

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 8, 2006

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

Also in attendance were County Manager George Devanney, County Counsel Robert Barry and Deputy Clerk of the Board Annie Croom.

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

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

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the Minutes of:

April 27, 2006 – Regular Meeting;
May 11, 2006 – Regular Meeting;
and May 18, 2006 – Agenda & Executive Meetings.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed six (6) members of the Board voted in the affirmative; Freeholder Estrada abstained from the Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2006; Freeholder Holmes abstained from the Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2006; and Freeholder Proctor abstained from Meeting Minutes from May 11th, 2006.

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The Chairman called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

COMMUNICATIONS:

OATHS OF OFFICE: {Note & file}

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The Chairman then said that there would be a presentation at this time. Freeholder Estrada presented Resolutions to the gifted and talented students at the Leonard V. Moore School in Roselle for winning the 3rd, 4th and 5th Grad “Knowledge Master Plan” competition. Freeholder Estrada added that these students are number one in the Nation for the “Knowledge Master Plan”.

Freeholder Scanlon presented Resolutions to the ten (10) 5th Grade students at the Central Five School in Union for winning this years State Champion “Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl” match. Freeholder Scanlon made reference to the teams overall score 94 out of a possible 100 questions. The team is number one in the state of New Jersey.

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The first order of business is a Public Hearing and Final Adoption on the 2006 Union County Budget.

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**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE
PURPOSE OF COMMENTING ON
THE 2006 UNION COUNTY BUDGET ONLY**

Jacob Magara, Roselle Park asked if there would be money in the budget for shared services, safe city streets, and possible motor vehicle checks with local law enforcement officials. He also made a statement saying that he would like to see some education for school aged children about the use of helmets while bicycle riding and skate boarding.

Tina Renna, Cranford stated that she was President of Watchdog Union County. She made several comments about the numbers quoted for the phone service. She also requested that more digital documentation be done by the County.

Patricia Quatrochi, Garwood stated that she was unhappy with the budget and asked the Board to vote against it.

Elizabeth Cox, Summit stated that she believed that County Employees were Civil Servants and she could not match any two salaries under the same titles. She asked the Board to please review salaries in hopes that they would be more equitable.

Peggy Kozinski, town inaudible, made comments about the change in oil pricing in the budget stating that she couldn't understand how it would double. She also makes mention of the shoeing of horses in the stables.

Jerry Goldman, Elizabeth said that he is employed by the Oakridge Golf Course as a “starter” and was pleased with some of the programs Oakridge Golf Course has put into action. Programs like the twilight fees and new gas carts. He also makes a statement that he would like to try and encourage leagues to come play on the course.

Bruce Patterson, Garwood stated that he felt that budget vacillated too much. County Manager George Devanney said that initially the budget included grant money line items but because notification of these grants was not given in time, the numbers for these particular grants had to be backed-out of the budget. Bruce Patterson suggests that a full-time position be created for the budget specifically. County Manager Devanney stated that Director Caroselli works full-time on the budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

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Chairman Mirabella asks for a motion to adopt Resolution 2006-546. The motion was made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Proctor. Roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2006-546 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA, adopting the 2006 Union County Budget.

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The first order of business is the First Reading of Ordinance No. 628-2006.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Nicole L. Tedeschi, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING LAND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION," ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1999, AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE REVIEW OF SUBDIVISIONS AND SITE PLANS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed Ordinance was introduced and passed on the first reading at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, New Jersey held on the **8TH day of June, 2006** and said Ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at a meeting of said Board to be held at its meeting room in the Administration Building, Elizabeth, New Jersey, on the **22nd day of June, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

A copy of this Ordinance has been posted on the Bulletin Board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Union County Administration Building of the County of Union and a copy is available up to and including the time of such meeting to the members of the general public of the County who shall request such copies, at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders in said Administration Building, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the County Planning Enabling Act (N.J.S.A. 40:27 et seq.), the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union did adopt on September 23, 1999, by Ordinance No. 506-99, the “Land Development Standards of the County of Union” providing for the review of subdivisions and site plans for land development in the County of Union by the County Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, said Ordinance established a fee schedule for the review of both subdivisions and site plans; and

WHEREAS, the County Planning Board has researched fees charged by other counties within the State of New Jersey for the review of subdivisions and site plans; and

WHEREAS, in order to establish a fee schedule consistent with the cost involved by County staff in the review of subdivisions and site plans, as well as with other counties, the County Planning Board has approved the following fee schedule:

Subdivisions

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| 1. Minor subdivision not abutting a county road or affecting a county drainage facility | \$100 |
| 2. Minor subdivision abutting a county road or affecting a county drainage facility | \$200 |
| 3. Major subdivision not abutting a county road or affecting a county drainage facility | \$300 |
| 4. Major subdivision abutting a county road or affecting a county drainage facility | \$300
+ \$20 per lot |

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Freeholder Sullivan moved Ordinance No. 628-2006 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise the same in accordance with the law. {Final Reading: 6/22/06}

The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Bette Jane Kowalski. Roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board in the affirmative.

