



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2015
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh presided and called the meeting to order at 7:58pm. Roll call showed, Vice Chairman Bruce Bergen, Freeholder Linda Carter, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Sergio Granados, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella and Freeholder Vernell Wright were in attendance. Freeholder Christopher Hudak was absent.

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

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

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

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

The Clerk of the Board read Ordinance Number 767-2015 by title.

767-2015 AMENDMENT TO THE UNION COUNTY DISTRICT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN MODIFYING THE INCLUSION OF A CLASS B RECYCLING FACILITY CURRENTLY OPERATED BY ROCKRETE RECYCLING CORPORATION IN THE CITY OF ELIZABETH.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance Number 767-2015 only.

Bruce Paterson of Garwood stated he missed the last meeting and congratulated for those that won the election.

Freeholder Mirabella and Chairman Jalloh thanked Mr. Paterson.

Mr. Paterson inquired as to what this severe is exactly for, why is it being added, who the principals are and where is the location of their processing plant.

Chairman Jalloh asked Dan Sullivan, UCUA Executive Director, to answer those questions.

Executive Director Sullivan stated that Rockrete is a class B recycling facility in the City of Elizabeth currently located on Fairmont Avenue. He stated that the facility itself is moving to Trumbull

Street in Elizabeth. He advised that the Class B facility is one that recycles construction waste, and concrete asphalt. He spoke to the process of the application; stating the application first goes to the zoning board of the town in which the business resides (in this case the City of Elizabeth). He advised that the City's Zoning Board's questions and concerns were addressed, and once it received approval, the applicant goes before the Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA). He stated that the application was reviewed by CME Engineering on behalf of the UCUA. He advised that there were no negative findings on this application, and in September, the UCUA voted to approve the application for change in the Solid Waste Amendment Plan. He advised once it received approval, the applicant goes before the Freeholder Board for a public hearing and a vote for final approval.

Director Sullivan stated that the principal of the company is Mr. Tomai.

Chairman Jalloh asked if the facility is currently operating as a Class B facility.

Director Sullivan said it's currently operating as a Class B facility and is looking to change the location of the facility, moving from Fairmont Avenue to Trumbull Street in Elizabeth.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Bergen, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella roll call showed 8 members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak absent.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

The Clerk of the Board read Ordinance Number 768-2015 by title.

- 768-2015 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TO THE UNION COUNTY DISTRICT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN BY THE INCLUSION OF A GENERAL CLASS B RECYCLING FACILITY TO BE LOCATED AT BLOCK 4, LOTS 1459 AND 1459A 2-74 SOUTH FRONT STREET, IN THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY TO BE OPERATED BY TREVCON CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.**

FIRST READING STATEMENT

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Bergen, and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski roll call showed 8 members of the Board voted in the affirmative. The Final Reading and Public Hearing are scheduled for December 17, 2015.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

The Clerk of the Board read Ordinance Number 769-2015 by title.

- 769-2015 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS AS AMENDED.**

FIRST READING STATEMENT

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Bergen, and seconded by Freeholder Carter roll call showed 8 members of the Board voted in the affirmative. The Final Reading and Public Hearing are scheduled for December 17, 2015.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Thursday, April, 9, 2015 - Agenda Meeting
2. Thursday, April 16, 2015 - Regular Meeting
3. Thursday, April 23, 2015 - Agenda Meeting
4. Thursday, April 30, 2015 - Regular Meeting
5. Thursday, May 7, 2015 - Agenda Meeting
6. Thursday, May 14, 2015 - Regular Meeting
7. Thursday, May 28, 2015 - Agenda Meeting
8. Thursday, May 28, 2015 - Regular Meeting

