



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2015
AGENDA SETTING MEETING AGENDA

Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh presided and called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Roll call showed Vice Chairman Bruce Bergen, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Sergio Granados, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Vernell Wright were in attendance. Freeholder Christopher Hudak was absent.

Also present were County Manager Alfred Faella, County Counsel Robert E. Barry, Esq. and Clerk of the Board James Pellettiere.

The Prayer and Salute to the Flag were led by the Clerk of the Board.

The statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was led by the Clerk of the Board.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Oath of Office: Homeless Trust Fund Advisory Board: Brandon T. Givens and Stanley Neron; Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse: Debra Apostol and Karen Yuschak; Mental Health Advisory Board: Joseph Ume; Union County Improvement Authority: Ronald B. Bornstad; Union County Planning Board: John DelSordi.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF

Joseph P. Cryan, County Sheriff

Sheriff Cryan provided a brief explanation of the two Agenda Items of the Sheriff's Office.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Kanen Psychological Associates, PA, Ridgewood, New Jersey to provide psychological examinations to Sheriff's Officer candidates for the contract period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in the amount of \$15,000.00. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

Freeholder Carter asked if the contract is a renewal contract. (Reference to Agenda Item #1)

Sheriff Cryan replied that it is indeed an annual renewal.

Freeholder Carter asked if it is a not to exceed or a flat amount. She also asked how this year's amount relates to previous years.

Sheriff Cryan replied that it is a "not to exceed amount," and stated that the amount is consistent with previous years.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere noted he would make the change in the caption to reflect the contract as "not to exceed."

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Westfield Veterinary Group, Westfield, New Jersey, to provide veterinary services and specialized meals to the Sheriff's K-9 Unit for the contract period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in the amount of \$30,000.00. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

Freeholder Granados asked how many K-9s are a part of the units with reference to #2.

Sheriff Cryan replied, eleven.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Grace H. Park, Acting Prosecutor

There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey Police Training Commission for the 2015 Law Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment Grant, Part 1 for the period of July 2014 through October 2014 in the amount of \$9,423.00. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
2. Authorizing the Union County Prosecutor's Office to enter into a Professional Services contract with Kristen Balsamo-Kleinbach, Paramus, New Jersey, to serve as a DNA Analyst (forensic scientist) for the Union County Prosecutor's Office Forensic Laboratory for the period February 1, 2015 through January 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Norman W. Albert, Esq., Director

1. Authorizing the purchase of postage for various County entities from the U.S. Postal Service in an amount not to exceed \$600,000. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

Freeholder Mirabella asked if the Director had the amount expended for 2014 (Reference to #1).

Director Albert replied that last year's expenditures were approximately \$529,000.

Freeholder Mirabella asked is this Countywide.

Director Albert replied that it is Countywide, with the exception of some Human Services Divisions that have separate needs.

2. Renewing the Public Official Bond with Hartford Insurance Company, Hartford, Connecticut for Alfred J. Faella, for the period of April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016 in the amount of \$274.00. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
3. Authorizing a payment to Brown & Brown our insurance agent of record to renew the Horse Accidental Death Policy with Great American Assurance Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, to cover accidental death of horses by fire, electrocution or transportation vehicle overturn from January 16, 2015 through January 15, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$1,578.00. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

4. Authorizing a payment to Brown & Brown our insurance agent of record to renew the Marine Insurance Policy covering UC Marine 1 and UC Marine 2 Union County Police Fire Boats with the Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company from January 22, 2015 through January 22, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$16,900.00. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

Freeholder Estrada asked if the County has a rider for the fireboats to fight fires (Reference to Agenda Item #4).

Director Albert stated the policy covers the repair and replacement of the boats for any damages. He added that it covers any damaged caused by the boats as well.

Freeholder Estrada said we have a system apparatus that put out thousands of gallons of water to put out fires. He stated the last time he saw this unit it was placed on a barge. He asked if insurance covers that apparatus.

Director Albert said he is not sure if the apparatus mentioned is covered.

Director Moran clarified that the apparatus Freeholder Estrada is mentioning is the Neptune system, which is totally different. This insurance is for our two Marine Units and it does not have anything to do with the Neptune System. He said that one of the boats has a large water cannon that can suck up water to suppress fires.

Freeholder Estrada asked since the policy does not cover the Neptune System, if the County had another insurance policy for the Neptune System.

Director Moran said that he would have to look into the insurance policy relative to the use of the Neptune System and get back to the Board.

Freeholder Mirabella asked Director Moran to research and give him some numbers relative to the frequency of use of those two boats.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

William Reyes, Deputy County Manager / Director

Chairman Jalloh asked for clarification that many of the Agenda Items are requesting reductions in the contracts.

