

# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2017  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bruce Bergen presided and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

## ROLL CALL

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

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

## 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 COMMUNICATION

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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.

## PRESENTATION FROM THE BOARD

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A presentation will be made by the Freeholder Board to Freeholder Vernell Wright, acknowledging her dedication and commitment to Union County residents.

Chairman Bergen called upon all Freeholders to join him for a special presentation to Freeholder Vernell Wight.

Chairman Bergen noted that this meeting would be the last meeting as Freeholder for Freeholder Vernell Wright. He stated that it was important to give her the recognition she is entitled to for the wonderful job she has done on the Freeholder Board.

Freeholder Carter and Freeholder Kowalski provided her with a bouquet of flowers.

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Director of Administrative Services	135,498.40
Director of Corrections	124,746.00
Director of Economic Development	149,683.58
Director of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities	143,632.08
Director of Finance/County Treasurer/CCFO	145,441.49
Director of Human Services	130,000.00
Director of Parks & Recreation	128,382.52
Director of Public Safety	133,249.56

Bruce Patterson, of Garwood, asked the Board to vote in the negative. He stated that last year the Board provided 5-6% increase in raises. He advised that raises should not have been in excess of 2% raises. He stated the various raises (2%-7%) of each of the Directors. He inquired why the Directors are deserving of these raises.

Seeing no other speakers, Chairman Bergen closed public comment.

#### **FINAL READING STATEMENT**

Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman, will move Ordinance Number 790-2017 for Final Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, Ordinance Number 790-2017 was moved for Final 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**

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

Anthony Esposito, of Roselle, commented on Resolution Number 2017-1102, inquiring if the hiring of a grant writing firm is necessary as opposed to using the talents of County employees.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that the hiring of this company was done through an RFP process, noting that none of the respondents were based in Union County. She advised further that the grant firm has been working for the County for a number of years. She advised that they successfully obtained \$6.5 million in grant fund in 2017, and another \$500,000 outstanding for awards to be announced in the spring of 2018.

Roy Carcia, Vice President of local union 1199 SEIU, representing approximately 150 workers at Aristacare at Delaire in Linden, thanked the Board (specifically Freeholder Estrada and Freeholder Hudak) for its quick response. He commended the Board for considering 2017-1115 and urged the Board to vote in favor of its passing. He advised that with their assistance, the workers can avoid a strike and the workers can focus on taking care of the families and residents that need their help.

Monalise Jeamoute, of Elizabeth, spoke on Resolution Number 2017-1115. She thanked the Board for their support.

Sandra Lopez, of Elizabeth, spoke on Resolution Number 2017-115. She thanked the Board for their support.

Gerda Dorley, of Linden, spoke on Resolution Number 2017-115. She thanked the Board for their support, noting that the workers do not have much needed health insurance.

John Burry, of Kenilworth, made comments or inquires relative to a number of resolutions. Regarding Resolution Number 2017-1112, he inquired if Union County was named in the lawsuit. He asked what services Schwartz, Simon, Edelstein & Celso will be providing. Relative to Resolution Number 2017-1052, he inquired as to how many employees will be getting the 2% raises and how many in total are eligible. Relative to Resolution Number 2017-1102, he inquired if Assemblyman Holley is still a principal at the firm. Relative to Resolution Numbers 2017-1102 and 2017-1103, he stated that governments shouldn't be using specialized grant writers to seek funding.

Relative to Resolution Number 2017-112, Chairman Bergen advised Schwartz, Simon, Edelstein & Celso was hired to provide advice to the Board relative to the Mind and Body project, not to any potential litigation.

Relative to Resolution Number 2017-1052, County Manager Faella stated that he did not have an exact number of employees, but noted that they are indeed all employees not represented by a collective bargaining unit.

Bruce Patterson, of Garwood, made comments or inquires relative to a number of resolutions. Relative to Resolution Number 2017-1035, he asked for an overview of the project. Relative to Resolution Numbers 2017-1048 and 2017-1050, he inquired as to the dollar amount. He also asked if this will be included in next year's budget and offset the tax burden. Relative to Resolution Number 2017-1051, he asked for an overview of the positions controls. Relative to Resolution Number 2017-1053, he inquired if the cost includes the buses. Relative to Resolution Number 2017-1060, he asked for an overview of the project, noting his cost. Relative to Resolution Numbers 2017-1061 and 2017-1062, he inquired as to who was the recipient of the funds. Relative to Resolution Number 2017-1078, he inquired why it was a two year contract. Relative to Resolution Number 2017-1091, he stated that there is no dollar amount listed and made comments relative to the principal of the company. Relative to Resolution Number 2017-1121, he inquired who read the tax plan.

