



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2016
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bruce Bergen presided and called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Vice Chairman Sergio Granados, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella and Freeholder Vernell Wright were in attendance, with Freeholder Linda Carter absent.

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

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 led by the Clerk of the Board.

PRESENTATION FROM THE BOARD

A check presentation will be made by Freeholders Christopher Hudak and Bette Jane Kowalski to the Sue Lukenda, President of the 2016 Pulaski Day Parade Committee, and resolution presentations will be made to Jeffrey B. Krowicki, Grand Marshall and Alexandra Paige Krowicki, Miss Polonia.

Freeholders Hudak called up Parade Chairman Sue Lukenda and Parade Grand Marshall Jeff Krowicki to join both he and Freeholder Kowalski for the presentation. He acknowledged that Linden is a very proud community, one that has a deep appreciation of its Polish community. He stated that the Board has been very supportive of the Pulaski Day Parade Committee's efforts in celebrating the Polish heritage, not only during the parade, but through events all year long.

Freeholder Hudak presented a check to Parade Committee Chairman Lukenda. She thanked the Board for their support throughout the years. She invited everyone to come out and join them at the parade in New York City on Sunday.

Freeholder Hudak presented a resolution to Jeff Krowicki, noting that the Krowicki family is a fixture in the community and very supportive of all different community events and charitable causes. He stated that Jeff is the third Krowicki to serve as the Parade Committee's Grand Marshall, and noted that his daughter is serving as this year's Ms.

Polonia and that he would accept her resolution on her behalf. Frecholder Hudak read the resolution aloud.

Mr. Krowicki thanked the Board for the honor and for their generous donation in support of the Parade Committee's endeavors. He welcomed all to join the committee on October 2nd in celebrating Polish heritage.

Resolution presentations will be made by Chairman Bruce H. Bergen and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados congratulating and commending law enforcement and those individuals involved in the response and prompt capture of Ahmad Khan Rahami, the bombing suspect, for their heroic acts and outstanding public service.

Chairman Bergen stated that the Board is proud to recognize a number of special guests that the Board will be honoring for their connection in their response to the recent bombing incident that took place in Elizabeth, and the aftermath that spread out across Union County. He stated that while this event is a reminder of the danger we all are under in a post-9/11 world; it also reminds us of the best of our citizens in the reaction to those events. He stated that tonight the Board will honor the many heroes that reported the bomb; responded to the incident; reported the suspect and helped apprehend him at great danger to themselves. He stated that this incident is a model example of bravery, teamwork and cooperation among agencies in the government (and in the public) that resulted in a surprisingly quick apprehension of the suspect. He added that the Union County Board of Chosen Freholders is happy to commend, thank and salute those that were involved.

Chairman Bergen called upon Vice Chairman Granados to join him in making the evening's presentations.

Vice Chairman Granados stated that as a resident of the City of Elizabeth, it was great to see, that in a time of tragedy, our law enforcement, our first responders, our fire department come together as one to make sure they were unified during this troubling time. He stated that when he arrived at the scene, he was pleased to see Mayor Bollwage and all the different agencies there to ensure that a bomb would not go off and injure hundreds of people.

Vice Chairman Granados called upon the two individuals who found and reported the bomb, Ivan White and Lee Parker, and presented them with their resolutions.

Ivan White stated that over the last week, people have been thanking him, but that he wanted to thank the Elizabeth Police Department & Fire Department, the Sheriff's Department, the County officers, the NJ Transit police, the State Police, the FBI, the Attorney General's Office, and the Linden officers. He said that if they didn't take his comments seriously, his actions wouldn't have meant anything. He thanked them for their professionalism. Lee Parker thanked god and commended the officers for the work they did; and paid a special thanks to the Union County Bomb Squad.

Vice Chairman Granados called upon Deputy Chief Brennan and the members of the Elizabeth Police Department and presented them with their resolutions. He advised that they were the first responders on the scene to ensure the area was secure.

