



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

RESOLUTION NO 2008-1

1/6/2008

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union that it does hereby adopt the attached By-Laws and Rules of Procedure for the year 2008.

NO SUFFICIENCY OF FUNDS REQUIRED
Frank W. Adams
 1-4-2008

RECORD OF VOTE

FREEHOLDER	Aye	Nay	Abs	Pass	Res.	Mot	Sec	NP	FREEHOLDER	Aye	Nay	Abs	Pass	Res.	Mot	Sec	NP
HOLMES	X								VAN BLAKE	X							
KOWALSKI	X								WARD	X							
PROCTOR								X	MIRABELLA VICE-CHAIRMAN	X						X	
SCANLON	X								ESTRADA CHAIRMAN	X				X			
SULLIVAN	X					X											

APPROVED AS TO FORM

[Signature]
 COUNTY ATTORNEY

I hereby certify the above is an original resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union on the aforementioned date.

[Signature] CLERK

I hereby certify this is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union on the aforementioned date.

_____ CLERK

**THE BYLAWS
OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
OF THE COUNTY OF UNION**

*Rules of procedure for the conduct of the meetings, functions and responsibilities of
the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and its members*

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. THE CHAIRMAN, and in the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, shall take the chair at the hour appointed, which shall normally be 7:00 p.m. for the regular meetings and 7:00 p.m. for agenda meetings, and shall immediately call the Board to order. In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the Clerk shall call the Board to order and shall determine whether a quorum is present. In the event a quorum is present, the Clerk shall call for the election of a Chairman pro tempore. Upon appearance of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, the Chairman pro tempore shall forthwith relinquish the chair upon the conclusion of the business immediately before the Board, and when the Vice Chairman is presiding, he shall likewise relinquish the chair upon the appearance of the Chairman.
2. QUORUM. A majority of the whole number of the Board, five (5) members shall constitute a quorum. Should no quorum attend within thirty (30) minutes after the hour appointed for the meeting of the Board, the person presiding may thereupon recess awaiting the formation of a quorum. Thereafter, if no such quorum is established, the individual presiding may adjourn the meeting.
3. THE CLERK OF THE BOARD SHALL CALL THE ROLL in alphabetical order with the presiding officer to be polled last and the Vice Chairman next to last. Members must be in their chairs to participate in discussion and voting. This polling procedure will be used in all votes.
4. THE CLERK SHALL LEAD THE BOARD IN PRAYER.
5. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. The Chairman may ask a member or the Clerk of the Board to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
6. THE CLERK SHALL READ THE STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT.
7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF ANY PREVIOUS MEETING. The Board, on a motion and by majority concurrence of those voting may waive the reading and move the acceptance of the complete minutes of prior meetings.

8. COMMUNICATIONS. The Clerk shall list any communications on the agenda for the meeting. Any communication or any portion thereof shall be read in its entirety upon request of a member.
9. PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION. Comments from members of the public are to be limited to five (5) minutes and shall be directed to the Chairman. Members are not to take part in a discussion with the public without the permission of the Chair.
10. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES. This shall be the next order of business on all agendas, unless the rule is suspended.
11. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR THE FIRST READING. This shall be the next order of business on all agendas, unless the rule is suspended.
12. PUBLIC SESSION. At this time the public may address the Board on any resolution on the agenda. A member of the public shall be limited to one (1) appearance and shall speak for no more than five (5) minutes. The Chairman may also limit individuals to less than five (5) minutes if the Chairman deems these statements made by the public to be repetitive; the number of persons wishing to address the Board appears to be lengthy; or if the weather or lateness of the hour so requires. No person may speak more than once at either the first or second public session. No speaker may speak more than the allotted time by requesting to use any other person's time or portion thereof. All questions from the public shall be directed through the Chairman. Members will direct their questions or comments through the Chairman and shall limit their responses to the individual member of the public who is speaking to the Board at that time. Non-residents may speak only after County residents have been heard.
13. RESOLUTIONS which have been presented at a prior agenda setting session shall be listed by the Clerk on the agenda. Members shall be called in alphabetical order to present their resolutions with the Chairman's resolutions being listed last and the Vice Chairman's resolutions being listed next to last.

