

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

MAY 11, 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 Deborah P. Scanlon, Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan and Freeholder Nancy Ward were in attendance. Freeholder Rick Proctor was absent.

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 27, 2006 – Executive Meeting; and May 4, 2006 – Agenda Meeting.

Chairman Mirabella asks for a motion to approve the minutes of April 27th, 2006 – Executive Meeting; and May 4th, 2006 Agenda Meeting. A motion was made by Vice Chair Bette Jane Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon. Roll call showed eight in the affirmative for the Executive Meeting of April 27th, 2006 and seven in the affirmative for the Agenda Meeting of May 4th. Freeholder Ward voted to abstain on the May 4th, 2006 Minutes. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

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Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski roll call showed eight members of the Board in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

COMMUNICATIONS:

OATHS OF OFFICE: (Note & file)

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PUBLIC HEARING

Re: CAP BANK

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**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE
PURPOSE OF COMMENTING ON
RESOLUTION 2006-495 ONLY**

Chairman Mirabella asked the Clerk of the Board to read Resolution 2006-495 for the record. There were no comments made by the Public.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

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2006-495 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, pursuant to **N.J.S. § 40A:4-45.15b** authorizing the establishment of a **Cap Bank** within the Calendar Year 2006 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.

Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2006-495. A motion was made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski. Roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

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PRESENTATION:

**By: Dennis Miranda, Rahway River Association
&
Betty Ann Kelly, Union County Department of Parks, Recreation & Facilities**

Re: BioBlitz

The Chairman called upon Vice Chair Kowalski to introduce the Bio Blitz presentation. Vice Chair Kowalski made remarks regarding the good work of the Rahway River Association in conjunction with the Union County Parks and Recreation staff. Dennis Miranda of the Rahway River Association presented a Power Point presentation on the goals of a Bio Blitz program. Bio Blitz is cataloging and showing biodiversity in the parks system of Union County as well as providing an ecological survey on the area by scientist. The Bio Blitz program raises awareness of the importance of the open space and parks as ecosystems and outdoor classrooms. Bio Blitz was held last year at Lenape Park with touches upon five different municipalities. Over six hundred and sixty species of plants and animals were found and cataloged in a twenty-four hour period. The program is met with a great deal of enthusiasm from its volunteers. Volunteers include naturalists, scientists, people from academia and people from the various towns of Union County were all included. This years Bio Blitz project will be held at Ashbrook Park in Scotch Plains.

Chairman Mirabella thanked the Bio Blitz participants and organizers. He made mention of the Vice Chair's report to the Board and how she was very impressed. The Chairman asked if any other Counties run programs of this kind. Dennis Miranda of the Rahway River Association said

that Camden and Bergen Counties were planning projects. Mr. Miranda believes that this is a great way to study parks and wildlife in its own element.

Freeholder Estrada asked what might happen if others species were introduced to the park from outside that particular park system. Mr. Miranda stated that they have put in Blue Bird Houses to increase the Blue Birds into the park system. Freeholder Mapp asked if there were evasive plants found in Lenape Park during the project.

Mr. Miranda said that Japanese Mountain Weed was growing there. The trees that are indigenous to the area are having a difficult time with some of these more evasive plants. Betty Ann Kelly mentioned that Parks and Recreation was finding ways to addressing these problems successfully. The Blue Bird program was very successful in bringing the Blue Birds back to that area.

Chairman Mirabella thanked Mr. Miranda and the staff of Parks and Recreation including Betty Ann Kelly and Liz Crawford for their participation in programs of this kind. Chairman Mirabella made special mention of the concise manner and information supplied to the Board introducing this topic to them. The Chairman gave Mr. Miranda the highest accolades for his presentation. Betty Ann Kelly of Parks and Recreation made one more mention of the dates for the Bio Blitz project at Ashbrook Park in Scotch Plains – June 23rd and June 24th, 2006.

