



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bruce Bergen presided and called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Vice Chairman Sergio Granados, Freeholder Linda Carter, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella and Freeholder Vernell Wright were in attendance, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak absent.

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

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE BOARD

Chairman Bergen called upon Freeholders Mirabella and Carter for the first Presentation.

Resolution presentations will be made from the Board to the 2017 Union County Student Training and Enrichment Program (UC STEP) the winners of the Orange Team.

Freeholders Carter made comments relative to the UC STEP program, noting that this program started when she was Chairman in 2013. She spoke on the importance of encouraging the county's youth to get involved. She spoke on the process of the program, noting that Team Orange's "Cans for Kids" project was the winner. She called upon Union County employee Deana Mesaros, who served as the County's primary contact in the coordination of the program. She commended the students for their active participation and dedication to community service. She invited the Orange Team to join them.

Freeholder Mirabella stated that he was proud to see the best and brightest of Union County high schools, noting that although the kids previously did not know each other, they all came together to learn leadership skills and find a way to give back to the community.

The students all introduced themselves and the school they represented, and were presented with their resolutions.

Deana Mesaros spoke about of the next steps of the program, noting that kick-off is to be held on March 8th at the Cranford Community Center.

Freeholder Carter wished them all well on their project.

Chairman Bergen called upon Freeholders Jalloh to join Freeholder Carter for the second Presentation

Resolution presentation will be made from the Board to Lee Starks of Plainfield for his efforts in keeping local underprivileged kids off streets and raising funds for the program by running the feat of a 100 mile marathon.

Freeholders Carter made comments relative Mr. Lee Starks' efforts with the Plainfield youth though his Plainfield Boxing Academy. She stated that he was receiving a resolution specifically for his efforts in raising funds supporting programs for children through running in a 100-mile Devil Dog Ultra Marathon on December 17, 2016, noting that he trained by running in seven half marathons and five full marathons. She noted that he finished his 100 mile marathon in 30 hours, 43 minutes and 43 seconds. She noted that of the 250 participants, only 47 had completed the race, where he placed 35th overall. She thanked him for this amazing accomplishment for the benefit of Plainfield's youth.

Freeholder Jalloh made comments relative to the importance that governments take time to acknowledge individuals who do so much for other citizens of the county. He made comments relative to the improbability of his accomplishing the same feat in one year. He commended Mr. Starks for his unselfish and compassionate intentions and congratulated him on his accomplishment.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Oath of Office: Human Services Advisory Council: Debbie Anderson, Cathy Chi, Alfred Donnarumma, Maroconi Gapas, Charles Gillon, Frank Guzzo, Larisa Hernandez, James Horne, Susan Pepper and Carol Presley; Union County Planning Board: Arthur Kobitz.

Chairman Bergen called for a motion to approve the Communications. 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on Resolutions being offered for adoption only.

Councilman Dr. Robert Rubino, of Summit, thanked the Board for considering Resolution No. 2017-101. He noted that many Freeholders had joined him on the proposed trail. He encouraged the resolution's adoption, which would help connect the County Park to Downtown Summit. He added that ultimately he would like to see the trail become part of the East Coast Greenway.

Bruce Patterson, of Garwood, made comments or inquires relative to a number of resolutions. Relative to Resolution No. 2017-100, he questioned the accuracy of the percentage and suggested the Board table the resolution. He made comments relative to the medical portion of the CPI, and encouraged the Board to back out of this portion. Relative to Resolutions No. 2017-64 and 2017-65, he inquired as to the number of police dispatch. Relative to Resolutions No. 2017-68, 2017-69, 2017-70 and 2017-72, he made comments relative to political donations. Relative to Resolution No. 2017-79, he asked for an overview of the changes in position controls. Relative to Resolution No. 2017-82, he thanked the Board for the savings in the contract, and asked how much is expected in total savings. Relative to Resolutions No. 2017-84 and 2017-86, he stated the amounts equate to approximately \$240,000 and made comments relative to MusicFest. Relative to Resolutions No. 2017-109, 2017-110, 2017-111, and 2017-112, he made comments relative to political donations.

Relative to Resolution No. 2017-82, Deputy Director Dinsmore advised that the resolution calls for a 5 year competitive contract to operate the entire paratransit system. She added that the contract represents a projected \$1.9 million savings over the five year period; noting that the contract would represent a \$60,000 savings over last year's contract.