Deputy Chief Brennan thanked the Board for holding this ceremony. He commended the Linden Police Department, noting the tremendous job they did in apprehending the suspect.

Vice Chairman Granados called upon the Elizabeth Fire Director Onofrio Vitullo and Fire Chief McNamara and presented them with their resolutions. He noted that even during the evacuation of the area, the Elizabeth Fire Department responded to a small fire in the area, preventing what otherwise could have been a more dangerous incident.

Director McNamara thanked the Board for the honor, and advised that the Chief and his men deserve the credit.

Chief McNamara thanked the Board for acknowledging all the responders. He stated that it is all about teamwork, and noted that after 9/11 everyone spoke about “communication” and the events that transpired the other night just showed how the information was able to be communicated among all agencies. He noted that it was civilians who first got involved, and impressed upon the need for civilians to be aware of their areas to help law enforcement catch these criminals and prevent injuries.

Chairman Bergen stated that Union County agencies played a major role, once again reminding its primary role in protecting the public during homeland security incidents. He called upon the Union County Public Safety Director Andrew Moran, Captain Chris Debbie and the members of the Union County Bomb Squad and presented them with their resolutions. Chairman Bergen stated that on the night of the incident, the capabilities of the Bomb Squad were on display as the County deployed one of its robots which handled the bomb that detonated. He added that while the robot was damaged, there was no injury to any person. He added that since this event, the Bomb Squad has been called out on two more incidents; one at Kean University and another one in Linden, both of which were cleared without problem.

Director Moran stated that outcomes like this just don’t happen, noting the amount of planning, preparation, teamwork, and most importantly dedicated members willing to train for an event you hope never happens. He said he couldn’t be prouder as their director.

Chairman Bergen called upon Director Scutaro of the Union County Office of Emergency Management. He stated that the Office of OEM is a 24-7 response to hazards on county roadways and neighborhoods. He noted that there was a train accident in Hoboken and the County OEM and 5 municipalities sent ambulances to help out with the incident, expressing yet again the importance of a regional response. Chairman Bergen and Vice Chairman Granados presented them with their resolutions.

Director Moran stated that Director Scutaro’s responsibilities have grown exponentially, noting that not only do they respond to all HazMat incidents, but all are cross trained as EMTs and staff the Union County EMS. He stated he couldn’t be more proud of this department.

Vice Chairman Granados called upon Undersheriff Michael Frank, Captain Dennis Burke, and Sargent Brian Howerth along with the K-9 unit. Vice Chairman Granados stated that these individuals had done sweeps throughout the many parks and schools to ensure there were no other bombs throughout the County. He presented them with their resolutions.

Undersheriff Frank thanked the Board on the behalf of Sheriff Cryan, who could not make the meeting due to a prior engagement to serve on a panel with the organization Mothers Against Gun Violence. He spoke on the common thread of “teamwork” and “training”. He

stated that during the incident and the following days, the K-9 unit continues its efforts in performing sweeps for bombs and assisting other law enforcement agencies. He thanked the Board for the honor.

Chairman Bergen called upon Director Moran, Police Chief Debbie and the Union County Police Department who were involved and assisted throughout the incident. He also called upon PBA President, Detective Evans, to join the County Police.

Chief Debbie thanked the Board for the honor. He stated that it is nice that everyone is able to be recognized together, as none of it is possible without the proper cross training and teamwork among the various agencies. He congratulated the Linden Police Department on their apprehension of the suspect.

Vice Chairman Sergio Granados called upon Undersheriff Michael Frank and Captain Dennis Burke along with the individuals of the Crime Scene Unit that helped local, state and federal officials to ensure the crime scene was secure. He presented them with their resolution.

Captain Dennis Burke thanked the Board. He stated that "you don't rise to the occasion; you fall to the level of your training." He stated it is evident, from the first response to the last projectile being picked up; the level of training was excellent because the performance was excellent. He extended his appreciation to the Crime Scene unit for their work that extended four days after the incident. He added that it is their tireless efforts will help to ensure that this incident is properly prosecuted at both the state and federal levels.

