

**MINUTES OF THE
UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
REGULAR MEETING**

APRIL 26, 2007

Chairwoman Bette Jane Kowalski presided. Roll call showed Vice Chairman Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Chester Holmes, Freeholder Adrian O. Mapp, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Deborah P. Scanlon, Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan and Freeholder Nancy Ward were in attendance. Freeholder Rick Proctor was absent. Also present were County Manager George Devanney, County Counsel Robert E. Barry and Clerk of the Board Nicole L. DiRado.

The Prayer and Salute to the Flag were led by the Clerk of the Board.

The statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by the Clerk of the Board.

Chairwoman Kowalski called upon Freeholder Scanlon to present a Resolution to the American Cancer Society for Relay for Life. Suzanne Kinlock, Nancy Kinlock, Loretta McMahon and Jackie Flatley accepted the Resolution. Suzanne Kinlock stated that on June 9th and 10th there will be a relay at Roselle Park High School Track. The Board has proclaimed May 1, 2007 as The American Cancer Society's May Day for Relay, Paint Your Town Purple. Ms. Kinlock thanked the Board for their constant support.

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The first order of business was the First Reading of Ordinance No. 649-2007. The Clerk of the Board read the ordinance by title.

ORDINANCE NO. 649-2007

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FEES FOR UNION COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND FACILITIES FOR THE YEAR 2007.

GOLF	2006		2007 PROPOSED	
I.D. CARDS:				
#1 County	\$40.00		\$40.00	
#2 Season	\$90.00		\$90.00	
#3 Senior Citizen - discount card	\$35.00		\$35.00	
#4 Youth	\$35.00		\$35.00	
#5 Edison Township (ORGC)	\$40.00		\$40.00	
Card replacement	\$5.00		\$5.00	
RESERVATION FEE:				
Resident	\$2.00 /round		\$2.00 /round	
Assoc. Member	\$3.00 /round		\$3.00 /round	
Out/County	\$4.00 /round		\$4.00 /round	
Failure to Modify(No Show)	\$5.00 /green fee		\$5.00 /green fee	
GREEN FEES:	WEEKDAYS	WEEKENDS	WEEKDAYS	WEEKENDS
County	\$22.00	\$24.00	\$22.00	\$24.00
Season	\$19.00	\$21.00	\$19.00	\$21.00
Senior Citizens	\$14.00	\$22.00	\$14.00	\$22.00
Youth	\$13.00	\$17.00	\$13.00	\$17.00
Outing(+\$3.00 reservation fee/per person)	\$33.00	N/A	\$33.00	N/A
Outing with shot gun start(+\$26.00 cart fee)	\$50.00	N/A	\$50.00	N/A
Out-of-County	W/D	W/E	W/D	W/E
Adults	\$44.00	\$48.00	\$44.00	\$48.00
Senior Citizens	\$28.00	\$44.00	\$28.00	\$44.00
Youth	\$26.00	\$34.00	\$26.00	\$34.00
Edison (only at ORGC with proof of residency)	\$23.00	\$25.00	\$23.00	\$25.00
Senior citizen (out-of-county Reciprocity Program)	\$22.00	N/A	\$22.00	N/A
Out- of – State	\$60.00	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$100.00
WINTER RATES (Green Fees Only)				
(Dec.1 to Mar. 31)	WEEKDAY RATES APPLY AT ALL TIMES			
GOLF LESSONS:				
Per half hour	\$35.00		\$35.00	
Book (six 1/2 hours)	\$180.00		\$180.00	
Group (4 or more)	\$25/per/hr.		\$25/per/hr.	
Rental of Clubs	\$15.00		\$15.00	
Lost or broken club (per club)	10/club		10/club	

