

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2013
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Linda Carter called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Sergio Granados	Freeholder	Present	
Bruce H. Bergen	Freeholder	Present	
Angel G. Estrada	Freeholder	Present	
Mohamed S. Jalloh	Freeholder	Present	
Bette Jane Kowalski	Freeholder	Present	
Alexander Mirabella	Freeholder	Present	
Vernell Wright	Freeholder	Present	
Christopher Hudak	Vice Chairman	Present	
Linda Carter	Chairman	Present	

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

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Frank Guzzo, Director

Director Guzzo congratulated Chairman Carter, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Granados on their election victory. He added that the Social Services safety net has remained strong because of this Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contracts 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 for the purpose of providing Truck and Bus Parts for the 24 month period of December 1, 2013 through November 30, 2015: Linden

Associated Auto Parts, Linden, New Jersey, in the amount of \$9,285.00; and Parts Authority in the amount of \$4,975.00 for a total amount of \$14,260.00. **(Bette Jane Kowalski)**

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into contract with New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Disability Services, for 2014 Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP) funding in the amount of \$82,000.00 designated for program administration for the grant period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. **(Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 2013-358, authorizing the County Manager to enter into agreements with a list of non-profit agencies for the purpose of providing a variety of social services to County residents in need, to extend the 2013 Peer Grouping Renewal Spending Plan for an additional five months through May 31, 2014 in the total amount of \$103,146.00 for a new total amount of \$298,562.00 and further authorizing the transfer of funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the various agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation. **(Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Chairman Carter asked for an explanation of item #3.

Director Guzzo stated it is to amend the spending plan to renew for an additional 7 month until May 31, 2014. He stated that we receive more being a County hospital because we have the frailest of the frail patients.

4. Amending Resolution Number 2012-637, to extend the 2013 Alliance Grant for an additional six (6) month period from January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014, and to further increase the award in the amount of \$265,436.00 for a new total amount of \$796,308, and to further amend existing subcontracts with the municipalities/agency, and further authorizing the County Manager to transfer funds among the municipalities/agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any fails to meet its contractual obligation. **(Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Vice Chairman Hudak asked if item #4 is a municipal allocation.

Director Guzzo replied yes. He stated that the funding in 2012 was good. He stated that the reallocation of the grant dollars will be increased by 50% and extended an additional 6 months to the municipalities. He said it is a 100% match. He added that Winfield and Summit chose not to participate in the Alliance program. He stated that the average is \$40,000 to \$50,000 and is used for such programs as DARE and Project Graduation. ??

Vice Chairman Hudak asked if any of the municipalities have failed to expend the grant dollars.

Director Guzzo stated that all the municipalities spend the grant dollars awarded to them. He said all programs are monitored and if there are dollars that are not spent, we are able to reallocate the dollars within the current funding cycle and would be done on a quarterly basis.

Vice Chairman Hudak stated that within the last 4 years, the dollars awarded have decreased, hence, we want to make sure the dollars are being used.

5. Authorizing the County Manager to award 2013-2014 HEARTH Emergency Solutions (HES) Grant program subcontracts pursuant to the recent Request for Proposal (RFP) procurement process for the provision of activities, programs and services that relate to rental assistance, supportive services, and prevention services as permitted by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations for the 8-month budget cycle from December 1, 2013 through July 31, 2014 in the amount of \$179,362 as specified on the spending plan, and to further authorize the County Manager to transfer funds among the various agencies during the

contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the various agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation. **(Bette Jane Kowalski)**

6. Authorizing the County Manager to award 2013-2014 Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) subcontracts pursuant to recent Request for Proposals (RFP) procurement process for the provision of services that include employment, case management, emergency shelter, food, rent/mortgage assistance and family supports as permitted by New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the period of November 15, 2013 through May 31, 2014 in the amount of \$165,000 as specified in the spending plan, and to further authorize the County Manager to transfer funds among the various agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the various agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation. **(Bette Jane Kowalski)**
7. Amending Resolution Number 2012-1020, increasing the 2013 Social Services for the Homeless (SSH) grant subcontract spending plan by \$41,373. The new total award for 2013 SSH subcontracted services would be \$652,893. The funding period would remain the same, January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. This resolution will further authorize the County Manager to transfer funds among the awarded agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation. **(Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Jalloh asked how many agencies are entitled to receive this grant.

