor's Office, Award for Achievement by Law Enforcement.**
- **Reverend Joseph L. Adair, Award for Achievement by the Clergy.**
- **Stuart Green, M.S.W. Founder and Chairman of the New Jersey Coalition for Bullying Awareness and Prevention, Award for Special Achievement.**
- **Joseph Nierle, Drama Teacher, Westfield High School, Award for Special Achievement.**
- **Wilson Londino, Owner of Los Faroles Restaurant, Award for Special Achievement.**

#### **FREEHOLDER HOLMES**

1. Congratulating **William Rack, Rahway, New Jersey**, upon receiving the Senior Citizen of the Year Award.
2. Authorizing the County Manager to sponsor the **United Youth of New Jersey, (UYNJ) African Heritage Day Parade, Inc.**, which is being held on May 7, 2006 in the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey, in the amount of **\$4,000**.
3. Congratulating **Candise Jean Frye, Union County Division of Social Services**, on the occasion of her 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

#### **FREEHOLDER SCANLON**

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with **Harbor Consultants, Inc, Cranford, New Jersey**, to provide professional land surveying services for the property known as Hazelwood Cemetery, Clark, New Jersey. This project includes surveying the existing parcel, locating the existing grave locations,

and performing a Major Subdivision. Survey work to be done prior to the acquisition of said property through the Open Space, Historical Preservation & Recreation Trust Fund for a total contract amount not to exceed **\$27,860**.

2. Expressing sincere appreciation to the **Elizabethtown Gas Company** for its willingness to serve as a supporter and partner of “Planning for Emergencies in Child Care” workshop for the promotion of the health and safety of young children enrolled in 301 state licensed child care centers and 133 home care providers in Union County.
3. Recognizing the efforts of the **Union County Partners for Healthy Children** as they strive to improve the health and safety of young children in Union County.
4. Congratulating the following **Outstanding Youths** who is being honored by the Irish American Society of Union.
  - **Elizabeth Duffy**
  - **Christopher W. Kaminski**
  - **Ryan O’Grady**
  - **Sean Panella**
  - **Jacalyn Zieser**
  - **Chelsea McCabe**
5. Congratulating **Coach Brian Shanahan, Union High School**, who is being honored by the Irish American Society of Union for his committed services to the community in the area of athletics.

#### **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**

1. Appointing **Captain Thomas Schafer, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey**, to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board commencing January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006.

#### **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**

1. Proclaiming April 2006 as “**Landscape Architecture Month**” as it has been proclaimed nationally.

Vice Chair Kowalski would like to add an additional proclamation stating that April is National Poetry Month.

#### **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI AND FREEHOLDER HOLMES**



1. Proclaiming the month of April as “**Occupational Therapy Month**” in Union County.

**CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**

1. Congratulating **Angela Devanney, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey**, for winning the Business Administrator of the Year.
2. Congratulating **Mayor Clara Harelik, Springfield, New Jersey**, for winning Mayor of the Year.

Freeholder Scanlon suggests that the entire Board join the Chairman in the congratulations for Mayor Harelik and Administrator Devanney.

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County Counsel Robert Barry states pursuant to provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act a public body may enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing certain enumerated subjects. This Board will now enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Contract Negotiations and Attorney Client Privilege.

The minutes of the Executive Session shall be separated from the minutes of the Open Public Session and retained by the Clerk of the Board until such time as the confidential limitations have been removed.

Upon the Board’s return, it may not take formal action on the matters discussed, as this is an agenda meeting.

The Board may now retire to Executive Session.

Chairman Mirabella calls for a motion to enter executive session. On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Re: Contract Negotiations**

**And**

**Attorney Client Privilege**

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Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to return to the Agenda Meeting. On a motion made by Freeholder Proctor and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn. On a motion made by Freeholder Scanlon and seconded by Freeholder Proctor roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next **Agenda Setting Session** of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will be held on **Thursday, April 20, 2006 at 7:00 pm** in the Meeting Room, Administration Building, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

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**Nicole L. Tedeschi**  
**Clerk of the Board of Freeholders**

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