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

No comments were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to adopt Resolutions 2006-497 thru 2006-539. On a Motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR ADOPTION:

2006-496 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, an amendment to the 2006 Temporary Budget, pursuant to the provisions of **CH.96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20)**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-497 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, authorizing the County Manager to renew sub-contracts utilizing **Peer Grouping funds**, through the Division on Aging, with **Jewish Family Services; SAGE Eldercare; Visiting Health Services; Visiting Nurse and Health Services; Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Hospice Program; Center for Hope Hospice; and Holy Redeemer Hospice** for the period of January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 in an amount not to exceed **\$488,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-498 **FREEHOLDER ESTRADA**, authorizing the County Manager to provide **\$150,000** to the **Union County Vocational Technical School** so that 125 current adult high school students can receive their high school diploma at the completion of the summer semester.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-499 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Union County College and 4Connections, L.L.C, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, to install a fiber optic network for the purpose of communications system between various County and Union County College buildings and offices for a total amount of **\$500,000**; and also authorizing a thirty six (36) month maintenance agreement with an option to extend for two successive annual periods in the amount of **\$2,000** per month.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-500 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with **Union County College** for the purpose of an understanding of the responsibilities regarding the installation of a fiber optic network to be installed by **4Connections, L.L.C., Elizabeth, New Jersey**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-501 **FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the **Borough of Garwood** for the placement of the Garwood Fire Department Radio Antenna and accessories on the Ralph Froehlich Public Safety Building in Westfield.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-502 **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI AND FREEHOLDER HOLMES**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Western Pest Services, Parsippany, New Jersey**, (through New Jersey Hospital Association membership pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:9-87 & 88) to provide pest elimination services at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of July 8, 2006 – July 7, 2008 in an amount of **\$20,440**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-503 **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI AND FREEHOLDER HOLMES**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Judy Schmutter, DDS, Glen Rock, New Jersey**, to provide dental care for the patients/residents at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of May 1, 2006 – June 30, 2006. **{This is a Fee for Service agreement, at no cost to the County. The estimated value of this contract is under \$17,500}**

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-504 **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI AND FREEHOLDER HOLMES**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **David Schoenberg, DDS, Glen Rock, New Jersey**, to provide dental care for the patients/residents at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of May 1, 2006 – June 30, 2006. **{This is a Fee for Service agreement, at no cost to the County. The estimated value of this contract is under \$17,500}**

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-505 **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, amending **Resolution No. 1061-2005** to the contract with **Ice Chalet, Union, New Jersey**, to provide a head instructor and private and/or group ice skating lesson at the Warinanco skating Center for the 2005-2006 Ice Skating season in an additional amount not to exceed **\$500** for a new total contract amount of **\$13,500**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-506 **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, authorizing **Amendment No. 2** to a Professional Mechanical Engineering “On-Call” contract with the **PMK Group, Cranford, New Jersey**, to extend the time of the contract for a period of twelve (12) months from January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-507 **VICE CHAIR 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:11-5(3)**.

- a. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & FACILITIES, DIVISION OF GOLF OPERATIONS: Northern Nurseries, Inc., Somerset, New Jersey, to purchase grass seeds for Union County Golf Courses in an amount not to exceed **\$8,040**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-508 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, 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:**

- a. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION ON AGING: Princeton Nassau/Covover, Princeton, New Jersey, to provide one (1) 2006 Ford E450 Step Van in an amount of **\$36,869**.
- b. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE: Galls, an Aramark Company LLC, Lexington, Kentucky, to provide uniforms and various police equipment in an amount not to exceed **\$145,000**.
- c. DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS: Weldon Materials, Inc. Westfield, New Jersey, to provide the County of Union and the Union County Cooperative Pricing System with a vendor to furnish and deliver road material to various locations for a total bid amount of **\$543,556.50**.
- d. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, DIVISION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES: Strategic Connections, LLC, Kirkwood, Missouri, to provide 24lb cut sheet perforated paper for a total bid amount of **\$2,488**.
- e. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & FACILITIES, DIVISION OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT: Atlantic Elevator Co, Inc. Newark, New

