



## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bruce Bergen presided and called the meeting to order at 7:16pm.

### ROLL CALL

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

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.

### APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

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#### Note and File

Oath of Office: Emergency Management Council: Joseph Cryan, Chris Debbie, Sebastian D'Elia, Alfred Faella, Joseph Graziano, Annanelly McNair, Thomas Mineo, Andrew Moran, Grace Park and Gareth Williams; Fire Services Advisory Board: Dan Czeh, Eric Evers, Fred Fretz, Thomas McNamara, Andrew Moran, Michael Scanio, and Gary Steitz; Human Services Advisory Board: Carmen Hernandez, Stanley Neron, Florence Peterson and Ella Teal; Local Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse: Sonja Ash; Shade Tree Advisory Board: Margaret Bandrowski; Union County Air Traffic and Noise Advisory Board: Dennis Hardie; Union County Commission on the Status of Women: Lisa Bonanno, Nicole DeAugustine, Phyllis Mirabella and Michele Yamakaitis; Union County Planning Board: Steven Le and Michael De Rosa; Union County Improvement Authority: Steve Hockaday and Anthony Scutari; Union County Utilities Authority: James E. Pelletiere; Voter Accessibility Advisory Board: Aneil Badri, Dennis Kobitz, and Marie Oakie.

Chairman Bergen called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Granados, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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**ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION**

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Chairman Bergen asked Clerk of the Board Pelletiere to read the Ordinance by title.

Clerk of the Board Pelletiere read the Ordinance by title.

- 782-2017 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE GUARANTY OF THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON NOT TO EXCEED \$8,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF COUNTY GUARANTEED LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2016 (UNION COUNTY FAMILY COURT BUILDING PROJECT- ELIZABETH), ISSUED BY THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL SECURITY THEREFOR AND DETERMINING CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

**FIRST READING STATEMENT**

Freeholder Mirabella, Fiscal Chairman, will move Ordinance Number 782-2017 for First Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The Final Reading and Public Hearing are scheduled for March 9, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella, Fiscal Committee Chairman, and seconded by Vice Chairman Granados, Ordinance Number 782-2017 was moved for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. Roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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

John Burry, of Kenilworth, made comments or inquires relative to a number of resolutions. Relative to Resolution No. 2017-153, he asked for clarification that this policy is for life insurance for county owned horses. He asked how much the insurance is per horse and if it was for unforeseen deaths only. Relative to Resolution No. 2017-154, he inquired as to the time frame for moving the inmates. Relative to Resolution No. 2017-156 & 2017-157, he suggested they would do the work without the county's funding and inquired as to the county's benefit for entering into the contract.

Relative to Resolution No. 2017-153, Director Yuska advised that the cost per horse equates to \$28.75 as compared to the costs for the replacement of a horse at \$3,000-\$5,000. He added that this type of policy is common among those counties that provide stables.

Chairman Bergen asked for clarification that this insurance is for horses the county owns at the Watchung Stables.

Director Yuska advised that was the case. He added that this policy would cover a number of reasons such as if a horse were to break its leg or is attacked by an animal.

Relative to Resolution No. 2017-154, Director Charles advised that they needed to move the inmates as a security measure while the facility underwent the elevator, roof and panel project. He added that they expect to complete the projects by April of this year.

Chairman Bergen asked the Director to confirm that this was part of a planned renovation and that this resolution is required to complete the project.

Director Charles confirmed that was the case.

Relative to Resolution No. 2017-156 & 2017-157, Director Wagner advised that none of the County's funding to the Economic Development Corporation is used for loans. She advised that those funds come from private lenders and the EDC's annual fundraising campaigns. Director Wagner advised that the funds the County provides goes towards the assistance to County businesses, noting that she previously spoke on the Procurement contract and added that the other project deals with mentoring and loan consultations. She advised that last year, under the "General Economic Development" contract, 18 loans were provided to Union County businesses in excess of \$1 million which created 34 jobs and helped retain 103 jobs in Union County. She added that they offered 89 training sessions to Union County residents, 407 mentoring hours to Union County businesses. She advised that the EDC also developed reports on behalf of the County. She reiterated that none of the County funds are being loaned out to businesses, but rather are being used to assist Union County businesses grow and thrive.

