

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2016
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bruce H. Bergen called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

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

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

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

PRESENTATION FROM THE BOARD

A resolution presentation was made by Chairman Bruce H. Bergen to the Cranford High School Football Team, and its coaches, congratulating them on an unbeaten 12-0 2015 season and for winning the North 2, Group 3 Division State Championship.

Chairman Bergen stated that he was a graduate of in 1973, although he was not on the football team, they did have good teams, but not as successful of this team. He said it is a great accomplishment for the team of 73 players and their coaches having a perfect, 12-0 season, and capturing the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 State Championship.

FH Kowalski congratulated the fine young men and their families who support their children. She wished them all the best and every success in their future endeavors.

Chairman Bergen presented a Resolution to Coach Erik Rosenmeier and certificates to the students. Coach Rosenmeier said it was an honor to be at the Freeholder Meeting. He stated it was a magical season and it is a tribute to the dedication of the entire team. They always did whatever was asked of them and adding that they worked very hard and it is a big accomplishment.

Coach Rosenmeier stated that there are 346 teams in the State, 6 were undefeated and Cranford was one of those that were undefeated.

Freeholder Kowalski gave a special welcome to Cranford Police Chief, James Wozniak who's son is on the team.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF

Joseph P. Cryan, County Sheriff

Lieutenant George Valadares represented the Office of the Sheriff.

There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement with Tele-Measurements, Inc. as per New Jersey State Contract #81123-T1466, to provide services associated with the Union County Sheriff's Office training facility for the provision of, but not limited to, K-9 training involving legal updates and recertifications, and continuing education for EMTs while acting as a satellite CPR training program through Trinitas in the amount of \$142,478.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Michael Yuska, Acting Director

There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Public Official Bond with the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, Hartford, CT, for Anthony Ugoaru from March 09, 2016 through March 08, 2017 in the amount of \$1,150.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Public Official Bond with the CNA Surety Company, Sioux Falls, SD, for Charles Gillon from March 09, 2016 through March 08, 2017 in the amount of \$1,050.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Public Official Bond with the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, Hartford, CT, for John A. McGarry from March 09, 2016 through March 08, 2017 in the amount of \$1,150.00 **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to award the Short Term and Long Term Disability Insurance Policy with the Standard Insurance Company for the 2016 calendar year in an amount not to exceed \$224,450.84. The total represents the negotiated County portion of \$116,000.00 and the payroll deduction contribution of the 1,160 unionized employees of \$108,450.84. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTAmy Wagner, Acting Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to renew a contract with All Covered, a division of Konica Minolta Business Solutions, Cherry Hill, NJ, through the competitive contracting process, to provide the necessary technical support for the networks, servers and computer system throughout the County of Union for the 2016 calendar year, in an amount not to exceed \$281,580. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Carter asked about the services in item #1.

Acting Director Wagner stated that the vendor provides 24/7 monitoring of all servers remotely. There is a person on-site 5 days per week who will assist the County's IT Department. She said the dollar difference is \$12,400 lower as they are eliminating some outdated servers.

Freeholder Mirabella asked if the staff member from this vendor services all the County buildings.

Acting Director Wagner explained if there is a problem at another County facility, this individual will travel to that location, but he will be based in the Administration building.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to the United Way of Greater Union County, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the provision of annual support and operation of the Family Success Center in Rahway (of the Family Strengthening Network) and the continuation of the Focus on Families Task Force, Community Conversations and the Parent Advisory Boards for the period of March 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$118,000.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Mirabella asked for information regarding item #2.

Acting Director Wagner stated that the Family Success Center, operated by the United Way opened last November. She said in its first few months they were able to help 100 families or individuals. She stated that some cases they assisted with utilities, help in creating a website for a business and many other ways to help. This Resolution is to fund the Center through the end of the year.

Acting Director Wagner stated that at the Re-organization meeting the Freeholders passed a Resolution to fund the United Way for the first 2 months of the year, and this Resolution is for the remaining months through the end of this year.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCEBibi Taylor, Director

1. Amending the 2016 Temporary Budget Ch. 96 P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20). **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2015-506, for a change in account numbers only. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Pino Consulting Group, West Windsor, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing consulting services for preparation of the Indirect Cost Plan and Medicare and Medicaid Cost Reports for Cornerstone Behavioral Health

Hospital of Union County for the contract period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017 in the total amount of not to exceed \$164,000. (**Freeholder Alexander Mirabella**)

4. Resolution Approving the Corrective Action Plan. (**Freeholder Alexander Mirabella**)

Freeholder Mirabella asked for an explanation of item #4.

Director Taylor stated this addresses grant management. It is a requirement under the Federal Office of Management Budget (OMB) Circular to work with the departments internally to resolve the deficiencies going forward. She said 3 deficiencies were discovered in 2014; and stated it is an internal proactive plan.

Freeholder Mirabella asked if this is to make sure none of the deficiencies are carried into the following year.