Relative to Resolution No. 2017-79, County Manager Faella advised that the position control fills a vacancy in the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Relative to Resolution No. 2017-64 and 2017-65, Chairman Bergen advised that the intent was never just for police departments, but rather any emergency response unit requiring dispatching services. Director Moran advised that they service two police departments (Fanwood and Scotch Plains). He advised that the County's dispatchers provide pre-arrival medical instruction to 9-1-1 callers, which would normally be sent to municipal dispatchers.

Relative to Resolution No. 2017-100, Chairman Bergen advised that this resolution merely adjusted the salary ranges and not salaries. Director Yuska advised that this resolution amends a resolution from 2013. He further noted that the County did not amend earlier due to the fact that the previous index changes didn't exceed the previous range.

John Burry, of Kenilworth, made comments or inquiries on a number of resolutions. Relative to Resolution No. 2017-76 & 2017-77, he questioned if the agency is a part of County government and if they needed to be designated to receive funding. Relative to Resolution No. 2017-97, he asked if the county was required to have a boat and asked how long the county has owned boats and if they were necessary and useful. Relative to Resolution No. 2017-100, he asked how many employees are affected and why the CPI is utilized in adjusting the range. Relative to Resolution No. 2017-101, he asked for clarification as to the project and purpose.

Relative to Resolution No. 2017-101, Chairman Bergen stated that there is an existing rail right of way that is raised above grade level, noting a number of trestles over the major roads. He added that the County had control over the existing rail line, but now Summit will control this portion so they can put in a passive trail with fantastic views.

Relative to Resolution No. 2017-100, Director Yuska advised that the County adopted an administration plan for non-contractual employees, which categorized classifications and salary ranges. He added the County stipulated that the salary grades should equate to a "fair

market” value for the work performed, which appreciates over time, hence the decision to correlate it with the CPI.

Relative to Resolution No. 2017-97, Director Moran noted Union County’s large waterfront, which has been identified as a vulnerability by Homeland Security working groups. He added that the boats were purchased through Homeland Security funding in an effort to increase the police and fire presence for the waterfront. He noted that they have responded to several incidents in Elizabeth and Linden.

Relative to Resolution No. 2017-76 & 2017-77, Director Zuber advised that the State of New Jersey requires each county to designate an official Cultural & Heritage body. He added that they also require that body to request permission from the governing body to apply for funding. He noted that Cultural & Heritage does apply for funding for programming throughout the year.

County Manager Faella advised that the Office of Culture & Heritage Affairs is an office within the County’s Department of Parks and Recreation.

Director Yuska advised the Chairman that there are 1,523 non-contractual employees affected by Resolution No. 2017-100.

Relative to Resolution No. 2017-125, Chairman Bergen stated that the purpose of the resolution is to urge members of Congress not to repeal the affordable care act. He noted that he met with a number of members in the audience prior to the meeting and thanked them for attending the night’s meeting in support of the resolution.

Chairman Bergen asked the Clerk of the Board to note for the record Freeholder Hudak arrived during public questions on the resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2017-61 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract extension originally 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: NJ Overhead Door, Bayville, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Non-Sensored Door Systems Service - Entrance, Office et al, for twenty-four (24) consecutive months commencing January 28, 2017 through January 27, 2019 , in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-62 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract extension originally 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: NJ Overhead Door, Bayville,

New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Automatic/Sensor Controlled Sliding and Swinging Entrance Door Systems Service, for twenty-four (24) consecutive months commencing January 28, 2017 through January 27, 2019, in an amount not to exceed \$48,450.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-63 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew the maintenance and support agreement for the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System operated by the Union County Department of Public Safety with TriTech Software Systems, 9860 Massa Rim Road, San Diego, CA, under contract period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$124,118.87.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-64 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Kenilworth to provide 911 Emergency Medical Dispatch call screening services in the amount of \$6,897.85, for the first year, with a subsequent two percent (2%) increase in each additional year for the remaining four (4) years of the five (5) year term of the agreement.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-65 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Scotch Plains Rescue Squad to provide 911 Emergency Medical Dispatch Services in the amount of \$7,176.52, for the first year, with a subsequent two percent (2%) increase in each additional year for the remaining four (4) years of the five (5) year term of the agreement.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-66 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for Fiscal Year 2017 State Aid to Counties (CA-2017 Union County - 00010) in the amount of \$3,445,500.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-045)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-67 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Concurring with the City of Rahway's Resolution AR-153-16 adopted on July 11, 2016 designating Bus Stops at the following locations: Along East Hazelwood Avenue, eastbound, on the southerly side of Frontage Road - Near Side, beginning at the Westerly curb line of Frontage Road and extending 105 feet westerly therefrom; and along East Hazelwood, westbound, on the northerly side of Frontage Road - Far Side beginning at the