Prior to being voted upon, resolutions requiring the expenditure of funds and resolutions not requiring the expenditure of funds shall contain a written sufficiency of funds certification consistent with law or "no sufficiency required" on the resolution. It shall be the duty of the County Manager and County Counsel to ensure such compliance.
14. RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR. A majority vote of the members of the Board present and voting shall be required to allow specific resolutions from the floor to be entertained. When prepared in advance by requesting same of the County Counsel, resolutions from the floor shall be listed at the end of the agenda, separate from all other agenda items, and shall be noted as such.

Members shall be called in alphabetical order to present such resolutions with the Chairman called last and the Vice Chairman next to last. Oral resolutions from the floor may likewise be introduced. The County Counsel shall make every reasonable effort to prepare resolutions in written form whenever requested by a member of the Board. No resolution shall be listed on the agenda at any time unless requested by a member of the Board.

15. SECOND PUBLIC SESSION. At this time the public may address the Board on any subject over which the Board has the power to exercise its authority. The same rules for the first public session shall apply with regard to public participation. There shall be no second public session during any special or emergency meeting.
16. REPORTS OF ANY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES and FREEHOLDER REMARKS of the Board. This shall be the next item on the agenda.
17. REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER and the administrative staff.
18. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS. The Clerk or County Counsel shall read a notice as prescribed by the Open Public Meetings Act and shall state the nature of said proposed executive session. The Clerk shall poll the Board and receive a majority of those present and voting to enter into executive session. The Clerk of the Board, the County Counsel, the County Manager and members of the Board shall attend all executive sessions of the Board unless excused by the Board from any executive session or portion thereof. The Clerk shall keep accurate minutes of executive sessions and transcriptions under the Clerk's personal control. The Clerk shall make such records available to County Counsel, County Manager or a member of the Board upon request.
19. ADJOURNMENT. The Board shall adjourn at the conclusion of its business.
20. VOTING. A quorum must be present for any official act of the Board. The Clerk shall poll the Board in alphabetical order with the presiding officer to be polled last and the alternate presiding officer, next to last. When polled, a member may pass, vote aye, nay or abstain. If a member shall pass, the polling shall continue and after all members are polled, the member who passed shall then vote the member's preference.

If that member does not express a preference at that time, the member's vote shall be recorded as an abstention.

21. TREATMENT OF ABSTENTIONS – Categories.

- A. Where no specific number of votes is required to pass a measure i.e. merely a majority of those present and voting¹; then a member's abstention and silence during the voting should be counted as an affirmative vote. When the member states opposition to the measure, the member should be counted with the negative votes.
- B. When a specific number of votes is required to pass a measure i.e. five (5) affirmative votes to pass an ordinance¹, then there must be a minimum of five (5) affirmative votes and the measure will not carry if a sufficient number of votes can only be mustered by including silent abstainees among the affirmative votes.
- C. Where the abstention is due to a disqualifying personal or financial interest, then, in such a case neither the presence nor vote of the member should be counted in computing either a quorum or majority. The situation is comparable to a vacancy in the membership.

During the time of polling, there shall be no discussion and a member shall not be required to explain his vote. There shall be no further discussion on the matter. Resolutions need not be voted on individually. If a member shall request a separate polling of the Board on any individual resolution, that request shall be granted. Before the Clerk shall call the next vote, a member may change his vote. The Clerk shall announce the vote and that vote shall be the official act of the Board. At that time, a motion may be made for reconsideration at the next regularly scheduled meeting but at no time thereafter, by any member of the Board. This motion shall be non-debatable.

22. COMMITTEE MEETINGS. The committee chairman shall call the meeting to order at the appointed hour. If the committee chairman is not present then, the committee member of the majority party with the most Freeholder service shall act as a committee chairman pro tempore. Upon arrival of the committee chairman, the committee chairman pro tempore shall forthwith relinquish the chair. A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum. The committee chairman or a majority of the committee members may request or exclude members of the administration or the public from attending or participating in the committee discussion in whole or in part. A majority of the members of the Board shall not be present at any committee meeting unless that meeting be duly advertised as prescribed by law.

The Clerk of the Board, if requested, shall keep a record of the attendance, actions and recommendations of the committee. The County Manager and/or County Counsel shall attend the committee meetings in whole or in part as directed by the committee or its chairman. There shall be up to four (4) members of the Board

¹ Refer to footnotes on page 7

appointed to each of the standing committees by the Chairman of the Board on an annual basis, including one (1) member for each committee to be named also by the Chairman of the Board as committee chairman.

Committee meetings shall be convened at the call of the committee chairman as same are deemed necessary. The committee chairman shall also set agendas for committee meetings.

