

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2016
AGENDA SETTING MEETING AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Grace H. Park, Acting Prosecutor

Acting Prosecutor Isenhour provided an overview of the Union County DNA Laboratory and the new requirements set forth by the Federal Bureau of Investigations relative to the number of markers that must be included in any sample submitted to the National Database, which will go into effect on January 1, 2017. He made comments relative to the requirement of an independent validation study to evaluate the equipment and procedures used are complaint. He stated that the County put out an RFQ earlier this year there, and advised that there were two individuals who submitted bids; Life Technologies of California and another company from Utah, noting that Life Technologies was vastly superior to the other. He stated that this award would allow the County to be able to be on-line with the new requirements in 2017.

1. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of the Prosecutor, to award a Professional Services contract through an RFQ process to Life Technologies for Validation Testing Services at the Union County Laboratory, as per State requirements, for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$150,000. (Grant funded) **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Michael Yuska, QPA, Acting Director

1. Awarding a contract to Specialty Underwriters Insurance Company, Oak Creek, Wisconsin, to provide insurance coverage to the County's office machinery, laundry equipment and lab equipment, for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in the amount not to exceed \$300,000.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

2. Renewal of Public Official Bond with the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, for JoAnn Schwab, Office of the County Surrogate in an amount not to exceed \$137.00 for the period of December 31, 2015 through December 30, 2016. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
3. Authorizing a payment to Brown & Brown our General Insurance Agent of Record to renew the Horse Accidental Death Policy with Great American Assurance Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, to cover accidental death of horses by fire, electrocution or transportation vehicle overturn from January 16, 2016 through January 15, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$1,559.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Jalloh asked what other insurance services Brown & Brown are continuing to provide for the County, referring to items #3 and #4.

Director Yuska stated that the County's Insurance Broker selected the two companies to provide insurance for the boat and the horses. He advised that the Great American Assurance has been providing insurance for the horses for the last five years, noting that the cost is \$1,500, which is reduced by \$19 as a result of having two horses (at 25 years old) dropped off the policy. Relative to the boat insurance, Director Yuska advised that the cost represents an increase of \$250 as a result of adding "terrorism insurance" to the policy, noting that Atlantic Specialty Insurance has been the same insurance company the County's broker selected for the last few years.

Chairman Jalloh asked if the County is still using this particular Insurance Broker.

Director Yuska advised that was the case; however he clarified that there is a new Insurance Broker regarding the County's Health Insurance.

County Manager Faella reiterated and clarified that the County is using another Insurance Broker for Health Insurance, but that there are a couple of instances that the County utilizes Brown & Brown as its Insurance Broker.

4. Authorizing a payment to Brown & Brown our General Insurance Agent of record to renew the Marine Insurance Policy covering UC Marine 1 and UC Marine 2, Union County Police Fire Boats, with the Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company from January 22, 2016 through January 21, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$17,150.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
5. Approving the list of pre-qualified vendors for the provision of providing Psychological Examinations to the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Kanen Psychological Associates, P.A., Ridgewood, NJ, for the provision of Psychological Evaluation Services (Fitness for Duty Examinations) for the Department of Administrative Services (Personnel), Department of Human Services (Juvenile Detention), and the Department of Correctional Services for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 for a total amount not to exceed \$49,500.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to The Institute for Forensic Psychology, Oakland, New Jersey, to provide Psychological Evaluation Services to the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Personnel, and The Office of The

Union County Prosecutor, for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in a total amount not to exceed \$29,500.00 **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

8. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract for Telecommunication Services with Verizon Inc. of New Jersey, a Board of Public Utilities regulated supplier, for an estimated not to exceed amount of \$700,000.00 for a period of twelve consecutive months. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Hudak asked if this service is through Verizon and if it is for the normal county phone services, relative to item #8.

Director Yuska stated that the County has been trying to switch over from Verizon, our supplier for 25 years, to Broadview, a state contract vendor, who is giving us a better rate. He advised that last year the County spent approximately \$300,000 with a state contract vendor, and approximately \$800,000 with Verizon, equating to approximately \$1.1 million. He advised that this year the County is about even, noting that in 2015 the County spent approximately \$618,000 with Verizon and approximately \$673,000 with Broadview, noting that it is beginning to even out. He advised that the actual savings this year is about \$100,000 with that crossover. He advised that the more the County transfers the lines to the state contract vendor, the more the County will save, noting that the County projects more saving this year.

