

**UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**AUGUST 21, 2003**

Chairwoman Deborah Scanlon presided. Roll call showed Freeholder Chester Holmes, Freeholder Lewis P. Mingo Jr., Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Rick Proctor, and Freeholder Daniel Sullivan in attendance. Vice Chairman Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Mary P. Ruotolo and Freeholder Nicholas Scutari were absent.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**The first order of business was the Final Adoption of Bond Ordinance No. 578-2003.**

**BOND ORDINANCE NO. 578-2003**

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, NEW ADDITIONAL FURNISHINGS AND NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$28,662,611 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS AND TO AMEND BOND ORDINANCE NO. 576-2003 ADOPTED ON MAY 29, 2003.**

**BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY**

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, State of New Jersey on August 21, 2003 and the 20-day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular

business hours, at the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders' office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, NEW ADDITIONAL FURNISHINGS AND NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$28,662,611 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS AND TO AMEND BOND ORDINANCE NO. 576-2003 ADOPTED ON MAY 29, 2003.

The purposes, appropriations, bonds/notes authorized and grants appropriated in this multipurpose bond ordinance are as follows:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Department of Economic Development, Bureau of Data Processing - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new communication and signal systems equipment consisting of computers and communications and information systems equipment for the use of various County departments, offices and agencies, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$
	902,787
Down Payment Appropriated	\$
	45,142
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$
	857,645
Period of Usefulness	10 years

B. Department of Economic Development, Bureau of Communications - Acquisition of new communication and

signal systems equipment consisting of radio, security and telephone system equipment for the use of various County departments, offices and agencies, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$
	2,622,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$
	131,126
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$
	2,491,374
Period of Usefulness	10 years

C. Runnells Specialized Hospital - Renovation of long- term care units and the nursing administration office and acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of food preparation equipment and patient lift equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$
	322,529
Down Payment Appropriated	\$
	16,127
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$
	306,402
Period of Usefulness	10 years

D. Department of Human Services - Division on Aging/Meals on Wheels - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of a steam cooker, two ovens and an ice storage bin.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$
	25,966
Down Payment Appropriated	\$
	1,299
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$
	24,667
Period of Usefulness	10 years

E. Department of Operational Services, Division of Engineering - Undertaking of various engineering services in connection with various infrastructure projects and the undertaking of various bridge and culvert repairs.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$
	660,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$
	33,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$
	627,000
Period of Usefulness	15 years

F. Department of Operational Services, Division of Engineering - Undertaking of environmental monitoring at various underground storage tank sites, former landfill sites and other County facilities and the undertaking of the engineering phase of various culvert, dam and other projects.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$
	150,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$
	7,500
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$
	142,500
Period of Usefulness	15 years

G. Department of Operational Services, Division of Engineering - Undertaking of traffic studies, engineering and construction for various roadway and intersection improvement projects, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto. It is hereby determined and stated that said roads being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$
	700,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$
	35,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$
	665,000
Period of Usefulness	10 years

H. Department of Operational Services, Division of Engineering - The resurfacing of various County roads as the "2004 Road Resurfacing Program", as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto. It is hereby

determined and stated that said roads being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 3,000,000
Federal Grant Appropriated	\$ 3,000,000
Period of Usefulness	10 years

I. Department of Operational Services, Division of Engineering - Undertaking of various sewer projects as the "Watershed Management Program".

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$
	50,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$
	2,500
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$
	47,500
Period of Usefulness	40 years

J. Department of Operational Services, Division of Engineering - Replacement of the Route 82 (Morris Avenue) Bridge in Springfield and Union.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$
	500,000
State Grant Appropriated	\$
	500,000
Period of Usefulness	30 years

K. Department of Operational Services, Division of Engineering - Supplemental funding for the construction of a new building in Scotch Plains for the use of the Engineering Department, including the acquisition of original furnishings and equipment. It is hereby determined and stated that (A) the County has heretofore appropriated the sum of \$2,300,000 for said project pursuant to Ord. No. 518-00 adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders on December 14, 2000 and (B) the public building being constructed will be of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$
	1,260,814
Down Payment Appropriated	\$
	63,041

Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$
	1,197,773
Period of Usefulness	30 years