Playing lessons (9 hole, green fees additional)	\$90.00		\$90.00	
TWILIGHT GREENS FEES:	<u>W/D</u>	<u>W/E</u>	<u>W/D</u>	<u>W/E</u>
<i>Twilight start time changes with the season; as early as noon in winter and as late as 4 pm from April to August</i>				
County	\$18.00	\$19.00	\$18.00	\$19.00
Season	\$15.00	\$17.00	\$15.00	\$17.00
Senior citizen	\$11.00	\$18.00	\$11.00	\$18.00
Youth	\$10.00	\$13.00	\$10.00	\$13.00
Reciprocity (weekdays only)	\$18.00	N/A	\$18.00	N/A
Out-Of-County	\$36.00	\$38.00	\$36.00	\$38.00
Out-Of-County Senior	\$22.00	\$36.00	\$22.00	\$36.00
Out-Of-County Youth	\$20.00	\$26.00	\$20.00	\$26.00
MISCELLANEOUS:				
¹ Golf Camp (16 hours per camper)	\$150.00		\$150.00	
Hand cart *	\$4.00		\$4.00	
Locker rental * (season)	\$15.00		\$15.00	
Golf cars - 9 holes *	\$17.00		\$17.00	
Golf cars - 18 holes *	\$29.00		\$29.00	
High school practice	\$4.00		\$4.00	
High school match	\$27.00		\$27.00	
College match	\$50.00		\$50.00	
* New Jersey sales tax included in price.				
NOTE: Holiday rates apply from Good Friday to Columbus Day only.				
PITCH & PUTT** :	<u>W/D</u>	<u>W/E</u>	<u>W/D</u>	<u>W/E</u>
Adults	\$5.50	\$6.50	\$5.50	\$6.50
Seniors w/l.D.	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$6.00
Youth (17 & under)	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$6.00
Groups (min.12)	\$4.50	N/A	\$4.50	n/a
Lost or broken club	\$10/club	\$10/club	\$10/club	\$10/club
Lost ball	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
**Organized groups of children utilizing the facility during school hours, shall be charged one-half the youth rate. (9AM-3PM, weekdays)				

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Chairwoman Kowalski moved Ordinance No. 649-2007 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise the same in accordance with the law. {Final Reading is scheduled for May 10, 2007.}

On a motion made by Chairwoman Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Estrada, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

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

Bruce Paterson, Garwood inquired about the date of the public hearing regarding Resolution 2007-435 on the 2007 Budget. Chairwoman Kowalski called upon Lawrence Caroselli Director of Finance to respond. He stated it would be on May 24, 2007. Mr. Paterson asked Chairwoman Kowalski if the 5 minute time limit could be exceeded at that meeting, she replied that it would be unlikely, however the request may be put in writing and addressed to the Clerk of the Board for review. Mr. Paterson commented on Resolution 2007-441 asking if the County and the Union County Improvement Authority were two separate entities. Mr. Paterson commented on Resolution 2007-456 noting that the additional amount of \$51,000 was an large jump. Chairwoman Kowalski directed the question to County Manager Devanney, he in turn directed the question to Mr. Neil Palmieri, Director of the Division of Facilities Management, who replied that there are two streams going into Echo Lake that need to be dredged. He stated it would be less expensive if it was done now and most of it will be grant funded.

Ms. Patricia Quatrocchi, Garwood, commented on Resolution 2007-435. She said that a few years ago the County spent \$1,000,000 per day, which she thought was outrageous and now the County spends \$415,000,000 per year. Ms. Quatrocchi also stated that there were many vacancies on the Transportation Advisory Board. She urged the members of the Board to contact the mayors in the municipalities. She stated that there should be 21 municipal representatives and stated the Transportation Advisory Board is important. Ms. Quatrocchi agreed with Freeholder Sullivan regarding Resolution 2007-444 in opposing the flight patterns proposed by the FAA.

