



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2016
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Chairman Bruce H. Bergen presided and called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Roll call showed Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Linda Carter, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella and Freeholder Vernell Wright were in attendance, with Vice Chairman Sergio Granados and Freeholder Christopher Hudak 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.

Chairman Bergen asked the Clerk of the Board to note that Freeholder Hudak joined the meeting (7:04pm).

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

PRESENTATION FROM THE BOARD

Resolution presentations will be made by Freeholder Estrada to Andrew Esteves for being accepted into Princeton University's PhD program and Angelica Blanco for graduating from New Jersey Institute of Technology with honors.

Freeholder Estrada called up Angelica Blanco and Andrew Esteves, both of whom had previously graduated from Elizabeth High School. He made comments relative to the Gifted and Talented program in Elizabeth, and spoke on the quality of education available to students of the Elizabeth School System. He stated that these two students excelled because they showed determination and perseverance, and were pushed to excel by family and their educational staff members through the years.

Freeholder Estrada read Angelica Blanco's resolution aloud, highlighting her tremendous accomplishments. He commended Angelica Blanco for her will and determination and presented her with the resolution. Angelica Blanco thanked the Board and her family for their support.

Freeholder Estrada read Andrew Esteves resolution aloud, highlighting his many accomplishments. He stated that he has known the Esteves family for a while and was very proud of Andrew. He commended corporations like Colgate and Merck for being committed to providing internships for the County's young people. Andrew Esteves thanked the Board and thanked his family for keeping him focused on his goals and commitment.

Check presentations will be made by Freeholders Linda Carter and Alexander Mirabella awarding the Start Now participation grants to the New Providence High School and the John E. Dwyer Technology Academy students for their outstanding efforts in the Union County Student Training and Enrichment Program's Garments & Gear Campaign.

Freeholder Carter congratulated the students of New Providence High School and John E. Dwyer Technology Academy, noting that this is a great opportunity to showcase what hard work and opportunity can accomplish. She spoke on the 3rd Annual UCSTEP program, which commenced in December of 2015 with over 200 students participating, resulting in Garments and Gear's selection as the 2015/2016 UCSTEP Civic Project. She congratulated all the students on their fundraising efforts and in reaching out to the community in collecting garments and gear.

Freeholder Mirabella stated that the UCSTEP program is one of the highlights of the year for him and the Board. He spoke to the program's success in developing leadership skills, and congratulated the students from of New Providence High School and John E. Dwyer Technology Academy. He commended Director Wagner and the County Staff that assisted in the program's success.

Christine Noppenberger, Guidance Counselor at New Providence High School, congratulated the students for their efforts. She commended Hannah Caminiti for taking the lead on the project on behalf of the school. She noted the support of the families of the students and the community at large.

Hannah Caminiti, student lead on the UCSTEP project, thanked Ms. Noppenberger, for her dedication and commitment to the students. She stated that the UCSTEP program was not only a fun project, but a worthwhile project.

Freeholders Carter and Mirabella presented a check and resolution to the representatives of New Providence High School.

Diana Pinto Gomes, Principal of John E. Dwyer Technology Academy, stated that it was a privilege to introduce her students that worked so hard on the project. Spoke on their commitment to the program. She acknowledged Maria Litos, a teacher at the school, who was the leading force behind the project. She acknowledged her dedication to her students.

Elizabeth Board of Education Commissioner Daniel Nina congratulated the students for their effort.

Mrs. Litos, English Teacher and Program Lead, commended the students, noting how proud she was of each of them.

Ja'Quan Mial, student lead on the UCSTEP project, thanked the Board for creating a program for students to help those less fortunate than themselves. He thanked the classmates, noting that they all are a second family to him.

Freeholder Carter announced and congratulated Jaquan for winning the Silver Medal in the State Triple Jump, and announced that he was accepted to both Harvard University and Columbia University.

