

was extended to every patient there and that the food was pretty good. The County Manager also commented on the property tax issue and on home values. He noted how over the last 5 years home values have risen over 60% on average and that County Government's economic development efforts play a big role in that.

County Counsel had no comments.

Chairman Proctor echoed many of the comments from the Freeholders on the budget and commended those who worked so hard on the budget.

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The Chairman stated that the Board would be entering Executive Session and called for a motion to adjourn to enter it. On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Scanlon, roll call showed nine members voted in the affirmative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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The Chairman called for a motion to return to the Regular Meeting. On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Scanlon, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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

The voucher list through **May 18, 2005** will be available for public perusal in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

The next **Regular Meeting** of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will be held on **June 23, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Freeholders Meeting Room, Administration Building, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

ADJOURNMENT

Nicole L. Tedeschi
Clerk of the Board

Union County Office of Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund in an amount not to exceed **\$202,222.25**.

FREEHOLDER SCANLON

1. Adopting the **Union County Electronic Mail Management Policy**.

The Freeholders asked that the resolution for Ann Baran be from the entire board.

2. Congratulating **Ann Baran** for receiving the Dolores Del Raudelumas Spirit of Caring Award.

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The Chairman called for a motion to enter into Executive Session. On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Scanlon, the roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Re: Pending Litigation

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The Chairman called for a motion to return from Executive Session. On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, the roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

County Counsel Robert Barry announced that he will have an additional resolution for the agenda as a result of the discussion in Executive Session to authorize a settlement in the matter of The Estate of Lezarski v. the County of Union.

The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Freeholder Scanlon and seconded by Freeholder Holmes, all freeholders voted in the affirmative on a voice vote.

The next **Agenda Meeting** of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will be held on, **October 6, 2005 at 7:00 PM** in the Freeholders Meeting Room, Administration Building, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

ADJOURNMENT

Nicole L. Tedeschi
Clerk of the Board

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Freeholder Sullivan responded to Mr. Patterson's comments on the bike path study and outlined the NJTPA financing and grant funding process. He also responded to Mr. Grace, stating that he believed that particular cemetery is owned by St. Patrick's Church, but the Board would consider ways to help. Also he commented on how the UC CERT team had worked in New Orleans, and how the Board took enormous pride in the team's work down there, and noted that our team had all the equipment they needed to do the job. Union County residents should be proud our officers are kept well equipped by the Board.

Freeholder Scanlon reminded everyone that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, and that it is important that every woman should be checked annually for this disease. The Freeholder also said that at a meeting last week she was discussing trees and the impact they have on people. She then read an excerpt from an article that discussed the importance of the sight of greenery and awareness of nature for youth, and how it enhances their self discipline. The Freeholder also noted that October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. She noted an upcoming vigil in recognition of this month at Kean University.

Vice Chairman Mirabella commented on the recently held MusicFest and congratulated Carolyn Sullivan for her efforts on that event. He also congratulated the County Police and the Parks Department for the event's success. The Vice Chairman also commented on a recent visit by the President of Colombia to Union County, and on the recent Rolling Thunder gathering of motorcycles in Warinanco Park, which is part of the recognition of POW/MIA day. The Vice Chairman also commented on Harvest Fest held at the Trailside Nature and Science Center. He also commented on former President William Clinton's visit to Union County in support of Democratic gubernatorial candidate U.S. Senator Jon Corizne.

County Manager Devaney also commented on upcoming fall parks events, and congratulated Carolyn Sullivan of the County Manager's office and the Parks Department on the success of Music Fest. He said it was a very successful event with a fireworks show at the end for the first time.

County Counsel had no comments.

The Vice Chairman interjected a comment about the Linden POW/MIA event, saying that it was very important and very moving.

Chairman Proctor congratulated the Parks and Recreation Department, the County Police and other departments on the success of so many recent events.

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The Chairman called for a motion to enter into Executive Session. On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Scanlon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mapp absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION