



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2015
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

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

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.

COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

1. Oath of Office: Union County Air Traffic & Noise Advisory Board: William Ilaria; Union County Transportation Board: Robert Ehrenbeck.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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John Bury, Kenilworth, spoke on 2015-268. He asked why the amount is the same as last year given that Dr. Raymond Lanza is only overseeing Cornerstone this year. He asked if it covers his private practice and his work as medical examiner in Watchung.

With regard to Resolution Number 2015-268, Director Albert stated the malpractice policy involves the same duties and only covers said duties at Cornerstone.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, spoke on the following resolutions:

Relative to 2015-252, he asked whose idea it was to hold a Food Truck Carnival. He suggested it sounds a lot like MusicFest and questioned how it was considered "revenue generating". Relative to 2015-254, he asked what kind of experience does Laura Scutari have relative to the Authority. Relative to 2015-255, he asked for an overview of what the purpose of the resolution. Relative to 2015-257, he mentioned that it was a lot of money for two months. He asked what was the total contract amount. Relative to 2015-262, he asked why this purchase wasn't bonded for, and why is the County buying two sports utility vehicles. Relative to 2015-276, he asked is there any personal or business relationship between Alexander Booth and County Counsel Barry.

Relative to 2015-252, Director Zuber stated Game Changers approached the County to rent one of our parks for a two day festival. He explained that this will be revenue generating as they are renting the park, not unlike the Barclays event. He stated that they will pay our police directly and will incur all costs associated with the event, noting that there will be no County resources used whatsoever for the production of this event.

Relative to 2015-255, County Manager Faella stated the resolution reflects a change in position within the Surrogate's Office.

Relative to 2015-257, Director Guzzo stated the contract represents two months of the contract. He said the total contract is approximately \$5.4 million and service approximately 800 inmates and residents in the Juvenile Detention Center, adding that it covers medical costs including inpatient stays, dental and everything. He added that is a two month extension as they review bids for continued service.

Relative to 2015-262, Director Albert stated that these two vehicles replace two older vehicles with over 100,000 miles on them. He stated that they are for Public Works and Economic Development. He said the County went out to bid for this purchase, and received four bids. He stated that this was the lowest bid.

Relative to 2015-276, County Counsel Barry stated there was a business relationship twelve years ago, but no such relationship since that time.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

2015-251 FREEHOLDER GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to execute an Access and Use Agreement for the Green Lane Township Property located in the Township of Union (Block 301, Lot 1) for the purpose of performing a constraints mapping concept plan.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-252 FREEHOLDER GRANADOS: Resolution authorizing the County Manager, subject to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) approval, to enter into a license agreement with Game Changer World to present a two-day "Food Truck and Rock Carnival" on Saturday, September 19, 2015 and Sunday, September 20, 2015 at Oak Ridge Park. (Revenue Generating)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-253 FREEHOLDER HUDAK: PRESCRIBING THE DETAILS AND BOND FORM FOR \$64,850,000 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT REFUNDING BONDS (SERIES 2015) AND \$4,400,000 COUNTY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL REFUNDING BONDS (SERIES 2015) (NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOND RESERVE ACT), EACH ISSUE DATED APRIL 10, 2015, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN OFFER TO PURCHASE SAID BONDS AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-254 FREEHOLDER HUDAK: Appointing Laura Scutari as Commissioner to the Union County Utilities Authority to fill an unexpired term ending January 31, 2019.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-255 FREEHOLDER HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to adjust and/or change the Internal Position Control Schedules.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada,

Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-256 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2015 Coordinated Community Care Spending Plan in the total amount not to exceed \$100,000.00; entering into agreements with various agencies, pursuant to a Request for Proposal for contract year three of a three year cycle, to provide Home Care and Nursing services to Union County residents 60 years or older for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the agencies, during the contract period, should services needs change and/or if any of the funded agencies should fail to meet its contractual obligation.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-257 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2014-1040, to reflect an extension to the agreement with Corizon Health of NJ, Cedar Grove, New Jersey, for an additional two (2) month period from April 1, 2015 through May 31, 2015 for a total amount not to exceed \$900,389 for the provision of medical/health care services for inmates/residents at the UC Jail and UC Juvenile Detention Center.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-258 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution 2014-1043 to insert specific language, relative to the housing of female detainees, that the Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) wanted in the Shared Services Agreement with the County of Bergen: in order to provide adequate secure beds in anticipation of housing Hudson County juvenile detainees, the Union County Juvenile Detention Center (UCJDC) will use the Bergen County Juvenile Detention Center (BCJDC) to house its female detainees; BCJDC will still be the primary facility used in the event that Hudson/Union detainees cannot be accommodated in the UCJDC due to overcrowding; all other terms, conditions, and costs remain the same.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-259 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA: Appointing the following members to the Fire Services Advisory Board for a one year term expiring December 31, 2015: Andrew Moran (Director of Public Safety), Joseph Moschello (Fire Prevention Assoc), Steven Ruhl (Fire Academy Dean), Gary Steitz (Fire Investigation Representative), Christopher Scaturo (Emergency Services Director/Chief), William Kane (Emergency Services Deputy), Joseph Houck (Chief, Combo Department) Joseph Signorello (Chief Volunteer Department) Thomas McNamara (Largest City Fire Chief) Thomas Byrne (2nd Largest City Fire Chief, Steven Ruhl (President, Fire Chief Association), Fred Fretz (County Fire Coordinator) and Kristen Von St. Paul (Emergency Services Support staff).

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-260 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Amending Resolution #2015-115, a contract with Trinitas Regional Medical Center to provide Psychiatric Services to Cornerstone Psychiatric Units, to reflect a change in hours, staff and a change in date to reflect February 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-261 CHAIRMAN JALLOH: Authorizing the County Manager through, the Office of the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to apply for and accept funding from the Office of Victim Witness Advocacy for the STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) - DV Advocate Grant in the amount of \$25,486, requiring a county match of \$8,495 for the period June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-262 CHAIRMAN JALLOH: 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 Administrative Services, Division of Purchasing: Hertrich Fleet Services, Milford DE, for the purpose of providing two (2) Sport Utility Vehicles, in the amount of \$52,084.00 each for a total amount of not to exceed \$104,168.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-263 CHAIRMAN JALLOH: Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Public Official Bond with the Hartford Fire Insurance Company for John A. McGarry from March 09, 2015 through March 09, 2016 in the amount of \$1,150.00

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-264 CHAIRMAN JALLOH: Renewing the Volunteer Accident Insurance policy with the Hartford Insurance Company from April 1, 2015 through April 1, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$360.00 per year.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-265 CHAIRMAN JALLOH: Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Public Official Bond with the Hartford Fire Insurance Company for Anthony Ugoaru from March 09, 2015 through March 09, 2016 in the amount of \$1,150.00

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-266 CHAIRMAN JALLOH: Renewing the Public Official Bond with Travelers Casualty & Surety Company, Hartford, Connecticut for Bibi Taylor, for the period of April 15, 2015 through April 15, 2016 in the amount of \$952.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-267 CHAIRMAN JALLOH: Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Public Official Bond with the CNA Surety Company for Charles Gillon from March 09, 2015 through March 09, 2016 in the amount of \$1,050.00