## RESOLUTIONS

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The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2017-131 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to execute Right of Way/Agreements with various owners in association with the Gordon Street Bridge Replacement - West First Avenue to Westfield Avenue, Borough of Roselle and Roselle Park, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$203,720.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-051)

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

- 2017-132 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-851, (BA#57-2015) a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq., to GPC, Inc., of Millburn, New Jersey approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Union County Oriscello Correctional Facility - Electrical Room Fire Suppression System, Elizabeth, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$15,831.12) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$52,168.88. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-033E)

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

- 2017-133 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2016-292, (BA#6-2016) a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq., to Manor II Electric, Inc., of Holmdel, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the installation of an emergency generator at the Engineering Building located in Scotch Plains, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$2,527.78) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$139,772.22. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-012).

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

- 2017-134 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-325, (BA#10-2015) a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq., to Schifano Construction Corporation of Middlesex, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for 2015 Road Resurfacing Project, Various Municipalities, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$275,755.51) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$4,799,830.49. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2014-038)

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

- 2017-135 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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., to Tony & Son, Inc., of Colonia, New Jersey, for the Rehabilitation of Springfield Avenue Bridge (Be19), Township of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$782,909.00. (BA#31-2016; Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-010)

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

- 2017-136 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal, (RFP) process, to Remington & Vernick Engineers, of Secaucus, New Jersey, to provide Engineering Design Services, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Replacement of Stelle Avenue over Cedar Brook Bridge, PI01, City of Plainfield, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$144,184.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-028)

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

- 2017-137 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 Administration and Inspection Services for Kitchen Hoods for Union County Administration Building and New Courthouse Annex Building, located in Elizabeth, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-039)

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

- 2017-138 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Alaimo Group Consulting Engineers, of Mt. Holly, New Jersey, to provide Design and Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Replacement of Watchung Avenue over Stream 10-7-22 Minor Bridge, P108, City of Plainfield, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$214,270.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-040)

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

- 2017-139 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 Design Services, and Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Replacement of Shunpike Road over Stream 10-35 Minor Bridge (Su53) in the City of Summit, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$124,828.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-041)

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

- 2017-140 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Remington & Vernick Engineers of Secaucus, New Jersey to provide Engineering Design Services, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Replacement of Lawrence Avenue Minor Bridge, Mo-03, Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$121,469.04. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-042)

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

- 2017-141 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring the Friends of NJ Legacy Foundation's Black History Program entitled "Middle Passage" to be held on February 11, 2017 in the amount of \$1,200.00.

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

- 2017-142 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Re-appointing the following members to the Senior Citizen Disabled Resident Transportation Advisory Board for a two year term

beginning January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018. Kevin Illing (Disabled); William Totten (Disabled/Senior) Patricia Rufolo (Senior); Stephen E. Thorpe (Senior) and Rosemary Coppola (Disabled/Senior).

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

- 2017-143 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the First Tee of America Raritan Valley Chapter to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Learning Center to develop community outreach programs for the County's youth from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

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

- 2017-144 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Girls for Golf Program, Daytona, Florida to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Learning Center to develop community outreach programs for the County's youth from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

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

- 2017-145 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the NJ Golf Foundation to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Learning Center to develop community outreach programs for the County's youth from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

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

- 2017-146 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Renaissance Jr. Golf, Inc., of Vauxhall, NJ to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Learning Center to develop community outreach programs for the County's youth from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

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

- 2017-147 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-869, (BA#59-2015) a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq., to J.A. Alexander, Inc., of Bloomfield, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Galloping Hill Golf Cart Path Improvement Project, County of Union, New Jersey. This Change Order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$4,468.05) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$1,085,931.95. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-014)

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

- 2017-148** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Dominion Voting Systems, Denver, Colorado, for the purpose of providing licensing, maintenance and support for the WinEDS 4.0 voting system for the contract period April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018, in the amount of \$32,069.69.

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

- 2017-149** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2016-559, a contract with Atlantic Medical Group, Clark, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Pre-Employment Medical Examinations and other related medical services for new Sheriff hires to increase the contract by \$925.00 for a new total amount not to exceed \$97,925.00.

