CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File


OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Grace H. Park, Acting Prosecutor

1. Authorizing the County Manager through the Union County 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 for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in the amount of $211,157. There is a required county match in the amount of $52,789. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Norman W. Albert, Esq., Director

1. Authorizing the execution of invoices and relative documents as are necessary to effectuate the payment of monthly telecommunications bills from Verizon Inc., a Board of Public Utilities regulated supplier, as they become due and owing for an estimated not to exceed total figure of $1,200,000 for a period of twelve consecutive months. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)

2. Amending Resolution Number 2014-1063 approving the list of pre-qualified vendors for the provision of providing Psychological Examinations to the County of Union to include: The Institute for Forensic Psychology, Oakland New Jersey and Intervention Specialists, LLC., Elizabeth, New Jersey. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)
3. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Institute for Forensic Psychology, Oakland New Jersey to provide Psychological Examination Services to the Division of Personnel and the Office of the Prosecutor for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 for an amount not to exceed $22,000.00. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)

4. Authorizing the County Manager to retain the services of arbitrators, mediators, and fact finders through the New Jersey State Board of Mediators, New Jersey Public Employee Relation Commission Staff, Certified Panel of Interest Arbitrators or Certificate Panel of Grievance Arbitration in connection with collective negotiations and employment litigation for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 for in an amount not to exceed $17,500 per Arbitrator and a total contract amount not to exceed $30,000. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)

5. Authorizing the County Manager to award the Short Term and Long Term Disability Insurance Policy with the Standard Insurance Company from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed $246,540.12. The total represents the negotiated County portion of $119,500 and the payroll deduction contribution of the 1,195 unionized employees of $127,040.12. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)

6. 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: Elizabeth Truck Center for the purpose of providing Collision Repair Services for Trucks, Buses and Specialty Equipment to the Department of Administrative Services, for the period of 24 consecutive months in an amount not to exceed $237,000. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)

**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

Brian Riordan, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to extend the agreement between the County of Union and Global Tel Link Mobile, Alabama pursuant to state contract #A61618 for the purpose of providing, an on premise based inmate telephone system that will create revenue for the County of Union, at no cost to the County, for the contract period of December 4, 2014 through February 2, 2015. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

William Reyes, Deputy County Manager / Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Economic Development, Division of Engineering: Rochelle Contracting Company, Inc., Landing, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Union County Wash-Down Stations at Rahway River Park Maintenance Facility located in Clark and Warinanco Park Maintenance Facility located in Elizabeth, in an amount not to exceed $177,000.00. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Service Agreement between the County of Union, City of Summit and Celgene to install a Traffic Signal at Celgene's Headquarters Driveway, Intersection of Morris Avenue and Shunpike Road and the Celgene Driveway, City of Summit, County of Union, New Jersey. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Bibi Taylor, Director

1. Approving Transfer of Current Fund Appropriations. (Freeholder Christopher Hudak)

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Frank Guzzo, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (USDHHS), Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), Division of Unaccompanied Children's Service (DUCS) and accept Year 2, 1st Quarter installment funding in the amount of $275,192 to provide secure care and placement services to unaccompanied and undocumented children in the Union County Juvenile Detention Center by guaranteeing ten (10) secure beds at the rate of $301.58 per bed per day for Year 2, 1st Quarter funding period of October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 of a Three Year Agreement. (Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into contract with Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth, New Jersey, in the amount not to exceed $44,076 to provide case management and mental health services for juveniles in the Union County Juvenile Detention Center consistent with the federal DUCS Yr 2, 1st Qtr grant agreement for the Yr 2, 1st Qtr period of October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. (Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)

3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a shared services agreement with Morris County to house Union County juvenile detainees on an as needed basis at a per diem cost of $215 per juvenile per day for a total amount not to exceed $100,000 for the period of February 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. (Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)

4. Amending Resolution Number 2014-717 to request an additional amount of $100.00 in Petty Cash for the Juvenile Detention Center utilizing the existing custodian in Michelle Perez. (Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)

5. Authorizing the County Manager to award Union County Youth Services Commission Spending Plan subcontracts to provide program services based on the Juvenile Justice Commission Points of Continuum: Prevention, Diversion, Detention, Disposition and Reentry in the total amount not to exceed $461,656 for the grant period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, and further authorizing the transfer of funds among the funded agencies/municipalities during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the funded agencies/municipalities fails to meet its contractual obligation, upon approval by the Juvenile Justice Commission. (Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)
6. Amending Resolution Number 2014-258 to extend the 2014-2015 Homeless Trust Fund Spending Plan contract end date only from March 31, 2015 to April 30, 2015 to allow for expenditures in accordance with the Homeless Trust Fund regulations; all other provisions in the prior resolution remain intact. (Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Ronald Zuber, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Renaissance Jr. Golf, Inc. Newark, New Jersey, to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Practice Center to develop community outreach programs for the County’s youth from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. (Freeholder Sergio Granados)