In the event that any committee finds it necessary to meet with County employees or department heads, or to request information therefrom, it shall direct such request through the committee chairman to the Office of the County Manager and the County Manager shall fulfill such request in time for the committee meeting or at such other time as directed by the committee chairman. Committees shall, from time to time, prepare written or oral reports to the Board which may be used in determining County action. The report may also be made available to the County Manager. No reports shall be issued without majority concurrence of the committee.

The Chairman of the Board may also by appointment by the chair serve as a member or chairman of any committee. The Chairman of the Board shall serve as an ex officio member of all committees to which the Chairman is not otherwise a member. As an ex officio member, the Chairman shall not count for quorum purposes but shall have all of the same rights as any other committee member. Committees may hold public hearings for the purpose of eliciting general testimony from the public or from organizations with a particular interest upon permission to do so specifically granted by a resolution of the Freeholders setting forth the nature and purpose of a proposed public meeting.

RULES OF CONDUCT:

1. A member shall not speak more than once until all members have had an opportunity to speak.
2. Motions. For a resolution, ordinance, or motion to be discussed and considered by the Board it must be duly moved and must receive a second. If there shall be no second, there shall be no further discussion on the subject.
3. In the absence of any rule contained in these Bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order, as revised, shall govern the conduct of the meeting.
4. The County Manager may be present at all Board meetings and participate in all deliberations without the right to vote.
5. The Chairman or such other member of the Board as may be presiding shall have full rights and privileges as granted all members stated in these rules.

6. Any motion which is tabled becomes the possession of the Board as a whole.
7. The Rules of Procedure contained herein may be suspended upon an affirmative vote of the members of the Board present and voting.

APPOINTMENTS. Any member may nominate any person for appointment by the Board to any agency or advisory committee to which this Board shall have power of appointment. A member shall furnish a resume of the proposed appointee to every member of the Freeholder Board at least twenty-four (24) hours before action is to be taken on said appointment. All appointments shall be made consistent with the Board's policy on affirmative action. Any proposed appointment shall be an item for discussion in executive session upon request by a majority of those voting. Persons shall be considered as appointed upon receiving a majority vote of the full Board. No person may be appointed to serve on more than one (1) advisory board, agency, committee or commission at the same time, except when membership on a specific body is a prerequisite for membership on another body. No person shall be appointed to any such body in which a family member is employed by an associated County department. If such incident does arise, that appointee shall forthwith resign from said body. In the event that there shall be more than one (1) appointment to be made to an individual agency or board, the Board may include more than one (1) nomination in the resolution. A person so appointed shall take an oath and file same as prescribed by law within thirty (30) days or else the appointment is null and void with no further action required by the Board.

ORDINANCES. Ordinances not affecting policy or the Administrative Code shall be prepared by the Office of County Counsel upon the request of any member of the Board. Prior to introduction, any ordinance that may require or permit administrative action may be submitted to the County Manager who shall submit to the Board, and to the appropriate Board committee, an opinion as to the administrative implications of the ordinance. Each ordinance shall be presented in writing and duplicated and distributed to the members of the Board at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting at which it may be considered. The forty-eight (48) hour requirement may be waived upon a motion and by a majority vote of the entire Board and shall be made part of the record of the ordinance. County Counsel, upon request, shall comment in writing to the Board as to the constitutionality and legality of the proposed ordinance, and also shall further comment on said ordinance as to its implications. Prior to the introduction of such ordinances affecting policy or Administrative Code, the ordinance shall first be presented to the Policy Committee for review, which review shall be completed within fifteen (15) days, at which time the sponsor may then offer legislation consistent with the preceding section of this paragraph.

An ordinance may be introduced by any member of the Board. After passage on first reading, which reading may be by title, it shall be published in the manner provided by law. A copy of the proposed ordinance shall also be sent by regular mail to the Clerk of each municipality in the County not less than one (1) week prior to the date of hearing on second reading. Prior to the second reading, a copy of the ordinance shall be posted on the bulletin board or other place upon which notices are customarily posted in the

building in which the Board regularly meets, and copies of the ordinance shall be made available to the general public upon request.

A public hearing shall be held on the proposed ordinance in the manner provided by the law at which time all persons interested shall be given opportunity to be heard.

Prior to the public hearing, the ordinance shall be given a second reading, which reading may be made by title. After the public hearing, the ordinance shall be passed by a majority of the whole membership or such other vote as may be required by law². Any amendment adopted altering the proposed ordinance shall require the ordinance to be re-advertised and the public hearing continued pursuant to the law.

