

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

MINUTES FOR THE AGENDA MEETING

MARCH 2, 2006

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

Also present County Manager George Devanney and County Counsel Robert Barry.

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG 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: Dr. Thomas Brown; Charles Gillon; Frank H. Lehr; and Marcos Salerno Workforce Investment Board (WIB); Leonard Spina, Union County Fire Advisory Board.

Chairman Mirabella called upon Freeholder Scanlon to introduce the Union County St. Patrick's Day Committee Bagpipe players. Freeholder Scanlon asked Chairman Mirabella and Freeholder Sullivan to join her in presenting the Bagpipe Players with a check for \$4,000 and resolutions for the committee members.

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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 renew the following Policies as recommended by the **Citizens Insurance Review Committee (CIRC) dated February 16, 2006:**
(CH. MIRABELLA)
 - a. Renewing the **Excess Worker's Compensation Policy** with the **PMA Insurance Group, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey**, from March 1, 2006 – February

28, 2007 in an amount not to exceed \$555,573. {13% increase due to Domestic Terrorism Surcharge, \$500,000 self insured retention limit and an increase in County payroll}

Freeholder Sullivan requested to know more about the Terrorism Surcharge. Deputy County Manager Genievich responded that insurance has gone up catastrophically across the board, this is a surcharge determined by the Insurance companies because of apparent threats made in this area.

- b. Renewing the **Auto Insurance Policy** on the fleet of vehicles with the **PMA Insurance Group, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey**, from March 1, 2006 – February 28, 2007 in an amount not to exceed **\$899,618. {1% increase from last year}**
 - c. Renewing the **Special Excess Liability Policy** with **Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania (AIG) c/o Continental Marmorstein & Malone, Paramus, New Jersey**, from March 1, 2006 – February 28, 2007 in an amount not to exceed **\$507,122. {the expiring premium was \$504, 472 almost exactly the same}**
2. 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. MIRABELLA)**
- a. DIVISION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES: **PC Mall Gov, Inc., Chantilly, Virginia**, to furnish and deliver different types of Data Processing Cables and accessories for twenty-four (24) consecutive months in an amount not to exceed **\$2,882.40**.
 - b. DIVISION OF POLICE: **Life Fitness Inc., Schiller Park, Illinois**, to furnish and deliver equipment in an amount of **\$35,891.16**.

II. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Al Faella, Acting Director

RESOLUTION

1. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Division of Planning and Community Development to enter into an agreement with **Edwards & Kelcey, Inc., Morristown, New Jersey**, to provide professional services for the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) grant funded transportation planning study entitled: “Union County Freight Access Study between Port Elizabeth and Tremeley Point” for the contract period of March 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007 in an amount not to exceed **\$200,000. {Grant funded} (FR. SULLIVAN)**

Freeholder Mapp inquires if Union County covers the expenses in this project and asks when the report will be ready. Al Faella, Acting Director of the Department of Economic Development, replied that the expenses were Union County's responsibility and the report would be ready in approximately sixteen months.

III. DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS

Frank Dann, Director

Jeff Sias, County Engineer, represented the department.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Concurring with the **City of Linden** granting permission to **Care Station, Linden, New Jersey**, to hang a banner across North Wood Avenue and Elizabeth Avenue, Linden, New Jersey, from Thursday, April 13, 2006 to Monday, May 1, 2006, to publicize a Health Fair to be held on Saturday, April 29, 2006 (rain date Sunday, April 30, 2006). **(CH. MIRABELLA)**
2. Authorizing an **Inter-Local Agreement** with the **County of Morris** for the replacement of Central Avenue Bridge (Ne62) over the Passaic River, Borough of New Providence and Township of Chatham, New Jersey. **(CH. MIRABELLA)**

{This is a bi-county bridge that has been identified by the NJDOT Semi-Annual Bridge Inspection Program as structurally deficient and in need of replacement. By previous agreement with Morris County, minor maintenance of this bridge is the responsibility of Union County. The cost of major maintenance and replacement is to be shared on a 50% / 50% basis with the County of Union as the lead agency }

Freeholder Estrada asked who the lead county is in this inspection program. County Engineer Sias explained that Union County was the lead based on previous maintenance agreements. Freeholder Mapp asks how the lead is determined. County Engineer Sias responded by saying it was historically done based on the maintenance agreements which were created during the building of the initial bridges.

IV. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Lawrence Caroselli, Director

No questions were asked.