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

- 2017-150** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager through, the Office of the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to apply for and accept funding from the State Office of Victim Witness Advocacy for the STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Program in the amount of \$25,999, requiring a county match of \$8,666 for the period of June 16, 2017 through May 31, 2018.

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

- 2017-151** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to purchase humidifiers for the UCPO Laboratory from Reiner Group, Inc. of Fair Lawn, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$30,785.00.

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

- 2017-152** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of the Prosecutor's Office, to apply for and accept funding from the Division of Criminal Justice, State Office of Victim Witness Advocacy for the project entitled Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Program from the period of January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$98,544. A county match of \$24,636 is required. The total project amount is \$123,180.

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

- 2017-153** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing a payment to Brown & Brown, County General Insurance Agent of Record, to renew the Livestock Mortality Policy

with Great American Assurance Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, to cover death of horses due to unforeseen circumstances from February 24, 2017 through February 23, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$1,725.00.

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

- 2017-154** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2016-331, in an additional amount of \$469,268.21 for the purpose of relocating approximately forty (40) Union County adult inmates to Essex County Correctional Facility during construction phase in an amount not to exceed \$1,969,268.21.

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

- 2017-155** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew a contract with All Covered, a division of Konica Minolta Business Solutions, Cherry Hill, NJ, through the competitive contracting process (RCCP 2013-2), to provide the necessary technical support for the networks, servers and computer system throughout the County of Union for the 2017 calendar year, in an amount not to exceed \$281,580.

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

- 2017-156** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to the Union County Economic Development Corporation, to provide General Economic Development Services to Private Businesses in Union County, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

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

- 2017-157** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to the Union County Economic Development Corporation to provide procurement training/technical assistance to private businesses within the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

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

- 2017-158** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend the 2016 Emergency Management Agency Assistance Grant from the NJ State Police Office of Emergency Management in an amount not to exceed \$110,000 (\$55,000 grant/\$55,000 in-kind match.)

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



- 2017-159** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with LPP Consulting, Ardsley, NY, to provide technical support and ensure HSEEP compliance for the 2017 UASI Metro USAR Full Scale Exercise for the UASI Region. This is funded through the 2015 UASI Grant program, in an amount not to exceed \$29,500.

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

- 2017-160** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with LPP Consulting, Ardsley, NY to provide technical support and ensure HSEEP compliance for a Full Scale Exercise involving several hospitals in the UASI Region. This is funded through the 2015 UASI Grant program, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

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

- 2017-161** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** A Resolution appointing Genova Burns, LLC of Newark, NJ as special counsel to represent Officer Damien Johnson in the matter entitled Jamil Hearn v. Officer Damien Johnson in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

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

#### **FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

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- 2017-162** **FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Congratulating Alexis Morrast of Plainfield upon winning first place in the nationally televised "Showtime at the Apollo."

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

- 2017-163** **FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Police Officer Michael Novak upon his passing.

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

- 2017-164** **FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Congratulating Daniel Anthony Luppino of Boy Scout Troop 75, Cranford, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

- 2017-165 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of former Freeholder Frank Lehr, during their time of sorrow.
- On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.
- 2017-166 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Proclaiming the month of February as Black History Month throughout the County of Union.
- On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.
- 2017-167 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Supporting the extension of the Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) program across the State of New Jersey.
- On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.
- 2017-168 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN, FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER, & FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Proclaiming the week of February 18-25, 2017 as The National FFA Organization Week throughout the County of Union.
- On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.
- 2017-169 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Congratulating and commending the efforts of the Weissberg Family (Team Weissberg) for their efforts in supporting and raising awareness for Dup15q Syndrome (a rare genetic disorder) and wishing them success with their 2nd "Hope for Holden to benefit the Dup15q Alliance" fundraiser.
- On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.
- 2017-170 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Caren Franzini, former Chief of the State Economic Development Authority upon her passing.
- On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.
- 2017-171 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Susan Hudak upon her sudden passing.
- On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.
- 2017-172 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN, FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER, & FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Proclaiming February 2017 as Career and Technical Education Month throughout the County of Union.