Relative to Resolution Number 2017-1121, Chairman Bergen advised that there are very few Senators and Congressman that have read the details of the plan.

Relative to Resolution Number 2017-1091, Director Yuska advised that they have been the broker for the past 27 months. He advised of the payment structure, noting that Horizon (the health insurance, prescription and stop-loss insurance broker) provides Acrisure a standard commission. He advised they receive \$16 per employee for the medical and prescription plans, a 10% commission on the \$1.5 million premium on the stop-loss insurance, \$43,000 for dental premium, 10% commission on the disability insurance. He stated that their total commission per annum is \$850,000. He advised that over the past 27 months, Acrisure has saved the County \$2.6 million in reducing fees, renegotiating contracts, and in ensuring the prescriptions are charged properly. He advised that initial projections are estimated at future savings between \$3 million to \$4 million over the next 36 months.

Relative to Resolution Number 2017-1078, County Clerk Rajoppi advised that the contract was awarded with a 2 year option. She noted they have proven themselves over the years.

Relative to Resolution Number 2017-1061, Parks Facilities Director Sanchez advised the amount is for the County's operational budget for the golf courses under KemperSports. Relative to Resolution Number 2017-1062, he advised that is for the County's operational budget for the Warinanco Sports Center under Sports Facilities Management. He noted that the Warinanco Sports Complex will now be a year-round facility.

Relative to Resolution Number 2017-1060, he stated that the contractor represents the lowest bidder (by \$80,000). He advised that the project includes a modern street scape look; inclusive of a bowl.

Relative to Resolution Number 2017-1051, County Manager Faella advised the position controls are for the Department of Human Services, the Office of the Sheriff, the Department of Economic Development, the Department of Public Works, and the Department of Corrections. He advised that the vast majority of them involve individuals taking on additional duties.

Relative to Resolution Number 2017-1048, Director Taylor advised that the County will be moving funds from an area of excess to an area in need of additional funds within the budget. Relative to Resolution Number 2017-1049, Director Taylor advised these cancellations of funds are for funding the County typically anticipates to provide to the State, however the State notified the County to cancel the transfer and simply provide the funds that are due. Relative to Resolution Number 2017-1050, Director Taylor advised the cancelation of funds concern funding from a previously adopted ordinance. She advised that it has no impact on the levy, but rather reduces the County's gross debt.

Relative to Resolution Number 2017-1035, Director Graziano advised that the project is necessary due to the new stair tower plans to go to the top floor. He advised it goes through the current jury room that only seats 160 people. He advised the new jury room will accommodate 260 people, and include new bathrooms and air-conditioning and plumbing. He noted that not only is this a low bidder, but that the County was doing approximately \$300,000 of in-kind work. County Manager Faella advised that this work is required by the State of New Jersey.

Maria Echavaria, of Elizabeth, asked for more details relative to Resolution Number 2017-1081.

Tom Kaundry, of the Prosecutors Office, advised that the resolution authorizes the Prosecutor's Office to accept state funding for the Victims of Crime grant; which funds the County's sexual assault response team.

Dan Bernier, of Roselle, clarified that the past speaker did have a question relative to the shelving in Resolution Number 2017-1083.

Tom Kaundry, of the Prosecutor's Office, advised that the shelving would replace static shelving for both the CDS and Biology section. He advised that these new shelving is aimed at saving space through mechanical assist system that collapses on top of each other. He advised that by using this new system, they will gain approximately 70% more space. He advised that evidence guidelines dictate how long items have to be saved.

Seeing no other speakers, Chairman Bergen closed public comment on resolutions being offered for adoption.