Mr. Jerry Goldman, Elizabeth, referred to Resolution 2007-454 regarding the Golf Channel's co-sponsorship of a tournament. He asked if the amount shown was the total County's cost. He wanted to know how much Channel 9 was paying to use the facility. He said that the cost should be divided between the County and Channel 9. Freeholder Sullivan responded by saying that they will close the Pitch & Putt area only, not the golf course itself. Mr. Goldman stated that he did not agree with the County paying the entire cost and the sponsor getting all the recognition. Freeholder Sullivan stated that he felt that it would give the County great exposure for the youngsters and the golf course for only \$1,300.

Ms. Tina Renna, Cranford, commented on Resolution 2007-450, regarding payments for memberships. She said there are too many memberships and they should be audited. Deputy County Manager, Ms. Elizabeth Genievich, Director of Administrative Services, stated that the number of memberships and the dollar amounts were higher when she took over as Director of Administrative Services. She did in fact audit the list and the dollar amount spent is now lower. She said that all requests for memberships must be approved by her, and no membership is allowed without her signature.

The Chairwoman called for a motion to pass Resolutions 2007-430 through 2007-465. On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE BEING OFFERED FOR ADOPTION:

2007-430 **FREEHOLDER HOLMES**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Life Medical Supplies, Inc., Linden, New Jersey**, to provide orthopedic footwear and orthotic services for the residents/patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of May 1, 2007 through April 30, 2008 in the amount of **\$2,500**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-431 **FREEHOLDER HOLMES**, amending **Resolution No. 2006-502** to the contract with **Western Pest Services, Parsippany, New Jersey**, for pest elimination services by adding an additional **\$1,000** for unanticipated treatment services for the contract period of July 8, 2006 through July 7, 2008 for a new contract amount of **\$21,440**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-432 **FREEHOLDER HOLMES**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Yuri Mazur, M.D., Laurence Harbor, New Jersey**, to provide professional psychiatric services for the patient/residents of Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of May 1, 2007 through April 30, 2008 in the amount of **\$12,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-433 **FREEHOLDER HOLMES**, amending **Resolution No. 2006-1248**, approving firms for the provision of on-call architectural services, to reflect a **change in the account number only.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-434 **FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA**, authorizing the establishment of a **Cap Bank** within the Calendar Year 2007 County Budget pursuant to **N.J.S. § 40A:4-45.15b.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-435 **FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA**, introducing the **2007 Operating and Capital Budget.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-436 **FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA**, amending the **2007 Temporary Budget** pursuant to the provisions of Ch.96, P.L.1951 (N.J.S.A.40A:4-20).

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-437 **FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA**, establishing a **Temporary Change Fund** for the period of June 9, 2007 through December 2, 2007 in the amount of **\$2,000** for special events to be held by the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-438 **FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to make available to the **Plainwood Square Merchants** the amount of **\$4,000** in support of **Plainfield's Summer Concert Series.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-439 **FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to make available to the **American Cancer Society**, the amount of **\$2,000** to support **Plainfield's Relay for Life.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-440 **FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to make available to the **Portugal Day Committee** the sum of **\$4,000** in support of their annual festival.

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-441 **FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to reimburse the **Union County Improvement Authority** for costs associated with the Elizabeth Ferry Project in the amount of **\$300,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-442 **FREEHOLDER SCANLON**, authorizing the County Manager to renew the following Policies as recommended by the **Citizens Insurance Review Committee (CIRC) dated April 1, 2007**:

- a. Renewing the Travel Accident Policy for Volunteers and Supervisors with **Hartford Insurance Group, Rockaway, New Jersey**, for the period of April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008 in an amount not to exceed **\$1,422 (Increase of \$948 due to increase coverage)**.
- b. Renewing the Professional Malpractice Liability Policy for **Dr. Raymond Lanza, D.O.**, with **Princeton Insurance Company, Princeton, New Jersey**, for the period of May 1, 2007 through April 30, 2008 in an amount not to exceed **\$18,262.09 (\$1,000 increase)**.
- c. Renewing the Lawyer's Professional Liability Policy for the Prosecutor's Office with **Lloyd's of London Insurance Company, Paramus, New Jersey**, for the period of May 1, 2007 through April 30, 2008 in an amount not to exceed **\$107,484. (No increase)**

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-443 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, appointing **Councilman Robert W. Messler and Mike Disko, Jr., (Alternate)** to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board for a term to commence immediately and terminate on December 31, 2007.