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with NJ Golf Foundation to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Practice Center to develop community outreach programs for the County’s youth for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. (Freeholder Sergio Granados)

3. 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 Practice Center to develop community outreach programs for the County’s young girls from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. (Freeholder Sergio Granados)

4. 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 Practice Center to develop community outreach programs for the County’s youth from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. (Freeholder Sergio Granados)

5. Authorizing the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs to apply for private and public funding for grants to be used for the purpose of developing and implementing programs and services in the arts, education, history and preservation for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. (Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)

6. Authorizing the County Manager to designate the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs as the official County Cultural and Heritage Agency. (Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)

7. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks and Recreation: Fred Dellano-Dellano's Food, Long Valley, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing food concession at Rahway River Park/Ulrich Pool, for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months, in the amount of $17,121.00. (Revenue Generating) (Freeholder Sergio Granados)
8. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks and Recreation: Ray's Food & Ice Cream Concessions, Inc., Woodland, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing food concessions at Echo Lake Park, for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months, in the amount of $11,214.00. (Revenue Generating) (Freeholder Sergio Granados)

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a 2 year agreement with the Garwood First Aid Squad, 501C3, for operational use of the Facility located at, 401 2nd Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey, for the purpose of car seat inspections. The AAA Northeast, 1 Hanover Road, Florham Park will also partner with the County of Union for the payment of the "Operational Use Fee" associated with the use of the Garwood First Aid Squad facility. (Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)

2. Amending Resolution Number 2014-200 to grant a no cost six month extension to Princeton Hydro for the purposes of completing the County's All Hazard Mitigation Plan. (Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)

3. Authorize the County Manager to apply, accept and expend a grant award from the NJ Department of Health for continuing the Right to Know compliance program in Union County in an amount not to exceed $16,401.00. (No County Match) (Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)

4. Amending Resolution Number 2014-682 to show an $8,000 increase in the grant award from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. (Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)

5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with National Foam, Inc, Westchester, Pennsylvania to provide a fire suppression course to 76 firefighters from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Region, through the 2014 UASI Grant, in an amount not to exceed $304,000. (Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)

6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Funeral Services of New Jersey, Hillside, New Jersey, to provide livery services for deceased for the contract period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed $90,000.00. (Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES

Joseph Graziano, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Public Works & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management: Burlew Mechanical, LLC, South Amboy, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Pipefitting & Heating Systems Services, twenty-four (24) consecutive months with the provision of a twenty-four month optional extension, in an amount not exceed $182,750. (Freeholder Linda Carter)
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Public Work & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management: NJ American Water and Liberty Water, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Public Utility service for water, for twelve (12) consecutive months commencing January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, in the amount not exceed $1,000,000.00. (Freeholder Linda Carter)

3. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Public Work & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management: PSE&G in the amount not to exceed $4,030,000.00 and JCP&L in the amount not exceed $70,000.00, for the purpose of the delivery and transmission of service for electricity, for twelve (12) consecutive months commencing January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, in the amount not exceed $4,100,000.00. (Freeholder Linda Carter)

4. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Public Work & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management: Elizabethtown Gas, New Jersey, for the purpose of the delivery of commercial natural gas, for twelve (12) consecutive months commencing January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, in the amount not exceed $1,800,000.00. (Freeholder Linda Carter)

RUNNELLS SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL - CORNERSTONE UNIT

Michael Flemming, Acting Administrator

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Pharma Care Inc., of Clark, NJ to provide pharmacy consulting services for the resident/patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in the amount not to exceed $18,000.00. (Freeholder Vernell Wright)

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Robert E. Barry, Esq., County Counsel

1. A resolution authorizing the Office of the County Counsel to engage and compensate experts such as court reporters, expert witnesses, examining physicians and other litigation support and specialists which are essential to the defense of the County of Union in amount not to exceed $45,000.00. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)

2. Amending Resolution Number 2014-744, to increase the appropriation to Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt & Fader of Rochelle Park, NJ in the matter entitled Laquan Kearney v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed $20,000.00 for a sum not to exceed $40,000.00. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)

3. Amending Resolution Number 2014-627, increase the appropriation to Jardim, Meisner & Susser, P.C. of Florham Park, NJ 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 $20,000.00. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)
4. Amending Resolution Number 2014-622, to increase the appropriation to Kologi Simitz of Linden, NJ 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. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)

5. A resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter agreements with Thompson West for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed $91,941.00. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)

