

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

MINUTES OF THE AGENDA MEETING

MAY 4, 2006

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

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG were led by the Clerk of the Board

County Manager George Devanney entered the meeting.

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

Freeholder Deborah P. Scanlon entered the meeting.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

OATHS OF OFFICE: Bette Jane Kowalski; Deborah P. Scanlon, Union County Industrial Pollution Control Financing Authority; Nora Mislan, Union County Cultural & Heritage Advisory Board.

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I. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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

Vice Chair Bette Jane Kowalski entered the meeting.

There were no questions of the Director.

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 HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION ON AGING: Princeton Nassau/Covover, Princeton, New Jersey, to provide one (1) 2006 Ford E450 Step Van in an amount of **\$36,869.**

- b. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE: Galls, an Aramark Company, LLC, Lexington, Kentucky, to provide uniforms and various police equipment in an amount not to exceed **\$145,000**.
- c. DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS: Weldon Materials, Inc. Westfield, New Jersey, to provide the County of Union and the Union County Cooperative Pricing System with a vendor to furnish and deliver road material to various locations for a total bid amount of **\$543,556.50**.
- d. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, DIVISION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES: Strategic Connections, LLC, Kirkwood, Missouri, to provide 24lb cut sheet perforated paper for a total bid amount of **\$2,488**.
- e. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & FACILITIES, DIVISION OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT: Atlantic Elevator Co, Inc. Newark, New Jersey, to provide elevator maintenance and repair service for nine (9) elevators for a total bid amount of **\$261,700**.

Freeholder Mapp asked how often the elevator would be maintained. Deputy County Manager/Dir. of Administrative Services Genievich stated that this was a contract for twenty four months and was negotiated at a lesser cost, approximately \$100,000 less; the contract included the elevators located in the administration building, the tower, two in the police building and two in the engineering building.

- 1. Amending **Resolution No. 276-2005 (item #9)** to extend the contract period **only from March 1, 2005 – March 1, 2008** with the Third Party Claims Management of the Self-Insured Liability for the County including Public Officials Liability claims as well as Employment Related claims with **Dietz & Hammer Alternative Risk Solutions. (CH. MIRABELLA)**

II. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Al Faella, Director

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Union County College, and 4Connections, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, to provide installation and maintenance of a fiber optic network for the purpose of communications to various County and Union College buildings and offices for a total amount of **\$500,000**; and also authorizing a thirty six (36) month maintenance agreement with an option to extend for two successive annual periods in the amount of **\$2,000** per month. **(FR. SULLIVAN)**
- 2. Authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with **Union County College** for the purpose of an understanding of the responsibilities regarding the installation of a fiber

optic network to be installed by 4Connections; in lieu of the County funding the fiber optic network for the College, the College will supply the County with 15meg of internet access at no cost, together with a fee shall be paid to the College for the extra bandwidth that may be required at the College's cost. The College will, as part of this intergovernmental agreement, be responsible for the yearly maintenance cost of its fiber optic strands connecting its buildings. **(FR. SULLIVAN)**

Freeholder Scanlon stated that she understood that Resolutions 1 and 2 were related, but would like to understand how they were related. Director Faella explained that the one of the resolutions were for funds to appropriate money for the project and that the other was an agreement to work with an agency.

Freeholder Sullivan asked why it was there was a payment for \$2,000 a month. Kathy Villaggio explained that it was for the maintenance of the fiber optic cabling that was being installed. If there were a problem or a disruption of service it would be repaired right a way.

Freeholder Scanlon asked if it were possible to get insurance on the fiber instead of the maintenance fee. Ms. Villaggio explained that the fiber will run from Elizabeth to Berkeley Heights, a run of about nine (9) miles. The nine miles of fiber would be the responsibility of the maintenance company if there were any problems.

3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the **Borough of Garwood** for the placement of the Garwood Fire Department Radio Antenna and accessories on the Ralph Froehlich Public Safety Building in Westfield. **(FR. SULLIVAN)**

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

Jeffery Sais, County Engineer represented the Department of Engineering & Public Works.

The County Engineer stated that he would have an additional resolution regarding an inter-local agreement between Summit and New Providence regarding culvert construction on Division Avenue.