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-268 CHAIRMAN JALLOH: Approving the Medical Malpractice Liability policy for Dr. Raymond Lanza, at Runnells Specialized Hospital, with Princeton Insurance Company, Princeton, New Jersey, for the period of May 1, 2015 through May 1, 2016 in the amount of \$13,642.69.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-269 CHAIRMAN JALLOH: Amending resolution #2015-185 awarding a contract to Wilfred McDonald, Inc. S. Hackensack, New Jersey for the purchase of (2) Jacobsen Diesel ground maintenance equipment to include the following account: C-04-55-910-135-919 and C-04-55-910-134-919. (Change in accounts only)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-270 CHAIRMAN JALLOH: 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 Economic Development, Division of Engineering: Foggia Trinity Electric, LLC, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Intersection Improvements - North Broad Street and Central Avenue, Township of Hillside, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$249,892.48. (BA#2-2015; Union County Engineering Project Number 2012-006)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-271 CHAIRMAN JALLOH: 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: Economic Development, Division of Engineering: Tiffany Electric, Fairfield, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Intersection Improvements - Magie Avenue at Summit Road and Magie Avenue/Lincoln Avenue at Galloping Hill Road, City of Elizabeth, County of Union, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$455,777.20. (BA#1-2015; Union County Engineering Project #2010-010)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-272 CHAIRMAN JALLOH: Authoring the County Manager to enter into a contract with Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts to provide two nation preparedness leadership courses to 50 responders from the UASI Region in an amount not to exceed \$46,270.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-273 CHAIRMAN JALLOH: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into Ambulance Service Billing Coordination Agreements between the County and Local medical Centers that provide advanced life support services. The County will receive a percentage of the amount billed.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-274 CHAIRMAN JALLOH: Amending Resolution Number 2014-1096, to increase the appropriation to Shain, Schaffer & Rafanello of Bernardsville, New Jersey in the matter entitled Shiquon Fowler v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$30,000.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-275 CHAIRMAN JALLOH: Amending Resolution Number 2015-137, to increase the appropriation to Bauch, Zucker, Hatfield, LLC of Springfield, New Jersey in the matter entitled Barbara Egger v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$60,000.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-276 CHAIRMAN JALLOH: A Resolution appointing Alexander Booth, Esq. of Jersey City, New Jersey to represent Correction Officer Anthony McKenzie in the matter entitled LaQuan Kearney v. UC, et al in amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-277 CHAIRMAN JALLOH: Amending Resolution Number 2015-83, to increase the appropriation to Jardim, Meisner & Susser, P.C. of Florham Park, New Jersey in the matter entitled Shiquon Fowler v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$30,000.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-278 CHAIRMAN JALLOH: Amending Resolution Number 2014-927, to increase the appropriation to Bauch, Zucker, Hatfield, LLC of Springfield, New Jersey in the matter entitled Beverly Figueroa v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$215,000.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2015-279 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA: Laudatory resolution proclaiming the week of April 6-12, 2015, as "National Public Health Week."

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-280 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA: Laudatory resolution proclaiming the week of April 6-11, 2015 as "Community Development Week" throughout the County of Union; recognizing the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs' many contributions to the viability of the housing stock, infrastructure, public services, and economic vitality of the Union County community.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-281 FREEHOLDER GRANADOS: Laudatory resolution commending the efforts of the Salvation Army and congratulating their honorees being recognized at their Annual Luncheon Celebration: Dr. Orlando Edreira, Humanitarian of the Year; The Outlet Collection-Jersey Gardens, Company of the Year; and Joseph Cannon, Volunteer of the Year.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-282 FREEHOLDER GRANADOS: Laudatory resolution congratulating Community Access Unlimited and the honorees of their Annual Awards Night Celebration to be held April 8, 2015.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-283 FREEHOLDER HUDAK: Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Joseph Rodriguez, and to the greater-Linden community, during their time of sorrow.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-284 FREEHOLDER HUDAK: Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Frank Viggiano, and to the greater-Linden community, during their time of sorrow.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-285 FREEHOLDER HUDAK: Laudatory resolution extending this Board's sincere congratulations to Christopher Miranda, of Boy Scout Troop #68, on attaining his Eagle Scout Award.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-287 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Proclaiming March 2015 as "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" in Union County to encourage all residents to help spread the message that there is help for problem gamblers through treatment as well as support for those who are in treatment or recovery and their families.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-286 FREEHOLDER HUDAK, FREEHOLDER GRANADOS, FREEHOLDER ESTRADA: Laudatory resolution extending this Board's sincere congratulations to Kristian Melo, of Boy Scout Troop #101, on attaining his Eagle Scout Award.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-288 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA, FREEHOLDER HUDAK: Laudatory resolution extending this Board's sincere congratulations to Sean Farley, of Boy Scout Troop #56, on attaining his Eagle Scout Award.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-289 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA: Laudatory resolution thanking Margaret Koloya on her many years of service and congratulating her upon the occasion of her retirement as Director of Scotch Plains Public Library.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada,

Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-290 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Laudatory resolution commending the six (6) Honorees of the Union Township Chamber of Commerce to be recognized at their Diamond Ball on April 10, 2015.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Vernell Wright; **SECONDER:** Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter;

2015-291 VICE CHAIRMAN BERGEN: Laudatory resolution commending Arlene Verniero on her many years of dedicated public services and wishing her health and happiness upon her retirement.

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

2015-292 CHAIRMAN JALLOH, AND THE ENTIRE BOARD: Laudatory resolution thanking Peter Campanelli on his many years of dedicated service and wish him health and happiness upon his retirement.

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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.

