

## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING AGENDA

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bruce H. Bergen presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

### 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 present, with Freeholder Linda Carter absent.

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

### PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The prayer and salute to the flag were led by Clerk of the Board Pellettiere.

### STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

### APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Oath of Office: Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund: Maria Carvalho, Rose Checchio, Charles Eke and Arthur Kobitz; Voter Accessibility Advisory Board: Richard Barry, John Becker, John DeSimone, Clara Harelik and Mary Ellen Harris.

Chairman Bergen noted that the Board would approve the communication at the Regular Meeting later that evening.

### OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY CLERK

Joanne Rajoppi, County Clerk

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Deputy Union County Clerk Nicole DiRado represented the Office.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into agreement with SOE Software Corporation (dba Scytl), Tampa, Florida, for the purpose of providing software licensing and maintenance for the County Clerk's Election Night Reporting Program for a contract period of April 15, 2017 through April 14, 2020 in an amount of \$25,500. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Estrada inquired if there was a change in the company that provided this service.

Deputy Clerk DiRado advised that this company has been providing the service since 2014, noting that initially the County did contract with a different State Contract vendor. She advised that while the State Contract vendor held the contract, they subcontracted to this vendor. She added that in essence, the County was cutting out the “middle man” for the provision of this service. She added that this contract would include a three-year maintenance contract and an upgrade for 2017; which will include ADA compliance for Election Day reporting and additional maps and reporting modules.

Freeholder Estrada asked if this vendor is part of the State Contract.

Deputy Clerk DiRado advised that this company has been working with the County, and is awarding through the “dd Exception (to bidding)”.

Freeholder Mirabella commented that he was happy to see the Deputy Clerk (previously served as the Clerk of the Board).

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

Joseph Graziano, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Resolution concurring with the Township of Springfield granting permission to St. James the Apostle Church to close South Springfield Avenue between Mountain Avenue and Shunpike Road from May 2, 2017 – May 5, 2017 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and May 6, 2017 between the hours of 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Resolution concurring with the Borough of Roselle Park to close Chestnut Street from Grant Avenue to Webster Avenue and Grant Avenue from Chestnut Street to Sheridan Avenue on Monday, May 29, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for the Memorial Day Parade. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Resolution concurring with the Borough of Roselle Park, granting permission to close Chestnut Street from Williams Street to Clay Avenue from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, 2017, (rain date Saturday, June 24, 2017) and Tuesday, August 1, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., (rain date Tuesday, August 8, 2017) in order to hold “Crusin Night Car Shows.” **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Resolution concurring with the City of Linden to hang a banner over Wood Avenue near Curtis Street and Elizabeth Avenue from April 21, 2017 to May 10, 2017 to promote the Police Unity Tour which will be held on May 9, 2017. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**

Bibi Taylor, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Resolution to exceed the County tax levy limit and to establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.14). **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**

2. Resolution Adopting the 2017 County of Union Budget. (**Freeholder Alexander Mirabella**)

#### DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Frank Guzzo, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to extend the awarded contract BA 15-2015 obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law: NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq. to Motivated Security Services, Somerville, N.J., for the purpose of providing security coverage at Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital for a not to exceed figure of \$83,518 for an additional period of twelve consecutive months commencing May 11, 2017 through May 10, 2018. (**Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski**)
2. Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2017 GAP Spending Plan in the total amount not to exceed \$295,905 for subcontracted services to be provided during the 8 month budget period of May 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation. (**Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski**)

Vice Chairman Granados asked for the Director to elaborate on some of the subcontracted services provided through the GAP Spending Plan.

Director Guzzo reminded the Board, and offered for the public's edification, that the Board allocates this funding as a result of Peer Grouping being eliminated which causes hardships within the community due to the gaps in funding available.

Director Guzzo advised that there are legal services, housing programming, homeless programming, children and youth programs, homemaker programs; basically the gamut of services not normally covered by our regular funding sources; which the purpose of Peer Grouping funding was.

3. Amending Resolution Number 2017-183, FY2014 SuperNOFA Continuum of Care (CoC) Spending Plan, to award a grant extension to the Covenant House/Supportive Housing subcontract 15-SUP-105 for the extension period of December 1, 2015 through May 31, 2017, as approved by the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), allowing services to continue and funds to be fully expended with no change in funding and no other changes to spending plan. (**Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski**)

#### DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Ronald Zuber, Director

Director Zuber provided the Board with a historic summary of the Battle of Short Hills, in connection with Resolution Request #4. Director Zuber provided the Board with an overview of the reenactment.

