

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

**MAY 10, 2007**

Chairwoman Bette Jane Kowalski presided. Roll call showed 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 were present. Freeholder Adrian O. Mapp was absent.

Also present were County Counsel Robert E. Barry, County Manager George W. Devanney and Clerk of the Board Nicole L. DiRado.

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

At this point, approximately 40 members of the audience rose and stated that they wanted the Board to remember Edward Sinclair, Jr., who died on this day in the Juvenile Detention Center four years ago. They then exited the meeting room.

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

At this point Freeholder Mapp entered the room.

The Chairwoman announced that Freeholder Holmes and Fran Benson of the Division on Aging would be making presentations.

Freeholder Holmes and Ms. Benson presented a Resolution and congratulated Carol Williams for her work with the Union County Congregate Nutrition Program and Yvonne Thomas for serving as the Chair of the Advisory Council on Aging for 3 years. Ms. Thomas thanked the Board and said that the Division on Aging is a wonderful area to work in and is very important to the elderly, because it helps make life easier, safer and more comfortable for them. Freeholder Holmes read the Resolution that was presented to Ms. Williams and congratulated her on her retirement from the Union County Congregate Nutrition Program and stated that he had also presented a Resolution to her mother at one time.

Chairwoman Kowalski called for a motion to approve the minutes of **April 19, 2007 – Regular and Executive Meetings; April 26, 2007 – Agenda and Regular Meetings.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Estrada abstaining from the Regular and Executive Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2007 and Freeholder Proctor abstaining from the Agenda and Regular Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2007.

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**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**OATHS OF OFFICE: (Note & file)**

Chairwoman Kowalski called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Re: CAP BANK**

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF COMMENTING ON  
RESOLUTION NO. 2007-466 ONLY**

Bruce Paterson, Garwood asked if this Resolution puts money aside for future tax increases and Chairwoman Kowalski called upon Director Lawrence Caroselli of the Department of Finance to respond. Director Caroselli stated that it does set aside \$1.6 million dollars for potential use in future year's budgets. Mr. Paterson stated that the budget has increased 40%. He inquired what the criteria would be in using these funds in the future, such as for emergency reasons. Mr. Caroselli replied that there is some anticipation of a 4% cap next year, so it makes good fiscal sense to have the monies available even if they may not be used.

County Manager Devanney interjected stating that the use of these monies will be debated in next year's budget process.

Mr. Paterson stated that in his opinion taxes are out of control and that he is not in favor of the Board having access to more money. He stated that putting this money aside will only increase taxes more.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED**

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**2007-466**      **FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA**, pursuant to N.J.S. § 40A:4-45.15b authorizing the establishment of a **Cap Bank** within the Calendar Year 2007 and 3.5% of the final tax levy from the preceding fiscal year as a retained exception to the final tax levy in either of the next two succeeding years.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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The next order of business was the Final Reading of Bond Ordinance No. 648-2007. The Clerk of the Board read the ordinance by title.

**BOND ORDINANCE NO. 648-2007**

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE RESTORATION OF LAKES IN COUNTY PARKS IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$5,281,609 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The County of Union, State of New Jersey (the "County") is hereby authorized to undertake the restoration of the following lakes in County parks: (A) Cedar Brook Lake at Cedar Brook Park (Plainfield) - supplemental funding; and (B) Upper Echo Lake at Echo Lake Park (Westfield and Mountainside). Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefore. It is hereby determined and stated that the County has heretofore appropriated the aggregate sum of \$797,630 for the restoration of Cedar Brook Lake pursuant to three bond ordinances adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County on July 23, 1998 (Ord. No. 480-98, as amended by Ord. No. 574-2003 adopted on April 24, 2003, and as further amended by Ord. No. 630-2006 adopted on July 20, 2006), July 22, 1999 (Ord. No. 501-99, as amended by Ord. No. 631-2006 adopted on August 17, 2006) and December 14, 2000 (Ord. No. 518-00).