Freeholder Hudak inquired into the length of time this transition has taken.

Director Yuska stated that Verizon is incredibly embedded in the County's infrastructure, and advised that Verizon has not been as cooperative as the County would wish, noting that they have no reason to as they are losing the contract. He advised that Economic Development is doing the best they can, noting many meetings on the matter.

Freeholder Hudak inquired if the County was placing enough resources on this project, and if there is a way to move this project forward. He spoke to the frustration of how some County lines have been inadvertently shut off through this process.

Director Yuska stated the County identified the circuits with Verizon and shut them off, however they realized some circuits were inadvertently mixed into the bundle and were mistakenly shut off. He made comments relative to delicacy and security of the lines for the County Police. He advised that his office was going to try its best, noting a state contract for auditing services and that his office would provide a report by March and offer continuing progress reports.

9. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Intervention Strategies, International, Inc., Midland Park, NJ for the purpose of providing a comprehensive Employee Assistance Program (EAP) to County Employees and their Families for the period of February 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$52,360.00 **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amy Wagner, Deputy Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Edmunds & Associates, Inc., Northfield, New Jersey, for the provision of maintenance and technical support for the County's Financial and Electronic Requisition System for the period of January 1, 2016

through December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$20,580. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Jalloh asked what the services will be provided, relative to item #1.

Deputy Director Wagner advised that this contract allows for the County's financial system used by the Department of Finance. She advised that the contract is monitored by the County's IT department as it is a computer software program.

Freeholder Jalloh asked if the entity is the same entity the County has used in the past.

Deputy Director Wagner stated that this company is the same vendor the County has used in the past, noting that the cost is the same as last year as well.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to approve the Union County Workforce Development Board request to the New Jersey State Employment & Training Commission for initial designation of the Union County Local Area as required under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Vice Chairman Granados asked for a further explanation of item #2.

Deputy Director Wagner stated that the New Jersey State Employment & Training Commission has a requirement for funding recipients that the Chairman of the Workforce Development Board must write a letter requesting distinction as a Local Area in order to continue to receive funding. She advised that this resolution would concur with that request.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Joseph Graziano, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into and execute a Rights-of-Way Use Agreement between the County of Union and CenturyLink Communications, LLC of Maryland Heights, Mo, for the installation and maintenance of a telecommunications service system. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to Remington & Vernick Engineers (RV) of Secaucus, New Jersey to provide Design, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Replacement of Irving Street Bridge, Ra-10, City of Rahway, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$353,154.76. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-018) **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**

Freeholder Hudak asked if items #2, #3, and #4 are for bridge replacement projects.

County Manager Faella asked Director Graziano to elaborate on the entire 2016 bridge project.

Director Graziano stated that items #2, #3, #4 and #5 address structurally deficient bridges, which all have to be replaced, noting that they are all part of a program moving into 2016 and 2017. He advised that the County has applied for a lot of funding through the Local Bridges and Future Needs program for a lot of funding over the past few years. He advised that the County has received \$750,000 in local aid for the Elm Street project, \$300,000 for the West Tracy project, and \$700,000 for the Hudson Street project. He stated that the County has applied for a million dollars for the Urban Street Bridge in Rahway, noting that the entire bridge has to be replaced.

Freeholder Hudak inquired as to what the amounts listed are earmarked towards.

Director Graziano advised that the amounts in these resolutions are for the consultant costs. He noted that the construction costs vary from \$700,000 to approximately \$2.5 million, noting that the Irving Street Bridge is about \$2.5 million to replace, and some of the smaller bridges (for instance in Mountainside) are about \$300,000 to \$400,000 to replace.

Freeholder Hudak asked for clarification that there will be grant funding available for the construction costs.

Director Graziano advised that was the case.

Freeholder Hudak inquired as to the number of structurally deficient bridges the County needs to replace; to have an idea of where the County is with its infrastructure.

Director Graziano stated that he would provide that information to the Board. He noted that the County has done a number of bridges over the last few years. He advised that the County has 470 bridges and culverts, which are inspected by the state every two years. He advised that the County plans accordingly off that report. He advised that the report doesn't require the County to replace all of the bridges, noting that some just require structural work that will keep it safe for the traveling public. He assured the Board that all the bridges are safe for travel.

Freeholder Jalloh noted that items #2 through #12 were all professional engineering service contracts, and inquired if any of them were exceptions to public bidding.

