

1 A Special Meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Burlington was held in the Board Room, Burlington County Office Building, Mount Holly, New Jersey, on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 and commenced immediately following the conference meeting. The meeting was opened with the flag salute and prayer by the Deputy Clerk.

The Public Announcement was read in compliance with the Sunshine Law.

2 ROLL CALL.

On roll call those answering to their names were: Freeholders Joseph B. Donnelly, Mary Ann O'Brien, Mary Anne Reinhart and Freeholder Director Bruce D. Garganio. Freeholder Brown was absent.

3 OFFICIALS.

Officials in attendance were: County Solicitor Nelson, Interim County Administrator Collins, Chief Financial Officer Brock, Treasurer Hannigan, County Clerk Tyler, Director Office on Aging Borkowski, Sheriff Stanfield, Supervisor of Roads Somes, Acting County Engineer Wright, Resource Conservation Director Robbie, Director of Human Resources Hornickle, Public Health Director Gogats, Information Technology Director Behmke, Capital Projects Coordinator Smith, Juvenile Detention Director Green, Public Safety Director Dreby, Supervising Administrative Analyst Stewart, and Public Information Officer Shrom.

4 NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF A COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD CLERK TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERMS TO EXPIRE ON JANUARY 25, 2012.

Freeholder Donnelly placed in nomination the name of Paul Drayton for County Administrator/Board Clerk to fill the unexpired terms to expire on January 25, 2012.

Hearing no other nominations, Director Garganio closed the nomination and called for a roll call vote by name. Freeholder Donnelly – Paul Drayton, Freeholder O'Brien – Paul Drayton, Freeholder Reinhart – no, and Director Garganio – Paul Drayton.

Director Garganio declared Paul Drayton elected as County Administrator/Board Clerk to expire on January 25, 2012.

Solicitor Nelson administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Drayton. Mr. Drayton thanked the Board and stated he looks forward to working with them and the staff.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS.

Danielle Camili, Burlington County Times, addressed the Board regarding Mr. Drayton's salary and Freeholder Reinhart's no vote on the nomination and election.

Freeholder Reinhart responded and stated she felt the starting salary was too high. Freeholder Reinhart also stated that she and Mr. Drayton had a good interview on Monday and they agreed that the County employees are the greatest resource. Freeholder Reinhart interviewed a County employee and would have recommended that employee for the position. Freeholder Reinhart further stated that she questioned Mr. Drayton's work history and had requested additional information but it was never received.

6 COMMENTS BY FREEHOLDERS.

1) Freeholder Reinhart welcomed Mr. Drayton and stated she looks forward to working with him. Freeholder Reinhart encouraged Mr. Drayton to reach out to the employees because they have great ideas.

2) Freeholder O'Brien welcomed Mr. Drayton and stated she had a great meeting with him. Freeholder O'Brien further stated that Mr. Drayton is a long time resident of Burlington County and has many years of experience in dealing with similar scenario when budgets are the main issue.

3) Freeholder Donnelly welcomed Mr. Drayton and further stated that the staff is remarkable and non-represented employees have not gotten a raise as the Union employees have. Freeholder Donnelly also stated that he expects great things as his

predecessors did, seven to eight candidates were interviewed and in his opinion Mr. Drayton represented what the County had in mind. Freeholder Donnelly thanked Kendall Collins for doing a great job in the interim and also wished Mrs. Hannigan the best of luck in her new employment.

3) Director Garganio welcomed Mr. Drayton to Burlington County. Director Garganio stated that when going through the interview process he was really excited because he so many positive things could come out of your leadership and he expects great things. Going through your experience and the things Mr. Drayton has done in other places, nothing but positives. Director Gargaino also thanked Kendall Collins for a great job and thanked Gina Wheatley for doing a lot of great things and has helped us out through this. Director Gargaino further stated that he had not worked with Mrs. Hannigan long but she had done a great job, and wished her luck.

It was moved by Freeholder Reinhart, seconded by Freeholder O'Brien, that the meeting be adjourned. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Wheatley  
Deputy Board Clerk