Chairman Bergen called upon Captain William Turbett and the Linden Police Department. He presented them with their resolution.

On behalf of Chief Parham, Captain Turbett, thanked the Board for honoring the department. He stated that on the day of the incident all officers called the department to advise that they were on their way in. He added that no one asked them to come in, but they showed up as they always have done. He noted how their training kicked in and they performed their duties admirably. He thanked Mayor Armstead (in the audience) for providing the department with the necessary equipment, the training and the manpower.

Mayor Armstead stated that he never thought we'd encounter an event like this in our own community. He thanked everyone who responded.

Chairman Bergen called up Police Officer Angel Padilla, noting that Officer Hammer couldn't be present due to a last minute personal matter. Chairman Bergen stated that it is hard not to stand here and think how the situation could be drastically different, but acknowledged through the efforts of Officer Padilla and Officer Hammer, tonight is a celebration of heroism without loss of life or serious injury.

Officer Padilla thanked all first responders and the officers that came to his aid: investigator Quijana, investigator Peter Hammer, Officer Guzman and Officer Diaz. He added that he couldn't thank the Fire Department enough.

Chairman asked the Clerk of the Board to note for the record Freeholder Carter entered the meeting during the presentations.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

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 nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Clerk of the Board Pelletiere read the Ordinance by title.

778-2016 REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF \$43,940,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING A SUM NOT EXCEEDING \$44,250,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$44,250,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF REFUNDING BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION.

FIRST READING STATEMENT

Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, Fiscal Committee Chairman, will move Ordinance Number 778-2016 for First Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The Final Reading and Public Hearing is scheduled for October 13, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella, Fiscal Committee Chairman, and seconded by Freeholder Carter, Ordinance Number 778-2016 was moved for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. Roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

John Burry, of Kenilworth, asked a few questions relative to Resolution Number 2016-754; inquiring what is the plan for the property, inquired if the property had been acquired already (noting property records indicated two notices of settlement in September and January).

Chairman Bergen advised that the notices of settlement does not indicate a transfer of title, but rather indicates a process of closing.