Director Graziano advised that each of the contracts were solicited through the RFP process, and that three to five consultants were contacted on each contract.

3. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to Remington & Vernick Engineers (RV) of Secaucus, New Jersey to provide Design, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Replacement of Hussa Street Bridge Over Peach Orchard Brook, (Li-113), in the City of Linden, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$138,238.85. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-019) **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to Neglia Engineering Associates, of Clark, New Jersey to provide Design, Construction Management and Inspection Services for the Replacement of W.R. Tracy Road Bridge (Mo-37) over the Green Brook in the Township of Mountainside, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$131,158.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-020) **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service contract to Remington & Vernick Engineers (RV) of Secaucus, New Jersey to provide Design, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Replacement of Elm Street Bridge, We7, Township of Westfield, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$193,492.83. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-021) **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to The RBA Group of Parsippany, New Jersey to provide On-Call Traffic Engineering Services for the County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, commencing

February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-028) **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**

Freeholder Carter inquired if the "On-Call" contracts (items #6, #7, #8 and #9) were solicited via RFP.

Director Graziano advised that was the case.

Freeholder Carter asked how the costs compared to previous years.

Director Graziano advised that last year the County had contracted with two companies for On-Call environmental services; one for outside environmental services and one for inside (asbestos) environmental services, noting that the County spent about \$25,000 which is equal to this contract. He advised that the On-Call bridge services are a new contract since the County is planning extensive bridge work.

7. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to T&M Associates of Middletown, New Jersey, to provide On-Call Bridge Engineering Services for the County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 commencing February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-029) **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
8. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to CME Associates, of Monmouth Junction, New Jersey, to provide On-Call Environmental Services for the County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, commencing February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-030) **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
9. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to Neglia Engineering Associates, of Clark, New Jersey to provide On-Call General Engineering Services for the County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 commencing February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-031) **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
10. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to French & Parrello of Wall, New Jersey, to provide dam inspection and engineering services for the 2016 Inspection of Union County Dams for an amount not to exceed \$16,850.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-032) **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
11. Amending Resolution Number 2015-893 adopted November 12, 2015, a Professional Engineering Service Contract with CME Associates of Monmouth Junction, New Jersey to provide additional engineering services related to the former Lenape Park Trap and Skeet facility located in Cranford, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$15,150.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$365,061.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-029) **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
12. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to T&M Associates of Middletown, New Jersey, to provide underground storage tank design services for the replacement of underground storage tanks at the Department of Public

Works Facility in Scotch Plains, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$122,050.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-038) **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**

13. Amending Resolution 2014-311, a contract with Simplex Grinnell, Rockaway, New Jersey for the purpose of providing 2120 Fire Alarm and Sprinkler System Services, changing account numbers only (no change in contract terms or amount). **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Bibi Taylor, Director

There were no questions.

1. Awarding a contract to Suplee, Clooney & Company, Westfield, New Jersey, to provide statutory audits of accounts of the County of Union and its agencies from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Frank Guzzo, Director

There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Pharma-Care Inc., of Clark, NJ, to provide pharmacy consulting services for the patients of the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in the amount not to exceed \$12,000.00. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Human Services/Paratransit System: Shepard Bros, Inc., Canandaigua, New York, for the purchase, and replacement, of four (4) ten passenger buses with two wheelchair positions in the total amount not to exceed \$205,300. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Agreement of Understanding between the Union County Division of Social Services and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway for the out-stationing of County Welfare Agency staff (one part-time employee) to process Medicaid applications for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 at no cost to the County of Union (State funded). **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Agreement of Understanding between the Union County Division of Social Services and Overlook Hospital for the out-stationing of County Welfare Agency staff (one part-time employee) to process Medicaid applications for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 at no cost to the County of Union (State funded). **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Agreement of Understanding between the Union County Division of Social Services and Trinitas Medical Center for the out-stationing of County Welfare Agency staff (four full-time employees) to process Medicaid applications for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 at no cost to the County of Union (State funded). **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