6. A resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter agreements with Gann Law Books for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed $36,200.00. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)

7. A resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter agreements with Lexis Nexis/Matthew Bender for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed $60,590.00. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)

8. A resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter agreements with various vendors for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed $22,325.00. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)

9. A resolution awarding a contract to Judith L. DiAntonio for Court Reporting Services for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed $20,000.00. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Rasheed Abdul-Haqq, during their time of sorrow. (Freeholder Linda Carter)

2. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Dorothy Doyle James, during their time of sorrow. (Freeholder Linda Carter)

3. Laudatory resolution acknowledging the efforts of the 2014 Union County Student Training and Enrichment Program (UC STEP) participants, and further congratulating Team Light Blue on their successful "Donate to Educate" campaign; after receiving 1,772 of a possible 3,200 votes. (Freeholder Carter & the Entire Board)

4. Appointing Steven Le to the Union County Planning Board to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2016. (Freeholder Sergio Granados)
5. Appointing the following members to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board for a one year term commencing January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015: Francisco Ortiz (Delegate) to represent the City of Elizabeth; Steven Hund (Delegate) to represent the Township of Clark; Robert Ehrenbeck (Delegate) to represent the Borough of Garwood; Rupin Shah (Delegate) and Dan Petrosky (Alternate) to represent the Borough of Roselle Park; Sandy Weinger (Delegate) to represent the Township of Springfield; Kevin Leary (Delegate) to represent the Borough of Kenilworth; Salvatore Terrezza (Delegate) and Joseph Venezia (Alternate) to represent the Township of Union; Louis DiSocio (Delegate) to represent the City of Summit and Jorge Casacuberta (Delegate) and Jeanne Kingsley (Alternate) to represent the Township of Berkeley Heights; John Morgan (Delegate) to represent the Township of Scotch Plains; George Lanzano (Alternate) to represent the Township of Westfield; Hugh Welsh (Delegate) and Ronald Zuber (Alternate) to represent the Township of Cranford and Renee Banks (Delegate) to represent the City of Linden. (Freeholder Sergio Granados)

6. Appointing Brandon Givens to the Homeless Trust Fund Advisory Board for a term commencing June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2017. (Freeholder Christopher Hudak)

7. Resolution urging the NY/NJ Port Authority to reconsider the cancellation of the overnight service and the privatization of the Path. (Freeholder Christopher Hudak)

8. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Preserve Union County grant, through the Office of the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, to the Reeves-Reed Arboretum, Summit, New Jersey, to assist in providing needed safety up grades in an amount not to exceed $10,000.00. (This is a matching grant.) (Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)

9. Laudatory resolution congratulating Joseph A. Steiner on being named “Rotarian of the Year” by the Rotary Club of Summit- New Providence. (Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)

10. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of former Roselle Park Councilman Patrick Riley, during their time of sorrow. (Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)

11. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Bishop Samuel Leak, during their time of sorrow. (Freeholder Vernell Wright)

12. Laudatory resolution congratulating Lieutenant Michael O. McNany on his retirement from the Springfield Police Department, and further expressing this Board's deep appreciation to Lieutenant Michael O. McNany for protecting and serving his community for more than 26 years. (Vice Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)

13. Appointing the following members to the Air Traffic & Noise Advisory Board for a one year term from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015: Catherine Flynn (Delegate) to represent the Township of Springfield; Jerome Feder (Delegate) and Greg Baschkoff (Alternate) to represent the Town of Westfield, James Mathieu (Delegate) to represent the Borough of Garwood; Barbara Krause (Delegate) and William Ilaria (Alternate) for a two year term from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016 to represent the Township of Cranford. (Vice Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)
14. Amending Resolution Number 2015-23, to include Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh as the Freeholder Liaison to the Voter Accessibility Advisory Committee. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)

15. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to Union County Sheriff Joseph P. Cryan and his family, for the passing of his mother, Mrs. Mary Cryan. (Chairman Jalloh & the Entire Board)

16. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Continuum Voice and Data Systems, Inc, Syracuse, New York, for the purposes of providing proprietary software maintenance services for the OnBase Records Management proprietary software system of the County, for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, exercising the County's option to renew using the exception to bidding NJSA 40A 11-15 (1) (dd), in an amount not to exceed $36,000. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To the extent known, the following item(s) are scheduled to be discussed in Executive Session:

1) Attorney-Client privileged communication regarding potential litigation relative to the New County Courthouse; and

2) Attorney-Client privileged communication and discussion as to potential settlement in the matter HC Equities v. County of Union; and

3) Potential contract negotiations relative to a potential professional service contract with the Union County Alliance.

ADJOURNMENT
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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