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The first order of business is the First Reading of Ordinance No. 629-2006.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Nicole L. Tedeschi, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING THE CONSENT OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION TO THE ISSUANCE BY THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY OF ITS TAX-EXEMPT BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000,000 TO FINANCE THE YEAR 2006 CAPITAL LEASE AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE AUTHORITY AND THE PROJECTS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed Ordinance was introduced and passed on the first reading at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, New Jersey held on the **8TH day of June, 2006** and said Ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at a meeting of said Board to be held at its meeting room in the Administration Building, Elizabeth, New Jersey, on the **22nd day of June, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

A copy of this Ordinance has been posted on the Bulletin Board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Union County Administration Building of the County of Union and a copy is available up to and including the time of such meeting to the members of the general public of the County who shall request such copies, at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders in said Administration Building, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Union County Improvement Authority (the “Authority”) has been duly created by an ordinance of the Board of Chosen Freeholders (the “Board of Freeholders”) of the County of Union, New Jersey (the “County”), as public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey (the “State”) pursuant to and in accordance with the County Improvement Authorities Law, constituting Chapter 183 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1960 of the State, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, various governmental entities in the County have expressed an interest in participating in the Authority’s 2006 Capital Lease and Property and Infrastructure Programs (the “Program”); and

WHEREAS to provide for the financing of the Program each governmental entity (hereinafter the “Participants”), as lessee, will enter into a “Capital Equipment and Infrastructure Lease Agreement” (the “Lease Agreement”), pursuant to the terms of which the Authority will lease each Participant the Authority’s right, title and interest in and to the certain capital equipment to be acquired in exchange for payment by each Participant of certain general obligation lease payments, which lease payments will secure the payment of the principal and redemption premium, if any, of and interest on the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Authority intends to finance the Project through the issuance of one or more series of its “General Obligation Capital Equipment and Infrastructure Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2006”(the “Bonds”) in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$20,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds shall have such other terms as set forth in those certain resolutions authorizing the issuance of the “Union County Improvement Authority General Obligation Capital Equipment and Infrastructure Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2006” of the Union County Improvement Authority to be adopted by the Authority prior to the issuance of the Bonds (the “Bond Resolution”; the Bond Resolution, and any amendments or supplements thereto in accordance with the terms thereof may be collectively referred to as the “Bond Resolution”); and

WHEREAS, the payment of the principal and redemption premium, if any, of and interest on the Bonds will be secured by certain general obligation lease payments of the Participants under the Lease Agreement, to be dated as of the first day of the month of issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the principal of (including sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Bonds when due may be, if the Authority determines it to be in its best interest, insured by a municipal bond insurance company (the “Bond Insurer”) in accordance with the terms of a new issue municipal bond insurance policy (the “Bond Insurance Policy”); and

WHEREAS, in order to market and sell the Bonds, (i) the Authority shall issue a Preliminary Official Statement (the “POS”) and a final Official Statement (the “OS”), (ii) the Authority shall enter into a negotiated sale of the Bonds with one or more underwriters (collectively, the “Underwriter”) pursuant to the terms of a bond purchase agreement (the “BPA”), (iii) the Authority, the Participants and the Trustee for the Bonds, or any successor thereto in accordance with the terms of the Bond Resolution (the “Trustee”), shall enter into a Continuing Disclosure Agreement (the “Continuing Disclosure Agreement”) upon the issuance of the Bonds if necessary, convenient, useful or desirable in connection with Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission Act of 1934, as amended, or any successor rule or regulation thereto (“Rule 15c2-12”), (iv) the Participants shall make certain representations, warranties and covenants regarding, among other things, the equipment to be acquired and the Bonds in Letter of Representations (the “Participant Letter”) and a Tax Letter of Representations (the “Participant Tax Letter”, and together with the Participant Letter, the “Participant Letters”), and (v) the Participants and the Authority shall take such actions and shall authorize, execute or acknowledge, as the case may be, and deliver such other documents, instruments or certificates as Bond Counsel to the Authority and to the Participants deems necessary, convenient, useful or desirable in order to issue the Bond (collectively, the “Certificate”, and together with the Bond Resolution, the Bonds, the Bond Insurance Policy, the POS, the OS, the BPA, the Continuing Disclosure Agreement the Participant Letters, and the Lease Agreement are hereinafter referred to as the “Financing Documents”); and