Victoria Durbin-Drake advised that there was a break in the settlement due to environmental issues that had to be cured. She stated that the property would be placed on the County's Open Space ROSI as parkland.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2016-744 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to execute a Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Division, W. Trenton, New Jersey, for a joint funding agreement for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 in a sum not to exceed \$15,920.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-745 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract extension originally obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq; Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management, Sheriff's Office; Prosecutor's Office; Department of Human Services, Maffey's Security Group, for the purpose of providing Security Systems Service, twenty-four (24) consecutive months, in an amount not to exceed \$562,512.33.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-746 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: T. Farese & Sons (BA-56-2014) for the purpose of providing Waste Disposal Services - Container & Compactor Service for the Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management for twenty-four (24) consecutive months commencing November 1, 2016 through October 31, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$267,542.47.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-747 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 40A:11-1 et seq; Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities: Division of Facilities Management; Weldon Materials, Inc., Westfield, NJ for the purpose of providing Ready-Mix Concrete, for two (2) twelve (12) month contracts, grand total of twenty-four (24) consecutive months, in the amount not to exceed \$62,697.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-748 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Resolution concurring with the Township of Springfield granting permission to Summit Behavioral Health to hang a banner across Meisel Avenue for the period of October 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016 to advertise the "Family Fun Fest" to be held on Saturday October 29, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-749 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Resolution granting permission to the Township of Scotch Plains to hang a banner across Park Avenue at the intersection of Front Street and Park Avenue from September 26, 2016 through October 11, 2016 to advertise Scotch Plains Day. Also, granting permission to close Park Avenue between Westfield Avenue/East Second Street and Front Street/Bartle Avenue from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 9, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-750 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Resolution granting permission to the City of Linden to close Wood Avenue from U.S. Routes 1 and 9 to East Gibbons Street to hold their Annual Halloween Parade to be held on Sunday, October 30, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-751 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Resolution granting permission to the City of Linden to close Wood Avenue from Elizabeth Avenue to Elm Street for the annual Fire Prevention Night to be held on Friday, October 7, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-752 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Authorizing the County Manager enter into an agreement with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, Rahway, NJ, to provide rental space for forensic examinations and autopsies for the period of July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-753 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Fanwood to provide 911, Police, Fire and EMS Dispatch services in the amount of \$83,232 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 Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-754 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to take all actions necessary and execute any and all documents necessary to complete the acquisition of approximately 1.3 acres of land located at 1580 Cooper Road, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, and identified as Block 12201, Lot 2 for use as parkland, in the amount of \$395,000.00 plus closing costs approximately in the amount of \$10,000.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$405,000.00. This acquisition is through and for the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-755 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution 986-1998 and adopting the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County Medical Staff Bylaws and Rules and Regulations.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-756 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed one (1)-year contract renewal to Primepoint LLC, Mt. Holly, New Jersey, to provide Integrated Human Resource and Outsourced Payroll System services starting December 1, 2016 and ending November 30, 2017 for an amount not to exceed \$180,00.00. The one (1)-year contract renewal was originally obtained through the competitive contract process in accordance with New Jersey competitive contracting law, and awarded with Resolution # 2013-960 on November 30, 2013.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-757 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution authorizing the use of the competitive contracting process for the procurement of "Professional Retirement Planning Services" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1(1) (i) for the employee funded 457B Deferred Compensation Plan.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-758 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2016 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$36,500 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for additional funds for a program entitled: Jersey Assistance for Community Caregivers (JACC).

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-759 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2016 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$5,000 as a result of notification received

from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for additional funding for a program entitled: PHILEP LINCS Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-760 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2016 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$386,693.34 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for a program entitled: State Homeland Security Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-761 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2016 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$2,377,880 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for a program entitled: Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-762 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2016 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$207,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: State Facilities Education Act (SFEA) grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-763 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Amending Resolution 2016-663, approving the 2016-2018 Area Plan Spending Plan, to reflect an increase in funding only in the amount not to exceed \$100,560 for a new grand total not to exceed \$4,927,554 to be allocated as outlined and charged to account numbers specified for the same contract year one period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 with no other changes to the 2016-2018 Area Plan.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bergen abstaining.

- 2016-764 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution No. 2015-1029, a contract to Michael C. Aromando, DMV, MS of Town & Country Veterinary Services of Boonton, NJ provide veterinary services for Watchung Stables for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, to increase the contract in the amount of \$7,000 for a new total of \$36,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-765 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2016-399, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A: 11-1 et seq., (BA#23-2016), to Paving Materials & Contracting (PMC) of Montville, New Jersey, for the 2016 Various Asphalt Overlay for Park Maintenance. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$156.14) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$258,583.86. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-022)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-766 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks and Recreation: Frank Carrajat D/B/A Middle Valley Farms of Mendham, NJ, for the purpose of providing (BA 41-2016) hay for the contract period of 24 months, in the amount not to exceed \$378,560.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-767 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Police Training Commission, for the 2016 Law Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment Grant, for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, in the amount of \$27,402.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-768 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to award a contract with Qiagen, Inc., Valencia, CA, for the purchase of laboratory equipment for DNA extraction, in an amount not to exceed \$21,855.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-769 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into an agreement with Spincube Inc., of Jersey City, NJ, for the purchase of software, licenses and installation services for virtualization of servers, in an amount not to exceed \$38,697.89.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-770 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the renewal of the County's membership with the New Jersey Counties Excess Joint Insurance Fund (NJCE JIF) for a three year period from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-771 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution 2016-559, a contract awarded to Practice Associates Medical Group, a Subsidiary of Atlantic Health Systems, of Clark, New Jersey for the provision of 2016 Pre-Employment Medical Exams for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, to increase the amount by \$50,000.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$147,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-772 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2016-405, a professional services contract to Bauch, Zucker, Hatfield, LLC, Springfield, New Jersey to be special counsel for Labor and Personnel matters, to increase the amount of award for legal services in the amount of \$75,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$275,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-773 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2016-406, a professional services contract to Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC, Warren, New Jersey to be special counsel for Labor and Personnel matters, to increase the amount of award for legal services in the amount of \$25,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$75,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-774 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Everbridge Inc. of Burlington, MA to provide software and services for the Citizens Notification System to be utilized by the Union County Division of Information Technologies, pursuant to a competitive contracting process (RCCP#6-2016) for a contract period of 5 years commencing on October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$347,950.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-775 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend \$2,377,800 from the NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness under the FFY 2016 Urban Areas Security Initiative. This Resolution shall also authorize the County Manager to utilize procurement options available under Local Finance Notice 2005-14.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-776 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend \$386,693.34 from the Fiscal Year 2016 New Jersey Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) in order to enhance the County's ability to prepare for, respond to