Director Taylor replied yes; and this Resolution is to ratify the Corrected Action Plan all of which were implemented previously.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Ronald Zuber, Director

1. Approving the Union County Watchung Reservation Trails Plan. (**Vice Chairman Sergio Granados**)

Freeholder Kowalski asked how the new master plan came about referring to item #1.

Director Zuber stated that they were approached by mountain bikers asking why mountain bikes are not permitted in the Watchung Reservation.

Director Zuber stated that he researched and found that to be true. He said the Ordinance states you can ride if the trails say you can ride, bridal and hiking trails are allowed. They discovered that there were trails not being used at all and there are bridal trails that need work. He said they have active volunteers that deal with the hiking trails. He said this Master Plan recommends the inclusion of mountain bikes, new hiking trails, bridal trails stemmed from the Watchung Stables and a century friendly trail consisting of flat land from the Trailside Museum. He said after an extensive scope of the Reservation's trail system, the Parks and Recreation Department decided to undertake a Trails Plan in order to identify specific needs for trail improvements and maintenance.

2. Amending Resolution Number 2014-920, (BA#50-2014) a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A: 11-1 et seq., to Pennetta Industrial Automation, of Jersey City, New Jersey for the Warinanco Park Ice Rink Refrigeration System Improvements, Roselle, New Jersey. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$264,000) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$808,136.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2014-021) (**Vice Chairman Sergio Granados**)

Freeholder Hudak was happy to see that the chiller was on the Agenda (item #2)

Director Zuber stated that the chiller was in and working and this Change order is to amend the contract to reduce it by \$264,000.

Freeholder Hudak was pleased to see a savings.

3. Amending Resolution Number 2015-78, (BA#65-2014) a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A: 11-1 et seq., to Rochelle Contracting Company, Inc., of Landing, New Jersey for the Wash-Down Stations at Rahway River Park Maintenance Facility located in Clark and Warinanco Park Maintenance Facility located in Elizabeth. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$11,876.72) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$165,123.28. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2012-002) **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Professional agreement with four per diem pathologists to be available in the absence of the County Medical Examiner, at a cost of \$900.00 per autopsy, \$200.00 per external exam and \$600.00 per day for court testimony for the 2016 calendar year, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Robert E. Barry, Esq., County Counsel

There were no questions.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2015-276 to increase the appropriation to Alexander W. Booth, Esq. Jersey City, 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 \$20,000.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Bergen requested that item #4 be sponsored by the Entire Board.

Freeholder Carter asked the Clerk of the Board to correct the Agenda on item #1. It should read "mother" not daughter of Plainfield Council Member Bridget Rivers

1. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Marjorie Hollis, daughter of Plainfield Council Member Bridget Rivers, during their time of sorrow. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
2. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Anthony John Wood, during their time of sorrow. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
3. Resolution declaring the month of March 2016 as "Youth Art Month" throughout the County of Union, and further encourages the advancement of the arts throughout the County of Union. **(Freeholder Kowalski, And The Entire Board)**
4. Resolution offering this Board's most sincere gratitude to the Honorable Judge Joan Robinson Gross for her many years of dedicated public service in her impartial decision-making towards the pursuit of justice within our court system; and further wishing her well upon her retirement. **(Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Carter)**

5. Amending Resolution 2006-980, for clarification of the authorization of grant awards. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
6. Amending Resolution Number 2012-847, for a change in account numbers only. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the Union County Performing Arts Center, 1601 Irving Street, Rahway, New Jersey to provide services necessary for the execution of the 2016-2017 season of the Sensory Friendly Theater program, which will include six (6) performances designed and adapted for children with autism and related disabilities, in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00. The Sensory Friendly Theater program will include securing artists, rental of theater and equipment, provision of all technical crew and personnel as needed for each performance, services of professionals in the field of autism services, and all related needs. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
8. Recognizing the week of March 7, 2016 through March 13, 2016 as Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Week in the County of Union to increase public awareness to MS. **(Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
9. Laudatory resolution declaring March 2016 as "Autism Awareness Month" throughout the County of Union, and further acknowledging the efforts made throughout the nation to call attention and bring awareness to Autism. **(Freeholder Mirabella, Vice Chairman Granados)**
10. A resolution supporting Make the Road New Jersey's efforts in support of the amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court supporting President Obama's executive action on expanded consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA). **(Vice Chairman Granados, Freeholder Kowalski)**
11. Laudatory resolution commending the efforts of Dr. Joao A. Camacho, Educator at Elizabeth Public Schools and Professor at Kean University, on welcoming Professor Adao do Nascimento, Minister of Higher Education of Angola, to the County of Union; and further celebrating the occasion of the Flag Raising ceremony held on February 22, 2016 in the City of Elizabeth. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
12. Resolution supporting, in full recognition of the need to invest immediately in Union County's water infrastructure, the goals of the Sustainable Water Infrastructure Investment Act of 2016 and urges both the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate to approve and adopt said legislation. **(Bergen, Hudak, Kowalski)**

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm

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

Chairman Bergen announced that there will be a short break before the commencement of the Regular Meeting.

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

AGENDA SETTING SESSION

REGULAR MEETINGS

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


James E. Pelletiere, RMC
Clerk of the Board

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