WHEREAS, the Authority has made application to the Local Finance Board in the Division of Local Government Services of the Department of Community Affairs of the State (the “Local Finance Board”) for the Local Finance Board’s review of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Authority believes: (i) it is in the public interest to accomplish such purpose; (ii) said purpose is for the health, wealth, convenience or betterment of the inhabitants of the County; (iii) the amounts to be expended for said purpose are not unreasonable or exorbitant; and (iv) the proposal is an efficient and feasible means of providing services for the needs of the

inhabitants of the County and will not create an undue financial burden to be placed upon the Authority or the Participants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with Section 13 and all other applicable law, the Board of Freeholders hereby consents to (i) the Project and the financing of same, (ii) the execution and delivery by the Authority of the Lease Agreements, Continuing Disclosure Agreements, and such other documents as necessary and reasonable for the transaction (the “Financing Documents”), which documents shall be filed with the Clerk of the Board prior to the issuance of any Bonds, (iii) the adoption by the Authority of the Bond Resolution, and (iv) the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds to effect such purpose. The consent hereto given to the Financing Documents contemplates the insertion of the final financing terms.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.

Section 3. Upon the adoption hereof, the Clerk of the Board of Freeholders shall forward certified copies of this ordinance to the County Manager, County Counsel, Executive Director of the Authority, and John G. Hudak, Esq., Frohling & Hudak, LLC, Bond Counsel to the Authority.

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Freeholder Scanlon moved Bond Ordinance No. 629-2006 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise the same in accordance with the law. {Final Reading: 6/22/06}

The motion was seconded by Freeholder Proctor. Roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

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

Nancy Piwowar, Plainfield made several comments with the condition of Greenbrook Park in Plainfield. Ms. Piwowar also commented on Resolution 2006-562A. regarding vending machines for the parks asking where the money made from these vending machines would be applied in the budget. Director Caroselli explained that the revenue from the machines would go into the general treasury. Director Sigmund commented on algae treatment for the water in the park. Director Sigmund stated that algae is removed on an as needed basis.

Tina Renna, Cranford commented on Resolution 2006-568 asked what the liability policy pertained to and asked if there were any law suits settlements associated with this Resolution.

Bruce Patterson, Garwood thanked the Board for the reduction of funds associated with Resolution 2006-560. Mr. Patterson commented on Resolution 2006-564 and asked why the \$6,500. funds were uncollected. Chairman Mirabella stated that it was various reasons. Mr. Patterson commented on Resolution 2006-583 wanted to know what the Union County Improvement Authority needed \$200,000 for an initial project cost. Chairman Mirabella affirmed that it was a start-up cost for the new animal shelter project. Mr. Patterson comments on Resolution 2006-584 asking why there would be funds for registered nurses. Chairman Mirabella stated that he believed that there was a shortage of nurses in Union County and to draw good qualified candidates it would be imperative to offer competitive starting salaries. Director Joseph Sharp also comments by saying the salaries vary on experience, longevity, and education. Mr. Patterson thanked the Board for suspending the fee associated with Resolution 2006-589.

Patricia Quatrocchi, Garwood commented on the vending machines to be placed in the parks and asked that the board consider keeping the prices of the items in the vending machines down so that large families can enjoy an outing in the park and not spend a great deal of money. Ms. Quatrocchi asked where the revenue from the vending machines will be applied. County Manager George Devanney stated that he had no anticipated revenue, this year would set the standard and the funds would be incorporated into next year's budget. Chairman Mirabella added that the County Manager asked the Directors to come-up with new and creative ways to earn revenue around the County, the vending machine project was one of the new ideas.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

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Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to adopt Resolutions 2006-547 thru 2006-598. A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR ADOPTION:

2006-547 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, amending **Resolution No. 2006-7** to reflect an update on existing petty cash accounts for the County of Union in order to file new authorization forms with the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-548 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, requesting the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures for celebration of the **“150th Anniversary of the County of Union”** as per **N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39** and **N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29**.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-549 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA, an amendment to the **2006 Temporary Budget** to reflect the cancellation of an appropriation.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-550 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA, authorizing the County Manager to renew sub-contracts for ongoing State Respite Program Services, through the Division on Aging, with **Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center** in an amount not to exceed **\$30,500** for the contract period of January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-551 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA, authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all necessary documents to enter into a lease agreement with **Meals on Wheels, Inc., Linden, New Jersey**, for the lease of county owned property located at 1025 Pennsylvania Avenue, Linden, New Jersey for a period of nineteen (19) years in an amount of **\$1.00 per year**.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-552 FREEHOLDER SCANLON, 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. OFFICE OF OPEN SPACE, HISTORICAL PRESERVATION & RECREATION TRUST FUND: D&S Restoration, Inc., Paterson, New Jersey, for the purpose of demolition and related environmental remediation activities at the Esposito Property in an amount of **\$172,466**. {This amount includes **\$10,000 bid contingency to be used if and when directed by the County.**}