Director Guzzo replied, only one; the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless. Freeholder Jalloh asked if the grant is to service one entity or if the amendment is for only one entity.

Director Guzzo explained that the amendment is for an additional \$41,000 and the funding entity remains the same such as; Catholic Charities, Home First, Plainfield YMCA, Urban League, Central Jersey... He said it is appropriated according to need and use.

8. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Mutual of America, Parsippany, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$34,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 for the provision of Group Life Insurance with Group Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan for employees not covered under the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS). **(Bette Jane Kowalski)**
9. Authorizing the County Manager to approve the Countywide Code Blue Emergency Shelter Initiative for the Winter of 2013-2014 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 to address the needs of the homeless during periods of extreme weather conditions. **(Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Director Guzzo drew attention to item #9. He explained that Union County is the only County in the State to have a Code Blue Program. He explained that it is to seek out the homeless in the middle of the night and bring them to shelters during the most extreme cold temperatures. He stated that there are 61 shelters and 125 individuals and they have been awarded \$6,600 by the State. He said all the money has not been utilized.

Chairman Carter stated that the County partners with the municipalities and it is important that the programs continue.

Director Guzzo added that County Police sends out the alerts and it is a cooperative effort with the County and municipalities.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTORGrace H. Park, Acting Prosecutor

First Assistant Tim Isenhour represented the Office.

1. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into a three (3) year contract with Sprint/Nextel, Denver, Colorado, using the national cooperative contract for service for existing secure push to talk units and any replacement phones, if needed, commencing December 1, 2013 through November 30, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$138,000. **(Linda Carter)**

Chairman Carter asked if item #1 is a contract renewal.

Mr. Isenhour responded yes, they have used this vendor for a number of years. The use is private and consistently grant funded.

Chairman Carter asked if the amount has been the same.

Mr. Isenhour stated that he does not believe there has been an increase. It is a "not to exceed" amount of \$138,000. The average use is \$4,000 per month.

Freeholder Jalloh asked if the contract is for the service.

Mr. Isenhour stated that it is for the device, data plan and service.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICESMatthew N. DiRado, Esq., Director

Director DiRado congratulated Chairman Carter, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Granados on their election.

Director DiRado stated that he will have 8 additional Resolutions for the next Freeholder Meeting to tie up loose ends prior to him leaving the County. He explained that they are for the dental renewal plan, the prescription and medical plans, disability insurance for 8 contracts; 48% will be paid by the County and 52% by the employee and the remaining will be for housekeeping matters.

1. Authorizing the sale of the County's personal property not needed for public use, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36; and declaring that the various vehicles and equipment are no longer needed for County purposes. **(Linda Carter)**

Freeholder Granados asked how many items are being auctioned as mentioned in item #1.

Director DiRado replied, 19 vehicles; 9 County use; 9 Prosecutor and 1 Union County Improvement Authority and 19 parks equipment, such as tractors, snow blowers and 83 pieces of computer equipment. He said last year \$83,000 was generated and they are doing an electronic auction this year.

Chairman Carter asked if there is a minimum bid amount to open the auction.

Director DiRado replied no. The equipment is old and are all retired as a result of the Asset Management system.

2. Amending Resolution Number 2012-1003, authorizing the 2014 Non-Contractual Salary Ranges, which are adjusted based upon the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous twelve months, which increased 1.6%. **(Linda Carter)**

3. Renewing the County's membership with the New Jersey Counties Excess Joint Insurance fund for a three year period from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016. **(Linda Carter)**

Freeholder Wright asked about the membership fee item #3.

Director DiRado stated that they joined JIF in 2011 for 3 years. This item is only to join. It cost \$2.1 million in 2013 to join and there will be a slight increase next year. What???

Freeholder Estrada stated that there is no cost to the County to join JIF, we get insurance in return as we are self-insured.

Director DiRado stated that there are membership costs to join the policies and the County is the 3rd County to join JIF and there are 3 more counties joining.