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-444 FREEHOLDER WARD, AND THE ENTIRE BOARD, opposing the FAA's endorsement of the Integrated Airspace Alternative flight plan; as it represents increased noise and emission pollution and a potential threat to our homeland security.

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-445 VICE CHAIRMAN ESTRADA, authorizing the County Manager and to enter into an **Access Agreement** with certain municipalities, public entities companies within the County of Union to install communication equipment to promote public safety.

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-446 VICE CHAIRMAN ESTRADA, authorizing the County Manager, through the Division of Planning and Community Development, Bureau of Housing, to apply and submit a lead-based paint hazard control program and lead hazard reduction demonstration grant application administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-447 VICE CHAIRMAN ESTRADA, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an inter-local agreement between the County of Union and the **Township of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey**, for the purpose of providing Information Technology and Support Services by incorporating the Township of Berkeley Heights Information Technology Infrastructure into the existing County of Union network for the period of May 1, 2007 through April 30, 2008 in the amount of **\$10,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-448 VICE CHAIRMAN ESTRADA, supporting the passage of **New Jersey Assembly Bill No. A1433 and New Jersey Senate Bill No. S5231**, which provide for an increase in the monthly Personal Needs Allowance from thirty-five (\$35.00) to fifty (\$50.00) dollars.

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-449 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contracts obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with **Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq:**

- a. Division of Emergency Management: **First Due Emergency Supply Co., Sewell, New Jersey**, to provide one (1) emergency scene rehabilitation unit throughout Union County in an amount not to exceed **\$59,348.92**.
- b. Division of Engineering: **Flanagan's Contracting Group, Inc., Hillsborough, New Jersey**, for Glenside Avenue Field Renovations in the City of Summit, New Jersey, in the amount of **\$1,382,416.50**.
- c. Bureau of Planning and Environmental Conservation: **Radiac Research Corporation, Brooklyn, New York**, to provide collection, handling, packaging, transportation and recycling and/or disposal of acceptable waste generated by Union County residents in an amount not to exceed **\$309,780**.
- d. Division of Motor Vehicles: **Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc., Milford, Delaware**, for the purchase and delivery of two (2) Chevrolet Silverado trucks with snowplows and dump bodies in the amount of **\$89,970**.
- e. Division of Motor Vehicles and Division of Park Maintenance: **Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc., Milford, Delaware**, for the purchase and delivery of one (1) truck Chevrolet CK20903 with a snowplow in the amount of **\$36,116**.
- f. Department of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, Division of Golf Operations: **Storr Tractor Company, Branchburg, New Jersey**, to obtain various Toro parts for the existing equipment fleet in the amount of **\$25,296.24**.
- g. Department of Park, Recreation & Facilities, Division of Golf Operations: **Atlantic Irrigation Specialties, Inc., Springfield, New Jersey**, to obtain various irrigation parts in the amount of **\$18,607.10**.
- h. Department of Parks, Recreation & Facilities: **R&R Products, Tuscon, Arizona**, to purchase various golf course supplies in the amount of **\$22,345.72**.
- i. Department of Parks, Recreation & Facilities: **Wilfred MacDonald, Inc., South Hackensack, New Jersey**, for the purchase and delivery of one (1) leaf blower in the amount of **\$3,800**.
- j. Runnells Specialized Hospital: **E & A Supply, Inc., Plainfield, New Jersey**, to furnish, deliver and install one (1) food steamer in the amount of **\$14,869.70**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-450 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, authorizing the County Manager to enter into various memberships without the requirement of public bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(q) of the local public contracts law in the amount of **\$135,450.90**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-451 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, amending **Resolution No. 2006-201 (BA #148)** to the contracts with **Cooperate Express, Parsippany, New Jersey and Rahway Business Machines, Inc., Rahway, New Jersey**, to meet the needs of all departments in reaction to a County wide surge in PC printer use and cover purchases until the bid expiration date of March, 2008 in an additional amount of **\$56,000** for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$336,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-452 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, concurring with the Mayor and Township Committee Members of the **Township of Springfield, New Jersey**, to close Meisel Avenue, between Linden Avenue and Milltown Road from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 4, 2007 to celebrate Springfield's Annual 4th of July Celebration, (with a rain date for the next clear night). Also concurring with the Township with regards to hanging a banner on Mountain Avenue and on Meisel Avenue from June 5, 2007 to July 6, 2007 to publicize the event.