Chairman Jalloh called for a motion to approve the Minutes. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the Minutes of: Thursday, April, 9, 2015 - Agenda Meeting, Thursday, April 16, 2015 - Regular Meeting, Thursday, May 28, 2015, Agenda and Regular Meeting, with Freeholder Hudak absent; six members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the Minutes of the April 23, 2015 - Agenda Meeting, with Freeholders Carter and Estrada abstaining; seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the Minutes of the April 30, 2015 - Agenda Meeting, with Freeholder Granados abstaining; five members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the Minutes of the May 7, 2015 - Agenda Meeting, with Freeholders Granados, Kowalski and Mirabella abstaining; and seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the Minutes of the Thursday, May 14, 2015 - Regular Meeting, with Freeholder Granados abstaining.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Chairman Jalloh called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella, and seconded by Freeholder Estrada roll call showed 8 members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

John Bury, of Kenilworth, inquired as to what the circumstances were in reference to Resolution Number 2015-1015. He made comments relative to four law firms that were hired in relation to the Fowler vs. County of Union case, and inquired as to who were they representing and what was the final legal costs of the case. He inquired as to what does the \$475,000 covers.

With reference to Resolution Number 2015-1015, County Counsel Barry stated the case involves allegation of sexual contact by a female Juvenile Detention Officer with a male juvenile housed at the Juvenile Center. He stated that there were eleven law firms representing the County as a result of multiple defendants. He noted that he did not have the total cost incurred by the County for the defense in this case. He stated that under the terms and conditions of the insurance policy, once the costs exceeded \$250,000, the insurance company picks up the defense costs. He noted that the \$450,000 is an all-inclusive settlement amount.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments or inquiries on a number of resolutions. Relative to Resolution Numbers 2015-973, 2015-974, 2015-1002, and 2015-1003, he stated that they are two year contracts and questioned the dates and amounts. He questioned if the Board is encumbering all these costs into this year's budget; Relative to Resolution Number 2015-973, he how much of the \$4.3 million is the Kemper costs. Relative to Resolution Number 2015-942, he inquired as to the dollar amount involved in the transfer; Relative to Resolution Number 2015-970, he questioned for an explanation of the name changes; Relative to Resolution Number 2015-977, he stated that a grant should be established to help municipalities preserve their records; Relative to Resolution Number 2015-990, he questioned why the demolition was not part of the original contract; Relative to Resolution Number 2015-993 and 994, he alleged the Gordon Street Bridge was replaced entirely and questioned why there is a need for this contract. He noted that Resolution Number 2015-994 equates to 20% of the overall costs.

With Reference to Resolution Numbers 2015-973 and 974, County Counsel Barry stated in general terms, the cost for election printing was not \$100,000 last year. He stated that the costs were substantial higher; adding that the \$100,000 may have been a modification to that contract. He stated that there is an increase in cost for this two year period, noting the upcoming presidential election and the gubernatorial election the following year.

Director Yuska stated the County tries to lock in twenty-four month contracts when possible to obtain cost savings, but noted that the last twelve months of funding are not encumbered in the first year's budget.

Director Taylor stated that the resolution certifies funds, subject to inclusion, in the 2016 and 2017 Budget, clarifying that it is not for the 2015 appropriations.

With reference to Resolution Number 2015-937, Director Sanchez, stated the management fees for year is \$98,000.

With reference to Resolution Number 2015-932, Director Taylor stated that the amount cancelled to capital surplus is \$494,854.65.

With reference to Resolution Numbher 2015-970, Director Guzzo stated that after the sale of Runnells Specialized Hospital, Center Management changed their name to Runnells BH Operating, LLC. He advised that during the negotiations of the sale, the County estimated the projected tax bill. He stated that the county has received its tax bill in which it is obligated to pay under the terms of the lease agreement of approximately 13.8% of the entire facility, which equates to \$113,470. He noted that the County closed on the Runnells deal in December 15, 2014, and advised the remaining \$187 is a result of County Counsel's

suggestion to extend that lease until the end of the year so it becomes annualized on a calendar year.

With reference to Resolution Number 2015-990, Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes stated the Plainfield Housing Authority likely requested \$120,000 initially, but the committee only approved \$60,000.

Chairman Jalloh asked if the Plainfield Housing Authority originally ask for \$120,000.