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes stated that Agenda Items #2, #3, and #4 are Change Orders for reductions.

Chairman Jalloh asked for clarifications for items #6, #7 and #8 and stated that they seem to be for old projects (2013-2014).

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes stated that these are for the designs for fixing the bridges; #7 and #8 are minor bridges (less than 20 feet long); #6 is longer than 20 feet. He added that capital funds will be used for the design and that they would be looking for grant money to fund the actual construction. He stated that they have grant money for #6. He added that this is the first phase, and believes the construction is likely two years away.

Chairman Jalloh asked why there are three different companies and wondered if there could be any savings by having one.

County Engineer Mineo stated that in the past, they tried "grouping them in 3's," however he said that over time it proved not to be the most efficient way to do construction due to historical problems and issues with obtaining permits.

Freeholder Estrada asked if the County has any projections for the total costs associated with the six projects, inclusive of construction costs.

County Engineer Mineo stated that the general costs for the five culverts or minor bridges, which generally cost approximately \$500,000-\$600,000; so approximately \$2.5 million dollars for those projects.

Freeholder Estrada asked for clarification relative to the County spending over \$200,000 per project for signs, construction, administrative services and inspection services. He asked if it will cost the County \$500,000-\$600,000.

County Engineer Mineo clarified that the \$500,000-\$600,000 amount is per project, and that there are 5 projects equating to a total of approximately \$2.3 million in addition to the bridge project which equates to roughly \$1.5 million in construction costs; for a total of \$4 million.

Freeholder Estrada asked if the County traditionally garnished that kind of money to upgrade bridges on a yearly basis.

County Engineer Mineo stated that the County inspects bridges every two years and now the state inspects the culverts, so it is hard to estimate which will come up as structurally deficient. He added that in general, there are 140 bridges. He added that since his time as Engineer, the County has averaged 1.3 bridges per year. He noted that with the average of 100 year-lifetime of a bridge and the 140 bridges, that equates to 1.4 a year. He stated that a lot of bridges were built in the 1920s and 1930s, which will accelerate our costs.

Freeholder Estrada asked if there are funds available to do them.

County Engineer Mineo stated that he included \$6 million for road projects, \$3.5 million for the bridges and culvert, and about \$1 million for the intersection and dam projects.

Freeholder Estrada asked if these six projects are structurally deficient.

County Engineer Mineo stated that they all are structurally deficient. He added that it does not mean they will collapse any day. But it does mean you have to post it with weight limitations. The County is keeping up with these bridges. He stated that the County currently has 5 structurally deficient bridges and they are being taken care of. He informed the Board that there are 30 culvert that are identified as structurally deficient, but noted that they do not anticipate big trucks to be utilizing those culverts.

Freeholder Estrada asked when was the last time the State did a study, and which bridges were identified.

County Engineer Mineo stated that the State did a study last year. He stated that the Raymond Avenue Bridge was identified, and noted that it is being worked on now. He stated that the Madison Hill Bridge was identified and is going out for bid this month. He explained that the Mountain Avenue Bridge was identified, but that the County is waiting for a grant from the State to build the bridge. He said the South Front Street Bridge in Elizabeth was identified, noting that it is a

big project that the County was able to get the NJTPA to fund a concept development program. He added that the Wood Avenue Bridge just popped up on the list.

Freeholder Estrada asked if that was all the bridges.

County Engineer Mineo said he expects two more are coming.

Chairman Jalloh asked County Engineer Mineo to send a report to the Board within two weeks.

Freeholder Carter asked if the County received a grant for the Netherwood Avenue Bridge.

County Engineer Mineo stated that the State committed \$1 million towards that project. He clarified that the project will cost \$1.5 million. He added that the County received a \$1 million grant for the Summer Street Bridge in Elizabeth, but that it only costs \$600,000 and the County is hoping to apply that funding towards the Netherwood Bridge costs.

Freeholder Carter asked what is the time frame. County Engineer Mineo apologized he said the four hundred thousand is going towards the Madison Hill Bridge.

Freeholder Carter said the time frame that we are looking at we need to make sure we receive the grant and asked when does it expires.

County Engineer Mineo stated that in general terms, you have two years. However he noted that depending on the situation sometimes you have historical problems or other issues that allow the County to receive an extension of three years. County Engineer Mineo said the County just hired an engineer to design the project and it takes at least a year to design and estimates are going out for construction by early 2017.

Freeholder Kowalski asked if any of the grant money is coming from the Transportation Trust Fund.

County Engineer Mineo stated that it is all through the Transportation Trust Fund.