Section 2. The sum of \$5,281,609 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment appropriated by this ordinance. It is anticipated that the County will receive \$2,443,890 in Lake Restoration Program loans (the "Lake Restoration Loans") from the State of New Jersey, acting through the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, to finance the cost of the improvements (\$750,000 for Cedar Brook Lake and \$1,693,890 for Upper Echo Lake). The County's obligation to repay the Lake Restoration Loans shall constitute the issuance of bonds pursuant to this ordinance. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said purpose is not a current expense of said County, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of said County pursuant to the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended; the "Local Bond Law"), and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose is \$5,281,609, and (4)

\$252,000 of said sum is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (5) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$5,029,609, and (6) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$115,909 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purpose, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$252,000, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said County, are now available to finance said purposes. The sum of \$252,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes.

Section 5. To finance said purpose, bonds of said County of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$5,029,609 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 6. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of said County of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$5,029,609 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 7. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Chairperson of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, by the County Manager and by the County Treasurer and shall be under the seal of said County and attested by the Clerk or Deputy Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the County Treasurer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of twenty years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 9. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Chosen

Freeholders of said County, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said County, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$5,029,609 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 10. Any funds received from private parties, the State of New Jersey or any of its agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purpose (other than the Lake Restoration Loans, which shall be applied to the cost of said purpose or the payment of outstanding bond anticipation notes, but shall not reduce the amount of bonds authorized), shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 11. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and is available for public inspection.

Section 12. The County intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Section 1 of this bond ordinance. If the County incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the County hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 13. The full faith and credit of the County are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the County, and the County shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the County for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 14. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

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**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE  
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ORDINANCE NO. 648-2007 ONLY**

Nancy Piwowar, Plainfield, asked whether the funds in the ordinance would be used for work on the lake in Cedar Brook Park and for Horseshoe Lake in Green Brook Park.

County Manager Devanney responded that the funds would pay for work in Cedar Brook Lake and Echo Lake, but not Horseshoe Lake.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood asked if there had not been a separate resolution for funds for Cedar Brook Park. Freeholder Sullivan responded that resolution 2007-494 covered some of that work, and that this Ordinance was not for the same thing. The County Manager called upon Director Caroselli to respond, and Director Caroselli stated that resolution 2007-494 and this Ordinance are indeed for different monies, and that this Ordinance is adding monies to the overall project. Mr. Paterson then stated that he approved of the Ordinance and added that parks are precious and work on them is important.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED**

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Freeholder Mirabella moved Bond Ordinance No. 648-2007 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise the same in accordance with the law. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Proctor, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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**The next order of business was the Final 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.**

**(Fee Schedule on next page.)**

<b>GOLF</b>	<b>2006</b>		<b>2007 PROPOSED</b>	
<b>I.D. CARDS:</b>				
#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	
<b>RESERVATION FEE:</b>				
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	
<b>GREEN FEES:</b>	<b>WEEKDAYS</b>	<b>WEEKENDS</b>	<b>WEEKDAYS</b>	<b>WEEKENDS</b>
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
<b>Out-of-County</b>	<b>W/D</b>	<b>W/E</b>	<b>W/D</b>	<b>W/E</b>
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
<b>WINTER RATES (Green Fees Only)</b>				
(Dec.1 to Mar. 31)	<b>WEEKDAY RATES APPLY AT ALL TIMES</b>			
<b>GOLF LESSONS:</b>				
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	
<b>TWILIGHT GREENS FEES:</b>	<b><u>W/D</u></b>	<b><u>W/E</u></b>	<b><u>W/D</u></b>	<b><u>W/E</u></b>
<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>				
<b>County</b>	\$18.00	\$19.00	\$18.00	\$19.00
<b>Season</b>	\$15.00	\$17.00	\$15.00	\$17.00
<b>Senior citizen</b>	\$11.00	\$18.00	\$11.00	\$18.00
<b>Youth</b>	\$10.00	\$13.00	\$10.00	\$13.00
<b>Reciprocity (weekdays only)</b>	\$18.00	N/A	\$18.00	N/A
<b>Out-Of-County</b>	\$36.00	\$38.00	\$36.00	\$38.00
<b>Out-Of-County Senior</b>	\$22.00	\$36.00	\$22.00	\$36.00
<b>Out-Of-County Youth</b>	\$20.00	\$26.00	\$20.00	\$26.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS:</b>				
<sup>1</sup> 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	
* <b>New Jersey sales tax included in price.</b>				
<b>NOTE: Holiday rates apply from Good Friday to Columbus Day only.</b>				
<b>PITCH &amp; PUTT** :</b>	<b><u>W/D</u></b>	<b><u>W/E</u></b>	<b><u>W/D</u></b>	<b><u>W/E</u></b>
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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**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF COMMENTING ON  
ORDINANCE NO. 649-2007 ONLY**