prolongation of the westerly curbline of Frontage Road and extending 100 feet westerly therefrom.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-68** **FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Architectural Service Contract, through a Request For Proposal (RFP) process, to USA Architects, of Somerville, New Jersey to provide Architectural Design Services, Construction and Administration Inspection Services for the Improvements to the Jury Waiting Room, located in Elizabeth, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-035)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-69** **FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Neglia Engineering Associates, of Clark, New Jersey to provide On Call General Engineering Services commencing February 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-046)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-70** **FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to CME Associates, of Parlin, New Jersey to provide On Call Environmental Compliance Engineering Services commencing February 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-047)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-71** **FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to NV5, Inc., of Parsippany, New Jersey to provide On Call Traffic Engineering Services commencing February 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-049)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-72** **FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to CME Associates of Parlin, New Jersey to provide On Call Bridge Engineering Services commencing February 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 for

an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-048)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-73 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution concurring with the City of Plainfield granting permission to the Plainfield Public Schools District – Office of Community Engagement to hang banners from February 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017 on Park Avenue (between Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center and Cedar Brook Park) to advertise the following programs: Black History Month Celebration to be held on Friday, February 24, 2017 from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Community Empowerment Expo to be held on Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 p.m.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-74 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) in the approximate amount of \$18,865 for purpose of 2017 LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) CWA Administration for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-75 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to designate the Union County Intoxicated Driver Resource Center (IDRC) under the Union County Department of Human Services, Division of Planning, located at Administration Building, 4th floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, NJ 07207 for the purpose of providing state mandated education, alcohol/drug abuse evaluation, and treatment referral for persons charged and/or convicted of Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)/Driving Under the Influence (DUI); as required by the New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), Intoxicated Driver Program (IDP).

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-76 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Designating the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs as the Official County Cultural and Heritage Agency of the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-77 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs to apply for private and public funding for the year 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-78 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee in the amount of \$4,000 for their annual St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on March 17, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-79 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizes the County Manager to adjust and/or change the Internal Position Control Schedules.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-80 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Pharma-Care Inc., of Clark, NJ, to provide pharmacy consulting services for the patients of the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-81 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** 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: Department of Human Services / Paratransit System: Summit Truck & Auto Body Inc., Summit, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing collision repairs, body work and paint services for heavy duty buses and shuttle vans, to exercise the twenty-four (24) month extension option in the total amount not to exceed \$115,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-82 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract, pursuant to competitive contracting law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4, to MPC Bus Corporation, Brooklyn, New York, for the provision of transportation services in the form of Routing, Scheduling & Dispatch and Road Operator Services for the Union County Paratransit System for the contract period of January 27, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in the total amount not to exceed \$4,196,217, with the option to extend the contract for four (4) one year periods.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-83 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra to perform a Concert on Friday, June 23, 2017 at Oak Ridge Park in Clark, New Jersey for a sum not to exceed \$35,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-84 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with This is It! Productions, Inc. of Hoboken, NJ for the 2017 Concert Series in an amount not to exceed \$94,500.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-85 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to execute a Cooperative Services Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services in providing the County of Union with a two-year integrated wildlife damage management program aimed at reducing wildlife damage to human health and safety, property and natural resources in Union County, New Jersey for the period of March 1, 2017 through February 28, 2019 in the amount not to exceed \$237,862.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-86 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with This Is It! Productions, Hoboken, New Jersey for the management and production of the 2017 Rhythm & Blues By the Brook Concert on June 3, 2017 to be held at Cedar Brook Park, Plainfield in the amount not to exceed \$140,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-87 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter in to a contract with Two Rivers Title Company, Little Silver, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing title services to and for the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-88 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Attorney Title Services, LLC, Cranford, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing title services to and for the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-89 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Appraisal Associates, Inc., Cranford, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing appraisal services to and for the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-90 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to New Jersey Realty Advisory Group, LLC, Woodbridge, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing appraisal services to and for the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-91 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Sterling, DiSanto & Associates, Somerville, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing appraisal services to and for the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-92 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-877, adopted on November 12, 2015 (BA#62-2015) a contract awarded through advertised public bidding process in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq., to Applied Landscape Technologies, of Montville, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Mattano Park Turf Field Project, City of Elizabeth. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$81,296.85) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$1,516,987.15. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-018)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-93 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Appointing Walter Tucker to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board to represent the Borough of Garwood from a term beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-94 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Re-appointing Marvin Gersten and Robert Ehrenbeck as At-Large members to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board for a term beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017.