Freeholder Kowalski stated that there will be a major shortfall if the State does not fully fund the Transportation Trust Fund.

County Engineer agreed and spoke on the funding of other projects beyond the bridge projects.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2011-158, a professional engineering service contract with Alaimo Group of East Hanover, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing design, construction administration and inspection services for the Church Store Building Project, to reflect a change in account numbers only. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-024) **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

Freeholder Granados asked for an explanation of Church Store. (Reference to Agenda Item #1)

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes said the Church Store is located in the deserted village and stated that the project is for a fire alarm.

Freeholder Granados asked for the cost.

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes said the account was mistakenly closed before the last bill was sent to the County. He added that this Agenda Item asks for a new account number to pay for the last bill, which is in the amount of \$2,300.00.

2. Amending Resolution Number 2013-523, BA#49-2013, a contract awarded through the public bidding process to Ralph Checchio, Inc., of Scotch Plains, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for Various Asphalt Overlay for Park Maintenance. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by \$12,097.93; for a new contract amount not to exceed \$268,616.07. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-013) **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 2013-689 (BA#5-2013), a contract awarded through the public bidding process to Rock Solid Construction, Inc., Newark, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Summer Street Bridge (E.L.4) Deck Replacement, City of Elizabeth, New Jersey. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$27,275.40); for a new contract amount not to exceed \$564,767.60. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-053) **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
4. Amending Resolution Number 2013-384 (BA#1-2013), a contract awarded to PM Construction Company, Hillside, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Replacement of Two Culverts - Valley Road at Glenside, BE-56, Township of Berkeley Heights and First Avenue at Locust Street, RO-10, Borough of Roselle. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$177,028.88); for a new contract amount not to exceed \$636,906.87. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-005A&B) **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq: Economic Development, Division of Engineering: Foggia Trinity Electric, LLC, of Scotch Plains, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing three intersection improvements - Passaic Avenue and Kent Place Boulevard; Old Springfield Road and Springfield Avenue; Springfield Avenue and New England Avenue, City of Summit, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$764,562.50. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to award a professional engineering service contract to CME, Parlin, New Jersey, to provide Design, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Netherwood Avenue Bridge Replacement, PI37, in the City of Plainfield, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$299,989.80. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2014-002) **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to award a professional engineering service contract to Remington Vernick & Arango Engineers (RV&A) of Secaucus, New Jersey, to provide Design, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Replacement of Hazelwood Avenue Minor Bridge Ra-69 Over Stream 10-5, City of Rahway, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$186,500.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-009) **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
8. Authorizing the County Manager to award a professional engineering service contract to Dewberry Engineers, of Bloomfield, New Jersey, to provide Design, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Replacement of Springfield Avenue Minor

- Bridge, Be-19, Township of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$299,260.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-010) **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
9. Authorizing the County Manager to award a professional engineering service contract to Maser Consulting, P.A., of Red Bank, New Jersey to provide Design, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Replacement of Mountain Avenue Minor Bridge, Be-26, Township of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$207,170.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-024) **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
 10. Authorizing the County Manager to award a professional engineering service contract to CME Associates, of Parlin, New Jersey to provide Design, Construction Administration, and Inspection Services for the Replacement of Martine Avenue Bridge, Sc-22, Township of Scotch Plains, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$152,444.50. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-025) **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
 11. Authorizing the County Manager to award a professional engineering service contract to Neglia Associates, of Lyndhurst, New Jersey to provide Design, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Replacement of Central Avenue Minor Bridge, WE-69, Town of Westfield, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$115,504.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-026) **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
 12. Amending Resolution Number 2014-780, which previously concurred with the Township of Springfield's Resolution Number 2014-212, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement between the New Jersey Transit Corporation and the Township of Springfield (Municipal Sponsor) and the County of Union (County Co-Sponsor) to install two (2) bus shelters. This request will concur with the Township's subsequent Resolution Number 2015-30 to install one (1) bus shelter on Mountain Avenue, northbound at Morris Avenue, near side. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCEBibi Taylor, Director

There were no comments.

1. Amending the 2015 Temporary Budget Ch. 96 P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20). **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICESFrank Guzzo, Director

Director Guzzo gave a brief explanation of his Resolutions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award Year 3 contracts in the total amount not to exceed \$4,090,072, pursuant to a Request for Proposal (RFP), in accordance with the 3-Year 2013-2015 Area Plan for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 to deliver services to Union County residents 60 years of age or older and /or their caregivers and further authorizing the transfer of funds among the agencies during the contract period

should service needs change and/or if any should fail to meet its contractual obligation.
(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)

Director Guzzo stated item #1 is a three year renewal for Aging to provide services to prevent premature institutionalization for seniors and home healthcare services to keep seniors in their home as long as possible.