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Chairman Jalloh made an announcement before opening the meeting to the public for commenting on any matter. He acknowledged the large audience and welcomed all to participate. He advised the public to sign a sign-in sheet if they desired to speak. He advised the public that they will have an opportunity to speak for five minutes. He further advised the public that residents of Union County would have preference to speak before any non-county residents. He stated that while you are welcome to express your opinions, he advised that this is a public comment portion and not a question and answering session. He stated that the County is aware of the concerns of residents regarding the Rahway River Park project, and asked the County Manager to make a brief statement relative to the project.

County Manager Faella thanked those in attendance for coming out to the night's meeting. He stated that he wanted to make sure that the County had on record some facts about the planned upgrades for the existing track and field at Rahway River Park. His comments were as follows:

"First, it will not be a 5,000-seat "stadium" built in the park. What is going to take place is an upgrade of an existing field, not a new stadium-type facility. The City of Rahway is going to be installing standard aluminum bleachers. Earlier this year, Rahway officials and Clark officials confirmed our request to limit the seating to no more than 1,200. Second, this upgrade does not "destroy the open nature" of the park. Parts of Rahway River Park are conserved as open space, but this field is located in an area of the park that was developed for sports going back to its early days; the swimming facility, for example, dates back to 1929. Also, statements have been made that the upgrade violates environmental regulations. That is not accurate. Any work that we do, or will do, will undergo the required reviews, and will be conducted in accord with the appropriate DEP regulations. The statement has also been made that the project upgrade violates historic regulations. The park is not on the state or federal register of historic places. And finally, another statement was made that the field will be leased for "private use" by a "board of education." Like all of fields, it will be utilized by a variety of towns, both in Union County and not in Union County, as with all Green Acres Parks and where Green Acres Fields are used.. Current conditions at the field render it unfit for play during many days of the year. As we have done successfully at other County parks, we are installing a turf field so that more County residents can partake in a valuable public resource that is in very short supply in our densely populated area."

Chairman Jalloh invited the City Business Administrator from the City of Rahway to address this Board on the project.

Cherron Rountree, Rahway Business Administrator, stated that the City of Rahway strongly supports this project. She stated that she had many conversations with the Board of Freeholders and the Mayor of Clark, she stated that after careful consideration, and concerns from residents, the city agreed to a seating capacity of 1,200 or fewer. She said the park would be used for Rahway High School home football games, indicating that would equate to five to seven games a year. She said the games attract a couple hundred spectators. She said the additional seating would be used in anticipation of attracting county-wide track meets, indicating that it would likely be once a year. She reiterated the County Manger's comments relative to the fact that there are similar facilities in the approximate location of where this field would be. She added that there is currently an existing football field. She spoke on the demand for ballfields and stated that turf fields will assist in meeting those demands. She stated the field would be used by other towns, individuals and families. She spoke of her enjoyment of the field over the years, noting family picnics and events in the park. She said she values the open space of the park and assured that the City wants to respect the passiveness of the park as well. She reiterated that there is an existing football field now and the upgrades will not destroy any wetlands. Ms. Rountree made herself available to the public to speak on the City's plans for the project and thanked the Board on behalf of the Mayor and City of Rahway.

Chairman Jalloh noted that he has heard a lot of misinformation regarding this project and suggested that the Board work together with the City of Rahway to hold a public presentation so that all the facts are made available to the public.

Ms. Rountree, Rahway Business Administrator said we will be happy to do so.

Robert Rubino, Summit Councilman President, thanked the Board for the proclamation at their last meeting recognizing the 41 years of service of their City Clerk, David Huges. He recalled that last year he was before the Board stating his displeasure with the budget, and he thought the Executive Budget would have been better given the sale of Runnells Specialized Hospital. He said he would encourage the Board to

consider a 0% increase, or even a cut in the tax levy. Mr. Rubino said the Summit City budget has gone down to 21 percent of the Summit tax bill with the county portion at 29 percent. He urged the Board to make further cuts the Executive Budget. He spoke on the concept, of which he was in favor of, merging the Sheriff's Office and the County Police. He thanked Director Graziano for his work on potholes throughout the City and Vicki Drake on Reeves Reed Arboretum and Glenside Field

Kelly Tropeano, Clark, indicated that she represented the Coalition to Save Rahway Park. She made comments in oppositions to the Rahway River Park project; citing concerns over construction, safety, quality of life, projected costs, and impact to the environment and habitat to the park. She said 2,700 persons have signed an online petition opposing the project, stating 1,700 are registered Union County voters. She stated she believes the Park is in fact on the historic registry. She made comments relative to the Olmstead Brothers' design of a natural setting. She raised various concerns as a result of Union County Communications Director Sebastian Delia's response to the Coalition's questions. She maintained the Coalition is not about the children of Rahway and what they deserve, rather they believe the Park is not an ideal location for such a facility. She questioned if the County has considered any potential health risk of turf fields. She said the Coalition's one goal is to stop the construction and upgrade of the stadium. She stated they have consulted with a legal team and agencies with historic and environmental communities.