Jersey, to provide elevator maintenance and repair service for nine (9) elevators for a total bid amount of **\$261,700**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-509 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, amending **Resolution No. 276-2005, (item #9)** to reflect a revised termination date of March 1, 2008 in the contract, with **Dietz and Hammer Alternative Risk Solutions, Newton, New Jersey**, for the Third Party Claims Management of the Self-Insured Liability for the County including Public Officials Liability claims as well as Employment Related claims.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-510 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, granting permission to the **Borough of New Providence** and the **New Providence Special Events Committee** to hang banners across Springfield Avenue, near South Street and Ridgeview Avenue, New Providence, New Jersey, from June 15, 2006 to July 5, 2006 to advertise the Independence Day Celebration, and from July 5, 2006 to August 28, 2006 to advertise the Summer Concert Series.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-511 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, granting permission to the **Township of Scotch Plains** to hang a banner across Park Avenue, in the center of Scotch Plains, near the corner of Park Avenue and Front Street from May 12, 2006 to June 5, 2006 to announce the 100th Anniversary of the Italo-American Mutual Benefit Labor Society Inc.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-512 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an inter-local agreement with the **City of Summit and the Borough of New Providence** for the replacement of Division Avenue Bridge (Ne/Su55) on the Summit/New Providence border.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-513 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, amending **Resolution No. 894-2005** to the contract with **Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, for the purpose of paying late arriving bills for inpatient/outpatient and emergency room services in 2005 for the Union County Jail Inmates and Juvenile Detention Detainees in an additional amount of **\$200,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-514 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Full Service Mailers, Inc., Garfield, New Jersey**, for the purpose of mailing Union County sample ballots for the 2006 Primary and General Elections.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-515 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with **Royal Printing Service, West New York, New Jersey**, to print Union County Ballots for the 2006 Primary and General Elections in an amount not to exceed **\$378,410**.

2006-516 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, amending **Resolution No. 301-2005** to increase the appropriation to **Krevsky, Silber Brown & Bergen, Cranford, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled **Estate of Edward Sinclair v. County of Union, et als.** for an additional amount of **\$5,000** for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$10,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-517 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, amending **Resolution No. 2006-221** to increase the appropriation to **Schenck, Price, Smith & King, Morristown, Newton, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled **Francis Roberts v. County of Union, et als.** for an additional amount of **\$5,000** for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$40,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-518 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, amending **Resolution No. 2006-125** to increase the appropriation to **LaCorte, Bundy, Varady & Kinsella, Union, Newton, New Jersey**, special counsel in the matter entitled **Virginia Fanelli v. County of Union, et als.** for an additional amount of **\$10,000** for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$115,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-519 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, authorizing the County Manager to make available to the **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Society** the sum of **\$4,000**.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-520 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, urging **Lucent Technologies** to continue to maintain and even expand their operations in its current location in Berkeley Heights.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-521 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, amending **Resolution No. 791-2005** to the contract with **Access Systems, Inc., Manilus, New York**, to extend the contract through July 31, 2006. This is a contract extension **only**. There is no change in the dollar amount, which was all grant dollars.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE LAUDATORY IN CONTENT:

2006-522 FREEHOLDER HOLMES, congratulating **Councilwoman Patricia Perkins-Auguste, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, for being the recipient of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., Greater Elizabeth Area Section: Community Service Award.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-523 FREEHOLDER HOLMES, congratulating **Dominic Mele; Carl Zarro; and Yolanda Meyers** on receiving the “**Anniversary Achievement Award**” from the **Disabled American Veterans**, Admiral William F. Halsey Chapter 73, Inc., Elizabeth, New Jersey.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-524 FREEHOLDER MAPP, congratulating the following 2006 Youth of the Year Honorees:

