

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
AGENDA MEETING – FEBRUARY 22, 2007

PRESENT: Chairwoman Bette Jane Kowalski, Vice Chairman Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Chester Holmes, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Rick Proctor, Freeholder Deborah P. Scanlon, Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan and Freeholder Nancy Ward. Freeholder Adrian O. Mapp was absent.

County Manager George W. Devanney, Deputy County Manager M. Elizabeth Genievich, County Counsel Robert E. Barry, Esq., and Clerk of the Board Nicole L. DiRado were also present.

The following item was discussed:

1. Contract Negotiations: Operating Engineers Local 68

Guest: Joe Salemme, Labor Negotiator

The Operating Engineers haven't ratified the contract yet, but it follows the pattern of negotiations that have been used to settle other contracts. This contract affects 20 employees, which represents approximately \$1million in salary. The package includes increases in eye care, dental, meal allowance, red seal, and a minor increase in weekend shift differential. The total increase is \$130,024 for the contract period April 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008. The contract represents a savings of 2.9% on health services.

The Board supports. If the union ratifies the contract, it will be on the agenda.

2. Contract Negotiations: Communication Workers of America

Guest: Joe Salemme, Labor Negotiator

The CWA will ultimately agree to everything we have been offering in other contract negotiations. The CWA encompasses 400 employees, which represents \$20 million worth of salaries. The County and the State share all costs for CWA.. .**[Minutes redacted – discussion involves ongoing contract negotiations. See N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b)(7)].**