L. Department of Operational Services, Division of Building Services - The undertaking of various improvements to public buildings consisting of (i) entrance and window replacement at the Election Board Building in Elizabeth, (ii) upgrading HVAC systems at various public buildings, (iii) undertaking ADA-compliance rest room improvements at various public buildings, (iv) exterior restoration and window replacement at the old Courthouse, (v) replacement of ceilings and asbestos removal at the New Courthouse Annex, (vi) replacement of elevators at various public buildings and (vii) roof replacement at various public buildings. It is hereby determined and stated that said public buildings being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$
	5,025,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$
	251,250
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$
	4,773,750
Period of Usefulness	15 years

M. Department of Operational Services, Division of Building Services - The undertaking of various improvements to public buildings consisting of (i) upgrading fire alarm systems in various public buildings, (ii) installation of automated security guard checking systems and (iii) replacement of sidewalks, pavement and fencing and the making of other streetscape improvements at the Engineering Building in Scotch Plains.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$
	1,825,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$
	91,250
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$
	1,733,750
Period of Usefulness	10 years

N. Department of Operational Services, Division of Building Services - Acquisition of new furniture, carpet, window treatments and filing systems for use in various public buildings.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$
	500,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$
	25,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$
	475,000
Period of Usefulness	5 years

O. Various Departments, Offices and Agencies - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$
	698,618
Down Payment Appropriated	\$
	34,931
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$
	663,687
Period of Usefulness	5 years

P. Department of Operational Services, Division of Parks and Recreation - The undertaking of various park and recreation improvements consisting of (i) replacement of various structures at the Echo Lake Service Yard, (ii) replacement of lighting at the Cedar Brook Tennis Courts, (iii) replacement of ballfield backstops at various park and recreation facilities, (iv) undertaking architectural and engineering services for renovations and new construction at various park and recreation facilities, (v) building and pumping system improvements at Ash Brook Golf Course, (vi) improvement of the horse paddocks at the Watchung Stable, (vii) drainage and soil stabilization improvements at the central lakeside field in Nomahegan Park and (viii) upgrading the irrigation system at Oak Ridge Golf Course.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$
	1,394,600
Down Payment Appropriated	\$
	69,730
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$
	1,324,870
Period of Usefulness	15 years

Q. Department of Operational Services, Division of Parks and Recreation - Upgrading of alarm systems at various park and recreation facilities and the acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new communication and signal systems equipment and new additional furnishings, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$
	295,750
Down Payment Appropriated	\$
	14,788
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$
	280,962
Period of Usefulness	5 years

R. Department of Operational Services, Division of Parks and Recreation - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$
	1,531,714
Down Payment Appropriated	\$
	76,586
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$
	1,455,128
Period of Usefulness	5 years

S. Department of Public Safety - Undertaking Phase IV of the automated security and facility infrastructure additions to various public buildings (Division of Police and Security) and the acquisition of

new communication and signal systems equipment and new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of (i) Division of Police and Security: upgraded digital field/covert equipment; upgraded traffic enforcement equipment; bomb squad response equipment; in-vehicle mobile data computers; in-vehicle video cameras; upgraded record management system equipment; and a new SCUBA unit boat and (ii) Emergency Management: interactive camera for Mobile Command Post.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$
	929,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$
	46,451
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$
	882,549
Period of Usefulness	10 years

T. Department of Public Safety - Division of Police - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of replacement firearms, weapons, badges and shields.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$
	99,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$
	4,975
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$
	94,525
Period of Usefulness	5 years

U. Medical Examiner - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new additional furnishings consisting of (i) work stations, chairs and other furniture, (ii) a microscope with camera attachment and (iii) a portable full body scale.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$
	23,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$
	1,150
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$
	21,850
Period of Usefulness	5 years

V. Sheriff's Office - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new

communication and signal systems equipment consisting of (i) upgraded alarm systems for the Courthouse Complex, (ii) an X-ray screening machine and (iii) a magnetometer.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$
	77,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$
	3,875
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$
	73,625
Period of Usefulness	10 years

W. Prosecutor's Office - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new communication and signal systems equipment, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$
	696,582
Down Payment Appropriated	\$
	34,829
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$
	661,753
Period of Usefulness	10 years

X. County Clerk's Office - Undertaking of various renovations and improvements to the Elizabeth and Westfield offices.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$
	281,750
Down Payment Appropriated	\$
	14,088
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$
	267,662
Period of Usefulness	10 years