6. Adopting the Union County Advisory Board on the Disabled (ABD) Bylaws as approved by the ABD membership on December 15, 2015. **(Freeholder Mohamed Jalloh)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to award Union County Youth Services Commission Spending Plan subcontracts to provide program services based on the Juvenile Justice Commission Points of Continuum: Prevention, Diversion, Detention, Disposition and Reentry in the total amount not to exceed \$511,656 for the grant period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, and further authorizing the transfer of funds among the funded agencies/municipalities during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the funded agencies/municipalities fails to meet its contractual obligation, upon approval by the Juvenile Justice Commission. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
8. Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2016 Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) Spending Plan in the total amount not to exceed \$99,451 to provide program services for youth and families involved in the juvenile justice system for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, and further authorizing the transfer of funds among agencies/municipalities during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any fail to meet its contractual obligation, upon approval by the Juvenile Justice Commission. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
9. Amending Resolution Number 2015-416 to extend the contract period on the 2016 Social Services for the Homeless (SSH) Spending Plan subcontract with PROCEED, Inc. through June 30, 2016 and increase funding to PROCEED in the amount of \$24,500, for salary and wages, for a new allocation not to exceed \$76,276, to provide the NJ Division of Family Development (DFD) Intensive Case Management (ICM) Program services for Union County residents; 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. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Ronald Zuber, Director

Freeholder Hudak stated that he was very happy to see the Rhythm and Blues by the Brook Concert at Cedar Brook Park back on the agenda for the second year in a row.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks & Recreation: JC Landscape Construction & Management Co., Inc., for the purpose of providing Improvements to the Chatfield Gardens, Warinanco Park, City of Elizabeth, Borough of Roselle, County of Union, New Jersey, in the amount not to exceed \$219,302.00. (BA#71-2015; Union County Engineering Project #2014-019) **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Parks & Recreation: Ralph Checchio, Inc., of Scotch Plains, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing 2015 various asphalt overlay for Park Maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$270,674.00. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**

3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the First Tee of America Raritan Valley Chapter to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Practice Center to develop community outreach programs for the County's youth from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Girls for Golf Program, Daytona, Florida to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Practice Center to develop community outreach programs for the County's young girls from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with NJ Golf Foundation to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Practice Center to develop community outreach programs for the County's youth for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Renaissance Jr. Golf, Inc. of Newark, NJ to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Practice Center to develop community outreach programs for the County's youth from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
7. Designating the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs as the Official County Cultural and Heritage Agency. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
8. Authorizing the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs to apply for private and public funding for the year 2016. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
9. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to This Is It! Productions, Inc., Hoboken, New Jersey to provide the planning, production and management services for the 2016 Concert Series in the amount not to exceed \$109,650. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
10. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to This Is It! Productions of Hoboken, New Jersey to provide the planning, production and management services for the 2016 Rhythm and Blues by the Brook Concert at Cedar Brook Park, Plainfield to be held on June 4, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$120,000. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

1. Amending Resolution 2015-44 to extend the contract awarded to Funeral Services of New Jersey, Inc., of Hillside, NJ, pursuant to a fair and open process, for the period of January 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016 in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**

Freeholder Mirabella asked for further clarification of the Funeral Services to be provided, referring to item #1.

Director Moran stated that this service provides for the transfer of the deceased from the place of death to the facility where they will be examined by the medical examiner, noting that it may be a funeral home or Rahway Hospital, where the County does its autopsies.

Freeholder Mirabella asked if the contract is just for the transfer of the deceased.

Director Moran advised that was the case.

2. Amending Resolution Number 2015-682, a contract with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, Rahway, New Jersey, for the provision of space to perform autopsies and external exams for a period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, adjusting the contract terms to April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016. (No change in contract amount) **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**

Freeholder Carter inquired as to the dates of the contracts, asking for an explanation as to what happened during the months of April to June and if the County had appropriate coverage

Director Moran stated that this is a contract the County has with Rahway Hospital for the County's medical examiner to perform autopsies and to store the deceased. He noted that the previous contract ended March 31st and advised that the new contract should have commenced on April 1st, noting that this was a clerical error. He advised that this resolution just corrects the mistake, noting that the contract is still a twelve month contract.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Robert E. Barry, Esq., County Counsel

There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter agreements with Thompson Reuters, Stamford, CT, for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$99,200.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter agreements with Gann Law Books, Newark, NJ, for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$38,675.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter agreements with LexisNexis, Philadelphia, PA, for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$58,450.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter agreements with various vendors for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$24,102.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
5. Authorizing the Office of the County Counsel to engage and compensate experts such as court reporters, expert witnesses, examining physicians and other litigation support and