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes stated he doesn't have his notes on hand, but noted that many agencies request the full amount but the committee (made up of all municipalities that participate in the program) only allocates a portion of the amount. He advised that those agencies then request the remaining amount through contingency funding, which is funding that is left over from other allocations.

Chairman Jalloh asked same committee reconvened and determined that based on the initial request and allocation, they would fund the remaining request.

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes confirmed that is the case.

With reference to Resolution Numbers 2015-993 and 994, Director Graziano stated that the Gordon Street Bridge is in fact on-going project. He stated that the speaker probably is referencing the State's initial rehabilitation project replacing some concrete barriers until this project could get started. He noted that the construction should start in late 2017 through 2018, and stated that there are no county dollars involved in this project.

Freeholder Estrada asked Director Graziano to confirm that the bridge still has wooden structures supporting the bridge.

Director Graziano confirmed that was the case, but advised that the bridge is safe for the public to travel on.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2015-937 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Approving the operational budget for golf course operational expenses for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in the amount of \$4,337,887.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-938 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to Rees Jones, Inc., of Montclair, New Jersey to provide design, construction administration and inspection services for the Improvements at Galloping Hill Learning Center, Borough of Kenilworth, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$41,847.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-023)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-939 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to conduct the 2016 Deer Management Program for Union County, relative to the reduction of the white-tailed deer population within the Watchung Reservation, Nomehegan Park, Lenape Park, Summit portion of Passaic River Park, Ash Brook Reservation and the Hawk Rise Sanctuary, during the permit season of January 3, 2016 through February 14, 2016 in the manner prescribed by the Fish and Game Code of the State of New Jersey and the 2016 Deer Management Program for Union County Guidelines in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-940 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract through an RFP process to TD Merchant Services of Piscataway, to provide credit card/merchant services to the County of Union (County Clerk, County Surrogate, Tax Board and Parks and Recreation) for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 with an option to extend the contract for four (4) additional twelve (12) month extension options.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-941 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Cancellation of the remaining balance in the Reserve for Peer Grouping accounts.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-942 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Cancelling Capital Balances to Capital Surplus, Deferred Charges Unfunded and Accounts Receivable.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-943 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for Environmental Quality Enforcement Fund and Waste Flow Enforcement Fund required by NJSA 40A: 4-39.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-944 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for Security/Escrow accounts required by NJSA 40A: 4-39.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-945 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for the Division of Corrections Inmate Welfare Fund required by NJSA 40A: 4-39.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-946 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for the Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund required by NJSA 40A: 4-39.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-947 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for Prosecutors Police Academy required by NJSA 40A: 4-39.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-948 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for Prosecutors Forensic required by NJSA 40A: 4-39.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-949 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for Prosecutors Justice Department required by NJSA 40A: 4-39.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-950 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Unexpended balances in the listed Grant Accounts are cancelled.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-951 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2015 Budget in the amount of \$124,006 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation for a program entitled: Gordon Street Bridge.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-952 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2015 Budget in the amount of \$41,480 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Child Passenger Safety Program.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-953 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2015 Budget in the amount of \$250,000 as a result of notification received from the US Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency for a program entitled: Energy Allocation Initiative Program.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-954 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2015 Budget in the amount of \$36,724 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation for a program entitled: Vauxhall Road Intersection Improvements.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-955 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2015 Budget in the amount of \$18,494 as a result of notification received from the Union County Department of Human Services for a program entitled: Intoxicated Drivers Resource Center - IDRC.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-956 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2015 Budget in the amount of \$90,000 as a result of notification received from the Visting Nurse Association of Central Jersey for a program entitled: Central New Jersey Care Transitions Program. (CNJCTP)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-957 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-351 to extend the terms for members to the Advisory Board on the Disabled: Susan Spurr, Claire Schuster, Sean Dineen and Alfredo Gonzalez to expire on December 31, 2017, which would allow for an appropriate stagger.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-958 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Appointing Charles Newman as a member to the Advisory Board on the Disabled for a term beginning January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018 and re-appointing Ina White and Edward Heaton for a term beginning January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-959 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew the contract with Unitronix Data Systems, Raritan, New Jersey, to provide services