BOND ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A PORTION OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN HAZELWOOD CEMETERY, BLOCK 40, PART OF LOTS 16, 20, AND 21 FOR OPEN SPACE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK, NEW JERSEY. {First Reading: 3/9/06} (CH. MIRABELLA)

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RESOLUTIONS

1. An Amendment to the **Temporary 2006 Budget** in the amount of **\$4,954,216** as a result of notification received from the following agencies: **(FR. ESTRADA)**
 - a. US Department of Housing and Urban Development for a program entitled: **“McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance”** in an amount of **\$3,726,466**.
 - b. New Jersey Department of Environment Protection for a program entitled: **“County Environmental Health Act (CEHA)”** in an amount of **\$183,750**.
 - c. New Jersey Department of Transportation for a program entitled: **“Signs and Markings”** in an amount of **\$1,014,000**.
 - d. County of Union – Match for a program entitled: **“Match – Job Access and Reverse Commute Grant”** in an amount of **\$30,000**.
2. An amendment to the **2006 Temporary Budget** pursuant to the provisions of **Ch. 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20) (FR. ESTRADA)**
3. **Transfer Resolution** for the 2005 appropriations, pursuant to **N.J.S.A.40A:4-59. (FR. ESTRADA)**
4. Adopting the **2006 Temporary Capital Budget** in the amount of **\$6,500,000. (FR. ESTRADA)**

V. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES Frank Guzzo, Director

No questions were asked.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)** and accept 2005 McKinney-Vento Act Homeless Assistance competitive grant award funds in the amount of **\$3,726,466** for seven (7) projects with various program durations ranging from one (1) to three (3) years, effective immediately upon execution of the HUD grant agreements. **{Federal funding: \$3,726,466} (FR. ESTRADA)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Youth and Family Services**, for 2006 Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) and the Commission on Missing and Abused

Children funding for the contract period of January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006 in an amount of **\$66,008, with a required \$15,900 County Match** for a total of **\$81,908. {State funding: \$66,008; Local funding: \$15,900 (County Match required); Total funding: \$81,908} (FR. ESTRADA)**

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

Director Sigmund requested to add an additional resolution to the Agenda. The Resolution would be to grant the Union County Baseball Association, Elizabeth, with a check for \$2,000. This would be the same amount given to them in years past as reimbursements for the speakers at their annual awards event.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Amending **Resolution No. 757-2005 (BA No. 49)** or the purpose of changing budgetary appropriations and account numbers with **Bayway Lumber, Linden, New Jersey and The Viva Group, Inc., Berkeley Heights, New Jersey**, for the Division of Facilities Management portion **ONLY** for a twenty-four (24) month contractual term. **(VC. KOWALSKI)**

Freeholder Ward asked for an explanation for why there was a need for changing the budget for Bayway Lumber. Director Sigmund responded that there was no fiscal change, change in supply or vendor change. The change was simply created in order to change account numbers.

2. Approving **Change Order No. 1 (final)** to the contract with **Voice Print International, Camarillo, California**, in the amount of **\$171,020.20** for the purpose of providing a Logging Recording system for the Union County Communications Center, (New Police Headquarters and Forensic Laboratory) Westfield, New Jersey. This change order will **decrease** the original contract amount by **\$10,054** for a new contract amount of **\$160,966.20. (VC. KOWALSKI)**

Original Contract Amount:	\$171,020.20
<u>Change Order No. 1 (final):</u>	<u>- \$10,054.00</u>
New Contract Amount:	\$160,966.20

3. Approving **Change Order No. 1 (Final)** to the contract with **Sprint Communications Company, LP, Overland Park, Kansas**, for the purpose of integrating the GIS/Mapping System with the Emergency and 9-1-1- Call-Center Phone System for the Union County Communications Center, Westfield, New Jersey in an amount of **\$9,849.78** for a new total contract amount of **\$184,448.49. (VC. KOWALSKI)**

Previous Contract Amount:	\$174,598.71
Change Order No. 1 (final):	+ \$9,849.78
New Contract Amount:	\$184,448.49