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-553 FREEHOLDER SCANLON, amending **Resolution No. 1175-2005** to the contract with **PMK Group, Cranford, New Jersey**, to provide the County with Phase 1 environmental engineering services and a geophysical survey related to the parking

lot at the Union County Arts Center, Rahway, New Jersey in an additional amount **\$7,970** for a new contract amount not to exceed **\$11,970**.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-554 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Union and the **Township of Scotch Plains** in order for the Scotch Plains Fire Department to place its radio repeater equipment and antenna on a tower located on Coles Avenue in Mountainside, which is on county-owned property.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-555 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, authorizing the County Manager through the Division of Information Technologies to enter into an agreement with **Vital Communications, Inc., Trenton, New Jersey**, to provide maintenance and technical support for MODIV front end application software for the contract period of July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007 in an amount not to exceed **\$36,600**.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-556 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, approving the **Fiscal Year 2006 Action Plan** to be submitted to the US Department of Housing & Urban Development.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-557 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, authorizing County Manager, through the Department of Economic Development to request an additional two-year no cost time extension of the **Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot Grant** from the USEPA.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-558 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, authorizing the **State of New Jersey** to utilize our site to further enhance interoperability both in Union County and the USAI region.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-559 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with **Forums Institute for Public Policy, Princeton, New Jersey**, for the purpose of providing consulting services to County and Municipal officials with regards to potential shared services in an amount not to exceed **\$1,700**.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-560 **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, authorizing **Change Order No. 1 (final)** to the contract with **Construction Services Group, Belle Meade, New Jersey**, for the purpose of building an addition to the Ashbrook Golf Course Maintenance Garage **reducing** the contract amount by **\$5,320** for a new contract amount of **\$186,400**.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-561 **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, approving **Amendment No. 1** to the contract with **Consolidated Construction Management Services, Colts Neck, New Jersey**, to provide for the performance of additional design and consulting services in an amount not to exceed **\$36,435** for a new total contract amount of **\$163,435**.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-562 **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, , 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. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & FACILITIES: Culinary Ventures Vending, Union, New Jersey, to provide vending machines to be placed in various places in Union County. **{21.1% of the Total Gross Sales}**

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-563 **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI AND FREEHOLDER HOLMES**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Calman Hunter, OD, Cranford, New Jersey**, to provide Professional Optometric services for the patients/residents at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of June 1, 2006 – July 31, 2006. **{This is a Fee for Service agreement, at no cost to the County. The estimated value of this contract is under \$17,500.}**

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-564 VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI AND FREEHOLDER HOLMES, approving the dissolving of an **outstanding patient balance** owed to Runnells Specialized Hospital in an amount of **\$6,516.30**, as it is uncollectible.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-565 VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI AND FREEHOLDER HOLMES, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **VNA Community Care, a subsidiary of the Visiting Nurse Association of Somerset Hills, Bernardsville, New Jersey**, to provide short-term in-facility respite care at Runnells Specialized Hospital effective – date of Resolution – Agreement renews automatically. **{At no Cost to the County}**

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-566 VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI AND FREEHOLDER HOLMES, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Bruna Cordones, Roselle, New Jersey**, to provide professional beautician services for the residents/patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of May 3, 2006 – December 31, 2006. **{No County funds are used. The estimated value of this contract is under \$17,500.}**

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-567 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 FACILITIES MANAGEMENT; DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & FACILITIES; AND RUNNELLS SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL: **Pennetta Industrial Automation, LLC, Jersey City, New Jersey**, to provide maintenance and/or repair services for air conditioning and refrigeration units within all buildings owned or leased by the County of Union for a contract period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months for a total bid amount not to exceed **\$698,750**.
- b. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & FACILITIES: **Denis Lenaz/Grill at the Hill, Union, New Jersey**, for the purpose of providing Food Concession at Galloping Hill Golf Course in an amount of **\$40,000. {36 months rent @ \$1,111.11 per month}**

- c. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & FACILITIES: Professional Farrier Services, Inc., Elizabeth, New Jersey, to provide Horseshoeing Services for the horses at Watchung Stable for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months in an amount of **\$162,000**.
- d. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & FACILITIES: DeAngelo Brothers, Inc., Hazleton, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of an aquatic management program designed to achieve and maintain control of nuisance vascular weeds and algae for twenty-one (21) lakes and ponds in the Union County Park System for a contract period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months in an amount of **\$28,960**.
- e. DIVISION OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT: Allied Fire & Safety Company., Inc. Neptune, New Jersey, to provide installation, maintenance, inspection, testing and repair service for fire sprinkler system for all County owned or leased properties for a contract period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months in an amount of **\$282,000**.
- f. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & FACILITIES: Buckman, Inc. Pottstown, Pennsylvania, to provide pool chemicals in an amount of **\$24,400**.
- g. RUNNELLS SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL: E & A Supply, Plainfield, New Jersey, to provide two (2) refrigerators in an amount of **\$8,051.58**.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-568 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, amending **Resolution No. 2006-290** for the Special Excess Liability Policy with **Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania (AIG)** to increase the limit of Liability coverage to **\$10 Million (previously \$5 Million)** for a total not to exceed **\$666,111.46. {Increase of \$158,989.46 due to the increase of liability coverage to \$10 Million}**