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-453 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, concurring with the Mayor and Council Members of the **Township of Scotch Plains, New Jersey**, granting permission to Evangel Church Assemblies of God, to hang a banner across Park Avenue, near Front Street, from April 27, 2007 to May 4, 2007 for the National Day of Prayers gathering to be held May 3, 2007.

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-454 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, approving a Resolution to co-sponsor **The Golf Channel's 9th Annual Drive, Chip & Putt Junior Skills Golf Competition** at Galloping Hill Golf Course on May 2, 2007 in the amount of **\$1,324**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-455 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, amending **Resolution No. 2006-645 (Amendment No. 1)** to the contract with **Nicholas J. Netta Architects, Springfield, New Jersey**, for additional design services for the new prep kitchen floor coating system and shower stall renovations at the Oriscello Correctional Facility in an additional amount of **\$6,190** for a new contract amount not to exceed **\$140,690**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-456 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, amending **Resolution No. 703-2000 (Amendment No. 1)** to the contract with **F.X. Browne, Inc., Landsdale, Pennsylvania**, for the performance of additional engineering services at Upper Echo Lake, Moxon Pond in an additional amount of **\$51,000** for a new total contract amount of **\$117,800**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-457 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, amending **Resolution No. 2007-238** to reflect that the contract with **Funeral Services of New Jersey, Inc., Hillside, New Jersey**, was based upon the recommendations of the review committee after having reviewed the Request for Proposal (RFP).

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-458 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, authorizing the Division of Health to apply, accept, and expend the **New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) for County Environmental Health Act (CEHA) Grant** to continue county-wide compliance and complaint investigation programs for hazardous materials, air, solid waste, water and noise program to ensure the safety and health of County residents in the amount of **\$239,000** with a mandatory cash or in-kind match in the amount of **\$120,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-459 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an inter-local agreement between the County of Union and the **Union County Vocational-Technical School, Scotch Plains, New Jersey**, for the purpose of providing National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) training to automotive technicians employed at the county and local municipalities. This

agreement represents a shared services initiative and pilot project for the period of May 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 in an amount not to exceed **\$10,800**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-460 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the **Township of Cranford, New Jersey**, to co-sponsor a 4th of July fireworks presentation in Nomahegan Park in the amount of **\$5,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE LAUDATORY IN CONTENT:

2007-461 FREEHOLDER HOLMES, proclaiming the month of May 2007 as **“Older American Month”** in Union County.

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-462 FREEHOLDER HOLMES, congratulating **Ernest Olrech, Rahway, New Jersey**, for 32 years of dedicated service to the Rahway Police Auxiliary.

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-463 FREEHOLDER HOLMES AND CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, congratulating **Lieutenant Ronald Esposito, Union County Police Department**, for his dedication and service to the safety education program with the local scout troops.

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-464 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN ESTRADA, congratulating **Steve Schnipper, Union, New Jersey**, on being honored by the Elmora Hills Minyan Orthodox Synagogue for his outstanding contributions and dedication.