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

RESOLUTIONS

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

There were no questions.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Entering into an agreement **Somerset County Technology Institute, School of Practical Nursing, Bridgewater, New Jersey**, for the purpose of providing educational experience in clinical area for students enrolled in the School of Practical Nursing for the contract period of March 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006 at no cost to the County. **(VC. KOWALSKI)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to change the **Nursing Facility Private Fee Structure** rate for private pay Long Term Care residents at Runnells Specialized Hospital from the current per diem rate of **\$255** per day to **\$265** per day. **{Effective upon approval} (VC. KOWALSKI)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Arjo, Inc., Roselle, Illinois**, to purchase eleven (11) patient lifts with scales, fifty three (53) slings for the lifts and two (2) hygiene chairs for Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of March 1, 2006 – July 31, 2006 in an amount of **\$84,082.96**. **(VC. KOWALSKI)**

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

County Counsel, Robert Barry requested to add an addition resolution regarding Weinstock v. Union County.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Amending **Resolution No. 1229-2005** to increase the appropriation to **Palumbo & Renaud, Cranford, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled: **Sinclair v. County of Union, et als.** for an additional sum of **\$10,000** for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$25,000**. **(CH. MIRABELLA)**

2. Amending **Resolution No. 949-2005** to increase the appropriation to **John Demassi, Esq., Scotch Plains, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled: **Baptiste v. County of Union, et als.** for an additional sum of **\$5,000** for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$10,000. (CH. MIRABELLA)**
3. Amending **Resolution No. 970-2004** to increase the appropriation to **Carpenter, Bennett & Morrissey, Newark, Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled: **Espinosa v. County of Union, et als.** for an additional sum of **\$10,000** for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$90,000. (CH. MIRABELLA)**
4. Amending **Resolution No. 1080-2005** to increase the appropriation to **Booker, Rabinowitz, Trenk, Lubetkin, Tully, Dispasquale, Webster, West Orange, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled: **Sinclair v. County of Union, et als.** for an additional sum of **\$10,000** for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$20,000. (CH. MIRABELLA)**
5. Amending **Resolution No. 1234-2005** to increase the appropriation to **Schenk, Price, Smith & King, Morristown, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled: **Butler v. County of Union, et als.** for an additional sum of **\$10,000** for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$25,000. (CH. MIRABELLA)**

X. COUNTY MANAGER
George Devanney

RESOLUTION

1. Approving a pre-qualified provision for **Engineering Services. (CH. MIRABELLA)**

Freeholder Mapp asked what this resolution pertains to. County Manager Devanney explained that there is a current request for pricing to approve vendors to be on an upcoming approved vendor list.

XI. FREEHOLDERS

RESOLUTIONS

FREEHOLDER HOLMES

1. Sponsoring the **Strike Merchants Bowling Club** with the sum of **\$2,000.**
2. Congratulating **Detective Gertha M. Murrell, Jersey City, New Jersey**, upon the occasion of her retirement from the Jersey City Police Department.

FREEHOLDER MAPP

1. Congratulating **Lieutenant Donald Moye, Plainfield, New Jersey**, upon the occasion of his retirement from the Plainfield Police Department after twenty five (25) years of services.
2. Recognizing the contributions of former **Councilwoman Joanne Hollis**, to the City of Plainfield, New Jersey.

Freeholder Mapp asked that a resolution be created for Reginald Dickson for his accomplishment since the fifty-five yard dash.

FREEHOLDER WARD

1. Opposing the **Federal Aviation Administration's Metro Airspace Redesign** proposals; specifically as it relates to the Newark Liberty International Airport.

VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI

1. Proclaiming the month of March, 2006 as "**National Professional Social Workers Month**" in Union County, this year's theme is: "**Life's Journey, Help Starts Here.**"
2. Appointing **Jeff Tandul, Linden, New Jersey**, to the Parks Advisory Board for a term commencing immediately and terminating December 31, 2008.
3. Declaring the month of March 2006 as "**National Nutrition Month**" in Union County.
4. Declaring March 30, 2006 as "**National Doctors' Day**" in Union County.

CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA

1. Congratulating **Benjamin S. Chewey, Cranford, New Jersey, Boy Scouts of America, Troop 75**, on attaining his Eagle Scout Award. Vice Chair Kowalski would also like to congratulate Benjamin Chewey for his accomplishments.
2. Congratulating **Christine Ring, Summit, New Jersey**, for being named a Top Youth Volunteer in New Jersey for 2006 as part of the 11th Annual Prudential Spirit Awards Program.

CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD

1. Extending deepest condolences to the family of **Edward (Eddie) Oakie, Hillside, New Jersey**, in this, their time of sorrow.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The next **Agenda Setting Session** of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will be held on **Thursday, March 23, 2006 at 7:00 pm** in the Meeting Room, Administration Building, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Nicole L. Tedeschi
Clerk of the Board

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