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-569 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to renew the following **Policies** as recommended by the **Citizens Insurance Review Committee (CIRC) dated May 3, 2006:**

- a. Renewing the Risk Control Consulting Agreement with **Hale Insurance Brokerage, LLC, Cranford, New Jersey**, from June 1, 2006 – June 1, 2007 in an amount not to exceed **\$32,400. {No increase}**

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-570 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, amending **Resolution No. 2006-16** to the contract with **Schenck, Smith, Price & King, LLP, Morristown, New Jersey**, to provide Special Counsel Services for Labor Negotiations and Personnel Counsel in an additional amount of **\$60,000** for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$120,000**.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-571 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, concurring with the **Borough of Fanwood** granting permission to the **Fanwood Business and Professional Association**, to close Martine Avenue between South Avenue and LaGrande Avenue, and South Avenue between Martine Avenue and Second Street, Fanwood, New Jersey, on Sunday, June 25, 2006, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for a street fair.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-572 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, granting permission to the **Township of Springfield** to close Mountain Avenue from the intersection of Shunpike Road to North Trivett Avenue both northbound and southbound, and Shunpike Road from the intersection of South Springfield Avenue to the intersection of Mountain Avenue both eastbound and westbound, to all but emergency vehicles, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., on Monday, May 29, 2006 for a Memorial Day Parade.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-573 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, granting permission to the **Township of Berkeley Heights** to close Springfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, from the intersection of Snyder Avenue to the Berkeley Heights / Long Hill Township Bridge, except for auto pass holders, handicap vehicles, and motorcycles, on Saturday, July 15, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 16, 2006, for the annual Mount Carmel Society's Festival and fireworks display.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-574 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing **Change Order No. 1** to the contract with **Rachles/Michele's Oil Co., Inc., Clifton, New Jersey**, for the purpose of acquiring diesel for the Department of Public Works in an additional amount of **\$450,000** to the original contract amount of **\$450,000** for a new contract amount not to exceed **\$900,000**.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-575 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, approving **Amendment No. 1** to a professional engineering service contract with **Matrix New World Engineering, Inc., East Hanover, New Jersey**, for the purpose of decommissioning an existing underground oil-water separator and associated underground storage tank at Union County Public Works Facility, Scotch Plains, New Jersey in an additional amount of **\$31,344** for a new contract amount of **\$70,906.50**.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-576 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, approving **Amendment No. 1** to a professional engineering service contract with **Matrix New World Engineering, Inc., East Hanover, New Jersey**, for the purpose of continuing quarterly groundwater monitoring services of the Scotch Plains, Division of Public Works Underground Storage Tank (UST), as required by the NJDEP in an additional amount of **\$36,997** for a new contract amount of **\$58,987**.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-577 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, appointing **Deputy Chief Lathey Wirkus; Deputy Chief Dave Kelly; and Paul Modrak** to the **Union County Fire Advisory Board** for a term commencing immediately and terminating December 31, 2006.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-578 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, authorizing the County Manager, to sign any and all documents necessary in order for the County of Union to submit an application for and to accept grant funding in the amount of **\$25,000** from the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management for the purpose of establishing and maintaining an Emergency 9-1-1 answering system as required under N.J.S.A 52:17C-6.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-579 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, amending **Resolution No. 2006-347** to the contract with **Comprehensive Psychological Services, Clark, New Jersey**, to extend the contract period **only** from August 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006. **{No additional funding is required}**

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-580 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Robert Varady, Esq., LaCorte, Bundy, Varady & Kinsella, Union, New Jersey**, to represent Sgt. Donald Capalupo in the matter entitled **Golda D. Harris v. County of Union, et als**, in an amount not to exceed **\$5,000**.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-581 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Joseph Spagnoli, Esq., Cranford, New Jersey**, to represent Correction Officer Christopher Cocchia in the matter entitled **Golda D. Harris v. County of Union, et als**, in an amount not to exceed **\$5,000**.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-582 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Teaneck, New Jersey**, as Special Counsel on a potential litigation matter in an amount not to exceed **\$10,000**.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-583 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, amending **Resolution 2006-325** to provide preliminary funding to the **Union County Improvement Authority** in the amount of **\$200,000** to cover the Authority's initial project costs, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Interlocal Services Agreement.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-584 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with **H.P.A.E., Local 5112. {Runnells RN's}**

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-585 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND FREEHOLDER MAPP, authorizing the County Manager to make available to the **Plainwood Square Merchants of Plainfield's Summer Concert** series, the sum of **\$3,000**.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-586 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager, to apply for and to accept grant funding in the amount of **\$89,420** from the **New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice** to be dedicated to the Project Safe Neighborhoods Program for the purpose of reducing gun violence by forging partnerships among federal, state, local law enforcement agencies and the community for the period of May 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007. **{No County Match required}**