2 On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 017-95 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2016-325, an agreement with A&A Fitness Inc. dba The Max of Springfield, Union, New Jersey, to provide physical and nutrition administration services to the UC Sheriff's Office

and County of Union Employee Participants, to increase the amount in an amount not to exceed \$6,160.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-96** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** 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) at the Union County Prosecutor's Forensic Laboratory for the period of February 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-97** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing a payment to Brown & Brown, the County's General 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, 2017 through January 21, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$14,980.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-98** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Public Official Bond with the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, Hartford, CT, for Anthony Ugoaru from March 09, 2017 through March 08, 2018 in the amount of \$1,150.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-99** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Public Official Bond with the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, Hartford, Connecticut, for Julie Origliato, from February 10, 2017 through February 09, 2018 in the amount of \$1,199.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-100** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2013-0908, authorizing the 2017 Non-Contractual Salary Ranges, which are adjusted based upon the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous twelve months, which increased 3.2%.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-101** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a license agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation and the City of Summit for Parkline Development of a "Rail Trail" allowing non-motorized uses

on the portion of the Rahway Valley Railroad line falling within the City of Summit and County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-102** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Edmunds & Associates, Inc., Northfield, New Jersey, for the provision of maintenance and technical support for the County's Financial and Electronic Requisition System for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$20,580.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-103** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a lease agreement with Plainfield Madison Park, LLC whose address is P.O. Box 787, Plainfield, New Jersey, for the purpose of leasing 313-315 East Front Street, Plainfield, New Jersey, to house the State of NJ Probation Division for a period of ten years commencing January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$1,103,871.15. The lease includes a base rent for 4,223 rentable square feet plus 1/12th property tax and 1/12th snow removal cost, maintenance repair and operating expenses of the building.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-104** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** A resolution authorizing the Office of the County Counsel to engage and compensate experts such as court reporters, expert witnesses, examining physicians and other litigation support and specialists which are essential to the defense of the County of Union in amount not to exceed \$45,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-105** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** A resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter agreements with Thompson Reuters for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$98,275.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-106** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** A resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter agreements with Gann Law Books for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$41,400.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-107** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** A resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter agreements with LexisNexis for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$60,900.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-108** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** A resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter agreements with various vendors for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$33,125.00

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-109** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** A Resolution appointing Palumbo, Renaud & DeAppolonio, LLC of Cranford, NJ as special counsel to represent Sgt. Noel Gonzalez in the matter entitled Brian Ward v. UC, et. al, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-110** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** A Resolution appointing Kologi Simitz of Linden, NJ as special counsel to represent Lt. Scott Groninger in the matter entitled Brian Ward v. UC, et. al, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-111** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** A Resolution appointing LaCorte, Bundy, Varady & Kinsella of Union, NJ as special counsel to represent Sgt. Wayne Hunter, Investigator Julio Davila and Corrections Officer Charles Dekowski in the matter entitled Brian Ward v. UC, et. al, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-112** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** A Resolution appointing Weber Dowd Law of West Paterson, NJ as special counsel to represent Judy Byczkiewicz in the matter entitled Brian Ward v. UC, et. al, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-113** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with PBA73--County Police Officers, effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-114 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Resolution appointing James E. Pelletiere, of Rahway, as a commissioner to the Union County Utilities Authority for a term of February 1, 2017 through January 31, 2022.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-115 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award an eleven (11) month contract through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process to Groundwork Elizabeth, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for a period of February 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 for the administration and implementation of the Union County Means Green Community Garden Grants for 2017, inclusive of individual grant awards, along with administrative oversight and implementation, in a total amount not to exceed \$50,000.00; and further authorizing three (3) one-year extensions.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-116 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Appointing Jen Blumenstock to the Union County Air Traffic and Noise Advisory Board to represent the Borough of Garwood for a term beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2017-117 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Recognizing the efforts of the 2017 Union County Student Training and Enrichment Program participants and congratulating the winners of the Orange Team.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-118 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER & FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Congratulating and commending Lee Starks of Plainfield for his efforts in keeping local underprivileged kids off streets and raising funds for the program by running the feat of a 100 mile marathon.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-119 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Congratulating and acknowledging Liza Betz upon being selected as Chairwoman of the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC).