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

- 2017-173 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Union County Undersheriff Gerald Green, Jr. upon his retirement from the Union County Sheriff's Office.

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

- 2017-174 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Congratulating Sharon Robinson-Briggs upon being awarded the "Outstanding 2017 Valentine" by the Robinson Family Coalition on February 10, 2017.

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

- 2017-175 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to former County Director of Finance Lawrence Caroselli, and his family, on the passing of his mother, Margaret Caroselli.

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

- 2017-176 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating the 2017 Union County Baseball Hall of Fame Inductees - Ed Grzybowski, Mark Teutsch and Greg Randazza at their 81st Annual Hot Stove Dinner on February 12, 2017.

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

- 2017-177 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Sydney McLaughlin upon being the recipient of the Lombardi Memorial Award for Outstanding Female Athlete of Union County and Taylor McLaughlin upon being the recipient of the Chris Zusi Award for Outstanding Male Athlete of Union County by the Union County Baseball Association.

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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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.

There were no public comments.

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**FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

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Freeholder Wright made comments relative to the Union County Child Safety Seat Inspection program.

Freeholder Kowalski commended the Public Works staff that cleared the county roadways and the Public Safety staff who updated the community with weather updates, which helped ensure everyone was prepared. She made comments relative to the second round of funding of the Union County Community Garden Grants program, noting that in 2016, the Community Gardens grant funded 19 gardens in 10 municipalities.

Freeholder Carter thanked all the county personnel for their work in preparing for the storm; noting that many efforts were taken to ensure that various programs, such as the Meals on Wheels program, were not completely shut down.

Freeholder Carter made comments relative to Black History Month events taking place throughout the County, noting that she would be a guest speaker at the "Striving for Excellence" program at the Jerseyland Park Community Center in Scotch Plains. She commented on other events planned throughout the month.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to the County's planned Fiscal Committee Meetings on the Budget. He advised the first Budget Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at the Galloping Hill Clubhouse in Kenilworth; the second Budget Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at the Union County Administration Building; and the third Budget Meeting will be held on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at the Vocational-Technical School in Scotch Plains. He advised the Board will conduct these meetings in preparation of introducing the 2017 County Budget.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to former Freeholder Frank Lehr of Summit, noting his significant contributions to the County. The Freeholder stated that he ran against Mr. Lehr and noted that after the election, any time spent with Mr. Lehr was time well spent. The Freeholder said Mr. Lehr would be missed and he was happy the Board was able to recognize him.

Vice Chairman Granados thanked the Public Works and Public Safety employees who helped ensure our roads and residents were safe during the storm. The Vice Chairman congratulated the County's new Chief of Police, Chief Chris Debbie.

Chairman Bergen reflected on his relationship with former Freeholder Frank Lehr, commenting that he was always interested, involved and a gentleman. The Chairman noted that Mr. Lehr name is depicted on the plaque in the back of the Freeholder Meeting Room.

Chairman Bergen made comments relative to the Union County Project Search initiative aimed at assisting youth with disabilities to obtain a unique, life-changing school-to-work internship that provides them with employment training and with independent living skills. He advised that an informational session and tour would be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2017 at 7pm at Overlook Medical Center in Summit.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Granados, a voice vote showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative. Meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm.

## 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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 7:00 pm 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 8, 2017 at 12:00 pm Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

### 2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

#### AGENDA SETTING SESSION

January 19, 2017

February 2, 2017  
February 23, 2017

March 2, 2017  
March 16, 2017

April 6, 2017  
April 20, 2017

May 4, 2017  
May 25, 2017

June 1, 2017  
June 15, 2017

July 13, 2017

August 10, 2017

September 7, 2017  
September 28, 2017

October 5, 2017  
October 19, 2017

November 9, 2017  
November 30, 2017

December 14, 2017

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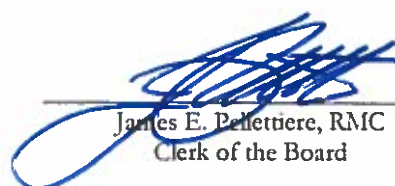
August 17, 2017

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 James E. Pelletiere, RMC  
 Clerk of the Board