

**UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS**

**MINUTES OF THE AGENDA MEETING**

**OCTOBER 6, 2005**

Chairman Rick Proctor presided. Roll call showed Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Chester Holmes, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Adrian O. Mapp, and Freeholder Deborah P. Scanlon in attendance. Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan and Freeholder Nancy Ward were absent.

Also present were County Manager George Devanney, County Counsel Robert Barry and Clerk of the Board Nicole Tedeschi.

**PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG** were led by the Clerk of the Board.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT** was read by the Clerk of the Board.

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**C O M M U N I C A T I O N S :**

**OATHS OF OFFICE: Donna Brothers, Union County Commission on the Status of Women.**

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**I. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

**M. Elizabeth Genievich, Deputy County Manager/Dir. of Administrative Services**

**RESOLUTIONS**

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contracts obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with Local Public Contracts Law 40A:11-1 et seq. **(CH. PROCTOR)**
  - a. RUNNELLS SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL: CBay Systems, Ltd., Annapolis, Maryland, to provide medical transcription and delivery service for a contract period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months in an amount not to exceed **\$80,960**.
  - b. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK: County Business Systems, Pennington, New Jersey, to create (150) new index books as specified from 16mm and 35mm microfilm records for use in the public record room in an amount of **\$31,605**.

Freeholder Kowalski asked for more information about item “c”. Director Frank Dann responded to her question elaborating on the project and explaining that the County owns the building and that the work being done includes new windows to help with heat and air efficiency.

- c. DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS: Arrow Steel Window Corporation, East Farmingdale, New York, to provide window and storefront replacement for the Union County Board of Elections Building in an amount of **\$233,400**.

## II. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**James Daley, Director**

**Susan Coen represented the Department of Economic Development.**

Freeholder Scanlon stated there was no information in the backup information stating that the Women’s group in item #2 was no longer active. Ms. Coen stated that she had a letter indicating such and would forward it.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs to hire, engage and compensate the providers of such goods and services as may be needed to provide the **New Jersey State Senior Citizen Art Show**; and that the County Manager approve each on a case-by-case basis for services in an amount not to exceed **\$6,150** during 2005. **(FR. KOWALSKI)**
2. Amending **Resolution No. 263-2005**, to delete the **Women’s Resource Center** in the amount of **\$2,150**, which is no longer functioning from the list of Arts Grant recipients and to add the **Borough of Fanwood**, thereby authorizing the County Manager to execute any and all applications and agreements for an arts grant with the Borough of Fanwood. **(FR. KOWALSKI)**

## III. DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS

**Frank Dann, Director**

### RESOLUTIONS

## IV. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

**Lawrence Caroselli, Director**

### RESOLUTIONS

1. Modifying the 2005 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of **\$193,027** as a result of notification received from New Jersey Community Affairs for a program entitled: **“Community Service Block Grant.” (FR. SULLIVAN)**

2. Modifying the 2005 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of **\$303,877** as a result of notification received from the US Department of Justice for a program entitled: **“2005 Justice Assistance Grant – JAG Equipment.”** (FR. SULLIVAN)

Freeholder Scanlon asked what the “parkland boundaries project” is in item #3. Director Caroselli stated that this is the terminology for this grant program, the money from which is to be used to plant additional trees where others have been removed.

3. Modifying the 2005 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of **\$65,000** as a result of notification received from D. Cerdeira and Redwood Tree Inc., for a program entitled: **“Parkland Boundaries.”** (FR. SULLIVAN)

Chairman Proctor asked if the program in item #4 is a renewal, and if s, if is it more or less than before. Director Caroselli stated that it is a new grant.

4. Modifying the 2005 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of **\$55,000** as a result of notification received from the New Jersey Division of State Police for a program entitled: **“Emergency Management Assistance (EMA) Funding.”** (FR. SULLIVAN)
5. Modifying the 2005 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of **\$22,790** as a result of notification received from the New Jersey Division of Disability Services for a program entitled: **“Disability Grant Assistive Technology Project.”** (FR. SULLIVAN)
6. Modifying the 2005 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of **\$8,496** as a result of notification received from the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice for a program entitled: **“Megan’s Law.”** In addition, appropriating **\$944** from the matching funds grant entitled: **“Match-Megan’s Law.”** (FR. SULLIVAN)

**V. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**  
**Frank Guzzo, Director**

**RESOLUTIONS**

Freeholder Estrada asked if item one was a resolution on the same issue of bathroom use by the State staff as last year. Director Guzzo stated that the Sheriff informed him they needed a Resolution in order for the Board of Education to come on site and do physicals and use the property for physicals.