## RESOLUTIONS

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The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

**2017-1016 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with ESRI- Environmental Systems, Redlands, CA, for the renewal of existing licensing and maintenance, for Geographic Information System in an amount not to exceed \$400.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1017 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Re-appointing Junaid R. Shaikh, M.D., Montville, New Jersey, as the Union County Medical Examiner for a five (5) year term commencing on November 1, 2017 through October 31, 2022 at an annual salary of \$197,329.22.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1018 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Winfield to provide 911, Police, Fire and EMS Dispatch Services in the amount of \$24,000 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 Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1019 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with The City of Plainfield to provide 9-1-1 Emergency Medical call screening and EMS Dispatch services in an amount of \$7,500.00 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 Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1020 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement, through the use of New Jersey State Contract #A82106, with Smith's Detection, 21 Commerce Drive, Danbury, CT, for the procurement of HazMat ID and accessories in an amount not to exceed \$370,780 utilizing grant funding from the Urban Area Security Initiative Program.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1021 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement, through the use of New Jersey State Contract #A80961, with New Jersey Fire Equipment, 119-131 Rt. 22 East, Green Brook, NJ for the procurement of air cylinders for the UASI Air Trucks in an amount not to exceed \$222,264 utilizing grant funding from the Urban Area Security Initiative Program.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1022 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with The Borough of Garwood to provide 9-1-1 Emergency Medical call screening and EMS Dispatch services in an amount of \$2,200.00 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.

- 2017-1023 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Amending Resolution 2012-130 to allow the Department of Public Safety to utilize Emergency Management Assistance Grant dollars to be utilized for the procurement of equipment.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1024 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Re-appointing Joseph Ume (Mental Health Provider) and Tiffany Wilson (Justice Involved Services) as members to the Mental Health Advisory Board for a term beginning January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1025 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Approving a pre-qualified list of firms for the provision of Architectural Services for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1026 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Approving a pre-qualified list of firms for the provision of Construction Management Services for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1027 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Approving a pre-qualified list of firms for the provision of General Engineering Services for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1028 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for Fiscal Year 2018 State Aid to Counties (CA-2018 Union County - 00015) in the amount of \$6,990,563.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-029 - 2019 Road Resurfacing Project)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1029 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application on behalf of the County of Union, and if awarded, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) - 2018 Local Bridges, Future Needs Program - LBFN 2018-00019 for the Replacement of Pemberton Avenue Bridge over Cedar Brook, PI75, City of Plainfield, County of Union, New Jersey in the amount of \$735,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project #2010-006A)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1030 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application, on behalf of the County of Union, and if awarded, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) - 2018 Local Bridges, Future Needs Program - LBFN 2018-00017 for the Replacement of Mountain Avenue Bridge over Stream 3-61-1, Be26, Township of Berkeley Heights, County of Union, New Jersey in the amount of \$620,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-004)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1031 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application on behalf of the County of Union, and if awarded, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) - 2018 Local Bridges, Future Needs Program - LBFN 2018-00021 for the Replacement of Shunpike Road Bridge over Stream 10-35, City of Summit, County of Union, New Jersey in the amount of \$502,500.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-041)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1032 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application on behalf of the County of Union, and if awarded, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) - 2018 Local Bridges, Future Needs Program - LBFN 2018-00020 for the Replacement of Lawrence Avenue Bridge over Stream 10-29, Mo3, Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, New Jersey in the amount of \$558,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-042)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1033 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manger to submit a grant application on behalf of the County of Union, and if awarded, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) - 2018 Local Freight Impact Fund Grant - 00053 - Replacement of Lower Road Bridge, over Stream 10-3, Li63, City of Linden, County of Union, New Jersey in the amount of \$750,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-026)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1034 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2016-296 adopted on April 14, 2016; BA#13-2016, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq., to GPC, Inc., of Millburn, New Jersey approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Union County Radio Room Tower Project, City of Elizabeth, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$70,628.00) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$837,372.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-033F)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1035 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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 & Facilities Management; Division of Engineering: Precision Building and Construction, of Bound Brook, New Jersey, for Improvements to the Jury Waiting Room, City of Elizabeth, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$359,800.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-035)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1036 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract using State and Federal cooperative contracts: Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities; Division of Facilities Management: Xerox Corporation, Woodbridge, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing equipment leasing and labor service for an on-site Print Shop for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022 in the not to exceed amount of \$2,101,228.60. The use