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

2007-465 CHAIRWOMAN KOWASKI, proclaiming Monday, May 1, 2007 as **“The American Cancer Society’s Day for Relay “Paint Your Town Purple”** in Union County.

On a motion made by Freeholder Holmes and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

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ON ANY MATTER**

Mr. Jerry Goldman, Elizabeth, suggested that the \$1300 for the golf expense could be made up by selling advertisements to be placed in the Union County Directory and distributed to schools for the students to take home. He also suggested that the County seek more golf leagues to use the facilities more fully. Mr. Goldman noted that the Oak Ridge employees have not received a raise in two years.

Ms. Mary Ellen Taylor, Berkeley Heights, thanked Tina Renna for her recommendation to the Advisory Board on the Disabled. She commented that she went to the Disability Council. She also commented that she contacted the Public Advocate's office regarding the long term care insurance policies regarding not paying out on the policies. She cited a New York Times article on the subject of companies not paying out on policies. Ms. Taylor detailed some personal cases she was involved in with various companies and gave the Clerk of the Board some copies of documents and letters regarding these personal cases (see attached).

Mr. Jeremy Jay, Summit, stated that he is a Terrorism Prevention Activist. He stated that terrorism would be a Union County issue if Manhattan was bombed and presented to the board a written Terrorism Prevention Plan (see attached).

Mr. Ralph Steinhart, Westfield, stated that a recent event held by the County at the Police Academy in Scotch Plains for the purpose of recycling electronics equipment was poorly managed. He said that he waited 2.5 hours and that the traffic was terrible in both directions.

Chairwoman Kowalski responded by saying due to the past rainstorm the turnout was probably much higher than anticipated and that this might have led to the problems Mr. Steinhart experienced.

Ms. Heather Taylor, Cranford, Communications Director for the Citizen's Campaign Committee requested an update on the status of the adoption of the Model Ordinance proposed last week. She stated it was a good idea to encourage the public to join the Advisory Boards. She said she would like to see it on next week's Agenda. Chairwoman Kowalski stated that the Model Ordinance had been referred to the Policy Committee and County Counsel. Ms. Taylor then asked how often the committee met and Freeholder Scanlon replied that it meets once a month.

Mr. Bruce Paterson, Garwood, commented on last week's closing comments. He stated that the public are not adversaries of elected officials.

Ms. Tina Renna, Cranford, reiterated her comments made at last week's meeting about the City of Elizabeth. She said there are parking lots that can be used for the public during the Freeholders' meetings. She explained that people are intimidated by large cities and further explained that cities with poverty breeds. She listed the crime statistics of Elizabeth.

Mr. Jerry Goldman, Elizabeth, stated that Genevieve DiVanuto passed away. She was a long-time charitable worker for the Salvation Army and the Red Cross. He asked if the Board would send her family a Resolution recognizing her good deeds.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

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FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Holmes had no comments.

Chairwoman Kowalski noted Freeholder Holmes was at Government Employee Recognition Events all over the County this week.

Freeholder Ward stated that the Board passed an important Resolution tonight opposing the FAA Flight Plan. She stated the public hearing was held on April 25th at the Sheraton, Newark, New Jersey. She asked the panel of the FAA if they had submitted the plan to NJ Homeland Security Department and they advised her that they were not required to. She felt that the homeland cannot be secured if it is not made aware of the potential threats. She requested that Federal and State Legislators order the FAA to share information with Homeland Security in New Jersey and Union County.

Vice Chairman Estrada had no comments.

Freeholder Mapp had no comments.