and recover from acts of terrorism. This Resolution shall also authorize the procurement options available under Local Finance Notice 2005-14.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-777 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution 2016-265, a contract with Bauch, Zucker, Hatfield, LLC of Springfield, NJ to serve as outside counsel in the matter entitled Kevin Buckley & Ryan Wilson v. UC, et als., to increase the appropriation in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$60,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2016-778 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Congratulating Jeffrey B. Krowicki on being selected as the Linden Grand Marshal of the General Pulaski Memorial Day Parade in New York City on October 2, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-779 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Congratulating Alexandra Paige Krowicki for being selected as Linden's 2016 Miss Polonia of the General Pulaski Memorial Day Parade.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-780 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Accursia "Tessie" Pozyc upon her passing on September 4, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-781 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Congratulating George G. Woody, Jr. upon celebrating his 90th birthday.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-782 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH, FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER, FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Supporting the Young Elected Officials Network Campaign to fight against hate and anti-Muslim bigotry.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-783 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Declaring the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-784 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Congratulating the Columbus Parade Association of Union County "500th" Inc. on its 28th anniversary celebration honoring the anniversary of Christopher Columbus' discovery of America.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-785 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Supporting Pre-K expansion consistent with an existing NJ law as promised in 2008 to 3 and 4 year olds in Union County to fund free, full day Pre-K in Union County and the efforts of Pre-K Our Way.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-786 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT & FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution urging the Assembly Transportation and Utilities Committee to support A-4114 (Maher-Muoio D-15) and subsequently the New Jersey Stage legislation, to support legislation that requires the NJDOT to compensate local government for contractual delay damages resulting from the shutdown of projects funded by the Transportation Trust Fund.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-787 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT, FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER & FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Congratulating Bertha Little Mathews upon being selected as the recipient of the UNICO-Richard J. Galante, Sr. Humanitarian Award.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-788 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Extending deepest condolences to the family of Franklin Leon Prather, Sr., upon his passing on September 19, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-789 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Congratulating the Elizabeth Development Company Neighborhood Leader Award recipients.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-790 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT, FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA & FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Congratulating the Yvonne McCalla Foundation on their Breast Cancer Awareness Scholarship Brunch and the scholarship honorees.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-791 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Congratulating Hillside High School Football Team on their 30th anniversary celebration on September 30, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-792 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Congratulating Reverend Dr. Christopher Michael Jones, Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hillside upon his 8th Pastoral anniversary.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-793 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN, FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH & FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Congratulating the Union County Performing Arts Center's Hamilton Stage on their 5th anniversary celebration on September 23, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-794 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing the efforts of ShopRite and their "Help Bag Hunger Event" and further proclaiming the month of September as "National Hunger Action Month" throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-795 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating and commending law enforcement and those individuals involved in the capture of Ahmad Khan Rahami, the bomber terrorist, for their heroic acts and prompt apprehension in connection with the Elizabeth, Seaside Park and New York attacks.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-796 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Congratulating Silkies Hike NYC, and Irreverent Warriors for creating a support network to prevent veteran suicide.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

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.