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-120 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Congratulating Friedrich Smith of Troop 73 of Westfield, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-121 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH, FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER, FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Congratulating Art Hynes, Pattie Beirnie and Mary Krech upon being honored by the John F. Cryan Association at their 57th Annual Social on January 27, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-122 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Congratulating Kent Lucas upon being the recipient of the Life Membership Award by the Cranford First Aid Squad at their annual dinner on January 13, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-123 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Congratulating Councilwoman of Fanwood, Kathy Mitchell for being elected to her 7th term and being the longest serving Council person in Fanwood history.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-124 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Congratulating Bob DelaRosa and Robert Stevens upon celebrating 50 dedicated years to the Roselle Park Fire Department.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-125 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT, FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Urging Congress and the President of the United States not to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-126 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT, FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER & CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Congratulating the 2017 Women of Excellence honorees: Arielle Cassidy (Health & Wellness), Sally Curci (Special Needs Advocate), Maria C. DelCid (Government), Terri L. Freeman, Esq. (Law), Amy B. Herber (Lifetime/Education), Marianne Kranz (Volunteerism),

Dr. Nell Maloney-Patel (Medicine), Kelly Reider (Law Enforcement), Nakeera Sherman (Children's Advocacy) and Ruth Yablonsky (Environmentalist).

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-127 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Congratulating William J. Duffy upon being the recipient of the UNICO Americanism Award by the Clark Chapter of UNICO.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-128 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Congratulating Joe Chiari for being the recipient of the UNICO Americanism Award by the Elizabeth Chapter of UNICO.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-129 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER & FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Congratulating Morning Star Community Christian Center, Inc. upon their 50th anniversary celebration.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-130 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Congratulating the recipients of the Groundworks Elizabeth Awards to be held at their Annual Ever-Green Gala on February 27, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

This meeting is open to the public comment on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.

Joyce Carpell, of Elizabeth, made comments relative to the benefits of Medicare & Medicaid for those individuals with disabilities. She stated her support of Obamacare (Affordable Care Act)

Lana Quinn, made comments relative to her support of Obamacare (Affordable Care Act), noting her health issues.

Joyce (inaudible), of South Community Access, made comments relative to her support of Obamacare (Affordable Care Act), noting her health and housing issues.

Councilman Jennifer Blumenstock, of Garwood, introduced herself to the Board, advising that Garwood will continue the practice of sending a representative to the Freeholder Meetings in 2017. She stated she looks forward to working with the Board to better her town.

Bruce Patterson, of Garwood, commended Garwood and Summit councilmembers for attending the Freeholder Meetings.

He made comments pertaining to a letter he wrote to all 21 municipalities in the county relative to his concerns regarding the costs associated with the potential re-evaluation. He made comments relative to the proceeds of the sale of Runnells Hospital and the County's budget surplus, and proposed the Board use those funds to fund grants for the re-evaluations.

Chairman Bergen made comments as to why he felt a shared service would not be a practical means to address the re-evaluation issue. He later added (after Mr. Burry's comments) that the County Tax Board hears appeals, and as such, may reflect a conflict of interest negating the County's ability to offer a shared service to municipalities.

John Burry, of Kenilworth, made comments relative to the cost of Obamacare (Affordable Care Act). He made comments relative to the Board's involvement and financing of Union County Improvement Authority projects.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Kowalski thanked all speakers that participated in the night's meeting; especially those from Community Access in support of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). She made comments relative to her support of the ACA.

She thanked the Department of Human Services and all those who participated in the "Point and Time" count. She made comments relative to the efforts of all who participated and the need to assist the county's homeless population.