and maintenance for the Division of Social Services' software and hardware systems for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$88,702.12.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-960 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-817 to include an additional allocation in the amount of \$300,000 in Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) grant funding for the contract period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 to Transdev Services, Inc. for the continued provision of Paratransit services.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-961 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a lease agreement with the Gateway Family YMCA, Elizabeth Branch, to rent space for the Intoxicated Driver Resource Center (IDRC) education classes to be held at 1564 Irving Street, Rahway, New Jersey, at a rate of \$520 per day, for a minimum of 52 scheduled days during the period of January 5, 2016 through December 28, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$27,040.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Bergen abstaining.

- 2015-962 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into agreements with various community based organizations to provide shelter night stays for TANF, GA, and/or Emergency Assistance recipients for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016; agencies will be reimbursed directly by the State of New Jersey based upon Individual Per Diem Rate(s) per family per night as agreed upon by said community based organizations and the State of New Jersey; County Match appropriation is required.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-963 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract in the amount of \$5000 for the contract period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 for Specialty Medical Consultants to provide care to Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital patients.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-964 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract in the amount of \$58,000.00 for the contract period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 to provide additional professional psychiatric/medical services to Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital patients.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-965 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Robert Restifo, D.O., Summit, New Jersey, to provide respiratory care services for Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital patients for the contract period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-966 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-416 to extend the contract period on the 2016 Social Services for the Homeless (SSH) Spending Plan subcontract with Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Newark through February 29, 2016 to permit the expenditure of 2016 grant funds only with no change in allocation amount; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the funded agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any fails to meet its contractual obligation.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-967 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with practitioners to provide professional medical services for the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital patients for the contract period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-968 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement to provide evening weekday beeper coverage on a rotating basis ensuring medical psychiatric evening coverage at \$30 per day for the patients of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$7,800.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-969 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the Countywide Code Blue Emergency Shelter Initiative for the Winter of 2015-2016 in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 to address the needs of the homeless during periods of extreme weather conditions.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-970 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution 2014-939, the lease agreement in the amount of \$300,475 for the period of December 15, 2014 through December 31, 2015 and to change name on lease to Runnells BH Operating LLC. Adjust percentage of property taxes and common area costs, and lease payment

through December 31, 2015 to 13.48% and add funds of \$300,475 to cover property taxes and lease payment thru 12/31/2015 and common area in a new amount of \$4,315,572.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-971 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award contracts to various agencies under the 2016 Alcohol/Drug Abuse Grant Spending Plan in the total amount not to exceed \$897,415 (State Grant: \$772,720/County Match: \$124,695) for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016; and further authorizing the County Manager to transfer funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies fail to meet its contractual obligation.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-972 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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 Caldwell Parsonage, 909 Caldwell Avenue, Union, NJ 07083, to assist in the replacement of a heating system in disrepair in an amount not to exceed \$1,800.00. (matching grant)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-973 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the option to renew a contract with Royal Printing Services, West New York, New Jersey for an additional 24 consecutive months to provide general election printing services for the period February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$1,148,303.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-974 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the option to renew a contract with Full Service Mailers, Hackensack, New Jersey for an additional 24 consecutive months to provide election mail fulfillment services for the period February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$150,385.96.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-975 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Clerk to make any and all purchases of goods and/or services required in the process of preparing and conducting an election to be provided by various vendors and to provide miscellaneous election services which might arise, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for the 2016 elections.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-976** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** 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, 2016 through March 31, 2017, in the amount of \$30,542.56.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-977** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Approving the 2016 Union County Clerk Five Year Plan.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-978** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Wisolmerski Associates, Inc., Pembroke Pines, Florida, for the purpose of providing technical support to the recording, indexing and accounting systems of the Office of the County Clerk for the contract period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$41,350.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-979** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the option to renew a contract with B&B Press, Lebanon, New Jersey for an additional 24 consecutive months from February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2018 for the purposes of providing print services for Mail in Ballots and Provisional Ballots for the 2016 and 2017 Primary and General Elections in the amount of \$514,714.78.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-980** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with County Business Systems, Pennington, New Jersey for the purpose of providing and installing 142 index book binders for the Office of the Union County Clerk in an amount not to exceed \$28,345.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-981** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to apply for and accept funding from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, Megan's Law and Local Law Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$13,753 for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-982** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into a Professional Services contract with Kristen Balsamo-Kleinbach to serve as a DNA Analyst (forensic scientist) at the Union County Prosecutor's Forensic Laboratory for the period of February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-983** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Resolution authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of the Prosecutor, 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, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in the amount of \$198,721, with a County match in the amount of \$49,680, for a total project obligation of \$248, 401.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-984** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Mall Chevrolet, Cherry Hill, NJ to purchase two 2016 Chevrolet Suburban 4WD vehicles at a total cost of \$83,780.00 obtained through the use of Cranford Police Co-Op #47-CPCPS.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-985** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Approving a pre-qualified list of vendors to provide transportation services for the voting machines delivery and pickup.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-986** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-476, a contract with Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey to include account number 5-01-23-738-480-326 and 6-01-23-738-480-326 only (no change in the contract amount).