Andrew Stillison, of Westfield, provided the Board with an update on the Mountain Biking access at the Watchung Reservation. He thanked the Board for their transparency during this process, noting that Union County representatives will be meeting with the mountain biking community in October at the Trailside Center to discuss the master plan and the plan for mountain biking access. He thanked Director Zuber for agreeing to meet with the mountain biking community prior to the scheduled meeting in October. He made comments relative to access to the trails and requested the Board permit access to these trails immediately, not in Spring of 2017 as currently planned. He asked what the timeline and process will be for the draft plan to become finalized.

Director Zuber stated that the resolution approving the master plan was passed in February. He stated that the master plan is not a draft, but noted that like any master plan it can be amended. He clarified that the purpose of the meeting is to listen to the riders and determine whether or not a change is warranted. He stated that engineers will be in attendance at both meetings with the riders. He stated that Spring of 2017 is a realistic date, noting that trails have to be re-blazed and noted four to five significant weather activities. He advised the Board that it wouldn't be safe to allow riders access until the Spring.

Matthew Schwarber, of Cranford, made comments relative to the excellent park system, noting the amount of running he does throughout the parks system. He lauded the Board for allowing them to be inclusive. He addressed the concerns of some of the public and stated that they represent a small minority of individuals that have not exercised good judgment, and believes that it is time for the public (and elected officials) to drop the stigma against mountain biking and recognize it as a legitimate activity at the Watchung Reservation.

Brian Mattulu, of Union County, made comments in support of the Watchung Reservation. He stated that after twenty years, he has finally seen progress and is pleased to hear of the meetings and targeted opening in Spring of 2017. However, he questioned why limited park access cannot be granted immediately. He stated that every time he sees a sign banning him from the park, he thinks of the Board not in a positive light. He stated that the time for fair trail access is now.

Peter Kroszczyński, of Mountainside, noted the irony for him attending the night's meeting commenting that he appreciated the presentation to the Pulaski Day Parade Committee, as he was born in Poland. He also stated that he appreciated the presentation to the various police agencies, as he worked in World Trade Center 2 during 9/11. He made comments relative to the concept that the government has to address two very different issues: the recent bomb scare and whether or not individuals can ride bikes in the park system. He questioned why there is so much red-tape for bikers to use the park.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Kowalski thanked all speakers for attending tonight's meeting and addressing the Board with their concerns. She thanked all first responders for their efforts in responding to the bomb incident and for responding to the incident in Hoboken.

Freeholder Kowalski noted she attended an Area Plan meeting with Freeholder Wright, noting that they met with a number of seniors to discuss their needs and of the many services the county provides. She commended Freeholder Wright for the great job she does as its liaison to the Board.

Freeholder Hudak acknowledged all the first responders honored earlier in the evening, stating that he was in awe of their expertise in the execution of their duties. He stated that it is comforting to him to know the high level of first responders within the county. He noted that at times there are those who are critical of county government, specifically when it comes to law enforcement, and stated that this most recent set of circumstances underscores the value of the Union County Police Department. He made comments to the "Dispatch Center Resolution" adopted earlier in the evening, noting how it represents yet another example of the County working together with the various municipalities.

Freeholder Hudak stated that he knows Officers Hammer and Padilla very well, and is thankful that they were there to apprehend the suspect. He stated that the officers were wearing Kevlar, but that their wounds do not stop there and that they are going to need care within the community.

Freeholder Hudak noted that he believes there should be an evolution within the parks system, and that he welcomes the addition of mountain biking with the caveat that it is done correctly. He stated that the parks department is doing their due diligence, noting that there are many other park users for purposes that have been long established, including horseback riders. He stated that he was sure all of the speakers tonight are experienced, responsible mountain bikers and that the policies to be considered is not for them, but rather for the lesser experienced riders. He commended the Parks department for their efforts in doing their due diligence on this plan to ensure a safe way to implement the mountain biking access.