Jeff Freeman, Rahway, made comments in oppositions to the Rahway River Park project, stating that his opposition is not a "NIMBY" issue, noting his opposition to the Rahway incinerator project. He cited concerns over reduced property values. He referred to a publication relative to 110 species of birds and wildlife. He stated concerns of the effects the project would have on the wildlife. He stated his concerns of noise from large crowds and the loudspeakers, as well as bright lights in the evening. He spoke on his concerns of litter. He questioned why Rahway will spend so much money on a project they will only use just a few times.

Robert Carson, Rahway, stated that he was a Soccer Coach and has really taken advantage of the park's beauty. He made comments in oppositions to the Rahway River Park project; citing concerns over the factsheet provided. He spoke on the documents they obtained through OPRA. He spoke on his concerns relative to the toxicity of turf fields. He relayed his concerns over the need to provide more parking to accommodate 12,000 cars. He stated that residents and park users are not aware of this project. He spoke on the idea of accommodating the football team at another location.

Chairman Jalloh stated for the record that there are no contracts for the project, adding that the Freeholders have not passed any resolutions as such. He added that the Board will provide a presentation relative to the facts of what is proposed to the Board to consider.

Ruth, Cranford, on behalf of an associate of hers who is an environmental scientist, read a statement about the environment and the surrounding wetlands of Rahway River Park - landscape projects "Rahway River Park."

Patricia Brady-Danzig, Clark, Chair of the Capital Campaign for the refurbishing of the Second Presbyterian Church. She spoke on the celebration of the church's 195th Anniversary. She stated their kickoff event will be held on Sunday May 3, 2015 at 4pm and outlined the concert. She mentioned the large amount of community support they have received and thanked the County Manager Faella for accepting their invitation to serve on the honorary board. She spoke of the committee's goal in collecting \$25,000. Mr. Gawaski asked the Board to please consider getting a ticket for the concert on May 3, 2015 at 4:00 pm and or becoming one of the underwriters.

James Mulroe, Rahway, made comments in oppositions to the Rahway River Park project. He stated that he works for Home Depot in Colonia, noting there are four soccer fields behind the Home Depot. He spoke on the large amount of litter left behind at the fields. He spoke on his personal renovation project of the various birch trees near and around the lakes of Rahway River Parks. He stated that he picks off the old bark to rejuvenate the trees back to their natural state. He spoke on the large amount of litter that he needs to clean up around those trees.

Maria Echavarria, Elizabeth, questioned the hiring of certain Prosecutor Officers. She spoke on a negative interaction with them to pick up a friend's police report. She stated that the officer had her removed. She questioned why the officer wouldn't provide her friend's report. She had concerns regarding the accuracy of the police report.

Danielle Catarino, Clark, made comments in oppositions to the Rahway River Park project, citing concerns over 1,200 seat artificial turf, lights, impacts on wildlife and increase traffic on Valley Road and parking. She stated that she and her family moved to Clark in part due to the proximity to the park; which provided the opportunity to enjoy a free and open area. She spoke of her concerns with heavy traffic resulting in a higher demand for police monitoring, and costs associated thereof. She spoke on a number of environmental concerns associated with the proposed project.

Eric Hauser, Rahway, made comments in oppositions to the Rahway River Park project. He questioned if anyone has a right to say "I like my town the way it is". He cited his concern that as more demands are made, the scope of the project will grow to include brick and motor buildings and parking facilities and will become a degraded trash filled wasteland. He spoke on two occasions where he was proud of the Freeholders for listening to the demands of the public: first, by preventing the Esposito Farm from becoming a condominium complex and again by not placing a petting zoo at the property on Cooper Road. He urged the Board to listen to the public regarding Rahway River Park.