There were no questions of the County Engineer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Granting permission to the **Borough of New Providence** and the **New Providence Special Events Committee** to hang banners across Springfield Avenue, near South Street and Ridgeview Avenue, New Providence, New Jersey, from June 15, 2006 to

July 5, 2006 to advertise the Independence Day Celebration, and from July 5, 2006 to August 28, 2006 to advertise the Summer Concert Series. (**CH. MIRABELLA**)

2. Granting permission to the **Township of Scotch Plains** to hang a banner across Park Avenue, in the center of Scotch Plains, near the corner of Park Avenue and Front Street from May 12, 2006 to June 5, 2006 to announce the 100th Anniversary of the Italo-American Mutual Benefit Labor Society Inc. (**CH. MIRABELLA**)

IV. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE **Lawrence Caroselli, Director**

Director Caroselli said that he would have one additional resolution amending the temporary budget.

There were no questions asked of the Director.

RESOLUTION

1. Authorizing the reservation of the difference between the final tax levy of fiscal year 2006 and 3.5% of the final tax levy from the preceding fiscal year as a retained exception to the final tax levy in either of the next two succeeding years. (**FR. ESTRADA**)

V. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES **Frank Guzzo, Director**

Director Guzzo stated that he would have an additional resolution adding funds to the Adult High School.

Freeholder Sullivan asked where the money is coming from to add to this budget for the Adult High School. Director Guzzo replied that it was coming from Family First funding. Freeholder Mapp said that he believed there was a condition associated with this funding and wanted to know if the additional course work in African American studies requested had been included into the curriculum. Director Guzzo replied that Dr. Bistocchi would not be able to add any additional course work to the Adult School curriculum, as it is state mandate. Freeholder Mapp also asked about the inclusion of this course in the VoTech and Magnet Schools. Director Guzzo said that the State has curriculum set because they are very specific education tracks and that Dr. Bistocchi would be able to explain in better detail. Chairman Mirabella suggested that Freeholder Mapp have a meeting with Dr. Bistocchi to discuss the curriculum in more detail.

RESOLUTION

1. Authorizing the County Manager to renew sub-contracts utilizing **Peer Grouping funds**, through the Division on Aging, with **Jewish Family Services; SAGE Eldercare; Visiting Health Services; Visiting Nurse and Health Services; Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Hospice Program; Center for Hope**

Hospice; Holy Redeemer Hospice; Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway Hospice for the period of January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 in an amount not to exceed **\$508,000. {Local funding: \$508,000; Total funding: \$508,000}**
(FR. ESTRADA)

VI. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & FACILITIES
Charles Sigmund, Director

Director Sigmund requested to add an additional resolution awarding a contract for grass seed for approximately \$8,000.

Chairman Mirabella wanted to thank Director Sigmund, and Clerk of the Board Nicole L. Tedeschi for arranging a meeting with the Geese Peace people. The Chairman stated that he was looking forward to receiving the proposal from Director Sigmund regarding what was discussed with the Geese Peace people.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Amending **Resolution No. 1061-2005** to the contract with **Ice Chalet, Union, New Jersey**, to provide a head instructor and private and/or group ice skating lesson at the Warinanco Skating Center for the 2005-2006 Ice Skating season in an additional amount not to exceed **\$500**. {appropriated 75% of gross revenues from skating lessons in an amount not to exceed \$13,000} **(VC. KOWALSKI)**
2. Authorizing **Amendment No. 2** to a Professional Mechanical Engineering “On-Call” contract with the **PMK Group, Cranford, New Jersey**, to extend the time of the contract for a period of twelve (12) months from January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006. **(VC. KOWALSKI)**

Freeholder Mapp asked what the need to extend this into 2006 was. Director Sigmund explained that original resolution was in 2004, but they still have funds left and it allows the County to use them as needed for on call services in 2006.

VII. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Harold Gibson, Director

Chief Daniel Vaniska represented the Department of Public Safety.

RESOLUTION

1. Amending **Resolution No. 894-2005** to the contract with **Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, for the purpose of paying late arriving bills for inpatient/outpatient and emergency room services in 2005 for the Union County Jail Inmates and Juvenile Detention Detainees in an additional amount of **\$200,000. (CH. MIRABELLA)**

Freeholder Mapp asked if the money for this was coming from the 2006 budget. Director Caroselli responded by saying that the money was in the 2005 budget, and the budgets last for a twenty-four (24) month period. The costs in 2005 are estimated, there was an incident that required more funds than anticipated.