Upon passage, every ordinance or the title together with a notice stating the date of passage shall be published in the manner prescribed by law and a certified copy of the full text of every ordinance so adopted, shall be filed with the Clerk of each municipality in the County no later than ten (10) days after final passage.

No ordinance shall take effect less than twenty (20) days after its final passage by the Board, unless the Board shall adopt a resolution declaring an emergency and at least two-thirds of the whole number of members of the Board vote in favor of such resolution.³

RESOLUTIONS. Resolutions not affecting policy or the Administrative Code shall be prepared by the Office of County Counsel upon request of any member of the Board. All resolutions prior to their adoption shall be discussed at a prior agenda setting session. Resolutions affecting policy or the Administrative Code shall, before introduction, be presented for review to the Policy Committee which review shall be completed within fifteen (15) days, at which time the sponsor may then offer legislation consistent with this paragraph. Prior to the final passage of any resolution, said resolution that may require or permit an administrative action may be submitted to the County Manager who shall comment to the Board as to the administrative implications of the proposed resolution. County Counsel shall comment in writing as to the constitutionality or legality of any proposed resolution if so requested. The Chairman may assign any resolution to any committee of the Board for its comments prior to adoption. A motion may be introduced waiving the above requirements by a majority of the entire Board and shall be made a part of the record of the resolution. A majority vote of the members present and voting shall be required for passage of a resolution except where otherwise required by law.⁴

² Per N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17b, passage of a Bond Ordinance requires 2/3 affirmative vote of full membership.

³ Per N.J.S.A. 40A:101c, Board declaring an emergency and waiving the 20 day waiting period before an ordinance shall take effect, requires 2/3 affirmative votes of full membership.

⁴ Per N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48, emergency exists requiring a supplemental appropriation, requires 2/3 affirmative vote of full membership.

⁴ Board resolution of disapproval preventing the dismissal of certain employees, under conditions set forth in N.J.S.A. 40:41-47a and b, requires 2/3 affirmative vote of full membership.

RECORDING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS. The Clerk of the Board shall record all ordinances and resolutions adopted by the Board and at the close of each year, with the advice and assistance of County Counsel, shall bind, compile or codify true copies of all the ordinances and resolutions adopted during that year properly indexed. Resolutions that are policy resolutions of the Board and so stated in the resolution shall be further indexed as such upon adoption.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS. Duties of the Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders. At the organizational meeting on or about January 1st, or as otherwise provided by law, the Board shall choose a Chairman and a Vice Chairman by a majority vote of the whole number of the Board (5 votes). The term of office shall be for one year. The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall receive additional compensation for this position.

THE CHAIRMAN SHALL:

- A. Preside over all meetings of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.
- B. Appoint all committees of the Board.
- C. Shall cause to be prepared the agendas for all meetings of the Board in compliance with these Bylaws.
- D. Shall annually assign office and parking spaces for members, set the official seating arrangements for all members of the Board, the Clerk of the Board, the County Counsel, and the County Manager for meetings or sessions of the Board.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN in the absence or inability of the Chairman to serve as Chairman, shall have all the powers and duties of the Chairman. In the event of a vacancy in the position of Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall assume said office and a new Vice Chairman shall be elected by a majority vote of the entire Board.

DUTIES OF THE CLERK OF THE BOARD. The Board shall appoint a qualified person to serve as Clerk of the Board at the pleasure of the Board, or for a term not to exceed three (3) years. The Clerk shall:

- A. Attend all meetings, conferences, executive sessions and committee meetings of the Board unless excused.
- B. Take and preserve the minutes of the Board meetings, which shall record all actions and votes taken and the substance of discussions and debate relating thereto.
- C. Keep and compile all ordinances, resolutions and minutes and retain in custody

for safekeeping all contracts, surety bonds, insurance policies, and other official papers delivered to the Clerk.

- D. Have custody of the County seal, and may affix it to appropriate documents without charge.
- E. Provide Administrative services for the Board with approval of the Chairman, expedite Freeholder correspondence, act as the direct supervisor of the Legislative Aides, Office of Constituent Services and have such other powers and perform such added duties as may be directed by resolution of the Board or the By laws. Legislative Aides will remain as confidential aides to the Freeholders.
- F. Keep a journal of the Board's proceedings and record, sign and present the Board, for approval, the minutes of every meeting within the time provided by law.
- G. Cause to be prepared a typed agenda for all Board meetings and sessions and to be responsible for the accuracy of the content of the agenda.
- H. Coordinate all Freeholder mailings.