Iris Flores, Elizabeth, stated she is an advocate for domestic violence. She stated that she filed a complaint against an elected official and questioned the accuracy of the Prosecutor's report. She spoke on the number of interviews she provided that were not part of the report. She stated that she feels disrespected and humiliated by the police.

(Inaudible), Moorish Science Temple of America, read his national by-laws. He stated that as of 1865 was classified as black, Negro, colored, and Ethiopian. He stated that under these tags, they received no due process and were grieved according to the public trust. He spoke on a negative experience with the County Clerk's office and noted he spoke before the Board at the last meeting.

Renee Wilder, Ewing NJ, President of Local 1080 CWA, representing 300 public employees, caseworkers, clerical staff.

Chairman Jalloh asked that the speaker, as a non-county member of the public, to allow members of the public residing in Union County to be allowed to speak first, as is the procedure for all meetings.

Cecilia Dallis-Ricks, Roselle, read the statement on behalf of Local 1080 CWA President. She stated the Local 1080 represents 360 public employees at the division of social service. She cited that the members include caseworkers, social workers, child support workers, fraud investigators and clerical staff. She stated that their contract expired on June 30, 2013 and members of their union believe negotiations are being deliberately stalled while many other employees have received their raises and are now negotiating new contracts. She spoke of the employees incurred increased in health costs and pension reduction payments.

She spoke on their concerns regarding inadequate parking for their employees. She thanked their Director Guzzo for working with their union to address some of these issues.

Thomas T, Clark, made comments in oppositions to the Rahway River Park project, citing concerns over the decreased value of properties in the area, claiming they will go down \$100,000. He spoke on his concerns with his increased taxes relative to his low social security payments. He spoke on the difficulties on living off of social security.

Jeff Robinson, Rahway, stated that he is an employee of the Department of Social Services. He stated that they serve the neediest, the poorest, most deserving and most vulnerable residents of the County. He stated that they are understaffed for the past few years, regardless of the fact that food stamp rolls are at an all-time high. He spoke limitedly on the on-going negotiations, citing that they feel they are not being treated with respect. He pointed out that they only have a handful of members present tonight, noting that their membership consists of almost 400 members. He stated that his membership is asking the Board to sit down with the union so that they can bargain fairly for a fair contract.

Peter Buroff, Rahway, made comments in oppositions to the Rahway River Park project, questioning why the City of Rahway would want to move forward with this project. He questioned why an Olmstead park does not have a historic designation. He spoke on health concerns of turf fields. He spoke of alternative sites for the park, inclusive of abandoned FEMA sites. He spoke on the possible impact on bird populations relative to artificial light. He spoke of assets of the park that are no longer there, such as a beautiful wooden walkway and a cabin with a potbelly stove, and blooming non-fruit bearing cherry trees.

Scott Aura, Clark, spoke of how he thought this project will change the character of the park. He spoke of the online petition with 2,600 signatures. He stated he feels the County is minimizing the actual project. He questioned why the County and the City of Rahway would spend \$6 million dollars for minor usage of this project that the Board is claiming. He spoke on the City's current deficit. He spoke on the visual impact the project will have on the park. He stated that they have identified 97 homes that back upon the park, with an assessed value of \$22 million dollars and pay \$815,000 in taxes every year. He stated that they will mobilize those individuals and make them aware of what is going on. He asked the Board to please reconsider.

Earl John (inaudible), Plainfield, spoke on behalf of fellow brethren of the Moorish Science Temple of America, stated they were here on March 12th to reiterate the proclamation to claim that he was a Moorish American. He spoke on their constitution and by-laws. He stated that they are teaching their brethren about their nationality and their divine creed so that they may know they are a part and parcel of this government, and not black, Negro, colored, or Ethiopian because these names were given by slave holders. He stated that they are calling on all men to proclaim their free national name to be recognize by the government they live. He spoke on the contributions of Moorsih Americans.

Roxanne Graham, Cranford, made comments in oppositions to the Rahway River Park project, she said she was born and raised in Cranford. She spoke of her advocacy regarding environmental concern, citing the cell tower issue. She stated that they were able to stop the cell tower from going up. She is spoke of a condominium project in Westfield, which was also stopped. She stated she heard of this Rahway River Project through social media. She stated the County needs to protect and preserve the limited Green Acres land in Union County.