There were no comments.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED**

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Chairwoman Kowalski moved Ordinance No. 649-2007 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise the same in accordance with the law. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Ward. Roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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

Mary Ellen Taylor, Berkeley Heights, referenced Resolution 2007-503. She asked the Board not to eliminate the Advisory Board for the Ill and Disabled. She expressed particular concern for those between ages 21 and 65. She also stated that she contacted the Public Advocate's office and spoke to Donna Jago about insurance companies paying out on claims. Ms. Jago stated that she would investigate as she did not have the paperwork. Ms. Taylor stated that she spoke to Charlie Newman, of the Advisory Board on the Disabled about becoming a member. Ms. Taylor commented that she would like to become a member, that she is qualified, has experience, and is looking forward to being appointed to this Board.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, inquired about the security upgrades in Resolution 2007-497. He stated that at the previous week's meeting the Director of Public Safety, Harold Gibson, would not discuss the specific upgrades in public due to security concerns. Mr. Paterson said he was concerned about the Board approving the cost of the upgrades when the public does not know the specifics. He also commented on Resolutions 2007-470, 2007-474 and 2007-476 regarding filling the vacancies for these advisory boards. He stated that the Board seems to be filling these slots up quickly, now that the issue of the Model Ordinance has arisen, and that he may be interested in becoming a member.

George DeCarlo, Berkeley Heights referenced Resolution 2007-499. He said that hoped that the County is coordinating with the Attorney General's Office on updating the voter rolls and to ensure the County is in compliance by HAVA by the 2008 deadline. He also stated that New Jersey is not in compliance yet. He commented that he hoped the Legislature will update the

statutes about the fees for getting voter registration information. The current statute sets the costs high, and with the new database system they should be lower.

Chairwoman Kowalski responded saying that the Union County Clerk's office keeps very good voter registration records.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED**

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Chairwoman Kowalski called for a motion to move Resolutions 2007-467 through 2007-516. On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed:

Nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2007-467 through 2007- 481. Eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolution 2007-482 with Freeholder Mapp abstaining.

Nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2007-483 through 2007-499. Eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolution 2007-500 with Freeholder Holmes abstaining.

Nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Resolutions 2007-501 through 2007-516.

### **THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE BEING OFFERED FOR ADOPTION:**

**2007-467**      **FREEHOLDER HOLMES**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Standard Textile, Cincinnati, Ohio**, through NJHA Group Purchasing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:9-87 & 88, to purchase uniforms for employees at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of May 1, 2007 through April 30, 2008 in the amount of **\$28,950**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2007-468**      **FREEHOLDER HOLMES**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Peters Baking Group, Harrison, New Jersey**, through NJHA Group Purchasing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:9-87 and 88, to purchase bakery products for Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 in the amount of **\$42,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2007-469**      **FREEHOLDER HOLMES**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Jack and Jill, Corp., Morristown, New Jersey**, through NJHA Group Purchasing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:9-87 and 88, to purchase ice cream

products for the patients/residents of Runnells Specialized Hospital in the amount of **\$15,750.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2007-470 FREEHOLDER HOLMES**, appointing **Ellen Zwierzynski, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, to the Union County Advisory Board on Aging for a term to commence on January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2007-471 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to make available the amount of **\$2,500** in support of the **Strike Merchants Scholarship Foundation, Inc.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2007-472 FREEHOLDER PROCTOR**, appointing **Sean P. Dineen, Union, New Jersey**, to the Union County Advisory Board on the Disabled for a term to commence on January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2007-473 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, amending **Resolution No. 2006-876** for an additional amount of **\$150,000** for the "Greening Union County" Matching Grant Program for a new funding amount of **\$800,000**