The salary of the Clerk of the Board shall be adopted by resolution and the Clerk shall be considered an employee with all the rights and privileges of an employee of the County.

The Clerk shall devote full time to fulfill the duties as required by law or in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Board. The Clerk of the Board shall aid the Board Chairman in the preparation of the agenda for all meetings and sessions.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

Under the supervision of the Board of Chosen Freeholders the Office of Public Information shall be responsible for:

- A. The preparation, editing, publication and dissemination of all official county publications including but not limited to the Annual Report and Annual County Directory.
- B. The coordination of all press conferences and media presentations required in the normal course of business by all Freeholders, the County Manager and all departments and divisions of the county.
- C. The preparation and dissemination of all press-releases, press kits and photographs concerning county events, matters, issues and activities as may, from time to time, be required by the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the County Manager or departments and divisions of county government.

OFFICE OF OPEN SPACE, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND

Under the supervision of the Board of Chosen Freeholders the Office of Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund shall be responsible for:

- A. Staffing and assisting the Freeholder Committee on Trust Fund issues with accompanying resolutions, By laws and legislative approval.
- B. Supervising consultants to ensure Freeholder directives are implemented and work is completed according to specifications.
- C. Creating and administering grant programs and overseeing the Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant application process responsible for grants awarded to the Union County Trust Fund.
- D. Assisting the County Manager with acquisition purchases by working with Green Acres and the Law Department and completing requirements prescribed by the statute.
- E. Complying with statutory requirements including arranging public meetings.
- F. Staffing the public advisory committee and the three sub-committees.
- G. Overseeing the Open Space Strategic Plan, Recreation Master Plan and Historic Preservation Strategic Plan including:
 - 1). Continuous update of County's inventory.
 - 2). Site Database Management.
 - 3). GIS plotting and mapping indicating potential contiguous green space, other available green space, Brownfields and historic sites.
 - 4). Providing assistance on projects.
- H. Overseeing the municipal monitoring process with the Law and Finance Departments to ensure proper usage of Trust Fund grant dollars.
- I. Working with Finance Department to monitor spending and to create proposed list of 2003 projects to allow for best bond financing available.

DUTIES OF THE LEGISLATIVE AIDES WITHIN THE OFFICE OF CONSTITUENT SERVICES.

The Board shall appoint in the unclassified service in the County a sufficient number of Legislative Aides to provide administrative services for the members of the Board. The

County Manager shall be instructed to place sufficient monies in the budget to provide necessary funding.

A person acting as a Legislative Aide in this section shall be considered a full time employee of the County and shall enjoy all rights and privileges as an employee.

The Constituent Services staff shall keep in confidence those things that are discussed informally by the members of the Board in which the Board takes on no official action.

To be considered for employment as a Legislative Aide, the prospective employee must possess the necessary skills that are normally required for this type of employment.

The compensation of Freeholder Constituent Services personnel shall be set in accordance with the provisions of the Non-Contractual Employee Classification and Compensation Plan.

DEFINITIONS:

CHAIRMAN	- shall be synonymous with CHAIRPERSON
HE	- shall be synonymous with SHE
MEMBER	- shall be a MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
BYLAWS	- shall be the BYLAWS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION AS ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

The Standing Committees of the Board shall be the following: Economic Development Committee, Fiscal Affairs Committee, Homeland Security Committee, Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Committee, Policy & Administrative Code Committee, and the Shared Services and Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

The members and chairman of each committee shall be annually appointed by the Board Chairman.

The functions and responsibilities of each standing committee shall be as follows:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Ensure that utilization of all funding reflects and is in support of the economic development policy as established by the Board.
- B. Responsible for defining the role of the Economic Development Coordinator, who shall be the Director of the Department of Economic Development.

- C. Define the role of the Council of Economic Development Advisors as the official advisory group for the County on economic development policy.
- D. Insure that the County Manager's office will maintain its link to the Council of Economic Development Advisors through the Department of Economic Development.
- E. Responsible for defining key policy initiatives to be undertaken by third party organizations and assist in establishing communications and guidelines between the County and third party organizations which contract with the County.
- F. Endorse the Economic Development initiatives of the Council of Economic Development Advisors.