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-587 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to accept the **PARIS** grant award in the amount of **\$1,346,000** for grant programs to meet the all the record management needs of the County of Union.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-588 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, amending **Resolution No. 2006-472** by including additional criteria and language as part of the **County Employee Retirement Incentive Program {E.R.I.P.}**.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-589 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, to suspend implementation and enforcement of the **Tipping Fee** provisions of Ordinance 627-2006 until January 1, 2007 in order to alleviate any potential negative impact on municipal budgets, and the resulting burden to local taxpayers, that implementation of the Tipping Fee would create for calendar year 2006.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-590 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, 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 **\$17,000**.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE LAUDATORY IN CONTENT:

2006-591 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA, congratulating **Amanda Ameida; Mark Anderson; Emanuel Ankrah; Shonte Bryan; Eryka Cedano; Antonio Crespo; Julian Jones; Teresa Lleras; Julian Ospina; David Santos; Lorin Tompkins; Tiffani Turlington; and Aaliyah Whitfield** 5th grade Major League Gifted and Talented students from **Leonard V. Moore School** who placed first in the nation while competing in the 34th **“Fifth and Sixth Grade Knowledge Master Open”** academic competition.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-592 FREEHOLDER HOLMES, congratulating **Joseph A. Spatola, Director, Union County Utilities Authority**, upon the occasion of his retirement.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-593 FREEHOLDER HOLMES, congratulating the **2006 Consumer Bowl Champions** from Linden High School on winning the State-Wide Consumer Affairs Education Competition.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-594 FREEHOLDER HOLMES, congratulating **Kiana Dominique Harris, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, who recently selected to represent the state of New Jersey in the National Finals for the 2006 Miss American Talented Teen Pageant that will take place July 6-9, 2006 at Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-595 VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI, commending **Cub Scout Pack #30, Winfield, New Jersey**, for it's participation in Winfield's 6th Annual Rahway River Cleanup on May 6, 2006.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-596 VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI, commending the **Cranford River Maintenance Committee, Chairman Carol Berns**, and all the **volunteers** who participated in Cranford's Annual Rahway River Cleanup on April 22, 2006.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-597 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD, congratulating the **Fall 2005/Spring 2006** graduates of the Union County Fire Academy.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

2006-598 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD, congratulating **Sheriff Ralph Froehlich** on receiving the Captain Peter Mucci Law Enforcement Award from the Atlantic City Chapter of the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation at their 12th Annual Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation Gala.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed nine (9) members in the affirmative.

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

There were no comments from the floor.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

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Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to Adopt Resolutions 2006-599 thru 2006-611. A motion was made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Proctor. Roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE FROM THE FLOOR:

2006-599 VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI AND THE ENTIRE BOARD, extending deepest condolences to the family **Hector Montez Sr., and Florinda Linares, Roselle, New Jersey**, in this, their time of sorrow.

A motion was made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Proctor. Roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-600 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to renew the following **Policies** as recommended by the **Citizens Insurance Review Committee (CIRC) dated May 25, 2006:**

- a. New Policy – Special Event Weather Insurance for the following: **Rhythm & Blues by the Brook, Plainfield, New Jersey**, June 10, 2006; and **MusicFest, Mountainside, New Jersey**, September 16, 2006. These events will be insured through **Commerce & Industry Insurance Company (AIG), New York, New York**, in an amount of **\$12,721.80**. **{This Special Event Weather Insurance will reimburse the County should either of the concerts be cancelled due to rain.}**

A motion was made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Proctor. Roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-601 **FREEHOLDER SCANLON**, congratulating **Domenico R. “Don” Emiliani**, who received the Richard J. Galante Sr. Humanitarian Award from the Union Chapter of UNICO National.

A motion was made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Proctor. Roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-602 **FREEHOLDER MAPP**, congratulating **The Plainfield Girlchoir** for their first international tour and competition for winning first place for women’s choir and third place overall choir in Toronto, Canada.

A motion was made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Proctor. Roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-603 **FREEHOLDER HOLMES**, congratulating **Police Detective Francis Wilson** who was recognized as the “Municipal Police Officer of the Year” during a special ceremony at the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains, New Jersey.

A motion was made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Proctor. Roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-604 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with **Melly Mell Productions, Inc., Elizabeth, New Jersey**, for sponsorship support of the 2006 Elizabeth Waterfront Festival – May 27 & 28, 2006; and Carnival Elizabeth – September 3 & 4, 2006, in an amount not to exceed **\$10,000**.

A motion was made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Proctor. Roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-605 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD, extending deepest condolences to the family of **Former Freeholder Brian W. Fahey, Far Hills, New Jersey**, in this, their time of sorrow.

A motion was made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Proctor. Roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-606 VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI, declaring June 15, 2006 as “**Career Nursing Assistants’ Day**” and the week of June 15 – 22, 2006 as “**Career Nursing Assistants Week**” in Union County.