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-987** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital-Medical Malpractice Policy, General and Professional Liability Umbrella Policy, and Excess Umbrella Liability Policy with Princeton Insurance Company, Princeton, New Jersey, for the period of December 15, 2015 through December 15, 2016 for a contract amount not to exceed \$99,055.55.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-988** CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH: Amending Resolution Number 2015-018, a contract with Roth D'Aquanni, Springfield, New Jersey, special Legal Counsel for personnel matters, to increase the cap for legal services in the amount of \$15,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$130,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-989** CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH: Request for a waiver of the County's residency requirement for Ronald Charles, prospective Director of the Department of Corrections.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-990** CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH: Amending Resolution Number 2015-423, approving the 2015-2016 Annual Consolidated Action Plan, increasing the funding to the Plainfield Housing Authority Demolition of Elmwood Gardens Project in the amount from \$60,000 to \$120,000 from CDBG Contingency Funds as approved by the Administrative Subcommittee Meeting of the Union County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-991** CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract, through a fair and open Request for Proposal process, for the administration of the Union County Housing Voucher Program (HAPP) (Section 8) to Development Directions for a two year period commencing January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$700,000. (Administrative fees are set forth annually by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-992** CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH: Amending Resolution Number 2015-743, a contract awarded to Montana Construction Corporation of Lodi, New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq for the replacement of Madison Hill Road Bridge, reflecting a change in Account Numbers only.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-993** CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH: Amending Resolution Number 2014-725, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for the Gordon Street Bridge, Roselle/Roselle Park, County of Union, New Jersey, accepting additional funding in