Freeholder Estrada asked what was the figure we used last year and if it covers their needs.

Director Guzzo stated it covers the needs as we know them to be today. He added that the Board agreed to allocate additional dollars last year to compensate for the loss of state dollars. He added that there are no waiting lists for the different types of services that we provide, noting that however, the needs change as the year progresses. He added that the County is able to move money to meet the changing needs by resolution. He added that at this time there is no real waiting list.

Freeholder Estrada asked how the \$4.9 million compares to last year.

Director Guzzo stated that the figure in the Agenda Item is more because it includes \$219,000, additional County dollars to keep those services at a level that we are all comfortable with. He added that without such, there would be waiting lists.

2. Amending Resolution Number 2014-799, to increase the Countywide Code Blue Emergency Shelter Initiative through the Winter of 2015 in an additional amount not to exceed \$80,000 in order to address the needs of the homeless during periods of extreme weather conditions, for a total amount not to exceed \$160,000.00. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Director Guzzo stated item #2 is an amendment that the Board passed earlier regarding the Code Blue program to add additional monies because the money that was added last year is running out due to the number of cold nights.

Freeholder Granados asked how many individuals were helped having that program in place.

Director Guzzo stated the County is in the process of putting together a survey. He added the County will have it in a couple of weeks once it is approved by the Board.

Freeholder Kowalski asked for the number of nights the County has issued a Code Blue.

Director Guzzo stated that the County has issued 48 Code Blue nights and spent approximately \$74,000, which is higher than the County anticipated. He added that for those on State Assistance, there is a sixty month time limit, which is ending for many individuals. He added that Code Blue is the only program to help them. He stated that anyone with a conviction of a controlled dangerous substance is not eligible for traditional emergency assistance, and Code Blue is the only program to help them. He also added that the State issued a six month moratorium on emergency assistance for people who have moved from another state. Code Blue is the only option for them.

Vice Chairman Bergen stated that he assumed the need for the increase in funds was due to the increase in the number of Code Blue designations; however he asked if, in addition to that, if there are more individuals in the community in need of this service.

Director Guzzo stated that his assumption is correct and that while the count has yet to come in, he believed a lot of people are from Essex County due to cases being closed prematurely. He added that while they believe no one should be out in the cold, we should look at what our responsibility is

as opposed to other counties. He added that this program is the only one that operates in the state and the County is going to ask the state to incorporate this in their overall plan.

Vice Chairman Bergen asked if the 60 months emergency assistance dollars comes from the County.

Director Guzzo stated the EEA dollars comes from the State. He added that there is a time limit on the assistance, noting that after the 60 months, they are without a safety net.

Vice Chairman Bergen asked if we are switching from state dollars to county dollars.

Director Guzzo replied yes.

Freeholder Estrada asked what happens after 60 months.

Director Guzzo stated that they are out (no longer eligible for assistance). He added that the program has changed, stating that people can access various benefits and after the 60 months, they are out. He clarified that the programs have changed to a work program, as opposed to an assistance program.

There was a discussion relative to the chronic unemployed and their loss of benefits through welfare reform.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES

Joseph Graziano, Director

There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq; Public Works & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management: Core Mechanical, Pennsauken, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Pipefitting & Heating Systems Services, twenty-four (24) consecutive months with the provision of a twenty-four month optional extension, in an amount not exceed \$196,400. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**

CORNERSTONE BEHAVIORAL HOSPITAL OF UNION COUNTY

Michael Flemming, Acting Administrator

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Trinitas Regional Medical Center of Elizabeth, New Jersey, to provide Psychiatric physician services for the resident/patients at the Cornerstone Hospital at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the period of December 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$225,000.00. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**

Freeholder Estrada asked if we had the contract with Trinitas Regional Hospital before.

Acting Administrator Flemming stated that some of the psychiatrists left employment and the County had to take quick action to get psychiatrists. He added that Director Guzzo made arrangements with Trinitas, and we were able to make this arrangement.

Freeholder Estrada asked if the intention is to replace the individuals or keep this arrangement.