Freeholder Mirabella asked if more counties join JIF, will the cost decrease.

Director DiRado replied yes, there is a shared risk and overhead cost.

Freeholder Mirabella asked if there is an increase in CPI range.

Director DiRado stated that in 1992, the Board estimated a guide salary increase. The CPI structure is 1.6%. It is based on grades, it is not a salary increase only a structure. He explained further, if someone falls below the minimum, as of January 1st, there will be an adjustment. He said there are currently 3 people who need to be adjusted.

4. Amending Resolution Number 2013-572, a contract with Roth D'Aquanni, LLC., Springfield, New Jersey, special counsel for personnel affairs to increase the cap for legal services in the amount of \$12,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$155,000. **(Linda Carter)**

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Brian Riordan, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to utilize its option to renew an agreement with Aramark Correctional Services, Inc., Atlanta, GA., for the provision of food services for the Union County Jail, for the period of November 13, 2013 through November 12, 2104 in an amount not to exceed \$1, 200,00.00 **(Linda Carter)**

Vice Chairman Hudak asked if item #1 is the same vendor as used by the Bayside State Prison as mentioned in the newspaper.

Director Riordan stated that they have received the same complaints, but they resolve the problems and have been responsive.

Vice Chairman Hudak asked if he is happy with the vendor's quality, variety and cleanliness.

Director Riordan replied yes. He said there has been a total change done for that institution and sometimes change is not always accepted well. He said this is a billion dollar company and corrections is a big market and they are content with their services.

Freeholder Jalloh asked if the monthly rate fluctuates.

Director Riordan explained that the daily population fluctuates. The per meal price and meals differ in price plus the SLAP individuals also get fed. He said \$20,000 to \$23,000 per week is spent on food services.

Freeholder Jalloh asked why there is one amount to the end of the year and one contract for 11 months.

Director Riordan stated that they wanted to break it down into 2 years. The contract runs from November to November

Freeholder Mirabella asked about the cost per meal and if there was a change from last year.

Director Riordan stated that the cost is \$1.235 for a standard meal, which covers 65% of the inmates, \$1.87 for religious meals and \$3.75 for Kosher meals.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES

Joseph Graziano, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Service contract to French and Parrello Associates, PA, Consulting Engineers, of Wall, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing 2014 Inspection of Dams, in an amount not to exceed \$21,750.00. **(Linda Carter)**

Freeholder Bergen asked if the price on the contract in item #1 is increased and if the Engineer is specialized in dams.

Director Graziano said it is not the same company. It is less than the last contract. He said the last contract was for \$23,000. This Engineer is qualified for dam construction. This will cover 8 dams. He said the dams are inspected every 2 two years to comply with regulations.

Freeholder Kowalski asked for the same dams are inspected every 2 years.

Director Graziano stated that the 8 dams are Briant Park, Springfield, Milton lake, Cranford, Robinson's Branch, Clark, Upper and Lower Lake, Mountainside, Bloodgoods Pond, Clark, Jackson's Pond, Cranford, and Seeley's Pond, Berkeley Heights.

Freeholder Estrada asked to get the evaluations of the dams when completed.

Director Graziano stated that he will forward the information to the Board.

County Manager Faella asked if there was an impact on the dams due to Storm Sandy.

Director Graziano replied yes.

2. Ratifying a request from the Township of Scotch Plains to close a portion of Martine Avenue, from Union Catholic High School, 1600 Martine Avenue to Inverness Drive for a 5K run that was held on Saturday, October 26, 2013. **(Linda Carter)**
3. Resolution granting permission to Township of Scotch Plains to close Park Avenue from East 2nd Street to Front Street on Sunday, December 1, 2013 from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for a Holiday Celebration. **(Linda Carter)**
4. Granting permission to the Borough of Mountainside to close New Providence Road from Mountain Avenue to Birch Hill Road on Saturday, November 2, 2013 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (rain date November 9, 2013) for the purpose of moving the Historic Levi Cory House. **(Linda Carter)**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Bibi Taylor, Director

Comptroller Erick Mesias represented the Department.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2013-822, to reflect the correct amount of \$587,000 as a result of a typographical error with the City Plainfield for a Paving Project. **(Christopher Hudak)**

Freeholder Wright asked if there has been an increase or a decrease in the contract pertaining to item #1.