Chairman Bergen advised that he had seen a number of reenactments by this group, including the reenactment of the Battle of Springfield held last year. He commended the efforts to coordinate this two-day reenactment of the 240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the historic Battle of Short Hills.

1. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs, to apply for, and if awarded, execute, the NJ Historic Trust grant in the total amount of \$50,000.00. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 876-2015, (BA#34-2015) a contract awarded through advertised public bidding process in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et se., to T.R. Weniger, Inc., of Piscataway, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Replacement of Two (2) Pedestrian Bridges, Green Brook Park, City of Plainfield and Rahway River Park, City of Rahway, County of Union, New Jersey. This Change Order will reduce the contract amount by (\$30,750.00) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$422,800.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-015) **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 2015-1026, (BA#74-2015) a contract awarded through the Public Bidding Process in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq., to Applied Landscape Technologies of Montville, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for Rahway River Park Turf Field Project, City of Rahway, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will reduce the contract amount by (\$461.99) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$3,538,863.01. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-019). **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
4. Resolution to have County Manager Execute a Licensing Agreement with the Brigade of the American Revolution to Conduct a Reenactment of the Battle of Short Hills on the Weekend of June 24-25, 2017 and to Act as Co-sponsor of this Event at a Cost Not to Exceed \$50,000.00. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

1. Amending Resolution Number 2016-349, to increase and authorizing the County Manager to expend an additional sum not to exceed \$7,800.00 with Funeral Services of New Jersey, Inc., Hillside, New Jersey, for the contract period ending March 31, 2017. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**

Freeholder Estrada inquired if the County has had more indigent burials than anticipated.

Director Moran advised that this resolution pertains to the transportation of deceased people from the scene to the medical examiner's office; which includes storage. He noted that there has been an increase transportation and storage costs as a result in the increase in number of full autopsies; adding that the increase is a result, in large part, to the opioid epidemic. He advised that there was an increase of 17% last year in overdoses. He stated that while through the first quarter, the County is seeing an increase of 24% in such overdoses.

Freeholder Estrada asked if the County is still using UMDNJ as a morgue and for autopsies.

Director Moran advised that the County uses Rahway Hospital for both autopsies and for storage, along with Funeral Services of New Jersey, noting that the refrigeration unit is not very large.

Freeholder Estrada inquired as to the costs per transport.

Director Moran advised that each transport costs \$225. There was a brief discussion relative to the scheduling and capacity issues that may arise during the transportation between the hospital and the storage/morgue facility.

#### OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Robert E. Barry, Esq., County Counsel

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. A Resolution approving the settlement of pending litigation entitled Barbara Egger v. Runnells Hospital, et al, Civil Action 2:14-cv-03904 WJM MF, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

#### FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulating Channon Hendricks for being the recipient of the 2017 Stand Out Volunteer Award at the Salvation Army's Volunteer Dinner. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
2. Congratulating the recipients of the Union County Club of National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. at their 45th annual Founders' Day Award Luncheon on April 22, 2017. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
3. Congratulating and extending the Board's gratitude to the recipients of the YWCA Union County awards. **(Freeholder Estrada & Freeholder Kowalski)**
4. Resolution supporting the Community Development Block Grant Program; calling upon the continued funding of this vital program within the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at a level no less than formula funding in Fiscal Year 2016. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Vice Chairman Sergio Granados, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski & the Entire Board)**
5. Appointing Pam Capaci to the Mental Health Advisory Board as an At-Large member to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2018. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
6. Resolution concurring with the City of Rahway's Resolutions No. AR-27-17 & No. AR-28-17, re-appointing James Kennedy to the Union County Utilities Authority for a term expiring January 31, 2022 and Roy Eastman to the Union County Utilities Authority for a term expiring January 31, 2021. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
7. Congratulating Linden High School Navy JROTC Cadet Daniel Tarnawski on his acceptance to the United States Naval Academy. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
8. Resolution congratulating the nine (9) Girls Scouts from five troops who are being recognized with the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award attainable, at the First Congregational Church in Westfield on May 25, 2017. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Linda Carter & Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
9. Acknowledging the efforts of the Union County Human Relations Commission (UCHRC); and further congratulating the 14 recipients of the 2017 UCHRC Unity Achievement Awards. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