Freeholders Carter and Mirabella presented a check and resolution to the representatives of New Providence High School.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Oath of Office: Union County Planning Board: Andrew Beno; Union County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Public Advisory Committee: Michael Del Sordi, Charles Eke, Janice Siegel and Michael Yesenko; Union County Planning Board: Thomas Perrette.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Thursday, February 4, 2016 - Executive Session
2. Thursday, February 11, 2016 - Executive Session
3. Thursday, February 18, 2016 - Executive Session
4. Thursday, March 3, 2016 - Executive Session
5. Thursday, March 17, 2016 - Executive Session

Chairman Bergen called for a motion to approve the Minutes. On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

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

774-2016 CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$87,560.53 FOR VARIOUS RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO FACILITIES (DISTRICT-WIDE) AT UNION COUNTY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AND TO TRANSFER AN UNEXPENDED BOND ORDINANCE BALANCE AND REAPPROPRIATE SAME TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance Number 774-2016 only.

Bruce Patterson, of Garwood, inquired as to why the County is voting on an ordinance relative to only \$87,000, and questioned how much is the "transfer of unexpended balance".

Chairman Bergen advised that this is strictly for the Vocational-Technical schools and for a limited use which explains the low amount.

Director Taylor stated that Ordinance 669-2008 - Purpose E was originally adopted for the construction of the Performing Arts Academy building. She stated that the balance of that project is \$87,560.54 and is no longer needed for that purpose. She stated that the Vocational-Technical schools have requested the County to allow them to repurpose the remaining balance for the renovations of other facilities within the complex. She clarified that this ordinance would cancel the balance on the Performing Arts Center building and repurposes the money for other renovations, noting that it does not add debt to the county.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, Fiscal Committee Chairman, will move Ordinance Number 774-2016 for Final Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

Chairman Bergen called for Fiscal Committee Chairman Mirabella to move Ordinance No. 774-2016 and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise in accordance with the law. The motion was moved by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter. A roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 775-2016 BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PROVISION OF FUNDING TO THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY IN CONNECTION WITH VARIOUS PROJECTS IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,250,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance Number 775-2016 only.

John Burry, of Kenilworth, inquired as to why the County is bonding on behalf of the Union County Improvement Authority, and asked how much of the funds are for the Wood Avenue litigation settlement and its corresponding legal fees.

Daniel P. Sullivan, Executive Director of the Union County Improvement Authority, stated that there are three parts to the money being requested: two parts are for the fit-out of the Park Madison Building; first is for the Workman's Comp Court and secondly for the County's Learning Link. The third part is for a long standing lawsuit

between the Improvement Authority, the City of Linden and a developer, noting that the \$150,000 settlement is inclusive of all legal fees.

Chairman Bergen stated that based on the recommendation by the County's professionals, the Board decided that this process is the cheapest and most effective financing.

Bruce Patterson, of Garwood, questioned if there will be more funds necessary to borrow in the future, noting the term "down payment" in the ordinance. He asked if anyone could explain the lawsuit.

Chairman Bergen advised that the \$60,000 towards the cash down payment is required by law and is not being borrowed, and that there would not be any future payments required to borrow.

Mr. Sullivan stated that the lawsuit related to a development project within the City of Linden approximately 10 years ago. He stated that the City of Linden resolved their issues and is moving forward. He stated that the Improvement Authority was the last of the defendants in the case, and noted that it was more expeditious to settle the matter than to continue the litigation.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, Fiscal Committee Chairman, will move Ordinance Number 775-2016 for Final Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

Chairman Bergen called for Fiscal Committee Chairman Mirabella to move Ordinance No. 775-2016 and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise in accordance with the law. The motion was moved by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski. A roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Bruce Patterson, of Garwood, made comments and/or inquires relative to a number resolutions. Relative to Resolution No. 2016-473, he stated that he liked the contract amount, as it seems very low. Relative to Resolution No. 2016-485, he questioned how many towns use a shared service agreement with the County to provide their Police dispatch, and asked why the towns can't just use their police dispatch in lieu of the County dispatch. Relative to Resolution No. 2016-496, he asked if these budget modifications will reduce the budget and offset any taxes. Relative to Resolution No. 2016-513, he asked if there are any covenants that outline members receiving health benefits for life. Relative to Resolution No. 2016-514, he asked what the Oakridge Project is. Relative to Resolution No. 2016-485, Director Moran advised that the State requirements stipulate that 9-1-1 centers give medical instructions for any medical emergency, adding that for many towns, this is a huge undertaking as many towns only have one dispatcher on staff.

He stated that many of the towns subcontract out for this service, allowing their dispatcher to transfer the medical call to free themselves up for their other emergency dispatch services.

Relative to Resolution Numbers 2016-490 through 2016-496, Director Taylor stated that the special items of revenue do not affect the tax rate, adding that they offset the costs of many services the County provides. She clarified that these items are grants the County is accepting.

Chairman Bergen added that the reason the County is considering these resolutions is due to the fact that the County received notification of the grants after the budget has been adopted. Director Taylor confirmed.

Relative to Resolution No. 2016-513, Director Yuska stated that this memorandum of agreement does not have any language specific to lifetime benefits.

Relative to Resolution No. 2016-514, County Counsel Barry advised that the project is for the development and construction for a facility at Oakridge Park that consists of an Ice Skating Rink with two sheets of ice, a locker room, a concession area and a track with turf field lined for lacrosse and soccer.

John Burry, of Kenilworth, made comments relative to Resolution No. 2016-514, asking what the total cost of the project, and when the construction timeframe for the project.

Chairman Bergen stated that the County does not have that information at this point. He stated that this resolution allows for the design, adding that once the County has the designs, the County will price out the project and go out to bid for the work. Once that happens, the County will know the total cost and construction timeframe. He noted that the Union County College has committed \$2 million in funding, as the County anticipates their usage of the track and field portion of the project.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

2016-472 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER: Concurring with the Township of Berkeley Heights Ordinance Number 7-2016 establishing parking regulations on portions of Springfield Avenue (CR512), Township of Berkeley Heights, County of Union, New Jersey.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

2016-473 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Architectural Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to The Musial Group Architecture of Mountainside, New Jersey to provide Conceptual Design Services/Space Reconfiguration for the Union County Clerk's Office, City of Elizabeth for an amount not to exceed \$5,995.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-021)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-474 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40:A11-1 et seq to: Tri-County Termite & Pest Control, Inc., Carneys Point, NJ (BA-24-2014) for the purpose of providing Extermination & Pest Control Management Services for the Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management for twenty-four (24) consecutive months commencing June 30, 2016 through June 30, 2018, contract amount not to exceed \$64,009.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-475 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Foley, Inc., Piscataway, NJ, for the purchase of various Caterpillar Equipment; One (1) 2016 CB64B Asphalt Compactor, \$158,809.75; One (1) 2016 323FL Hydraulic Excavator, \$218,864.00; One (1) 2016 930M Wheel Loader, \$184,337.28, for the Division of Public Works through the Middlesex County Regional Education Services Commission MRESC 15/16-08 ID #65 MCESCCPS, in the amount not to exceed \$562,011.03.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-476 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Resolution concurring with the Township of Springfield regarding road closures and a banner for the 4th of July Day Festivities. The 4th of July Day Festivities will be held on Monday between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m., (in case of rain on the next clear day) and the Township is requesting permission to close Meisel Avenue from the intersection of Linden Avenue to the intersection of Milltown Road. Also, granting permission to hang a banner across Mountain Avenue at North Trivett from May 15, 2016 to July 4, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-477 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Resolution concurring with the City of Summit granting permission to the Overlook Foundation for their 5K Run, which will be held on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. to close certain county roads for the event. The Overlook Foundation is requesting permission to close a section of Elm Street between Broad Street and the north end of the Elm Street parking lot and Railroad Avenue from Summit Avenue to Maple Street.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-478 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Resolution granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights for the Suburban Chamber of Commerce to close Springfield Avenue from Snyder Avenue to Plainfield Avenue on Sunday, June 26, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Annual Berkeley Heights Street Fair.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-479 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Resolution concurring with the Borough of Roselle Park to close Chestnut Street between East Grant Avenue and Clay Avenue on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. for Roselle Park National Night Out event.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-480 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Resolution concurring with the Borough of New Providence to the closing of county roads during the period of May 23, 2016 and December 31, 2016 for the following events: Monday, May 30, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the Annual Memorial Day Parade – Springfield Avenue from Central Avenue to Gales Drive; Sunday, July 3, 2016 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 6, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Annual Street Fair – Springfield Avenue, from South Street to Livingston Avenue; Friday, November 25, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the Downtown Christmas Walk – South Street, from Gales Drive to Springfield Avenue.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-481 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Resolution granting permission to the Township of Scotch Plains to place a banner across Park Avenue at the intersection of Front Street and Bartle Avenue from on or about May 27, 2016 to June 24, 2016 for the Summer 5K Run. The Township is also requesting the closure of Park Avenue, between Bartle and Grand Street and also a portion of Front Street where it intersects from Senger to Park from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 23, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mirabella abstaining and Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-482 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER & VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution awarding participation grants to New Providence High School and John