1. Granting permission to the **Elizabeth Board of Education** to bring its Early Childhood Mobile Van to the Andrew Ruotolo Criminal Justice Building, to conduct vision and hearing screenings, and physical and dental examinations to the children attending Herb’s House. {Funding: N/A} (FR. ESTRADA)

2. Entering into a contract and accept Real Choice Systems Change grant funding in the amount of **\$22,789.50** from **New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Disability Services, (NJDHS)** for an Assistive Technology Project that promotes independent living and safety for Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP) Consumers for the contract period of September 1, 2005 – March 31, 2006. **{State funding: \$22,789.50} (FR. ESTRADA)**
3. Renewing the contract with **UC Educational Services Commission, Westfield, New Jersey**, to provide and supervise the educational programs at the Juvenile Detention Center and Children’s Shelter, excluding salaries of three (3) teachers employed by Union County for the contract period of September 1, 2005 – August 31, 2006 in an amount not to exceed **\$360,718. {State Funding: \$90,000; Local Funding: \$270,718; Total Funding: \$360,718} (FR. ESTRADA)**

**VI. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & FACILITIES**  
**Charles Sigmund, Director**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**VII. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**Harold Gibson, Director**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**VIII. RUNNELLS SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL**  
**Joseph Sharp, Director**

**RESOLUTIONS**

Freeholder Mapp asked about the census on which the original contract was based. Director Sharp explained the way the billing is done and how the census is higher this year and how this affects billing and costs.

Vice Chairman Mirabella congratulated Director Sharp on being able to contract with doctors from Union County, in keeping with the Union County First initiative.

1. Amending **Resolution No. 1136-2004** to the contract with **NeighborCare, Whippany, New Jersey**, to continue to provide pharmaceutical services to the residents/patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005 in an additional amount of **\$50,000** for a new total contract amount of **\$950,000. (FR. KOWALSKI)**

<b>Current Contract Amount:</b>	<b>\$900,000</b>
<b>Additional Monies Requested:</b>	<b><u>\$ 50,000</u></b>

**Total Contract Amount:                   \$950,000**

2.     Renewing the contract with **Pankaja Achar, MD, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, to provide professional services to the patients/residents of Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of December 1, 2005 – November 30, 2006. **{This is a Fee for Service Agreement at no Cost to the County} (FR. KOWALSKI)**
3.     Renewing the contract with **Satya Gandotra, MD, Plainfield, New Jersey**, to provide professional services to the patients/residents of Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of December 1, 2005 – November 30, 2006. **{This is a Fee for Service Agreement at no Cost to the County} (FR. KOWALSKI)**
4.     Renewing the contract with **August Salvatore, MD, Clark, New Jersey**, to provide professional services to the patients/residents of Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of December 1, 2005 – November 30, 2006. **{This is a Fee for Service Agreement at no Cost to the County} (FR. KOWALSKI)**
5.     Amending **Resolution No. 265-2005** to the contract with **Direct Supply, Milwaukee, WI**, to add the Dietary Department for the purchase of equipment for the contract period of January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005 in an additional amount of **\$1,922.02** for a new total contract amount of **\$68,622.02**. **(FR. KOWALSKI)**

<b>Previous Contract Amount:</b>	<b>\$66,700.00</b>
<b>Current Amendment:</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,922.02</u></b>
<b>New Contract Amount:</b>	<b>\$68,622.02</b>

## **IX. OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR**

**Theodore J. Romankow**

**First Assistant Prosecutor Albert Cernadas Jr. represented the Department.**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