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2007-474 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, appointing **Jack Molenaar, Fanwood, New Jersey**, to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board for a term to commence January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2007-475 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, authorizing the County Manager to accept the recommendation of the review committee for the Request for Qualification (RFQ) for the provision of Managed Firewall and Intrusion Detection/Prevention Services.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2007-476**      **FREEHOLDER WARD**, appointing the following to the **Union County Air Traffic & Noise Advisory Board: Jack D’Agostaro, (Alternate) and Michael Delia, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey; Councilman Tom Boland and Councilman Gene Davis, Linden, New Jersey**, for a term to commence January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2007-477**      **VICE CHAIRMAN ESTRADA**, accepting competitive grant funding in the amount of **\$18,876** from the **Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention/Juvenile Justice Commission**, to fund a Youth Summer Enrichment program (YES Program) for up to twenty youths, ages 10 through 16, for a total of 21 program days for the period of June 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2007-478**      **VICE CHAIRMAN ESTRADA**, appointing the following individuals to the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) for a term to commence on March 28, 2007 through June 30, 2009:

**Ray Wuertz, HR Manager  
Conoco Philips  
1400 Park Avenue, Linden, New Jersey  
Category: Private Sector**

**Sam Crane, Senior VP, External Affairs  
Maher Terminals  
400 Connell Drive, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey  
Category: Private Sector**

**John Perry, Executive Director  
Council for Airport Opportunity  
PO Box 2630  
Newark, New Jersey  
Category: Community Based Organization**

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2007-479**      **CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to award a professional service contract to **Orchid Cellmark, Farmers Branch, Texas**, to

provide DNA analysis and testimony on samples provided to them for the contract period of January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 in an amount not to exceed **\$80,000.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2007-480**      **CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to award a professional service contract to **Bode Technology Group, Springfield, Virginia**, to provide DNA analysis and testimony on samples provided to them for the contract period of January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 in an amount not to exceed **\$40,000.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2007-481**      **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. Department of Parks, Recreation and Facilities: UAP Distribution, Inc., Greeley, Colorado, to provide various ground maintenance chemicals in an amount not to exceed **\$2,892.50.**
- b. Department of Parks, Recreation and Facilities: Storr Tractor Company, Branchburg, New Jersey, to provide two (2) Buffalo Turbine BT-KB 10GS blowers in an amount not to exceed **\$13,790.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2007-482**      **CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Interlocal Agreement and Cost Sharing Agreement with the **Borough of Roselle** for design and construction of the Westbrook Phase IV Flood Control Project in an amount not to exceed **\$2,000,000.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp abstaining.

**2007-483**      **CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to award a professional engineering design service contract to **Pennoni Consulting Engineers, Cranford, New Jersey**, for the purpose of providing design services for intersection improvements in the City of Elizabeth in an amount not to exceed **\$81,000.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2007-484** CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, authorizing the County Manager to award a professional engineering design service contract to **KS Engineer, PC, Newark, New Jersey**, for intersection improvements in the City of Elizabeth in an amount not to exceed **\$68,200**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2007-485** CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, granting permission to the **Township of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey**, 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 Monday, July 16, 2007 from 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 for the annual Mount Carmel Society's Festival and fireworks display.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2007-486** CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, authorizing the County Manager to award a professional engineering on-call testing service contract to **Key Tech, Keyport, New Jersey**, for the purpose of providing on-call testing services for various small County projects in an amount not to exceed **\$75,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2007-487** CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, authorizing the County Manager to award a professional engineering on-call testing service contract to **French & Parrello Associates, Wall, New Jersey**, for the purpose of providing on-call testing services for various small County projects in an amount not to exceed **\$25,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative

**2007-488** CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, amending **Resolution No. 2007-338**, a contract with **Vollmer Associates, Rochelle Park, New Jersey**, for the purpose of providing design services for two (2) intersections, Stuyvesant Avenue and Stanley Terrace and Stuyvesant Avenue and Chestnut Street, in the Township of Union in an additional amount of **\$10,274** for a new contract amount of **\$69,357**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative

**2007-489** CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, authorizing the County Manager to award a professional engineering design service contract to **Matrix New World Engineering, Inc., East Hanover, New Jersey**, for the purpose of providing quarterly groundwater monitoring and reporting for the Division of Public Works Yard, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed **\$28,160**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative

**2007-490** CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, authorizing the County Manager to award a professional engineering design service contract to **Matrix New World Engineering, Inc., East Hanover, New Jersey**, for the purpose of providing semi-annual groundwater monitoring and reporting services for the Ashbrook Golf Course Maintenance Yard in amount not to exceed **\$24,500**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2007-491** CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, authorizing the County Manager to award a professional engineering service contract to the **PMK Group, Cranford, New Jersey**, to provide supplemental groundwater investigation at the Meisel Avenue Park, Springfield, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed **\$29,865**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2007-492** CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, granting permission to the **Township of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey**, to hang a banner across Plainfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, from May 11, 2007 through May 21, 2007 to publicize the Berkeley Heights Rescue Squad Open House.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative

**2007-493** CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, concurring with the **City of Linden, New Jersey**, granting permission to the Special Improvement District of Linden (SID) to hang a banner across Elizabeth Avenue and North Wood Avenue and Elm Street and North Wood Avenue from May 21, 2007 through June 4, 2007 and July 23, 2007 through August 5, 2007 to advertise their upcoming sidewalk sales.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative

**2007-494** CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, amending **Resolution No. 1072-2005 (Change Order No. 1, awarding an option as per the bid specifications)**, to a construction

contract with **JA Alexander, Inc., Bloomfield, New Jersey**, for the purpose of dredging and restoring Cedar Brook Lake in Plainfield and South Plainfield, New Jersey, due to extensive damage to the lake liner in an additional amount of **\$452,200** for a new total contract amount of **\$1,249,830**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative

**2007-495**      **CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with **Merck and Company, Rahway, New Jersey**, for improvements to be made on County parkland, namely, Warinanco Park, Roselle, New Jersey, and to provide maintenance and monitoring of the improvements for five (5) years.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative

**2007-496**      **CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, amending **Resolution No. 2006-651** a contract with **NEWTECH Recycling, Inc., Bridgewater, New Jersey**, for the collection, demanufacturing, and recycling/disposal of electronic equipment collected at various electronic events sponsored by Union County in an additional amount of **\$60,000** through the end of the contract period of December 31, 2007.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative

**2007-497**      **CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to award a professional engineering contract to **CCMS, Colts Neck, New Jersey**, for security system upgrades at the Ralph G. Froehlich Public Safety Building, Westfield, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed **\$49,900**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative

**2007-498**      **CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to **Porter Lee Corporation, Schaumburg, Illinois**, for the purpose of upgrading the Union County Police Barcoded Evidence Analysis, Statistics and Tracking (BEAST) evidence logging system in an amount not to exceed **\$14,399.60**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative

**2007-499**      **CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to **NTS Data Services, Inc., Niagara Falls, New York**, to provide computer software used to maintain voter registration information and to print poll books for all elections in the amount of **\$41,000**.



On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2007-500** CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, amending **Resolution No. 2007-349** to increase the appropriation to **Robert Renaud, Esq., Cranford, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled **Eduardo Tapari v. UC, et als.** in an additional amount of **\$5,000** for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$20,000**.

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

**2007-501** CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, amending **Resolution No. 2006-1258** to increase the appropriation to **Schenck, Price, Smith & King, Morristown, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled **Alyssa Scala v. UC, et als.** in an additional amount of **\$5,000** for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$50,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative

**2007-502** CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, amending **Resolution No. 2007-52** a contract with **Continuum Voice and Data Systems, Syracuse, New York**, to expand the County's Electronic Data Management System into the Department of Finance for an additional amount of **\$35,396**, for a new total contract amount of **\$223,469**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative

**2007-503** CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, authorizing the County Manager to abolish certain **Union County Public Advisory Boards** as their purposes have been achieved or their functions have been absorbed by other department/divisions within the County's structure.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative

**2007-504** CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, approving the settlement of pending litigation entitled **Exxon Mobil Corporation v. County of Union, et al.** as recommended by the Department of Law, Office of the County Counsel.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative

**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE LAUDATORY IN CONTENT:**

**2007-505 FREEHOLDER HOLMES**, congratulating **Yvonne Thomas** for her dedication and service to the Union County Advisory Board of Aging.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative

**2007-506 FREEHOLDER HOLMES**, congratulating **Carol Williams** on her retirement and dedication to the Union County Congregate Nutrition Program.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative

**2007-507 FREEHOLDER HOLMES**, designating May 6, 2007 as “**National Nurses Day**” and May 6, 2007 through May 12, 2007 as “**National Nurses’ Week**” in Union County.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative

**2007-508 FREEHOLDER HOLMES**, proclaiming the week of May 7, 2007 through May 13, 2007 as “**Corrections Officers’ Week**” in Union County.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative

**2007-509 FREEHOLDER HOLMES**, recognizing the outstanding contributions of the “**Volunteers of Runnells Specialized Hospital**” at their 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Luncheon to be held on May 16, 2007.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative

**2007-510 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA**, congratulating **Emily Nering, Deirdre Scully and Sarah Boruch, Fanwood-Scotch Plains, New Jersey**, who are being honored with the “Gold Awards” from the Girl Scouts Council of Washington Rock.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative

**2007-511 FREEHOLDERS MIRABELLA, PROCTOR AND HOLMES**, congratulating **Sal Mione** for receiving the Hudson County Distinguished Service Medal.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative

**2007-512 FREEHOLDER WARD, congratulating Michael Pileggi, Linden, New Jersey, on receiving the 2007 Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year Award in Linden, New Jersey.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative

**2007-513 VICE CHAIRMAN ESTRADA, congratulating Boy Scouts of America, Troop 101 and Cub Scouts Pack 101, Elizabeth, New Jersey, on their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative

**2007-514 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, congratulating Danielle Bercovicz, Angela Carol Kerins, and Jaclyn Marie Kirna, Troop 402; Kerianne Clare Dooley, Katherine Ann Douglas, Kathryn Elise Galasso, and Kimberly Ann Pulliam, Troop 481; Emily Kirk Cozzi and Samantha Elizabeth Luscombe, Troop 498; Victoria Lynn Attanasio, Troop 701 and Melissa Anne Gallagher, Troop 916, who are being honored with the “Gold Awards” from the Girl Scouts Council of Washington Rock.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative

**2007-515 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, congratulating James Francis Carolan, Cranford, New Jersey, Boy Scouts of America, Troop 75, on attaining his Eagle Scout Award.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative

**2007-516 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, congratulating Mark Edward Bagniewski, Cranford, New Jersey, Boy Scouts of America, Troop 75, on attaining his Eagle Scout Award.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative

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Chairwoman Kowalski called for a motion to suspend the rules. On a motion by Vice Chairman Estrada, seconded by Freeholder Scanlon, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, inquired as to whether the money in Resolution 2007-517 is from the Open Space, Recreation and Historical Preservation Trust fund. He also stated that he thought the cost of this acquisition had been previously stated as being \$1.00 (one dollar).

Chairwoman Kowalski responded that this is a different piece of property. Freeholder Sullivan then responded giving the location of this property as being part of St. Agnes's Church and School on Madison Hill Road, Clark. He also stated that Catholic Charities had been interested in putting a cemetery on the property but the residents had been opposed to that idea. The land is behind the church and extends down to the reservoir, he added. The County will be acquiring over 13 acres of pristine open space.

Mary Ellen Taylor, Berkeley Heights, asked if this property would be preserved in its natural state or if a park would be created. Freeholder Sullivan replied that most of the land will be preserved as it is, although no final decision has been made as to the plans for the reservoir land itself. He noted that there is currently a park down the street. He also stated that there may be an opportunity for recreation on the reservoir. Ms. Taylor then responded that open and environments and natural beauty is the best use of the land and saves tax dollars.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED**

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The Chairwoman called for a motion to move the Resolution from the floor.

**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS FROM THE FLOOR:**

**2007-517**      **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, authorizes the County Manager to take all actions necessary and execute any and all documents necessary to complete the acquisition of approximately 13.690 acres of land located at 332 Madison Hill Road, in the Township of Clark, New Jersey, Lot 11, Block 52 by the County of Union and the costs, for acquisition and related expenses, in an amount not to exceed **\$8,000,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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

Mary Ellen Taylor, Berkeley Heights, expressed her concern about the disabled being invited to public Union County events. She stated that the ill and disabled who worked at 911 be invited to these events, along with 100 soldiers with TBI and 100 disabled children. She also stated that the ill and disabled should have the same rights and they should also be embraced in public, including an invitation to a VIP tent.