E. Dwyer Technology Academy, for their outstanding efforts in the Union County Student Training and Enrichment Program's Garments & Gear Campaign for a combined total amount of \$2,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-483 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40:A11-1 et seq with I. Miller Precision Optical Instruments, Feasterville, PA., (BA 26-2016) for the procurement of an FSC Comparison Macroscope, in the amount not to exceed \$65,229.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-484 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Trinitas Regional Medical Center Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU), 225 Williamson Street, Elizabeth, NJ, in accordance with Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq., for the provision of advanced life support dispatching services, in the amount of \$80,000.00 for the contract term of five (5) years, with a 2% increase per year for the remaining four (4) years.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-485 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Clark to provide 9-1-1 Emergency Medical call screening and EMS Dispatch services in an amount of \$9,550.87 for the first year, with a subsequent two percent (2%) increase in each additional year for the remaining four (4) years of the five (5) year term of the agreement.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-486 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Mountainside to provide 911 Emergency Medical call screening services in the amount of \$5,953.37 for the first year, with a subsequent two percent (2%) increase in each additional year for the remaining four (4) years of the five (5) year term of the agreement.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-487 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, County Environmental Health Act (CEHA) Grant Funds in the amount of \$180,000 to support CEHA activities for the contract period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 and match in the amount of \$180,000 through in-kind funds.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-488 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** 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, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-489 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend the New Jersey Department of Health Grant Award for Public Health Emergency Preparedness (LINCS Grant) in the amount of \$283,970 for a contract period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-490 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2016 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$69,879 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a Program Entitled: New Jersey Clean Communities Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-491 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2016 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$425,766 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a Program Entitled: Community Services Block Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-492 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2016 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$826,925 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development for a Program Entitled: Social Services for the Homeless (SSH) Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-493 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2016 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$3,193,775 as a result of notification received from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for a Program Entitled: SuperNOFA Continuum of Care (CoCr) Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-494 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2016 Union County Adopted Budget in the Amount of \$16,401 as a Result of Notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a Program Entitled: Right to Know (RTK) Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-495 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2016 Union County Adopted Budget in the Amount of \$180,000 as a Result of Notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a Program Entitled: FY 2017 CEHA Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-496 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2016 Union County Adopted Budget in the Amount of \$283,970 as a Result of Notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a Program Entitled: FY 2017 PHILEP LINCS Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-497 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Authorizing the sponsorship of the Peruvians for Progress, Inc., parade and festival to be held on July 24, 2016, which promotes and celebrates Peruvian heritage in the amount of \$3,000.00; promoting the general welfare of Union County residents as they celebrate and promote Peruvian heritage.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-498 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Authorizing the sponsorship of the Borough of Roselle Park's Fourth of July festivities in the amount of \$3,500.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-499 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Authorizing the sponsorship of the City of Rahway's Culture Crawl to be held on June 17, 2016, in the amount of \$2,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-500 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Authorizing the sponsorship of the Borough of New Providence's Street Fair and Festival to be held on November 6, 2016, in the amount of \$3,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-501 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Authorizing the sponsorship of the Township of Cranford's Fourth of July festivities in the amount of \$4,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-502 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Authorizing the sponsorship of the Township of Scotch Plains' Fourth of July festivities in the amount of \$4,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mirabella abstaining and Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-503 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Authorizing the sponsorship of the New Jersey Legacy Committee's Juneteenth Historical and Cultural celebration on June 19, 2016 in the amount of \$2,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-504 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Authorizing the sponsorship of the Old First Historic Trust's HAMILTON Young Immigrant Tour at the Snyder Academy on July 8, 2016 in the amount of \$2,750.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-505 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizes the County Manager to adjust and/or change the Internal Position Control Schedules.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-506 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the City of Elizabeth Recreation Department to run a Summer Playground Program which provides children with the opportunity to participate in supervised recreational activities with subsidized snack and lunch at no cost to the participants in the amount not to exceed \$8,280.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-507 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Storr Tractor Company in the amount of \$16,525 for the purchase of one (1) Level Best-Laser Grading Box, as a result of quotes received.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-508 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding to STRmix software, NicheVision Forensics, LLC, 526 S. Main Street, Suite 714G, Akron, OH 44311, in an amount not to exceed \$93,300.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-509 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Renewing the Accident and Health Insurance for Watchung Stables with QBE Insurance Company, New York, New York, from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$12,241.00 per year; representing no increase from last year's policy.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-510 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Resolution authorizing the approval of the Board for proposed changes to NJ Counties Excess Joint Insurance Fund by-laws pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:10-39.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-511** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew the contract with Sage Software, Inc., St. Petersburg, Florida for software licensing renewal, software updates and enhancement services for the County of Union's Human Resource Management System in an amount not to exceed \$25,593.46.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-512** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Resolution declaring various goods as surplus and no longer needed for use by the County, and further authorizing the County Manager to advertise and hold public auction for said surplus goods.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-513** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with PBA 108--Sheriff Officers effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-514** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Resolution authorizing the County Manger to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Union County Improvement Authority for the development, construction and implementation of the Oak Ridge Property Project; and further transferring existing funds to the Union County Improvement Authority in an amount not to exceed \$2,562,788.40 as per terms of the Agreement.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Estrada voting in the negative and Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-515** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution 2016-428 dated May 26, 2016 approving the 2016-2017 Consolidated Action Plan to reflect the final allocations from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-516 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Cityside Archives, Edison, New Jersey, to provide state mandated records management services for governmental records, for a contract period of three (3) months ending on August 15, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$21,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-517 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution #2016-144, a contract awarded to Groundwork Elizabeth, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the administration and implementation of the Union County Means Green Community Garden Grants for 2016, for an additional amount of \$10,000.00 for a total award not to exceed \$40,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak abstaining and Vice Chairman Granados absent.