- specialists which are essential to the defense of the County of Union in amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
6. A resolution awarding a contract to Judith L. DiAntonio, Clark, NJ, for Court Reporting Services for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
 7. Amending Resolution 2015-393 dated April 30, 2015 to increase the appropriation to Bauch, Zucker, Hatfield of Springfield, NJ in the matter entitled Kevin Buckley & Ryan Wilson v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$20,000.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
 8. Amending Resolution 2015-694 dated August 20, 2015 to increase the appropriation to Weber Dowd Law of Woodland Park, NJ in the matter entitled Laquan Kearney v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$46,956.48. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

Alfred J. Faella, County Manager

There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with PBA 108A--Sheriff Superior Officers effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Winning Strategies Washington, Washington DC, to provide services for comprehensive federal government relations and lobbying services for the contract period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 in the amount of \$138,000.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

Freeholder Kowalski stated she would like to join Freeholder Granados' item #6 and inquired with Chairman Bergen that item #8 should come from the Entire Board.

Chairman Bergen agreed.

Chairman Bergen stated that he would have a number of Advisory Boards Resolutions for the next meeting.

Freeholder Mirabella stated he will have additional Resolutions from the Fiscal Committee for the next meeting.

1. Laudatory resolution acknowledging the efforts of the 2015 Union County Student Training and Enrichment Program (UC STEP) participants, and further congratulating Team Red on their successful "Garments and Gear – Greatness for Years" campaign; after receiving 27,913 of a possible 58,301 votes. **(Freeholder Carter & the Entire Board)**

2. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Esther M. Harris, lifelong resident of Elizabeth and retired music teacher of the Linden School District, during their time of sorrow. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
3. Laudatory resolution commending Virginia Sleiger on her many years of public service; and further congratulating her on her retirement from the Linden School District. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
4. Laudatory resolution congratulating Nick Florio, Roselle Park Art Teacher, on his many years of dedicated public service to the students of Roselle Park; and further wishing him well upon his retirement. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
5. Recognizing Roselle Park firefighter Nelson "ROCKY" Carle for his 50 years of dedicated active public service. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
6. Laudatory Resolution recognizing the many efforts of the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless and wish them well on their 22nd Annual "Hoops to End Homelessness" event on January 30th. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
7. Amending Resolution Number 2016-3, designating official newspapers as recipients of legal notices of the County of Union for the Year 2016, to include Luso Americano Co., Inc. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
8. Resolution supporting the efforts of Union County College in their pursuit to be the first community college in New Jersey to award a Bachelors of Nursing completion degree. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
9. Laudatory resolution recognizing the honorees of the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame's 80th Annual Hot Stove League Awards Dinner held on February 21, 2015; and further acknowledging the Guest Speaker, Major League Baseball pitcher and 1977 Cy Young Award Winner, Sparky Lyle. **(Chairman Bergen & the Entire Board)**
10. Laudatory resolution congratulating Detective Keith Medvedich on being honored as the "2015 Sheriff's Officer of the Year" in Recognition of his exemplary performance and Professionalism. **(Chairman Bergen & the Entire Board)**

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bergen called for a motion to adjourn. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll showed eight members voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Estrada absent. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

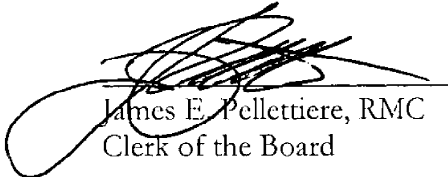
Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 7:00pm in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified. In the event an Agenda Setting 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.

Persons requiring a sign language interpreter should contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 908-527-4140.

**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 11, 2016
February 18, 2016	February 18, 2016
March 3, 2016	March 10, 2016
March 17, 2016	March 31, 2016
April 7, 2016	April 14, 2016
April 21, 2016	April 28, 2016
May 5, 2016	May 12, 2016
May 19, 2016	May 26, 2016
June 2, 2016	June 9, 2016
June 16, 2016	June 23, 2016
July 14, 2016	July 21, 2016
August 11 2016	August 18, 2016
September 8, 2016	September 15, 2016
September 22, 2016	September 29, 2016
October 6, 2016	October 13, 2016
October 20, 2016	October 20, 2016
November 10, 2016	November 22, 2016 (Tuesday)
December 1, 2016	December 8, 2016
December 15, 2016	December 22, 2016


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