A motion was made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Proctor. Roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-607 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, congratulating **Dr. Gordon Haas, Co-Chairman, Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)**, who will receive the “**President’s Award**” for outstanding service and a dedicated volunteer who makes a profound impact across our community.

A motion was made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Proctor. Roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-608 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, congratulating **Dr. Carol B. Choye** on her retirement from the Scotch Plains – Fanwood Public Schools after 13 dedicated years.

A motion was made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Proctor. Roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-609 FREEHOLDER PROCTOR, extending deepest condolences to the family of **Robert J. Gunther, Union, New Jersey**, in this, their time of sorrow.

A motion was made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Proctor. Roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-610 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, granting permission to the **Township of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey**, to hang a banner across Springfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey at Snyder Avenue, from June 2006 – August 2006 to publicize the Wednesday night “**Summer Concert Series.**”

A motion was made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Proctor. Roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

2006-611 **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, congratulating the following who is being honored by **Families and Community Together (FACT)** for their commitment to the youth of Union County at the 2nd Annual “Hats Off to Kids” Gala Award Ceremony on June 13, 2006 at Schering Plough, Kenilworth, New Jersey:

Paula Long – Creative Arts Award
Kathy Wagner – Hope Award
Mark Perrin, MD – Compassion Award
Elizabethport Presbyterian Center – Partnership Award
Edward Hartnett – Education Leadership Award

A motion was made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Proctor. Roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

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

Mayor Delorio of Roselle Park came to speak about the speeding traffic on E. Lincoln Road between Galloping Hill Road and Chestnut Avenue in Roselle Park. The Roselle Park Police Chief has met with the Union County Police Chief and has discussed several traffic calming methods. The Mayor is looking for assistance and idea’s surrounding the problem of speeding cars on E. Lincoln Road. May Delorio presented the Board of Freeholders a petition from the residence of the area.

Christina Delarosa a Roselle Park resident and a resident of the area of speeding traffic stated that she has lived in that area for eight years. There are a lot of new families to the area and these families have children. She would appreciate consideration of a four way stop sign in this neighborhood to slow the traffic down.

Richard Matarante a Councilman from the 2nd Ward stated that Roselle Park Police Chief increased patrols in the area. He also stated that when the area had increased patrolling they pulled over nine cars in one day for speeding. Chairman Mirabella commented by stating that he is always interested in combating speeding in these neighborhoods. He asked Chief Vaneska and Engineering to please look into some possibilities for these neighborhoods speeding car issues.

Vice Chair Kowalski asked what the speed limit in that area is. Mrs. Delrosa said that it was twenty-five miles an hour. Freeholder Holmes commented by saying that he is a great supporter of public safety and believes the County will do what it can to help solve this problem.

Jerry Goldman, Elizabeth commented on Police Detective Francis Wilson’s commendation for the “Municipal Police Officer of the Year” recognition.

Elizabeth Cox, Summit told the Board that at the junction of Summit Avenue and Railroad Avenue there was a newly erected chain-link fence. Ms. Cox asked if the County was responsible for this chain link fence would it be possible for the County to install a different kind of fence, Ms. Cox finds the chain link fence not pleasing. Chairman Mirabella said that while he believed the road was a County Road that the specific area was not County property. Jeff Sias Chief Engineer for the County stated that it is a County Road but we did not install fencing. The City of Summit asked if they could install temporary fencing.

Nancy Piwovar, Plainfield commented on having a 150th Anniversary book celebrating in the County. She stated that she is an advocate of Greenbrook Park in Plainfield. She also stated that she and a small group of neighbors are patrolling the park. There is a great deal of dumping being done in that particular park and she would like to see it stopped. She also asked how the permits were given out; she's concerned for the safety of the people that use the park for its recreational purposes.

Tina Renna Cranford spoke on County employees v. Democratic Party members and tax dollars for campaigning purposes.

Patricia Quatrocchi, Garwood restated her comment from a previous meeting where she asked to discuss state proposed taxation.

Davendra Makkar, Springfield made several emotionally charged comments about a contractor named Ziggy Wilff.

Bruce Patterson, Garwood emoted happily about the return of animals to Greenbrook Park and commented about the issues of care for park were important. Mr. Patterson asked that if a meeting is cancelled that a note be placed on the door of the meeting place.

Frank Prather, Vauxhall Union remarked on a news paper called the Union County Democrat and stated that this was the first time he saw this publication. Mr. Prather said that he was aware that there might be some improvement plans and would like to see the project plans. Mr. Prather also explains that there is a Historical site sign on the corner of Burnet Avenue and Vauxhall Road for General Green. Mr. Prather would also like to see Vauxhall Road have a sign for its historical place in history.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

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FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Mapp thanks Nancy Piwovar from Plainfield and showing her concerns for the community. Freeholder Mapp commented on the Roselle Park difficulties and states that he is reminded of other public safety issues that need to be addressed.