1.     Entering into a professional services agreement with **Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners** to serve as independent contractors to provide the forensic component of the sexual assault response team in Union County for the contract period of October 1, 2005 – December 31, 2006. (All costs incurred will be paid from the Sexual Assault Response Team/Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Grant) **{Federal Funding: \$62,514; Match Funding: \$8,226; Total Funding: \$70,740} (CH. PROCTOR)**
2.     To apply for and accept funding from the **State of New Jersey, Division of Criminal Justice, 2004 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program**, for the purpose of continuing the enforcement of Megan's Law in Union County in an amount of **\$8,496**. **{Federal Funding: \$8,496; County Match: \$944; Total Funding: \$9,440} (CH. PROCTOR)**

3. To apply for and accept funding from the **New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice** for the purpose of implementing a regional Gang Suppression Initiative in Union County for the period of September 1, 2005 – August 31, 2006 in an amount of **\$240,000. {Federal Funding: \$180,000; County Match: \$60,000; Total Funding: \$240,000} (CH. PROCTOR)**

**X. COUNTY COUNSEL**  
**Robert E. Barry, Esq.**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**XI. COUNTY MANAGER**  
**George Devanney**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**XII. FREEHOLDERS**

**RESOLUTIONS**

Freeholder Estrada asked to join Vice Chairman Mirabella on the Columbus Day Parade Resolution.

County Manager Devanney stated that he may have a Resolution coming up from the policy committee, and that the County Counsel may have one that will come out of the upcoming Executive Session.

**FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI**

1. Congratulating the **Cranford Historical Society** for the completion of the interior restoration of the Crane-Phillips House Museum on their ribbon cutting ceremony.
2. Commending the staff of **Jersey Gardens Outlet Mall**, for their dedicated efforts to promote National Arts and Humanities Month.
3. Designating October 2005 as “**National Arts and Humanities Month**” and further proclaiming October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> as “**Visit Four Centuries in a Weekend.**”
4. Acknowledging **Schering-Plough Corporation**, for hosting a reception and for its leadership role in promoting partnerships between the private and public sectors which encourage support for the arts, history and humanities in Union County.

**FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**

1. Appointing the following to the **Union County Human Services Advisory (HSAC): Kamal Saleh**, (Transportation) January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2007, and **James W. Horne, Jr.** (Volunteer) January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2006 (Replacement for S. Erwin).

**FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**

1. Declaring the week of October 2 – 8, 2005 as “**Mental Health Awareness Week**” in Union County.

**FREEHOLDER WARD**

1. Appointing the following to the **Union County Air Traffic and Noise Advisory Board** for a term commencing immediately and terminating December 31, 2006: **Jeffrey Robinson, Rahway, New Jersey, (Member)** and **Joseph Paszek, Rahway, New Jersey, (Alternate)**.

**VICE CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**

1. Acknowledging the **Columbus Day Parade Association of Union County “500<sup>th</sup> Inc.**, sponsoring the Annual Christopher Columbus Celebration to be held at the Peterstown Community Center, Elizabeth, New Jersey, on Sunday, October 9, 2005 honoring Columbus’s 513<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his discovery of America.

**CHAIRMAN PROCTOR**

1. Proclaiming the week of October 23 – 31, 2005 as “**Red Ribbon Week**” in Union County.
2. Extending deepest condolences to the family of **Giuseppini Esposito, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, in this, their time of sorrow.

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Chairman Proctor called for a motion to enter into Executive Session. On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Sullivan and Freeholder Ward absent. The County Counsel stated that the board may take action upon return.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Chairman called for a motion to re-enter the Agenda Meeting. On a motion by Vice Chairman Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Sullivan and Freeholder Ward absent.

The County Counsel stated there would be two additional items for the Regular Meeting agenda: One being an addition concerning a settlement in the case of Lazarska vs County of Union, and the second item concerning a matching paid leave of absence program relating to volunteers in service in Hurricane Katrina areas.

Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Freeholder Estrada, seconded by Freeholder Scanlon, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Sullivan and Freeholder Ward absent.

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The next **Agenda Meeting** of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will be held on **October 20, 2005 at 7:00 PM** in the Freeholders Meeting Room, Administration Building, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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**Nicole L. Tedeschi**  
**Clerk of the Board**

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