VIII. RUNNELLS SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL

Joseph Sharp, Director

Director Sharp wanted to point out that resolution one is for two years.

There were no questions asked of the Director.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Renewing the contract with **Western Pest Services, Parsippany, New Jersey**, (through New Jersey Hospital Association membership pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:9-87 & 88) to provide pest elimination services at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of July 8, 2006 – July 7, 2008 in an amount of **\$20,440. (VC. KOWALSKI & FR. HOLMES)**
2. Renewing the contract with **Judy Schmitter, DDS, Glen Rock, New Jersey**, to provide dental care for the patients/residents at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of May 1, 2006 – June 30, 2006. {This is a Fee For Service agreement, at no cost to the County.} **(VC. KOWALSKI & FR. HOLMES)**
3. Renewing the contract with **David Schoenberg, DDS, Glen Rock, New Jersey**, to provide dental care for the patients/residents at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of May 1, 2006 – June 30, 2006. {This is a Fee for Service agreement, at no cost to the County.} **(VC. KOWALSKI & FR. HOLMES)**

IX. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

Joanne Rajoppi, County Clerk

Al Falcone, Deputy County Clerk represented the Office of the County Clerk.

Chairman Mirabella asked if these are the same firms that have been used in the past. Deputy Falcone responded and said yes, but it must go out for a RFP as per the Fair and Open process. Freeholder Mapp asked if there was a law that required each individual voter to receive a sample ballot or was it per household. Deputy Falcone said, each voter must receive their own sample ballot.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Entering into a contract with **Full Service Mailers Inc. Garfield, New Jersey**, for the purpose of mailing Union County sample ballots for the 2006 Primary and General Elections in an amount not to exceed **\$26,445. (CH. MIRABELLA)**

2. Entering into a contract with **Royal Printing Service, West New York, New Jersey**, to print Union County Ballots for the 2006 Primary and General Elections in an amount not to exceed **\$378,410. (CH. MIRABELLA)**

X. COUNTY COUNSEL
Robert E. Barry, Esq.

County Counsel has two additional resolutions for additional Counsel.

There were no questions asked of County Counsel.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Amending **Resolution No. 301-2005** to increase the appropriation to **Krevsky, Silber Brown & Bergen of Cranford**, special counsel in the matter entitled **Estate of Edward Sinclair v. County of Union, et als.** for an additional amount of **\$5,000** for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$10,000. (CH. MIRABELLA)**
2. Amending **Resolution No. 2006-221** to increase the appropriation to **Schenck, Price, Smith & King of Morristown**, special counsel in the matter entitled **Francis Roberts v. County of Union, et als.** for an additional amount of **\$5,000** for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$40,000. (CH. MIRABELLA)**
3. Amending **Resolution No. 2006-125** to increase the appropriation to **LaCorte, Bundy, Varady & Kinsella of Union**, special counsel in the matter entitled **Virginia Fanelli v. County of Union, et als.** for an additional amount of **\$10,000** for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$115,000. (CH. MIRABELLA)**

XI. COUNTY MANAGER
George Devanney

The County Manager has one additional resolution to extend a contract. There will be no additional funds, it is a matter of time only.

RESOLUTIONS

XII. FREEHOLDERS

RESOLUTIONS

FREEHOLDER HOLMES

Freeholder Holmes will have an additional resolution that will be given to the Clerk of the Board .

1. Congratulating **Councilwoman Patricia Perkins-Auguste, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, upon receiving the National Council of Negro Women Inc. Greater Elizabeth Area Section: Community Service Award.

FREEHOLDER MAPP

Freeholder Mapp will have two additional resolutions that will be forwarded to the Clerk of the Board.