10. Resolution recognizing the month of May, 2017 as "National Community Action Month" throughout Union County, and further commending the many Union County community agencies for their role in helping low-income families to move out of poverty and achieve economic security. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
11. Resolution sponsoring the WallynZavy's Autistic kids Can Do! Inc. Autism/Disabilities walk in Plainfield on April 29, 2017 in the amount of \$1,000. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**
12. Resolution sponsoring Linden Soehl Middle School's Peer Leadership Together We Ball Tournament on May 5, 2017 in the amount of \$500. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**
13. Resolution sponsoring Melly Mell Productions' Elizabeth Waterfront Latin Festival held on May 27, 2017 in the amount of \$5,000. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**
14. Proclaiming May 4th as International Firefighters' Day throughout the County of Union. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
15. Recognizing the month of May as Older Americans Month throughout the County of Union. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
16. Congratulating the Jeanette Shell Book Scholarship Fund, Inc. upon their 20th anniversary celebration and its award recipients. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
17. Congratulating the recipients of the 2017 Freedom Fund Awards by the Roselle Branch NAACP on April 21, 2017. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados & Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
18. Recognizing and extending the Board's appreciation to the women who are "Baking it Forward," in search of peace and friendship. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
19. Resolution recognizing the week of Monday, May 8, 2017 through Friday, May 12, 2017 as "Teacher Appreciation Week" throughout Union County, while embracing this year's theme "Teachers Deliver". **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados, Freeholder Linda Carter & Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
20. Recognizing the Elmora Youth Little League's efforts in spreading awareness of Autism, as they host their "Autism Awareness Weekend"; inclusive of a "Home Run-A-Thon". **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
21. Recognizing the Elmora Youth Little League Boys and Girls 10U District Champions and Girls 14U Sectional Champions. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
22. Congratulating the winners of the 2017 Arbor Day Poetry Contest. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

23. Resolution determining that the 2017 Union County Budget shall be read by title and declaring that the public hearing conditions set forth pursuant to N.J.S.A.:40A: 4-8(1a)(1b) have been satisfied. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
24. Congratulating the Rotary Club of Elizabeth upon their 100th birthday celebration on April 21, 2017. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen & Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
25. Congratulating the Union County Human Relations Commission 2017 Unity Achievements recipients. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen & The Entire Board)**

Freeholder Wright asked to join as a co-sponsor to Resolution Request #2.

Freeholder Estrada asked that the Entire Board join as a co-sponsor to Resolution Request #9.

Freeholder Mirabella asked that Mr. Mark Herwitz, Past Commander of Brigade of the American Revolution and Tom DeLucco, National Commander President and Paul Defanni, Bloomfield Member (host unit) provide the Board with an overview of the reenactment of the Battle of Short Hills.

Mr. Herwitz thanked the Board for its support and provided the Board with an overview of the reenactment; inclusive of a full encampment of the Continental armies and a British Crown forces camp at Oak Ridge Park. He stated that they will prepare an artillery battery and 18<sup>th</sup> Century rail fences. He made comments relative to the significance of the Battle of Short Hills, and the importance the retreat played in the victory at the Battle of Saratoga and French Alliance. He made comments relative to the various demonstrations that will take place over the weekend; inclusive of military fashion, 18<sup>th</sup> Century music demonstrations, artillery demonstrations, musket and rifle demonstrations and horseman demonstrations.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Bergen asked for a motion to adjourn. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowlalski, a voice vote showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Carter absent. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm.

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 UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2017 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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 7:00 pm and the Regular Meeting will commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session.

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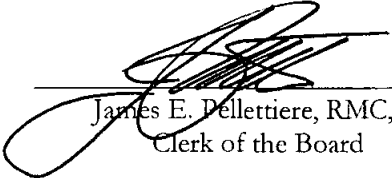
REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017 at 12:00 pm  
Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

## AGENDA SETTING SESSION

January 19, 2017  
February 2, 2017  
February 23, 2017  
March 2, 2017  
March 16, 2017  
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September 28, 2017  
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November 21, 2017 (Tuesday)  
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December 21, 2017




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James E. Pelletiere, RMC, QPA  
Clerk of the Board