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2016-518 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Proclaiming the month of June as Women's Golf Month throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-519 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Congratulating the Plainfield Salvation Army upon their 125th Anniversary for serving the City of Plainfield and surrounding municipalities.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-520 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Laudatory resolution celebrating the fifth anniversary of the Union County EMS system; which has provided lifesaving emergency medical care to thousands of Union County residents and visitors.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

- 2016-521 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Recognizing and congratulating the Tri-City Unit of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) on hosting their Annual Freedom Fund Banquet.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

2016-522 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Congratulating the award recipients for being honored by the United Way of Greater Union County.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Bruce Patterson, of Garwood, stated that he is the President of the Garwood Historical Committee and that they have sent an invitation to the rededication of the plaques since the County has provided \$400,000 in funding over the years. He added that he is the Master of Ceremonies, noting that the County has lent the Committee the public address system for the event.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Wright made comments relative to the 2016 Summer Concert Series, which starts with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra on Friday, June 24th at Echo Lake Park. She stated that prior to each concert; residents can participate in the "Union County Get Fit Yoga Program". She advised residents to visit the official County website for a full listing of the Summer Concerts.

Freeholder Kowalski made comments relative to the new Mobile Aging Services Kiosk which will continue traveling throughout the County during the month of June. She stated that this program provides seniors, ages 60 and above and their caregivers with information regarding the many services available to them, including but not limited to Home Delivered Meals, Respite Care, Home Care and Adult Day Care.