Chairwoman Kowalski asked if she had attended any Freeholder concerts and stated that there are facilities for the disabled and Union County does make an effort to include residents with all abilities.

Nancy Piwowar, Plainfield, stated she was an advocate for Green Brook Park. She said that Green Brook Park is an environmental disaster and she hopes that an application was submitted to FEMA for funds. She stated that after the recent rainstorm, a second pond was developing. She said that due to construction on Myrtle Avenue, soil erosion has taken place and there is a lot of trash. Ms. Piwowar has provided the Board with photos of the site, (see attached).

Freeholder Mapp responded by saying the erosion was due to the construction project and he has spoken to Charles Sigmund, Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Facilities. He said that he is aware of the problem and his department is in the process of getting it resolved.

George DeCarlo, Berkeley Heights, stated that he sent an e-mail to all Board members in regard to the by-laws. He said the only place he was able to find them was on the Union County Watchdog Website. He suggested that instead of using OPRA requests, it would be more beneficial to have them made into an HDML file for the public to view. He also suggested that Union County hire an English Professor or a Parliamentary Professor from Kean University to work on the writing and structure of the by-laws and he urges the Board to put them on the website to end the necessity for OPRA requests.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, spoke about the fee of \$8.00 per hour fee for OPRA requests and stated that he is opposed to a fee. He also commented on the 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the death of Edward Sinclair, Jr., as he was held at the Union County Juvenile Detention Center. He stated that he was at a vigil in his memory and he also commented on this evening's demonstration by the supporters of the family of Edward Sinclair, Jr.

Chairwoman Kowalski responded by saying that since there is a pending litigation on the case of Edward Sinclair, Jr., the Board would not be able to comment at this time

Tina Renna, Cranford, commented on the check registers. She stated that she has been requesting this on a monthly basis and have noted many questionable expenses. She detailed the various vouchers that the Union County Watchdog Association has requested. She also protested about the \$8.00 per hour processing fee for OPRA requests and named several legislators who have pledged to support the Union County Watchdog Association in their challenge to the fee. She also would like to encourage the County to put more public information on the website and she also commented on Freeholder Sullivan's past remarks and on the death of Edward Sinclair, Jr.

Ginger Garrett, Union County Department of Division of Social Services, Westminster Avenue, Elizabeth. Ms. Garrett is an employee of Union County. Ms. Garrett made comments relative to an elevator accident she was involved in and possible injuries she sustained.

Chairwoman Kowalski replied by saying that employee safety is important and she will speak with Ms. Garrett's supervisor.

Theresa Esquville, Human Services Specialist 2 with the Union County Department of Social Services, Westminster Avenue, Elizabeth commented on a recent 15 day suspension she received.

Chairwoman Kowalski advised her to speak with County Counsel Barry after the meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED**

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### **FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

The Chairwoman called for Freeholder comments.

Freeholder Proctor had no comments.

Freeholder Holmes had no comments.

Freeholder Ward had no comments.

Vice Chairman Estrada had no comments.

Freeholder Mapp had no comments.

Freeholder Sullivan commented on the upcoming meeting of the NJTPA. He anticipates action to support Governor Jon Corzine and Commissioner Khris Kolluri of the NJDOT to construct a second tunnel under the Hudson River, which is a desperately needed project. It would allow New Jersey to fund its share of the project, being \$76,000,000 to create the tunnel. It would increase access to New York City and it would subsequently create one-seat rides from Summit, which would increase property values. It would also benefit Cranford and Westfield.

Chairwoman Kowalski asked if there were public hearings. Freeholder Sullivan answered yes and that it has been a priority of NJTPA and this will allow us to use federal funds and it would put the project on the fast track.

Freeholder Scanlon commented on a letter she received from a resident from Summit, regarding the Shade Tree Committee. She stated in her letter that she praised the Shade Tree Committee for its professionalism, courtesy, promptness and efficiency. Freeholder Scanlon stated that she is proud to be a Liaison for the Shade Tree Committee and thanked and congratulated the staff.