Acting Administrator Flemming said we will get two full-time psychiatrists by the end of the year.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Robert E. Barry, Esq., County Counsel

There were no comments

1. A resolution appointing Javerbaum Wurgaft Hicks Kahn Wikstrom & Sinins, P.C. of Springfield, NJ as Special Counsel to represent Sherrie Brown-Braswell in the matter entitled Shiquon Fowler v. UC, et als; in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
2. Amending Resolution 2014-928 dated November 13, 2014 to increase the appropriation to Florio & Kenny of Hoboken, NJ in the matter entitled Shiquon Fowler v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$40,000.00 **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
3. Amending Resolution 2014-1095 dated December 18, 2014 to increase the appropriation to Bauch, Zucker Hatfield, LLC of Springfield, NJ in the matter entitled Barbara Egger v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$40,000.00 **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
4. Amending Resolution 2014-938 dated November 13, 2014 to increase the appropriation to Palumbo & Renaud of Cranford, NJ in the matter entitled Richmond Lapolla v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$65,000.00 **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

Alfred J. Faella, County Manager

There were no questions.

1. *Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Winning Strategies Washington, Washington DC, to provide services for comprehensive federal government relations and lobbying services for the contract period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, in the amount of \$138,000.00. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)*
2. *Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Assistant Prosecutor's Association, Prosecutor's Office, effective January 1, 2031 through December 31, 2014. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)*

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

Freeholder Granados stated he will have a Laudatory Resolution and a condolence Resolution and asked the Board to join him on the Justin Juzefyk Resolution for the next Freeholder Meeting.

Freeholder Mirabella stated he will have a condolence Resolution for Westfield Fire Chief Kelly for the next Freeholder Meeting.

Freeholder Carter stated she would have a condolence Resolution for the next Freeholder Meeting.

Freeholder Kowalski stated she would have a Laudatory Resolution for the next Freeholder Meeting.

Freeholder Wright stated she would like to join Vice Chairman Bergen on Agenda Item#4.

1. Resolution honoring the various participants and donors of the 2014 Union County Human Service Gift Giving Drive. **(Freeholder Kowalski & the Entire Board)**
2. Congratulating the following women for being chosen by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women as the 2015 Women of Excellence: Cynthia Alexander (Community Leader), Amy Boroff (Entrepreneurship), Adrian Gardner (Law Enforcement), Lynne Fitzpatrick (Business Leader), Erica Bell Foster (Education), Ceil Mantia (Lifetime Achievement), Kathy Lloyd (Media), Reverend Joy Mounts (Youth Advocacy), Tricia Nering (Humanitarian), Karolina Szatkowski (Women's Advocacy). **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
3. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Jessica Osada-Belluscio, during their time of sorrow. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
4. Laudatory resolution acknowledging and commending the volunteer work of Penelope and Gerard Garcia, of Summit, for their recognition by Sage Eldercare as the 2015 "Sweethearts of the Year." **(Vice-Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
5. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Lillie Bell Alston, mother of Hillside Councilman Tony Alston, during their time of sorrow. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To the extent known, the following items will be discussed in Executive Session:

County Counsel Barry stated that pursuant to provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act a public body may enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing certain enumerated subjects. This Board will now enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Attorney-Client privileged communication and discussion of potential settlement in lieu of litigation relative to the property located at 28 Prince Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey and Attorney-Client privileged communications and discussion of potential settlement in the matter of Suarez v. Peralta/Rodriguez and County of Union et als.

The minutes of the Executive Session shall be separated from the minutes of the Open Public Session. The minutes of the Executive Session, redacted as appropriate and necessary, shall be available in approximately 30 days. The Clerk of the Board shall retain the original minutes until such time as the confidential limitations have been removed, at which time they shall be made available.

Upon the Board's return, will not take formal action on the matters discussed. Upon a majority vote of the members present, the Board may now retire to Executive Session.

Chairman Jalloh asked for a motion to enter Executive Session. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Hudak absent.

Chairman Jalloh asked for a motion to return to the Agenda Meeting. On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed eight members Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Hudak absent.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13PM.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Hudak absent.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 7:00pm in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified. In the event an Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting are held on the same night, the Agenda Setting Session will commence at 7:00pm and the Regular Meeting will commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter should contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 908-527-4140.

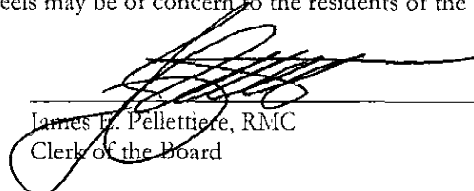
REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2015 at 12:00pm
 Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

<u>AGENDA SETTING SESSION</u>	<u>REGULAR MEETINGS</u>
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Notice

Regular Meetings of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders
 Public Comment Portion

Pursuant to the provisions of the N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(a) and the By-Laws of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders the "Public Comment Portion" of Regular Meetings is reserved for public comment on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.



James F. Pelletiere, RMC
 Clerk of the Board

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