Freeholder Kowalski made comments relative to the annual Bio-Blitz event to be held on Friday and Saturday. She stated that it is one of the more popular outdoor events of the season where residents can learn of the County's natural habitat, noting that participants can speak with naturalists and scientists and can assist in counting the hundreds of species within our parks system. She thanked the Parks staff and the generous sponsors.

Freeholder Carter stated that she had the pleasure, along with Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Jalloh in joining the Plainfield Mayor and City Council at the groundbreaking of The Muse at Grant Avenue Station, noting that it is the largest mixed use construction project in Plainfield in over forty years. She stated that the \$30 million multi-phased development project will consist of the construction of a new 44,000 square foot state of the art facility for the ABC Supply Company. She noted that they chose to stay in Plainfield rather than relocate after twenty-plus years. She added the project will include a 5-story

ninety units for residential living. She made comments relative to the resurgence of activity within the City of Plainfield.

Freeholder Mirabella stated that, as Fiscal Chairman, he was happy to report that the County of Union has once again received a pair of outstanding bond rating reports from Fitch and Moody's financial houses, reaffirming the County's sound fiscal management and budgetary practices. He stated that ratings were among the highest given by both agencies: Fitch at AA+ and Moody's at Aa1, which is contrasted by the nine credit downgrades given to the State of New Jersey. He noted that Moody's cited the County's improved financial condition due to sound management and budgeting and the County's strong fundamental credit quality and conservative budgeting practices. He added that both reports termed the County's debt and liabilities as "low".

Freeholder Mirabella congratulated Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Kowalski and Vice Chairman Granados on their overwhelming primary victory, and looked forward to another victory in November.

Chairman Bergen congratulated Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Kowalski and Vice Chairman Granados on their election victories. He thanked all candidates from all parties, win or lose, for participating in the election process. He thanked Mr. Patterson for the invitation, and stated that he is hoping to attend and help honor Garwood volunteers.

Chairman Bergen made comments and congratulated Joanne Gemenden, who heads the Bureau of Recycling and Planning for the County, for receiving the Education Award from the New Jersey Clean Communities Council. He noted that, this year, Joanne Gemenden successfully brought a state funded recycling education program to Union County called "Talking Trash" and commended Ms. Gemenden for her efforts in raising environmental awareness throughout the County.

Chairman Bergen stated that he had the pleasure to join Freeholders Kowalski and Mirabella, as well as officials from Scotch Plains and Fanwood, to celebrate the construction of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Community Gardens, which is one of twenty Community Garden Grants Program; one of his 2016 initiatives. He made comments relative to the Community Garden Grants program.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bergen asked for a motion to Adjourn. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, a voice vote showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados absent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2016 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.

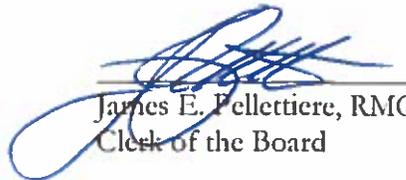
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REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2016 at 12:00 pm Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

<u>AGENDA SETTING SESSION</u>	<u>REGULAR MEETINGS</u>
January 14, 2016	January 21, 2016
February 4, 2016 February 18, 2016	February 11, 2016 February 18, 2016
March 3, 2016 March 17, 2016	March 10, 2016 March 31, 2016
April 7, 2016 April 21, 2016	April 14, 2016 April 28, 2016
May 5, 2016 May 26, 2016*	May 12, 2016 May 26, 2016
June 2, 2016 June 16, 2016	June 9, 2016 June 23, 2016
July 14, 2016	July 21, 2016
August 11 2016	August 18, 2016
September 8, 2016 September 22, 2016	September 15, 2016 September 29, 2016
October 6, 2016 October 20, 2016	October 13, 2016 October 20, 2016
November 10, 2016	November 22, 2016 (Tuesday)
December 1, 2016 December 15, 2016	December 8, 2016 December 22, 2016

* As per Resolution Number 2016-372, the May 19, 2016 Agenda Setting Session was rescheduled to be held on May 26, 2016 at 7:00pm.



James E. Fellettiere, RMC
Clerk of the Board