Freeholder Mirabella recognized Mary Krech as a Union County employee for 23 years who has raised thousands of dollars in her efforts for the March of Dimes Walkathon that was held last week. Freeholder Mirabella also congratulated Freeholder Sullivan as Chairman of the NJTPA. He stated that through his efforts, Union County has realized millions of dollars used for transportation projects. He also sent wishes for a Happy Mothers' Day, on this upcoming Sunday.

County Manager Devanney wanted to update everyone on the Juvenile Detention Center. He stated there was an inspection made of the facility in March of this year and it was found to be in compliance with the Juvenile Justice Commission standards. County Manager Devanney read the letter provided by Lisa Macaluso, Director, Office of Local Programs & Services of the State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission from May 7, 2007. The report reads as follows:

“Union County Juvenile Detention Center is a well operated facility and has many noteworthy program components which include: the practice of having several fire drills each month, which exceeds the requirement of the Manual of Standards; staffing ratios that provide sufficient staff coverage on each unit; and an excellent policy and procedure that limits the use of room restriction and mechanical restraints. The results of the program inspection document that the County has continued to maintain the vast improvements that have taken place at the detention Center during the past few years. This is a direct reflection of the efforts of Superintendent Greg Lyons, Assistant Superintendent George Laskewicz, Chief JDO Alberto Rodriguez and all the facility's staff. The staff is to be congratulated on the cleanliness and upkeep of this older building. While signs of wear and tear were evident throughout the facility, they were minimal. Walls and floors were clean and many were freshly painted. The County is in the process of changing out the windows in the sleeping rooms. The Behavior Modification Committee states that the facility is a model for other juvenile detention centers. Overall, the facility administration and the State of New Jersey are conscientious in the investigation of staff. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent take their role very seriously in providing a safe and secure detention facility for all the residents, for the staff, visitors and the surrounding community.”

The consultant report from July 18-19, 2006 from John J. Greene, III, states the following:

“The staff should be commended on the overall cleanliness and order of the building. The facility had no institutional odor, living areas and general areas were generally clean and well kept. The sick call and general access to the medical staff by residents at this facility is exemplary.

Throughout the tour I personally found all staff to be open, friendly and on a whole wanting to provide the best services possible to the residents. The facility's Behavior Modification Program is truly engrained in the minute-by-minute operation of the facility, which is rare in detention centers. While problems were noted in this report, none of them were to the point that they could not be overcome.”

County Manager Devanney asked Mr. Frank Guzzo, the Director of Human Services to thank his staff.

County Counsel Robert E. Barry had no comments.

Chairwoman Kowalski thanked Freeholder Sullivan for his work on the NJTPA. She also commented on last weeks Trailside Forum regarding global warming and how we can become responsible stewards of our environment. She also noted the Recycling Seminar for Businesses will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup> at Kean University from 8:00-11:00a.m. She announced that the Master Gardens Spring Fair will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup>. She commented that the pet fair went well last weekend at Trailside. She also added that on May 19<sup>th</sup>, Union County will be celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The event will be kicked off at Union County College in Cranford. She said that two top historians from the State will be discussing the period and the political climate which precipitated the County’s creation, followed by music and games in Nomahegan Park, Cranford. It will be held rain or shine, she added. She also commented on the magazine that has been published by Laurinda Publication celebrating the 150th Anniversary, commenting that the magazine is enriched with pictures recently unearthed by the staff.

The Chairwoman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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The voucher list through **May 3, 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, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified.

**AGENDA/WORK SESSIONS**

**7:00 P.M.**

**May 17**

**June 7**

**Summer Session**

**July 19**

**Summer Session**

**August 9**

**Summer Session**

**September 6\***

**September 20**

**October 4**

**October 18**

**November 8\***

**REGULAR/PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**7:00 P.M.**

**May 24**

**June 21**

**July 26**

**August 23**

**September 6\***

**September 27**

**October 11**

**October 25**

**November 8\***



**November 29\***

**November 29\***

**December 6**

**December 13**

**December 20\***

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**\*COMBINED AGENDA SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING**

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Clerk of the Board

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Green Brook Park – Photo #1



Green Brook Park #2





Green Brook Park #3



Green Brook Park – Photo #4





Green Brook Park #5



Green Brook Park – Photo #6