Y. Surrogate's Office - Undertaking of office renovations and acquisition of new additional furnishings and new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of furniture, computers and other office equipment and computer equipment for records storage.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$
	37,250
Down Payment Appropriated	\$
	1,863
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$
	35,387
Period of Usefulness	5 years

Z. Union County College - Undertaking of various improvements at the Cranford Campus consisting of (i) expansion of the Nomahegan building, (ii) upgrading the HVAC systems at the Humanities buildings, (iii) replacement of the roof at the Commons Building, (iv) upgrading of the boiler at the Nomahegan building and (v) upgrading the electrical systems at the Science and Nomahegan buildings. It is hereby determined and stated that (A) all resolutions to be filed by the Board of Trustees of Union County College and the Board of School Estimate of Union County College in order to request the Board of Chosen Freeholders to raise funds for the aforesaid purposes have been filed; (B) no down payment is required for such purposes pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-19(2)(b); (C) Union County College may apply for debt service aid from the State of New Jersey pursuant to Chapter 12 of the Laws of 1971 of New Jersey (N.J.S. 18A:64A-22.1 et seq.) for any or all of the projects described in the preceding sentence; and (D) if such Chapter 12 State Aid is received, it shall be applied to the payment of principal and interest on bonds or notes issued by the County for such projects.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$
	3,687,601
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$
	3,687,601
Period of Usefulness	15 years

AA. Union County College - Resurfacing of Parking Lot Nos. 1 and 2 at the Cranford Campus. It is hereby determined and stated that (A) all resolutions to be filed by the Board of Trustees of Union County College and the Board of School Estimate of Union County College in order to request the Board of Chosen Freeholders to raise funds for the aforesaid purpose have been filed; (B) no down payment is required for such purpose pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-19(2)(b); (C) Union County College may apply for debt

service aid from the State of New Jersey pursuant to Chapter 12 of the Laws of 1971 of New Jersey (N.J.S. 18A:64A-22.1 et seq.) for the project; and (D) if such Chapter 12 State Aid is received, it shall be applied to the payment of principal and interest on bonds or notes issued by the County for such project.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$
	108,150
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$
	108,150
Period of Usefulness	10 years

BB. Union County Vocational-Technical Schools - Acquisition of computers and other instructional equipment and machinery for various educational programs and the undertaking of **the following improvements (i) expansion of the physical education facility at the Magnet High School, (ii) replacement of the roof at the maintenance barn and (iii) curbing and repaving improvements.** It is hereby determined and stated that (A) all resolutions to be filed by the Board of Education of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools and the Board of School Estimate of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in order to request the Board of Chosen Freeholders to raise funds for the aforesaid purposes have been filed and (B) no down payment is required for such purposes pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:54-31.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$
	1,197,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$
	1,197,000
Period of Usefulness	10 years

CC. Union County Vocational-Technical Schools - Acquisition of a new automotive vehicle, including original apparatus and equipment, and new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of (i) a rack body truck with plow and (ii) a riding lawn mover. It is hereby determined and stated that (A) all resolutions to be filed by the Board of Education of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools and the Board of School Estimate of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in order to request the Board of Chosen Freeholders to raise funds for the aforesaid purposes have been filed and (B) no down payment is required for such purposes pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:54-31.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$
	60,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$
	60,000
Period of Usefulness	5 years

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Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	
\$28,662,611	
Aggregate State Grants Appropriated	\$
	3,500,000
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$
	1,005,501
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	
	\$24,157,110

Section 20 Costs: \$1,148,706

Useful Life: 12.59 years

Amendment to Bond Ord. No. 576-2003 adopted on May 29, 2003: Appropriation and Estimated Cost changed from \$4,175,000 to \$4,715,000

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**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF COMMENTING  
ON BOND ORDINANCE NO. 578-2003 ONLY**

Vincent Lehotsky, Rahway, commented on an error in the newspaper printing of this Ordinance. Mr. Lehotsky also commented on the substance of the Ordinance, and the County Manager responded to his comments on funding and budgets. Mr. Lehotsky asked a question on the Watershed Management Program, and the budgeting for that. The County Manager responded that Mr. Lehotsky should request the documents in question from the Clerk of the Board's office.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED**

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Chairwoman Scanlon moved Bond Ordinance No. 578-2003 for Final Adoption and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise the same in accordance with the law.

Seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, roll call showed six (6) members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Estrada, Freeholder Ruotolo and Freeholder Scutari absent.