Freeholder Sullivan thanked the Mayor of Roselle and the other two participants for bringing this matter to the Freeholder Board. The Freeholder said that he was reminded of the recent tragedy of

the hit and run on St. Georges Avenue in Roselle where two small children were killed in a hit and run accident. Freeholder Sullivan thanked Freeholder Estrada for the work he and the other Freeholders did on the budget.

Freeholder Scanlon had no comment.

Freeholder Ward concurs with the Freeholder's Mapp and Sullivan on the safety issues. She comments that she too thought of the recent tragedy on St. Georges Avenue and would like to prevent accidents like that from occurring. Freeholder Ward suggests strong pedestrian policy like that found in municipalities like Westfield. The Freeholder wanted to make everyone aware that the Federal Aviation Association (FAA) has extended their comment period for airspace redesign until July 1, 2006.

Freeholder Holmes commented that the Chairman isn't trying to control comments made by public in attendance, merely following Roberts Rules. The Freeholder commented on spotting some fencing by Rahway River used to keep the geese safe. The fence was vandalized but the Freeholder was pleased that the County was trying different methods to deal with the geese issue.

Freeholder Estrada made several specific comments regarding the budget and budget review committee. The Freeholder mentioned a six million dollar increase in health insurance, a three million dollar increase in pension based on differed pension problems from several years back. The Freeholder also commented on increase of oil costs and how that will impact every resident in Union County. The Freeholder stated that they were able to make many savings with things like interest and telephone calls; it will help balance expenses in years to come.

Freeholder Proctor commented on the issues in Roselle Park and asked that the County also look at the crossing at Milton Avenue in Rahway. There is a Senior Housing Center there and the Freeholder felt that pedestrians had a difficult time getting across the street safely.

Chairman Mirabella asked Freeholder Holmes to please take the lead on the Roselle Park and Rahway pedestrian safety issues.

Vice Chair Kowalski thanked all the participants in the budget committee. It was a difficult task, the Freeholder added, but she was pleased that the numbers were able to come down a bit. The Freeholder also mentioned that pedestrian crossing is a state law that was already passed and should be enforced more effectively. The Vice Chair applauded the Plainfield Girls Choir for their recognition and outstanding performance. The Vice Chair re-announced the Rhythm and Blues in Cedarbrook Park, Saturday, June 10th, 2006.

County Manager Devanney declared that he couldn't be more pleased with his decision to have Freeholder Estrada lead the budget committee. The County Manager thanked the entire committee for their difficult and creative ways of cutting the numbers and recognized that they came with difficult decisions but would help the budget for years to follow. The County Manager mentioned that Rhythm and Blues in Cedarbrook Park and said that he was sorry to hear that Isaac Hayes had some health issues, but was thankful to Roberta Flack for coming to perform for Union County.

The County Manager also wanted to thank Congressman Steve Rothman for notifying him about receiving \$200,000 for road projects.

Chairman Mirabella thanked Freeholder Estrada for his diligent work on the budget. The Chairman wanted to also thank all the Directors under County Manager Devanney's leadership were able to think of new and different ways to create revenue. The Chairman gave thanks Director Caroselli and all the people of Finance who worked so diligently during this budget preparation period. Chairman Mirabella thanked Governor Corzine for creating a plan for a special Legislative session for advocate for constitutional convention. Chairman Mirabella thanked Carolyn Sullivan for pulling together the Rhythm and Blues Festival in Plainfield. The Chairman said that he looks forward to the event every year and really likes that there are things for children (Kids Kingdom) and adults. Chairman Mirabella made special mention of Bernard Purdie, a professional drummer from Springfield who is a great talent. The Chairman reminded everyone that in two weeks the Freeholders would have their second mobile meeting. This meeting would be in Rahway and would include events during the day for County Government Day.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Re: Pending Contract Negotiations

County Counsel Robert Barry stated that 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 on-going contractual negotiations with four PBA Locals including: County Police Rank & File, County Police Superior Officers, Prosecutor's Investigators Rank & File and Prosecutor's Investigator's Superior Officers.

The minutes of the Executive Session shall be separated from the minutes of the Open Public Session. The minutes of the Executive Session, redacted as appropriate and necessary, shall be available in approximately thirty (30) days. The Clerk of the Board shall retain the original minutes until such time as the confidential limitations have been removed, at which time they shall be made available.

Upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, the Board may now retire to Executive Session.

Upon the Board's return, it may or may not take formal action on the matters discussed.

Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. On a motion made by Freeholder Proctor and Seconded by Freeholder Holmes roll call showed nine in the affirmative.

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

The next **Regular Meeting (“MOBILE”)** of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will be held on **Thursday June 22, 2006 at 7:00 pm at the Rahway City Hall, Council Chambers, 1 City Hall Plaza, Rahway, New Jersey.**

Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to adjourn. On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon, roll call showed nine (9) in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT

Annie Croom
Deputy Clerk of the Board

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