Freeholder Carter commended the Public Safety family for the work they do, noting each's expertise. She commended all the first responders for being able to work collectively. She commended her colleagues for ensuring they have the resources necessary to do their jobs, noting the number one priority of government is the safety of its citizens.

Freeholder Carter made comments relative to an article released by the U.S. Department of Education as they announced the 2016 Blue Ribbon Schools, noting that she was pleased to announce the Academy of Performing Arts was so designated with the honor. She stated that the Academy was one of only eleven schools in New Jersey to receive Blue Ribbon designation. She thanked the staff, faculty and students of the academy. She advised that it is the fifth time a Union County Vocational Technical school has been acknowledged with a Blue Ribbon distinction.

Freeholder Estrada made comments relative to the law enforcement agencies honored earlier in the evening. He spoke on the importance of the "see something, say something" campaign. He commented on the investments in public safety and the successful training of

the officers. He spoke on the potential for future incidents and the need to be vigilant in being prepared for such a possibility.

Freeholder Estrada made comments relative to the mountain biking access, stating that he feels it will come and that the community needs to be patient; stressing the county needs to take its time in moving forward.

Freeholder Estrada made comments relative to commentary of “black lives matter” and “all lives matter” across the country. He spoke on the steps the county is taking to address this issue, noting the Prosecutor’s office initiative of body cameras and proper training for law enforcement officers.

Freeholder Mirabella thanked all of the first responders honored earlier in the evening. He stated he was proud of the passing of the resolution supporting Pre-K Our Way’s efforts to provide pre-k for 3 and 4 year olds, noting that Union County is the first county in NJ to pass such legislation.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to the Columbus Day flag rising ceremony on October 7, 2017, noting that State Senator Nicholas Scutari will be the day’s keynote speaker.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to the issue pertaining to the mountain bike access at Watchung Reservation. He stated that it seems they have the support of this Board, but implored the community to be patient with the process, as the County has an obligation to consider the safety of all users of the trails.

Vice Chairman Granados made comments relative to the Union County College Gone Wired, an initiative of the Office on Women. He commended the Chairman for establishing the initiative.

Freeholder Wright thanked all of the first responders honored earlier in the evening. She announced that nominations for the 25th annual Women of Excellence awards are now open, noting that the awards recognize women who have made major contributions to a quality of life in Union County.

County Manager Faella congratulated all the law enforcement officers honored. He stated that it is very important for the public to know that they do this work every day, noting the number of calls over the last couple of weeks. He stated that in many instances they are simply a hoax, but every single time the officers respond with professionalism.

He thanked the members of the community who assisted with law enforcement, and furthermore thanked them for their comment that they appreciated the respect they received from law enforcement; noting that the county works very hard to foster.

He thanked the Freeholder Board for providing the various law enforcement agencies the resources required to keep Union County safe. He thanked the U.S. Congressional delegation and the U.S. Senators for their continued financial support.

Chairman Bergen congratulated Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi and her staff for receiving the Trailblazer Award, a national award recognizing government recording offices that are leading the transition to electronic documents.

Chairman Bergen provided an update on the Seniors in Motion initiative, which provides passenger vans to 18 of the 21 municipalities in Union County. He stated that these vans will help supplement the County's Paratransit service and will enable more seniors to live independently and stay connected to their communities.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bergen called for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, a voice vote showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

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.

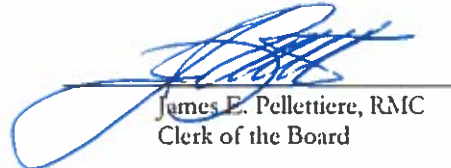
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REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2016 at 12:00 pm Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

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. Pelletiere, RMC
Clerk of the Board