the amount of \$124,006.00, for a total funding amount of \$878,969.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-051)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-994 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-726, a Professional Engineering Design Service Contract with Hardesty and Hanover of West Trenton, New Jersey for additional design services associated with the Gordon Street Bridge over "Out of Service" Conrail Structure No. 205150 located in Roselle/Roselle Park, County of Union, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$124,006.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$878,969.00, as approved by the New Jersey Department of Transportation - TTF SWAP FUNDING AGREEMENT - 2014-DT-BLA-FEP-206. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-051)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-995 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-917, adopted on 11/13/14 authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) - FY 2014 Local Safety Program for the Intersection Improvements Vauxhall Road (CR630) & Pine Avenue/Barbara Avenue and Vauxhall Road (CR630) & Caldwell Avenue/Glenn Avenue, Township of Union, County of Union, New Jersey, accepting additional funding in the amount of \$4,915.67 for a total funding amount of \$393,203.67. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2012-017A)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-996 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-1074, (BA#58-2014) a contract awarded through advertised public bidding process in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A: 11-1 et seq., to Fai Gon Electric, Inc., of Piscataway, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 for the Intersection Improvements - Vauxhall Road (CR630) and Pine Avenue/Barbara Avenue; Vauxhall Road (CR630) and Caldwell Avenue/Glenn Avenue, Township of Union, County of Union, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$36,723.63 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$393,203.67. This project is funded by the New Jersey Department of Transportation, 2014 Local Safety Program Federal Project Number HSP-7549(103). (Union County Engineering Project Number 2012-017A)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-997 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) 2013 Local Safety Program for the Intersection Improvement at East Broad and Elm Street, Town of Westfield, County of Union, New Jersey, accepting funding in the amount of \$410,465.91. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-007)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-998** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-604, authorizing the County Manager to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the County of Union and that the signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement. FY-2014-00029 Local Bridges, Future Needs for the replacement of Elm Street and Orchard Steet Bridge over Stream 10-7-16, Town of Westfield, County of Union, New Jersey, Structure 2020-007 for an amount of \$750,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-021)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-999** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-603, authorizing the County Manager to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the County of Union and that the signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement. FY-2015-00026 Local Bridges, Future Needs for the Renovation of Hussa Street Bridge over Peach Brook, City of Linden, County of Union, New Jersey, Structure number 2009-113 for an amount of \$700,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-019)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-1000** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-603, authorizing the County Manager to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the County of Union and that the signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement. FY-2015-00028 Local Bridges, Future Needs for the Renovation of WR Tracy Drive (Route 645) over Surprise Lake, Mountainside, Structure Number 2010-037 for an amount of \$300,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-020)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-1001** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. 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: Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management; Division of Engineering: Fai Gon Electric, Inc., of Piscataway, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Intersection Improvements at Chestnut Street and Crawford Terrace/Parkview Drive, Township of Union, County of Union, New Jersey, in the amount not to exceed \$358,582.30. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2012-017B)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2015-1002 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. 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 Public Works & Facilities; Division of Facilities Management: Pennetta Industrial Automation, for the purpose of providing Electronic & Electro-Mechanical System Services, twenty-four (24) consecutive months with the provision of a twenty-four (24) month optional extension in the amount of \$64,775.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2015-1003 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. 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 Public Works & Facilities; Division of Facilities Management: Pennetta Industrial Automation, for the purpose of providing Correctional Facility Lock & Slider Monitoring and Control System Services at various locations throughout the County, twenty-four (24) consecutive months with the provision of a twenty-four (24) month optional extension in the amount of \$51,425.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2015-1004 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract for the Department of Public Works: Division of Facilities Management to the City of Elizabeth Parking Authority, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Jury Parking, as per state mandate, for a contract period of twelve (12) consecutive months from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$240,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2015-1005 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH: Resolution granting permission to Berkeley Heights for the hanging of a banner on Springfield and Plainfield Avenue from November 12, 2015 to December 7, 2015 for the Berkeley Heights Tree Lighting and Winter Walk.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2015-1006 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH: Resolution granting permission to the Borough of Kenilworth for the closing of the Boulevard from 14th Street to 24th Street on Sunday, May 22, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Spring Street Fair.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2015-1007 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH: Resolution granting the Borough of New Providence permission to close various roadways and for the hanging of banners for the following events for the 2015 Calendar Year: Monday, May 25, 2015 from 7:00

a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the Annual Memorial Day Parade; Springfield Avenue from Central Avenue to Gales Drive; Friday, July 3, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for the "Downtown Fireworks Spectacular; South Street from Gales Drive to Springfield Avenue. Sunday, November 1, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Annual Street Fair: Springfield Avenue, from South Street to Gales Drive. The Borough is also requesting the approval for hanging of banners on South Street and Springfield Avenue for the following events: New Providence Business and Professional Association 5K Race; Bikers for Brooke; Summer Concert Series and Centennial Park Anniversary; Independence Day; Farmers Market; NP Alliance – Red Ribbon Week