Maria Soyka, Clark, former Clark Councilwoman, made comments in oppositions to the Rahway River Park project. She stated that she concerned that there was no public hearing. She spoke on how, as Councilwoman, she contacted County Manager Faella and the Mayor of Clark to meet with them on this issue. She stated that she knows of other properties available that can be utilized for the Rahway athletic

needs. She suggested they use Warinanco Park. She stated that the project will ruin the footprint of the park. She had concerns of parking, traffic and policing issues.

Nancy Sheridan, Clark, made comments in oppositions to the Rahway River Park project. She stated that this issue is not confined to those properties around the park, rather it effects properties all along Valley Road and Parkway Drive.

John Bury, Kenilworth, made comments relative to the process of how he thinks the Freeholder Board determines which projects to undertake and which not to undertake. He commended the people who came out to participate in the meeting. He spoke on the solar-panel project, the Galloping Hill project and how those projects came into fruition. He made comments regarding Decotius Fitzpatrick's involvement with the Union County Improvement Authority and their political contributions.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, made comments relative to "democracy in action" as it pertained to the Ponderosa Farm as it was mentioned by a previous speaker. He suggested that the County work with the City of Rahway and the Union County College to pool all resources and build a stadium at Ash Brook Park or Rahway River Park.

Mr. Paterson asked if Freeholder Mirabella is not in attendance due to a conflict of interest with his position as Business Administrator in Scotch Plains. He asked can Freeholder Mirabella vote on the budget.

Mr. Paterson spoke on the budget. He stated Director Guzzo said it costs \$30 million to build Runnells Hospital and it was sold for \$26 million. He stated that there were \$4million left to offset taxes. He questioned what happened with the \$13 million that it costs to operate the Runnells Hospital.

He thanked the Chairman for the latitude in exceeding his time limitation to speak.

Jerry Vola, Clark, made comments in opposition to the Rahway River Park Project. He noted how he ran for office in an effort to represent the people. He made comments relative to his displeasure on the forum of tonight's meeting, where questions are not answered. He advised that there should be a question and answer session.

James Coyle, Rahway, made comments in oppositions to the Rahway River Park project, citing concerns over the 1,200 parking and the loud noise. He stated that he lives two blocks from the Park and didn't purchase his house to be near a sports complex. He questioned why no one is considering renovating Vetran's Park.

Barbara Majeski, Rahway, stated that she spoke at the last meeting and reiterated that the Board should reconsider their plan.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Estrada thanked everyone for coming tonight and said it is important to hear positions that individuals have, especially on topics such as this. He said he's been on the Board for 15 years, and this is not the first issue for him to address. Regardless of what some people say this Board considers what the people have to say and at times will agree and at times will disagree. He spoke on the Olmstead idea of integrating people in a common place to ensure that everyone has access. He stated this is not a "Sports Complex" like the Meadowlands, rather a simple 1,200 seat facility. He stated that the Board has not approved any contracts; the issues of designs, to the best of his knowledge, have not yet been done; the issues relative to the parking has not been expanded beyond

the parking across the pool. He spoke of general terms of cost of contracts. He advised that a lot of time will take place before any decision is made. He informed the public that there have been times that the Board had reconsidered its position from time to time. He appreciated all the emails and comments from the public. He advised that there will be further information made available in the future. He stated that the kids in Rahway deserve a place to play.

Freeholder Estrada stated that he was surprised to hear the Local 1080 CWA members feel they have been mistreated. He assured the public that an effort has been made to negotiate fairly with all the unions within the County.

Freeholder Estrada made comments relative to the recycling event for electronic equipment on Saturday, March 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. He advised the public that electronic goods are made with heavy metals and other materials that can be hazardous when mixed in the general waste stream, so you are really doing a great civic service when you dispose of these goods in a safe, responsible manner.

Freeholder Hudak echoed Freeholder Estrada's comments to the employees that came out to tonight's meeting. He stated that he appreciated their comments. He assured the employees that Director Guzzo has very much advocated for human services, citing a productive discussion at the last budget hearing.

Freeholder Hudak stated that in regards to the budget, the County is very much committed to reducing the cost of the tax burden in Union County. He corrected a speaker's comments relative to \$4 million of the sale of Runnells being utilized in the budget. He stated that all the funds from that sale are being held, aside from encumbrances for debt, and set aside for tax relief, in various forms, over the years to come. He stated that the County would develop a plan for implementing that. He reiterated that the funds will be used to reduce the tax burden, and added any comment to the contrary is factually inaccurate.