Mr. Mesias stated that there was an increase of \$10,000.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Edmunds & Associates, Inc., Northfield, New Jersey, for the support and maintenance of Edmunds Financial Accounting; Electronic Requisitions and Accounts Receivable modules for the contract period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in the amount of \$20,580.00. **(Christopher Hudak)**
3. Resolution Modifying the 2013 Budget in the amount of \$121,025 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a Program Entitled: LINCS Health Service Award Grant. **(Christopher Hudak)**
4. Resolution Modifying the 2013 Budget in the amount of \$41,373 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a Program Entitled: Social Services for the Homeless Grant. **(Christopher Hudak)**
5. Resolution Modifying the 2013 Budget in the amount of \$8,025 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a Program Entitled: Smart Steps Program. **(Christopher Hudak)**
6. Resolution Modifying the 2013 Budget in the amount of \$36,000 as a result of notification received from the State of Hoboken Family Planning Inc., for a Program Entitled: NJ Cancer Education and Early Detection Program (NJCEED). **(Christopher Hudak)**

Chairman Carter asked if items 3,4,5 and 6 are a result of the State's notification of awards.

Mr. Mesias replied yes.

7. Approving Transfer of Current Fund Appropriations. **(Christopher Hudak)**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL

Ronald Zuber, Director

Deputy Director Cherron Rountree represented the Department.

Deputy Rountree congratulated Chairman Carter, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Granados on their election victory. She stated that it will be her final meeting as an employee of the County.

Chairman Carter thanked her for her services to the County and wished her well on her next adventure.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2013-411, approving the 2013-2014 Consolidated Acton Plan, to include the City of Linden Street Resurfacing Project funded with Community Development Program Income funds in the amount of \$89,584.67. **(Angel G. Estrada)**

2. Amending Resolution Number 2012-1039, an agreement with KemperSports Management, North Brook, Illinois, for the operational expenses for the management and maintenance of the golf courses as required for the year 2013 in an amount of \$527,205 for a new total contract amount of \$5,756,973.00. **(Linda Carter)**

Freeholder Kowalski asked for an explanation of item #2.

Deputy Director Rountree explained that \$5.6 million was the projected revenue for the food/beverage and staff, but now the projected revenue is \$6.3, having a \$182,000 net profit overall for the County.

3. 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 Parks and Community Renewal: John R. Knabb & Sons, Kutztown, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing hay, for an extended contract period of twelve (12) months in the amount of \$189,150.00. **(Linda Carter)**
4. 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 Parks and Community Renewal: John R. Knabb & Sons, Kutztown, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing straw, for an extension of twelve (12) months in the amount of \$95,875.00. **(Linda Carter)**

Freeholder Jalloh asked about the contract extension in item #4. He asked if research has been done for a lesser amount.

Deputy Director Rountree stated that the price of hay has increased as the farmers could not dry hay and straw. She said hay went from \$290 per ton to \$375 per ton and straw went from \$295 per ton to \$390 per ton. Both have increased due to the weather.

5. Authorizing the County Manager to make an application for the FY 2015-2016 Subregional Studies Program of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) for a \$300,000.00 grant, with a required County Match of \$60,000, to update the Union County Transportation Plan. **(Linda Carter)**

Freeholder Mirabella asked about the nature of item #5.

Deputy Director Rountree explained that it is to update the County Transportation Plan, if the grant is awarded, it will be July 2014. She stated that the last Plan was created in 2002.

6. Authorizing the County Manager to extend a contract with HAPPY Software and Services , Housing Pro Upgrade Section 8 House, Sarasota Springs, New York, to provide software maintenance and support for the contract period of October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014 in the amount of \$6,519.00. **(Linda Carter)**

Freeholder Jalloh asked for an explanation of item #6.