She made comments relative to a number of upcoming countywide events, including "February Festivities" program and "Teen Arts Festival". She noted the county has begun to look for lifeguards for the upcoming season.

Freeholder Carter thanked the entire county's youth who participated in this year's UC STEP program. She made comments relative to their "Cans for Kids" campaign.

She made comments relative to the Black History Month events available to the public; "Black Wall Street: A True Reflection of the Sun People" at the Union County Performing Arts Center on February 4, 2017, "Call Mr. Robeson" at the Union County Performing Arts Center on February 11, 2017, and "A Beautiful Symphony of Brotherhood: A musical journey in the life of Martin Luther King, Jr." on February 27th which will feature the 5th annual Chester Holmes Humanitarian Award.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to the County's upcoming recycling events, noting that residents can download a new phone app to receive such information.

He thanked all of those who came to support the Affordable Care Act and made comments relative to his support. He congratulated Chris Debbie on his upcoming swearing in ceremony as the next Union County Chief of Police, noting that he has been filling in for almost two years as Officer In Command/Acting Police Chief.

Freeholder Hudak made comments relative to the County's expansion of its Wi-Fi service throughout Union County, noting six new sites: Ponderosa Park, Conant Park, Warinanco Park, Mattano Park, Rizzuto Park, and Watchung Stables.

He thanked those who came to the meeting in support of the Affordable Care Act, and commended all residents who exercised their constitutional rights in a peaceful and constructive way, noting that the country will need more of such action over the next four years. He made comments relative to the "Point and Time" count, and the number of nonprofit organizations that assisted the homeless while knowing federal funds are threatened. He commended them for the work they do and the assistance they provide to the County's most vulnerable. He added that he finds zero entertainment in the dialogue coming from Washington as it relates to federal funding.

Freeholder Wright made comments on behalf of Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi relative to her office's Notary seminars. She commended both County Clerk Rajoppi and County Surrogate LaCorte on their efforts.

County Manager Faella made comments relative to Caren Franzini, former head of the New Jersey Economic Agency, noting her involvement in many of the major economic projects in Union County such as Jersey Gardens Mall, Wakefern Food Corp., and Toys R' Us.

Vice Chairman Granados made comments relative to new employment opportunities through Blue Apron, which is offering 500 new jobs for county residents. He noted that as the liaison to the Workforce Development Board, he was pleased to see the Board's investment in the Innovation Center.

Chairman Bergen congratulated Freeholder Estrada on receiving an award from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, noting that in part to his efforts, Union County has been able to advance almost \$3 million in safety improvements and nearly \$38 million in local roadway and bridge projects. He noted that Freeholder Estrada serves as the Board's First Vice Chair and is Chair of the Project Prioritization Committee.

He made comments relative to the County's "Seniors in Motion" program, which awards vans for senior transport to many of the county's municipalities. He noted that 18 towns requested 15 passenger vans to transport their seniors to municipal destinations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- 1) Attorney- Client privileged communications and discussion of issues relative to on-going negotiations and potential Agreement with Zurich American Insurance Company and Shared Services Agreement with the Union County Improvement Authority relating to the Union County Family Courthouse; and

- 2) Attorney-Client privileged communications and discussion relative to the Shared Services Agreement with the UCIA for the Oak Ridge Park Project and potential negotiations and revisions to that Agreement.

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.

He stated that this Board wished to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Attorney-Client privileged communications and discussion of issues relative to on-going negotiations and potential Agreement with Zurich American Insurance Company and a Shared Services Agreement with the Union County Improvement Authority relating to the Union County Family Courthouse; and Attorney-Client privileged communications and discussion relative to the Shared Services Agreement with the UCIA for the Oak Ridge Park Project and potential negotiations and revisions to that Agreement.

He stated that the minutes of the Executive Session shall be separated from the minutes of the Open Public Session and that the minutes of the Executive Session, redacted as appropriate and necessary, shall be available in approximately 30 days. He stated that 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.

He stated that upon affirmative vote of the majority of the members present, the Board may enter Executive Session and upon the Board's return, it will not take formal action on the matters discussed.

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

Chairman Bergen asked for a motion to return to the Agenda Meeting. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Jalloh, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak not present.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bergen called for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion made by Freeholder Jalloh and seconded by Freeholder Carter, a voice vote showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative. Meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2017 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.

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REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017 at 12:00 pm
Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street,
Elizabeth, NJ

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