- Candace Barnes, Elizabeth, New Jersey**
- Joanne Didier, Elizabeth, New Jersey**
- Austin Williams, Elizabeth, New Jersey**
- Claudia Quijano, Elizabeth, New Jersey**
- Ayisha Mapp, Plainfield, New Jersey**
- D’Onnah Jones, Plainfield, New Jersey**
- Ray Walker-Pierson, Plainfield, New Jersey**
- Michael Kincaid, Plainfield, New Jersey**
- Madeleine Barry, Roselle, New Jersey**
- Jason Frometa, Roselle, New Jersey**
- Shone Russell, Roselle, New Jersey**
- Shakim Crawford, Roselle, New Jersey**
- Kimberley Carrington, Roselle, New Jersey**
- Xavier Lighten, Roselle, New Jersey**
- Leslie Evealaji, Roselle, New Jersey**
- Jonathan Mikhaylov, Roselle Park, New Jersey**
- Ramon Pardo, Roselle Park, New Jersey**
- Juan Carlos Roa, Roselle Park, New Jersey**
- Prabal Singh, Roselle Park, New Jersey**
- Jose Miguel, Summit, New Jersey**
- Jadeen Service, Union, New Jersey**
- Priscilla Quellette, Union, New Jersey**
- Rodney Sena, Union, New Jersey**
- Tynia Lewis, Union, New Jersey**

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-525 FREEHOLDER MAPP, extending deepest condolences to the family of **Geoffrey Ormond Lashley, Linden, New Jersey**, in this, their time sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-526 FREEHOLDER MAPP, congratulating **Jamon Dunn** who received a Scholar Athlete Award from Kean University.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-527 FREEHOLDER PROCTOR AND THE ENTIRE BOARD, extending deepest condolences to the family of **Janice Ortiz, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, in this, their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-528 FREEHOLDER SCANLON, congratulating the following students from this year's State Champion Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl Team from Central Five School in Union Township: **Ian Donohue, Captain; Steve Pavick; Amanda Cuesta; Priya Patel; Emily Ng; Chris Roberts; John Tipton; Ingrid Tablazon; Anthony Ali; and Jimmy Johnston.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-529 FREEHOLDERS SULLIVAN AND ESTRADA, congratulating the **Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless** on their 25th Anniversary.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-530 VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI, commending the **Elizabethtown Gas Company** and expressing appreciation for its leadership role in promoting the partnership of the public and private sectors in support of the arts in Union County.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-531 VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI, expressing appreciation to the **National Arts Program Foundation** and commending **Leonard E.F. Andrews, Founder and Chairman**, for his leadership role in promoting appreciation and recognition of individual artistic achievement and its importance to community spirit.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-532 **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, commending the **Borough of Garwood**, the administration and staff of the **Garwood Library**, on the renovations and reopening of the library in April 2006.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-533 **VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI**, congratulating **Ann McGovern, Language Arts teacher at the Orange Avenue School in Cranford; and Dr. Lawrence Feinsod, Superintendent of the Cranford Township Public Schools**, and all the students who participated in the “Third Annual Day of Remembrance” of the Holocaust which was held on May 2, 2006.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-534 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, congratulating **Dr. Thomas Bistocchi** on having the new Academic Services Building at the Union County Vocational Technical School named Bistocchi Hall.

2006-535 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, congratulating **Collin Mayer, Boy Scouts of America, Troop 178, Cranford, New Jersey**, on attaining his Eagle Scout Award.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-536 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA**, congratulating **John Ferraioli, Boy Scouts of America, Troop 178, Cranford, New Jersey**, on attaining his Eagle Scout Award.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-537 **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD**, congratulating **Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan** on being honored as the “Man of the Year” by the Raymond Villa Civic Association.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-538 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD, congratulating **Freeholder Angel G. Estrada** on being nominated to receive the “Outstanding Commitment & Service Award” from MADD Organization (Mothers Against Drunk Driving).

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-539 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD, congratulating **Reni Erdos, Esq.** who is being honored as a “Women of Achievement” on May 20, 2006.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

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

Delia Collins, Clark commented on Resolution 2006-542 and asked what the money for the Portugal Day Committee was for. Chairman Mirabella responded to Ms. Collins by telling her that Union County sponsors parades through out the County. Ms. Collins wanted to know if funds were available for any non-profit organization. Chairman Mirabella stated that the Board would entertain any concept submitted to them appropriately but this particular Resolution was in regards to a parade that was going to be held. Director Faella of Economic Development said that monies were available to non-profit organizations to apply to for next year.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

The Chairman asked for a motion to suspend the rules. On a motion made by Freeholder Scanlon and seconded by Freeholder Estrada. Roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

Then the Chairman asked for a motion to Adopt Resolutions 2006-540 through Resolutions 2006-548. A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski. Roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE FROM THE FLOOR:

2006-540 VICE CHAIR KOWALSKI, commending **Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County** for their Volunteer Service Department.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski. Roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-541 FREEHOLDER HOLMES, designating May 14 – 20 as “**National Police Week**” in Union County.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski. Roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-542 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, 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:**

- a. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & FAILITIES; DIVISION OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT; OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF; DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE; AND RUNNELLS SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL: **Maffey’s Lock & Safe Co., Inc. Elizabeth, New Jersey**, to provide security system services at various locations within the County of Union for a contract period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months in an amount not to exceed **\$439,251.10**.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski. Roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-543 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, authorizing the County Manager to make available to the **Portugal Day Committee, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, the sum of **\$4,000**.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski. Roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-544 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, amending **Resolution No. 680-2003** increasing an appropriation for **PMK Group, Kenilworth, New Jersey** in the amount of **\$3,750** for services in connection with the sale of 136 Horseshoe Road, Berkeley Heights for a new contract in the amount of **\$28,750**.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski. Roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

2006-545 CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA, amending **Resolution No. 939-2004** increasing an appropriation for **PMK Group, Kenilworth, New Jersey** in the amount of **\$10,000** for services in connection with the swap of park lands in the Township of Springfield for a new contract in the amount of **\$20,000**.

A motion was made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski. Roll call showed eight in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

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

Delia Collins, Clark made comments commending the Board for their participation with Geese Peace. Ms. Collins felt that Geese Peace offered some good programs and she would be doing a small project in Warinanco Park working with Geese Peace. The Chairman responded by saying that he and Vice Chair Kowalski as well as Director Sigmund was looking to enact some Geese Peace policies as soon as this year. Ms. Collins also mentioned that she was in attendance at one of the Union County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meetings. She asked if there was a schedule. The Vice Chair stated that the meeting generally meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month and May's meeting got switched. Ms. Collins spoke well of the Boards concern with animals in Union County.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

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FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Ward had no comment.

Freeholder Holmes had no comment.

Freeholder Estrada had no comment.

Freeholder Mapp reminded everyone that May 15th is the deadline for the Medicare Part D registration. He also made mention of the Cedar Brook Park work beginning. He told the Board that he has received many e-mails thanking the Freeholders for their efforts in the City of Plainfield.

Freeholder Sullivan attended a recent NJTPA meeting where Kris Kolluri, Commissioner at New Jersey Department of Transportation discussed the Transportation Trust Fund renewal. Freeholder Sullivan said that there was approximately \$1.36 billion dollars available by refinancing bonds to fund transportation projects in the state. Federal grants match approximately \$36 million in projects for this year.

Freeholder Scanlon wanted to wish all the Mother's a Happy Mother's Day.

Vice Chair Kowalski commented on "Take Your Child to Work Day" included bringing the children to Lenape Park when the Blue Bird houses were being installed. Vice Chair mentioned that there would be various historical projects going-on through out the year. The Vice Chair also made mention of the recent visit with Chinese Government Officials, that the Chairman would elaborate upon.

County Counsel Barry had no comment.

County Manager Devanney had no comment.

Chairman Mirabella congratulated Freeholders Sullivan and Estrada for their community achievements and recognition. The Chairman stated that he was very pleased with the two part visit with the representatives from Wenzhou, China. The Kean University agreement to create a Kean University campus school in Wenzhou will be the first American institution with a campus in China. Freeholders should be proud of this great achievement in the role they played to attain this accomplishment. The Chairman made mention of the visit with the Mayor of Wenzhou with Vice Chairman Kowalski, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Holmes and the Chairman. The meeting with the Vice Mayor and dignitaries was to discuss improved trade relations and education ties with the government in China. The improved education would include promoting training for workers. Director Al Faella of Economic Development is working with this agreement. Union County stands in the forefront of economic potential with the Chinese.

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Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to adjourn. On a motion made by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Scanlon the roll call showed eight Freeholders in the affirmative. Freeholder Proctor was absent.

The voucher list through **May 3, 2006** 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 8, 2006 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

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