Freeholder Sullivan referenced Mr. Steinhart's comments. The Freeholder stated he spent 45 minutes at the electronics recycling event. He agreed with Chairwoman Kowalski, there was an enormous turnout due to the past storm and the congestion was also due to the construction at the Union County Police Academy and at the Vocational & Technical School. Freeholder Sullivan commented that the same number of staff works at the recycling events as Murray Hill and Schering Plough recycling centers, so they are knowledgeable. He stated that it was a beautiful day (possibly increasing the turnout) and he too, thought he would be able to go through more quickly. He commented that JoAnn Gemenden, of the Bureau of Environmental Services said she never saw this big of a turnout in over 20 years. Freeholder Sullivan apologized for the inconvenience.

Freeholder Sullivan stated that May was the month for the event recycling hazardous waste and in June there would be another for electronics. Freeholder Sullivan then commented that he was insulted by Mrs. Renna's remarks. He was born and raised in Elizabeth and he raised his family in Elizabeth. He stated if people weren't apprehensive about visiting Elizabeth, they would be after

Mrs. Renna highlighted the crimes. Freeholder Sullivan then spoke about American Cancer Society Relay for Life. He stated he recently went for a colonoscopy as his father died of colon cancer. He urged people over 50 to get tested and he thanked everyone for their efforts in the Relay for Life.

Freeholder Scanlon spoke about Arbor Day. She stated that Friday, April 27th was a day when over 100 trees would be distributed throughout Union County. Students and teachers will attend and learn about tree care. She wanted to thank Williams Nursery for the use of their property. She thanked Joseph Graziano, Joseph Policay, James Kelly and especially Barbara Knapp of the Public Works Department for all their help and she also thanked the students and teachers who attended the event.

Freeholder Mirabella recognized County Government Employee Week, honoring the County employees. He attended a session at the Department of Public Works and Engineering and was impressed by the staff. He also spoke about the Relay for Life and was happy to see some friends at the meeting, the Kinlock Family. He stated that if cancer is caught early, the survival rate is much better. He also asked the directors to remind their staff about the Resolution this Board passed several years ago allowing County employees to take 4 hours off to get tested for cancer screening.

Freeholder Proctor was absent.

County Manager George Devanney had no comments.

County Counsel Robert Barry had no comments.

Chairwoman Kowalski recognized Government Employee Appreciation Week. She stated her appreciation for the work done by the County employees during and after the recent Nor'easter rainstorm. She said there are still County employees and vehicles helping to remove debris. Chairwoman Kowalski stated it was a pleasure to be able to get the opportunity to speak one-on-one with staff and to thank them for all their hard work.

Chairwoman Kowalski commented on the flooding after the storm stating that the federal government declared six counties in New Jersey under a state-of-emergency, including Union County. FEMA has offered grants for flood damage and loans to homeowners, renters and businesses at an interest rate of 2.875% for residences and 4% for businesses. She urged the public to Dial 211 for more information. Chairwoman Kowalski stated that "Bring Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day" was a success and thanked Carolyn Sullivan, Sharda Badri and Kelly Coyle of the County Manager's Office for their hard work. She stated there was a good turnout and there were great activities for the kids. She added that Sheriff Froehlich attended and touched all hearts with his warm remarks.

Chairwoman Kowalski also noted that this coming Sunday, April 29th, the March of Dimes Walk America would be kicked off at Nomahegan Park, Cranford.

Chairwoman Kowalski called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. On a motion by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Proctor absent.

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The voucher list through **April 25, 2007** will be available for public perusal in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Listed below is the schedule for upcoming Freeholders Meetings. Meetings are generally held on **Thursday at 7:00 pm** in the Meeting Room, Administration Building, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified.

AGENDA/WORK SESSIONS

7:00 P.M.

May 3

May 17

June 7

Summer Session

July 19

Summer Session

August 9

Summer Session

September 6*

September 20

October 4

October 18

November 8*

November 29*

December 6

December 20*

REGULAR/PUBLIC MEETINGS

7:00 P.M.

May 10

May 24

June 21

July 26

August 23

September 6*

September 27

October 11

October 25

November 8*

November 29*

December 13

December 20*

***COMBINED AGENDA SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING**

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