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-1008 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$700,000.00 (\$250,000 from FEMA and \$450,000 from the State Subgrantee) for the purpose of acquiring two (2) Permanent Gas Generators to be permanently installed at the Union County Public Works facility, 2325 South Avenue, Scotch Plains and the Union County Police Academy, 1776 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-1009 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, 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 from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. (No County Match)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-1010 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with ICL Performance Products LP, Wilmington, DE to provide a fire suppression course to 30 firefighters from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Region, through the 2015 UASI Grant, in an amount not to exceed \$119,500.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-1011 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local 102-Primary Supervisors effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-1012 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with

PBA 73A--County Police Superior Officers effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-1013 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Resolution authorizing funding of the Union County Advancing Community Theater "UCACT" Program in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 and further authorizing the County Manager to execute any and all agreements with Community Theater groups for the UCACT Program.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-1014 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the Union County Performing Arts Center in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for the purposes of developing support for the arts in Union County and creating cultural and educational opportunities for Union County residents.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-1015 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** A Resolution authorizing the settlement of pending litigation entitled Shiquon Fowler v. UC, et als, Docket No: UNN-L-1589-14, in an amount not to exceeded \$475,000.00 (to be paid by insurance)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2015-1016 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution expressing the Board's gratitude to the Congressional leaders in restoring funding to NJ Transit, whose cuts would have had an adverse effect on commuters in Union County, and further urges the continued funding in the final bill.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-1017 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Hugh Bisset, former member of the Union County Advisory Board on the Disabled, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-1018 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Mary B. Bodek, mother of Linden City Clerk Joseph Bodek, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-1019 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Laudatory resolution acknowledging the many years of dedicated public service of Councilman Richard Madden.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-1020 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Laudatory resolution acknowledging the exemplary work and dedicated service of Union County Dispatcher Art Braunschweiger and congratulating him on receiving the Dispatcher of the Year Award by the New Jersey Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) and the New Jersey Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Council.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-1021 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Laudatory resolution acknowledging the efforts of the Egenolf Early Childhood Center in Elizabeth, New Jersey, as they celebrate their 125th Anniversary.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-1022 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Laudatory resolution acknowledging the many years of dedicated public service of Union Township Committeeman Anthony Terrezza.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Susan Saloman, of Rahway, made comments in opposition to Rahway River Park project. She made comments of the parking concerns, noting picture she saw of the parking during a baseball game where over 30 cars were parked on the grass. She emphasized the need for parking plans in general terms, and in specific terms relative to ADA accessibility, fire, police and EMT accessibility.

John Bury, of Kenilworth, made comments regarding Rahway River Park project. He made comments relative to the Rahway Council Meetings on the issue. He

commented on the idea of finding another site for the project, commenting on the intentions of the Olmstead Park vision and need for a “great park”. He made comments regarding the funding of the project.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Granados provided an update on the Workforce Innovation Business Center, which the County launched last fall in partnership with Union County College. He stated that the WIB Center, as it is known, helps to match local businesses with qualified applicants. He stated that the program has exceeded expectations, noting that over the past year he has connected more than one thousand (1,000) Union County residents with top quality employers including AirServ at Newark-Liberty Airport, and Whole Foods in Clark. He stated that the latest high profile companies to partner with the WIB Center are two retailers located at the Mills at Jersey Gardens Mall: Abercrombie & Fitch, and Dr. Martens. He noted that the two retailers will be providing fifty (50) positions.

Freeholder Wright said last week she was honored to join Senators Cory Booker and Bob Menendez at the Headquarters of the Elizabeth Fire Department, in support of their efforts to reauthorize the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Reauthorization Act. She provided comments on the Zadroga Health Act, noting that it was passed in 2010, to provide relief for the many heroic civilians and first responders who rushed to the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. She commented on those that suffered severe, and in some cases fatal, health effects related to contamination at the site. She noted that the re-authorizing of the Act should not be controversial, and yet it is still held up in the federal budget process.