Deputy Director Rountree stated that the County acts as a housing agency needed for Section 8 Housing. She said the waiting list is open and there are \$27,000 pre-applicants from Plainfield, Elizabeth and Union. This software helps maintain the list and is administered through a third party.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for a 2013-2014 NACCHO MRC grant award for Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) units to increase awareness and understanding of the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) program; to support and increase MRC capacities at the local level; and expand the efforts and capabilities of local MRC units to support their community-based public health, preparedness and response initiatives. **(Linda Carter)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$250,000 from the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management for the purpose of updating the Countywide Hazards Mitigation Plan. **(Linda Carter)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend \$214,324 from the Department of Justice's 2013 Edward Byrne Memorial Grant Program for the purpose of providing local law enforcement agencies with the necessary training and equipment to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the criminal justice system. **(Linda Carter)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend the FFY 2013 Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant in the amount of \$1,227,907 from the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness in order to enhance the County and Regional ability to prevent, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism. **(Linda Carter)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the Township of Union to provide back-up dispatch services to the township in case of emergency. **(Linda Carter)**
Freeholder Bergen said he is pleased that Union Township has signed on to the dispatching agreement with the County, even if it is only as a back up.
Freeholder Estrada asked about the charge to item #5.
Director Moran stated that there is no charge. He said we supply the radio equipment to the community and personnel. We fill in the temps for their personnel to be assigned to the Westfield office.
6. Authorizing the County Manager to accept a 6x4 Truck purchased by University of Medicine and Dentistry (UMDNJ) through the Urban Area Security Initiative grant initiative, valued at \$214,000, to enhance the County of Union's response capabilities. **(Linda Carter)**

RUNNELLS SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL

Sandra Adour, Acting Administrator

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with practitioners to provide professional medical services for the patients/residents of the Cornerstone Units at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000. **(Vernell Wright)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Robert Restifo, D.O., Summit, New Jersey, to provide for a Director of Pulmonary Medicine/Respiratory Care in order to maintain standards for the State of New Jersey Department of Health for the contract period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$4,000. **(Vernell Wright)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement for the purpose of providing professional fees for Specialty Medical consultants to provide services to the patients/residents

at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in the amount of \$5,000.00. **(Vernell Wright)**

Chairman Carter asked for an explanation of item #3.

Ms. Adour stated that item #3 is to authorize Runnells Hospital to enter into an agreement for professional services that are not covered by insurance, like psychiatric patients. She said it is better to treat them with a specialist.

Chairman Carter asked if this has been done in the past.

Ms. Adour stated replied yes. The dollars are retained in case they are needed next year.

County Manager Faella thanked Ms. Adour, Director Guzzo, Freeholder Mirabella and Freeholder Wright for attending Runnells Specialized Hospital to address any questions or concerns.

4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the Practitioners/Psychiatry to provide professional services for the patients/residents of the Cornerstone Units at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in the amount of \$48,000. **(Vernell Wright)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Shanthi Chezian, M.D., Behavioral Medicine Associates, PA, South Plainfield, New Jersey, for the purpose of Professional Fees for Medical Psychiatric Evening Coverage for the patients/residents of the Cornerstone Units at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in the amount of \$6,500. **(Vernell Wright)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Hill-Rom, Bates, Indiana, for the purchase of one Long Term Care bed and three (3) wound surface mattress in the amount of \$5,258.40. **(Vernell Wright)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Total Hearing Care, LLC, Somerset, New Jersey, to provide audiology services to the residents/patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of November 1, 2013 through October 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. **(Vernell Wright)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Robert E. Barry, Esq., County Counsel

County Counsel Barry congratulated Chairman Carter, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Granados on their election victory.

There were no questions.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2012-124, to increase the appropriation to Palumbo & Renaud of Cranford, New Jersey, in the matter entitled Kevin Kolbeck v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$20,000.00. **(Linda Carter)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2013-803, to increase the appropriation to Bauch Zucker Hatfield, LLC, Springfield, New Jersey, in the matter entitled Beverly Figueroa v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$80,000.00. **(Linda Carter)**

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

Freeholder Estrada stated that he will have a Resolution sponsoring the 75th Anniversary of the Elizabeth Housing Authority and asked if the Board could join Freeholder Granados on item #2.