Freeholder Hudak stated that he heard of the Coalition's effort through a facebook, invite. He admitted that if what was advertised in the post was being built, he would be opposed to the project; noting that is not what is being built. He stated that he became a Freeholder approximately four years ago, and one of the first projects he was aware of was a plan to re-turf four fields: Wheeler Park in Linden, Mattano Park and Rizzuto Park in Elizabeth and Rahway River Park, citing the large demand to use the fields. He spoke of the process relative to the Wheeler Park improvements, noting that while there were some initial concerns from the public, in the end everyone was very pleased with the project. He stated that he appreciated the fact that the Chairman assured the public, that when plans are available, the County will bring them to the public. He spoke on the importance on the proper investment in park fields. He clarified that the County made a big announcement relative to the turfing of Rahway River Park in 2014, and clarified that since the County was moving forward with the turf field project, the City of Rahway approached the Board on these other upgrades. He stated that the Board is committed in keeping within the footprint of the existing project and honor all the things that make Rahway River Park a great park. He urged the public to hold off on passing judgment and to be patient until plans are available.

Freeholder Wright thanked everyone for their comments and for sharing their comments.

Freeholder Wright made comments relative to the fascinating exhibits commemorating the Civil War at the County Courthouse Rotunda. She commended Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi and

the work of the Union County Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee for their fine work. She stated that in addition to the rotating exhibits, the committee has also arranged a series of free events covering the war and its legacy; stating that the next event includes a live performance of wartime songs and music, and a lecture titled "The Ongoing Relevance of the Civil War: Ambiguity and Ambivalence." She stated that the lecture will be presented by Dr. Jonathan Lurie, Professor Emeritus in the Department of History at Rutgers University. She noted that the event is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, at 2:00 p.m..

County Manager Faella stated that he respects and appreciates the work of the employees of the CWA Local 1080. He added that he knows the Board also respects the tough job they are asked to do each day. He stated that if the members were at the budget hearings the other day, they would know that Director Guzzo spoke passionately about the need for additional staff and would know that he respects the work you do. He assured the membership that the County will negotiate for a fair and equitable contract.

Vice Chairman Bergen stated the Board has seen the petition and your comments relative to the petition, and stated that they are not factually correct. He stated that this Board has never said they're putting 5,000 seat there he said hopefully dialogue will continue. He said he had the pleasure of attending a networking event for a group of donors who help to fund the non-profit organization Community Access Unlimited. He added that this agency works one-one in support of people with disabilities, to help them to live as fully integrated citizens in our community. He stated that CAU also provides services for at-risk youth, through the Youth Shelter funded by the County. He noted that this organization has helped thousands of County residents and their families lead more full and productive lives, and he would like to thank them for their outstanding contributions to the quality of life in Union County. He stated that he also visited a CAU staff meeting yesterday, noting that it was truly an honor to meet some of the very thoughtful and dedicated people who work for CAU. He added that they enrich our community every day, and on behalf of the Freeholder Board, he would like each one of them to know how much we appreciate their service.

Chairman Jalloh made remarks in regards to CWA Local 1080, stating that he understands that they are on the front line of County services. He stated that he is sorry to hear how they feel they are being treated and disrespected, but believes negotiations will be civil and appropriate and will turn out well. He said the Prosecutor's Office is separate from the Board and will relay to the prosecutor violent against women, adding that the Board will do its part. He added that the County Clerk's office is separate from the Freeholder Board, but that he would speak with her office. He stated that Rahway Park has a special place in his heart, noting that they used to have their family reunions there every year. He stated that the County plans to turf fields throughout the County. He stated that the public raised valuable concerns and noted that the County needs to have a forum in Rahway when factual information becomes available. He thank the public for their comments. He noted to Councilman Rubino that the Board will keep working and doing our best to lower the numbers.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 PM

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

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2015 at 12:00pm

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

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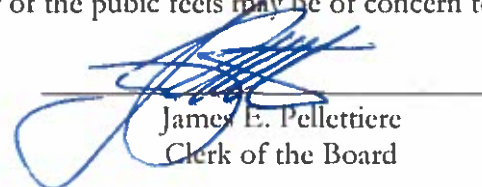
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Notice

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

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



James E. Pelletiere
Clerk of the Board

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