Freeholder Kowalski made comments in reference to the County’s Hazard Mitigation Plans, noting that they are required by federal law in order to assess and reduce the risk of flooding, high winds, and other hazards. She noted that the Hazard Mitigation Plan is the platform by which the County applies for federal assistance in the event of a disaster and plays a critical role in ensuring a timely and effective recovery effort. She stated that the County’s initial plan was approved in 2010 and is now engaged in the required five-year update.

Freeholder Carter made comments in reference to two upcoming County holiday events; the Model Train “Holiday Sound and Light Show,” located in Lenape Park and run by a nonprofit called The Model Railroad Club, and the County’s annual Holiday Craft Show at the Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside. She noted that admission to the craft show is free with the donation of a nonperishable food item or an unwrapped toy.

Freeholder Carter encouraged residents to check on elderly neighbors during the harsh winter months, and to check fire alarms, smoke and carbon-dioxide detectors.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments for educators of grades Kindergarten through 12, in reference to the upcoming Project Aquatic WILD workshop at the Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside next Thursday, December 10 from 9:00

a.m. to 3:00 p.m. He noted that the workshop has been developed by the Council for Environmental Education to provide new resources and hands-on activities for teaching classroom lessons about aquatic wildlife and ecosystems. He noted that participants will receive six professional education credits from the New Jersey Department of Education.

Freeholder Mirabella encouraged residents to take advantage of the great shopping in the County's local downtowns, noting that residents can find unique stores.

County Manager Faella made comments regarding the parking plans at Rahway River Park. He noted that Public Safety Director Moran has been working, and will continue to work, with the Rahway Police Department on developing plans for those events if they occur. He welcomed Ron Charles, the new Director of the Department of Corrections and thanked George Blaskewicz for his service in stepping in a Acting capacity until this appointment of a Director.

Vice Chairman Bergen made comments in reference to the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Spring Street Project affordable housing project in Elizabeth. He noted that he was joined by Freeholders Granados and Kowalski, and County Manager Faella (who grew up a couple blocks from the site) and the Deputy County Manager. He stated that this project is an outstanding example of county-local cooperation to build stronger, healthier neighborhoods. He stated that the unique cornerstone of the Spring Street Project is the new African American Cultural and Learning Center; providing for a focal point for education, cultural enrichment and community health.

Chairman Jalloh stated that it was a great pleasure to join his colleagues on the Freeholder Board in welcoming United States Senator Cory Booker to Union County last week to celebrate the official opening of the new Family Success Center in Rahway. He stated that the Family Success Center will provide parents and their children with a "one-stop" access to all of the resources that can lead to a more rewarding and enriching participation in civic life. He stated such resources include literacy and computer training, employment services, health services and family activities. He stated that the concept of the Resource Center is a significant improvement over the conventional piecemeal approach to providing services. Noting that by providing families with more effective support, the ripple effect is a stronger, healthier Union County. He thanked the Board for embracing this project, as it was one of the Freeholder "Focus on Families" initiatives.

Chairman Jalloh provided an update on the "Union County Students Helping Out" (SHOUI) program, noting that the program was developed to help high school students use their talents, skills and critical thinking to effect positive change in their community. He stated that more than one hundred students have applied for the program.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Jalloh called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter. Roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

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

<u>AGENDA SETTING SESSION</u>	<u>REGULAR MEETINGS</u>
January 15, 2015	January 29, 2015
February 5, 2015	February 19, 2015
February 26, 2015	February 26, 2015
March 5, 2015*	March 12, 2015
March 19, 2015	March 26, 2015
April 9, 2015	April 16, 2015
April 23, 2015	April 30, 2015
May 7, 2015	May 14, 2015
May 28, 2015	May 28, 2015
June 11, 2015	June 18, 2015
July 9, 2015	July 16, 2015
August 6, 2015	August 20, 2015
September 3, 2015	September 10, 2015
September 17, 2015	September 24, 2015
October 1, 2015	October 8, 2015
October 15, 2015	October 15, 2015
November 5, 2015	November 12, 2015
December 3, 2015	December 3, 2015
December 10, 2015	December 17, 2015

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.

*Meeting postponed due to inclement weather.



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