of the Print Shop is extended to all other governmental entities in Union County as a Shared Service.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1037 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with McGrath Municipal Equipment, Springfield, NJ, to furnish a Falcon Asphalt Hot Box in an amount not to exceed \$32,597.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1038 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award professional services contracts in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018 to provide additional professional psychiatric medical services to patients of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1039 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with pre-qualified list of practitioners to provide professional medical services for the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital patients for the contract period of January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1040 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award professional services contracts in an amount not to exceed \$3,750.00 for the period of January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018 for Specialty Medical Consultants to provide services to patients of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1041 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to continue a Lease Agreement with Runnells BH Operating Inc., for the operations of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital including 44 beds and office space with a 2% increase as per sale agreement for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1042 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to certify to the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health Services that there have been no changes to the plan for the delivery of mental health services and

that the County will continue to operate a psychiatric facility during calendar year 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1043 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award subcontracts under the 2018 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Spending Plan in a total amount not to exceed \$149,553.28 for the period of January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018 for the purpose of providing community services for low income residents of Union County as permitted by NJ Department of Community Affairs (DCA) regulations; further authorizing a one-time advance payment of up to one month of the award amount for the agency to carry out program activities; and further authorizing the transfer of funds among awarded agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any fails to meet its contractual obligation.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1044 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award 2018 Social Services for the Homeless (SSH) Spending Plan subcontracts for the twelve (12) month budget period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 and to appropriate County Administration funding in the total amount not to exceed \$852,311; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the awarded agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any fails to meet its contractual obligation; and further authorizing a one-time advance payment of up to one month of the award for the agencies to carry out the program activities.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight (8) members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Chairman Bergan abstaining.

**2017-1045 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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 Brothers, Inc., Canandaigua, New York, for the purpose of providing one (1) sixteen passenger van with two (2) wheelchair positions, in the amount of \$60,700.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1046 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$15,781 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Public Safety for Additional Match Funds for a Program Entitled: Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)-Victim Witness Advocacy.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1047 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Cancelling Capital Balances to Capital Surplus, Deferred Charges Unfunded and Capital (Grants) Receivable.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1048 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Approving Transfer of Current Fund Appropriations.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1049 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Cancelling Current Fund Budget Appropriations.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1050 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Cancelling an unissued balance from Guaranty Ordinance #777-2016

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1051 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizes the County Manager to adjust and/or change the Internal Position Control Schedules.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1052 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to adopt the 2018 exclusionary wage increases as follows: Salary increases for 2018 shall be based upon each employee's performance evaluation score, pursuant to Resolution 2129-2002, and shall not exceed 2%, and shall be effective January 1, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1053 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew the contract, pursuant to competitive contracting law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4, to MPC Bus Corporation, Brooklyn, New York, for the provision of transportation services in the form of Routing, Scheduling & Dispatch and Road Operator Services for the Union County Paratransit System for the contract period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, representing Year Two (2) of the contract, in the total amount not to exceed \$4,481,120 with the option to extend the contract for three (3) one year periods at the prices quoted in the agency's competitive contract proposal.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1054 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew a revenue agreement with Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 for reimbursement in the amount of \$7.00 per one way trip to the County of Union for the provision of Transportation Service through the Union County Paratransit System for Partial Care clients attending their programs, based upon scheduled trips provided by the County on Mondays through Fridays.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1055 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Inroads to Opportunities, Roselle, New Jersey, for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 for reimbursement to the County of Union in the amount of \$6.00 per one way trip for the provision of transportation service through the Union County Paratransit System for Partial Care clients attending their programs based upon pre-scheduled trips provided by the County on Mondays through Fridays.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1056 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Amending Resolution Number 2017-756, adopting the 2018 Alcohol/Drug Abuse (A/DA) Spending Plan, to reflect additional grant funding from NJ Department of Health (DOH) Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services (DMHAS) in the total amount not to exceed \$12,120 for a new Spending Plan total not to exceed \$938,474 for the same period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, as approved by LACADA on December 1, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1057 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Authorizing the County Manager, pursuant to a Request for Proposal (RFP), to approve the 2018 Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) Spending Plan in the total amount not to exceed \$117,800 to provide program services for youth and families involved in the juvenile justice system for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1058 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Amending Resolution 2017-401, adopting the 2017 GAP Spending Plan, to increase overall funding in the amount of \$13,475 and to deobligate unused funding in the amount of \$20,000 from Visiting Nurse & Health Services to obligate additional funds in the amount of \$33,475 to Center for Hope Hospice, as specified on the spending plan for a new total of \$521,475; no other changes.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1059 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: to Turco Golf, Inc., Suffern, New York, for the purpose of providing Galloping Hill Golf Course Improvements, Borough of Kenilworth, County of Union, New Jersey, for an amount not to exceed \$316,980.00. (BA#69-2017: Union County Engineering Project #2016-031)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1060 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: to Applied Landscape Technologies of Montville, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Mattano Skateboard Park Project, Mattano Park, City of Elizabeth, County of Union, New Jersey, for an amount not to exceed \$652,074.00. (BA#12-2017: Union County Engineering Project #2016-008)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1061 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Approving the operational budget for golf course operational expenses for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in the amount of \$4,492,115 as procured through the competitive contract process.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1062 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Approving the operational budget for Warinanco Sports Center operational expenses for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in the amount of \$515,000.00 as procured through the competitive contract process.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1063 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with This Is It! Productions, Hoboken, NJ for the management and production of the 2018 Summer Concerts for the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$102,065.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1064 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with This Is It! Productions, Hoboken, NJ, for the management and

production of the 2018 Rhythm and Blues by the Brook to be held on June 2, 2018 at Cedar Brook Park, Plainfield, NJ, in an amount not to exceed \$144,100.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1065 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to conduct the 2018 Deer Management Program for Union County, relative to the reduction of the white-tailed deer population within the Watchung Reservation, Nomehegan Park, Lenape Park, Summit portion of Passaic River Park, Ash Brook Reservation, Oak Ridge Park, the Hawk Rise Sanctuary. Licensed hunters, acting as agents of the county, would harvest during the permit shotgun season of January 1, 2018 through February 10, 2018, in the manner prescribed by the Fish and Game Code of the State of New Jersey and the 2018 Deer Management Program for Union County Guidelines in an amount not to exceed \$6,700.00. The County Manager is authorized to restrict areas when conditions necessitate.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1066 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to use the County's option to extend the contract with Deer Carcass Removal Services, LLC of Cream Ridge, NJ for deer carcass and removal service pursuant to the bidding process (BA #69-2015) for a twenty four (24) month period, (Contract Period: 2/5/18 – 2/4/20), in the amount not to exceed \$39,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1067 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-535, (BA#41-2015) a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJ.S.A. 40A:11 -1 et seq., to Mar-Bridge Enterprises, Inc., Matawan, NJ approving Change Order No. 1 (final) for Warinanco Park Ice Rink Renovation and New Clubhouse Building Project, County of Union New Jersey (BA #41-2015). This change order will increase the original contract amount not to exceed \$853,000 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$7,935,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1068 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 Public Safety: Johnston Communications, for the purpose of providing 9-1-1 Telecommunications equipment and service, in the not to exceed amount of \$600,000.00 for 24 months commencing upon contract execution with one option to extend for 24 consecutive months.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1069 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to make any and all purchases of goods and/or services required in the process of preparing and conducting an election to be provided by various vendors and to provide miscellaneous election services which might arise, in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 for the 2018 elections.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1070 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Wisolmerski Associates, Inc., Boca Raton, Florida, for the purpose of providing technical support to the recording, indexing and accounting systems of the Office of the County Clerk for the contract period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$41,350.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1071 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Approving the 2018 Union County Clerk Five Year Plan.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1072 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Intersection, Secaucus, New Jersey for the purpose of providing design and advertising space for the Union County Votes App at NJ Transit train stations in advance of the 2018 Primary and General Elections in an amount not to exceed \$21,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1073 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Approving a list of pre-qualified vendors to provide Election Printing Services for the period February 1, 2018 through January 31, 2020 with an option to renew for an additional 24 consecutive months.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1074 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Approving a pre-qualified list of vendors for the provision of Election Mail Fulfillment Services for the period February 1, 2018 through January 31, 2020 with an option to renew for an additional 24 consecutive months.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1075 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Royal Printing Services, West New York, New Jersey to provide election printing services of machine ballots, sample ballots, and emergency ballots for the Primary Elections, General Elections, School Board Elections and