1. Congratulating the following 2006 Youth of the Year Honorees:

- **Candace Barnes, Elizabeth, New Jersey**
- **Joanne Didier, Elizabeth, New Jersey**
- **Austin Williams, Elizabeth, New Jersey**
- **Claudia Quijano, Elizabeth, New Jersey**
- **Ayisha Mapp, Plainfield, New Jersey**
- **D'Onnah Jones, Plainfield, New Jersey**
- **Ray Walker-Pierson, Plainfield, New Jersey**
- **Michael Kincaid, Plainfield, New Jersey**
- **Madeleine Barry, Roselle, New Jersey**
- **Jason Frometa, Roselle, New Jersey**
- **Shone Russell, Roselle, New Jersey**
- **Shakim Crawford, Roselle, New Jersey**
- **Kimberley Carrington, Roselle, New Jersey**
- **Xavier Lighten, Roselle, New Jersey**
- **Leslie Evealaji, Roselle, New Jersey**
- **Jonathan Mikhaylov, Roselle Park, New Jersey**
- **Ramon Pardo, Roselle Park, New Jersey**
- **Juan Carlos Roa, Roselle Park, New Jersey**
- **Prabal Singh, Roselle Park, New Jersey**
- **Jose Miguel, Summit, New Jersey**
- **Jadeen Service, Union, New Jersey**
- **Priscilla Quellette, Union, New Jersey**
- **Rodney Sena, Union, New Jersey**
- **Tynia Lewis, Union, New Jersey**

FREEHOLDER PROCTOR

Freeholder Estrada asked if the entire Board could join Freeholder Proctor in extending their sympathies to the family of Janice Ortiz.

1. Extending deepest condolences to the family of **Janice Ortiz, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, in this, their time of sorrow.

FREEHOLDER SCANLON

1. Congratulating the following students from this year's State Champion Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl Team from Central Five School in Union Township: **Ian Donohue, Captain; Steve Pavick; Amanda Cuesta; Priya Patel; Emily Ng; Chris Roberts; John Tipton; Ingrid Tablazon; Anthony Ali; and Jimmy Johnston.**

FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN

Freeholder Estrada would like to join Freeholder Sullivan in congratulating the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless on their anniversary.

1. Congratulating the **Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless** on their 25th Anniversary.

VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI

1. Commending the **Elizabethtown Gas Company** expressing appreciation and commending the **Elizabethtown Gas Company** for its leadership role in promoting the partnership of the public and private sectors in support of the arts in Union County.
2. Expressing appreciation to the **National Arts Program Foundation** and commending **Leonard E.F. Andrews, Founder and Chairman**, for his leadership role in promoting appreciation and recognition of individual artistic achievement and its importance to community spirit.
3. Commending the **Borough of Garwood**, the administration and staff of the Garwood Library, on the renovations and reopening of the library in April 2006.
4. Congratulating **Ann McGovern**, Language Arts teacher at the Orange Avenue School in Cranford and **Dr. Lawrence Feinsod**, Superintendent of the Cranford Township of Public Schools, and all the students who participated in the Third Annual Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust which was held on May 2, 2006.

CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA

1. Congratulating **Dr. Thomas Bistocchi** on having the new Academic Services Building at the Union County Vocational Technical School named Bistocchi Hall.
2. Congratulating **Collin Mayer and John Ferraioli, Boy Scouts Troop 178, Cranford, New Jersey**, on attaining their Eagle Scout Awards.
3. Authorizing the County Manager to make available to the **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Society** the sum of **\$4,000**.
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the **Union County Arts Center, Rahway, New Jersey**, to support arts and educational programs for the contract period of January 1, 2006 – June 30, 2006 in an amount not to exceed **\$40,000**.
5. Urging **Lucent Technologies** to maintain their headquarters in Berkeley Heights, Union County, New Jersey.

CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD

1. Congratulating **Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan** on being honored as the “Man of the Year” by the Raymond Villa Civic Association.
2. Congratulating **Freeholder Angel G. Estrada** on being nominated to receive the “Outstanding Commitment & Service Award” from MADD Organization (Mothers Against Drunk Driving).
3. Congratulating **Reni Erdos** who is being honored as a “Women of Achievement” on May 20, 2006.

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Chairman Mirabella made several announcements. Those announcements included:

THE REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 25, 2006 HAS BEEN
CANCELLED ----- THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2006 UNION
COUNTY BUDGET WILL BE HELD HERE ON JUNE 8, 2006.

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Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to adjourn. On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Proctor roll call showed eight Freeholders in the affirmative. Freeholder Ward was absent.

ADJOURNMENT

The next **Regular Meeting** of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will be held on **Thursday, May 11, 2006 at 7:00 pm** in the Freeholders Meeting Room, Administration Building, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

The next **Agenda Setting** Session of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will be held on **Thursday, May, 18, 2006 at 7:00 pm** in the Freeholders Meeting Room, Administration Building, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Nicole L. Tedeschi

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