Vice Chairman Hudak stated that he will have a Laudatory Resolution for the passing of former Mayor of Linden John Gregorio.

Freeholder Kowalski asked to join Freeholder Mirabella on item #7 and said she will have a Laudatory Resolution for the next Freeholder Meeting.

County Manager Faella congratulated Chairman Carter, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Granados on their recent electoral win. He said the residents of Union County are also winners under their leadership.

1. Appointing Robert Ehrenbeck as a member to the Transportation Advisory Board to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2013. **(Sergio Granados)**
2. Congratulating John N. Surmay, Health Officer for the City of Elizabeth, on his retirement after 44 years of dedicated service to the residents of Elizabeth and the County of Union. **(Sergio Granados)**
3. Recognizing the Portuguese-American Police Association (PAPA) and its efforts to bolstering the Portuguese-American community and helping those in the community who need assistance. **(Sergio Granados)**
4. Commending the Elizabeth Portuguese Leo Club on its outstanding community service in the City of Elizabeth. **(Sergio Granados)**
5. Congratulating the Elizabeth High School Marching Band on winning the United States Bands Group 5A National Championship and the United States Bands Group 5A State Championship for the third year in a row. **(Angel G. Estrada, Sergio Granados)**
6. Proclaiming November 2013 to be National Family Caregivers Month in the County of Union. **(Bette Jane Kowalski)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to award a grant in the amount of \$1,518.00, through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, to the Cranford Historical Society, Cranford, New Jersey. This grant will allow the Cranford Historical Society to make final payment for the installation of the historic fireplace formerly located at the Solomon Schechter Day School in Cranford, New Jersey. The NJ Historic Trust has deemed this an "historic object", and the Cranford Historical Society has met the matching grant requirement. **(Alexander Mirabella)**
8. Amending Resolution Number 2013-850, to include one additional Municipality and the County of Union as participants in the Greening Union County 2013 grant in the total amount of \$8,000.00; in accordance with the Greening Union County Grant's criteria as stated in said grant application, through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund for a total award amount not to exceed \$75,615.50. **(Alexander Mirabella)**

9. Congratulating Jazmyn Carrington of Scotch Plains, New Jersey on being honored by the Union County Board of Education for saving a fellow Union County Academy for Performing Arts student by performing the Heimlich maneuver. **(Alexander Mirabella)**
10. Congratulating Rev. Dr. J. Michael Sanders for his 30 years as Pastor of Fountain Baptist Church in Summit, New Jersey. **(Vernell Wright)**
11. Recognizing the efforts of eighth-grade student Alex Jackman, of Westfield, New Jersey, in his production of a 14 minute educational documentary entitled "A Teen's Guide to Understanding and Communicating with People with Autism." **(Linda Carter)**
12. Congratulating the honorees at the 2013 Irish American Society of Union's Annual Dance: Eileen Birch as the "Irishwoman of the Year," and Albert 'Buddy' Cotter as the "Irishman of the Year." **(Linda Carter)**
13. Proclaiming Friday, November 22, 2013 "Adoption Day" in Union County, joining in a national effort to raise awareness about the importance of adoption. **(Linda Carter, & The Board)**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 PM.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Hudak, Chairman Carter;

Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders 2013 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 6, 2013 at 12:00pm

Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

Agenda Setting Meetings

January 17, 2013

February 7, 2013

February 28, 2013

March 7, 2013

March 21, 2013

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Regular Meetings

January 24, 2013

February 21, 2013

February 28, 2013

March 14, 2013

March 28, 2013

April 11, 2013

April 25, 2013

May 16, 2013

May 30, 2013

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June 27, 2013

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August 22, 2013

September 19, 2013

September 26, 2013

October 10, 2013

October 17, 2013

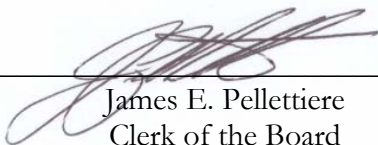
November 14, 2013

Tues. November 26, 2013

December 5, 2013

December 19, 2013

* Special Meeting: April 18, 2013 at 6:30pm



James E. Pellettiere
Clerk of the Board

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