FISCAL AFFAIRS

- A. Formulate recommendations regarding capital budget expenditures and programs proposed for the expansion of physical facilities under the jurisdiction of the County.
- B. Make recommendations with respect to the operating budget of the County.
- C. Conduct audit reviews as such information is provided by the County's auditors.
- D. Study and consider both short and long range plans regarding the expenditure of both capital and annual operating budget funds.
- E. Study and review proposed projects of a capital funding nature relative to improvements or new efforts with respect to County parks, roads, bridges and traffic signals and any other County facilities for the purpose of recommending same to the full Board. All of the above functions and responsibilities to be carried out solely for the purpose of furnishing to the entire Board policy recommendations and program priorities necessary for consideration of annual budget adoption, as well as capital expenditure programs.
- F. The Fiscal Affairs and Planning Committee shall have, as part of its functions and responsibilities, the review and planning of the fiscal operations with respect to the County budget all Union County governmental agencies, advisory boards, commissions, boards and committees, and matters related to internal position control.

HOMELAND SECURITY COMMITTEE

- A. Providing for the safety and security of Union County families.
- B. Oversees the in-progress development of a bio-terrorism response plan for Union County.
- C. Coordinate with the Union County Sheriff's Office, the Prosecutor's Office, County Police and the Office of Emergency Management.
- D. Coordinates with medical professionals in Union County in the event of a medical epidemic emergency.
- E. Maximize security by minimizing the duplication of effort, improving coordination and combining of different governmental functions and agencies.

OPEN SPACE, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND COMMITTEE

- A. Develop Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund policy including strategic plans and funding allocation for each of the purposes: open space, recreation and historic preservation.
- B. Formulate recommendations for funding County projects under the umbrella of the Union County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.
- C. Review and advise the Board of Chosen Freeholders on awarding funds to municipal and conservancy matching grant applicants.
- D. Responsible for prioritizing project initiatives annually.
- E. Ensure that the County adheres to New Jersey statute that would enable the County of Union to apply for State matching funds.
- F. No proposed policies or funding pertaining to the Union County Open Space, Recreations and Historic Preservation Trust Fund shall be offered, adopted or implemented by the Board unless same have been reviewed by the committee's membership. Such review shall be completed in a reasonable period of time. Prior to this review, Freeholders shall not present, tender or offer policy or funding proposals to the Freeholder Board as a whole.

POLICY AND ADMINISTRATIVE CODE COMMITTEE

- A. Review existing County policies, whether written or carried out by custom and habit, in order to determine whether such policies should be continued or altered.

- B. Study and review recommendations made by other committees of the Board, any of the Freeholders, and administrative staff of the County for the purpose of determining whether such matters should be brought before the entire Board for consideration and adoption.
- C. Consult with an assist County agencies, advisory board, commissions, boards and committees, in carrying out their functions and duties with respect to the formulation and promulgation of policy determinations by this Board.
- D. Generally define the areas of the County government that require policy determinations or clarification or interpretation of existing policy statements, for the purpose of achieving uniformity in such matters.
- E. Clarify and interpret these Bylaws.
- F. Study and examine the Union County Administrative Code and advise the Board of possible amendments, clarifications, additions or deletions to the Administrative Code.
- G. No proposed policies or changes to the Administrative Code of the County shall be offered, adopted or implemented by the Board unless same shall have been reviewed by this committee's membership. Such review shall be completed within a reasonable period after receipt of such proposed policies or code provisions by the committee. Prior to this review, Freeholders shall not be present, propose or offer such proposal to the Freeholder Board as a whole.

SHARED SERVICES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- A. Discuss items pertaining to the overall interaction between the County of Union and its 21 municipal governments.
- B. Discuss items pertaining to the flow of information and communication from the state down to the local governments with regard to the role of the county.
- C. Provide recommendations to the full freeholder board on the possible implementation of any and all shared services for all levels of government in NJ
- D. Discuss legislation which will and/or is impacting local, county or state government in NJ and provide recommendations to the full freeholder board on possible solutions.
- E. Update the Board on projects that have been implemented and successes which have been realized by the County and its municipalities
- F. Discuss the duties of the shared services coordinator and/or the director of intergovernmental relations and provide directives.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE BYLAWS PERTAIN TO REGULAR ACTION MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS. THE CONTENT AND FORMAT OF BYLAWS FOR AGENDA SETTING SESSIONS ARE THE SAME WITH THE EXCEPTION OF:

NO LEGISLATION CAN BE PASSED.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE NOT PERMITTED TO SPEAK.