Special Elections for the contract period February 1, 2018 through January 31, 2020 with potential option for one additional 24 month extension in an amount not to exceed \$1,322,860.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1076 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Dominion Voting Systems, Denver, Colorado, for the purpose of providing licensing, maintenance and support for the WinEDS 4.0 voting system for the contract period April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019, in the amount of \$33,673.17.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1077 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter in to a contract with B&B Press, Lebanon, New Jersey from February 1, 2018 through January 31, 2020 with one potential extension option for 24 consecutive months for the purposes of providing print services for Mail in Ballots and Provisional Ballots for the 2018 and 2019 Primary, General and School Board Elections in the amount of \$533,074.78.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1078 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Full Service Mailers, Hackensack, New Jersey to provide election mail fulfillment services for the period February 1, 2018 through January 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$165,805 and to provide for an option to renew for an additional 24 consecutive months.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1079 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2017-450, an open ended contract awarded through initial Bid Award 32-2017, to Maplecrest Auto Mall, Vauxhall, New Jersey to purchase one (1) additional 2018 Ford Explorer @ \$36,621.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1080 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2017-683, dated August 17, 2017 to reflect Subaward number JAG-1-20-16 and to authorize the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to accept funding from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program in the amount of \$14,125.00 in Federal funds, for the period of September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.



**2017-1081 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2017-760, dated September 14, 2017 to reflect Subaward number VS-63-15 and to authorize the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Division of Criminal Justice, FFY2015 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Grant Program, Project Title County Sexual Assault Response Team/Forensic Nurse Examiner (SART/FNE) Program in the amount of \$115,705.00 in Federal funds, with a county match of \$28,926.00 for a project obligation of \$144,631.00 for the period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1082 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2017-152, dated February 9, 2017, to reflect Subaward number V-93-15 and to authorize the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to accept funding from Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Program, project titled County Office of Victim Witness Advocacy in the amount of \$98,544 in Federal funds, with a County Match of \$40,417, for a total project obligation of \$138,961 from the period of January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1083 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into an agreement with Modern Office Systems, LLC of New York, NY, for the purpose of purchasing shelving systems for the Prosecutor's Laboratory in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 utilizing NJ State Contract A79829.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1084 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew the County's Dental Insurance Contract with Delta Dental and Flagship Health Systems, Parsippany, New Jersey to provide Dental Coverage for the contract period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an estimated, non-guaranteed amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1085 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with International Healthcare Services/Healthplex, Uniondale, New York to provide dental insurance for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$325,000 per year for three (3) years for a total amount not to exceed of \$975,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1086 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Equipment Maintenance Policy with Specialty Underwriters, Oak Creek, WI from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$210,000.00. This policy provides coverage for maintenance costs for electronic office equipment due to mechanical failure.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1087 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital-Medical Malpractice Policy, General and Professional Liability Umbrella Policy, and Excess Umbrella Liability Policy with Princeton Insurance for the period of December 15, 2017 through December 14, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$110,881.02.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1088 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the option to extend a contract with T&M Associates, Middletown, New Jersey, to provide Workplace Health and Safety Compliance and Consulting Services for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$136,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1089 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with ComPsych, Chicago, IL for the provision of a comprehensive Employee Assistance Program (EAP) to County employees and their families for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$54,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1090 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2017-528, approving claims payment for employee health and prescription self-insurance program, to centralize funds under the control accounts only, with no change in the amount total.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1091 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Acrisure LLC, Woodbridge, N.J. and Business & Government Insurance Agency, Woodbridge, N.J. for the provision of: Health Insurance Consultant/Broker Services and Voluntary Benefits Services from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1092 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Kanen Psychological Associates, P.A., Ridgewood, New Jersey, for the provision of Psychological Evaluation Services (Fitness for Duty Examinations) for the Department of Administrative Services (Personnel), the Department of Correctional Services (inclusive of Juvenile Detention), and the Office of the Sheriff for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 for a total amount not to exceed \$69,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1093 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with ComPsych, Chicago, IL for the provision of a comprehensive State and Federal Family Leave Administration Program to County employees for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 at an amount not to exceed \$46,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1094 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Practice Associates Medical Group, (Atlantic Health Systems) Clark, New Jersey for the provision of providing Pre-Employment Medical Examinations, drug screenings and other related medical services to the County of Union (Division of Personnel) and the Office of the Union County Sheriff for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$109,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1095 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Deacon Michael DeRoberts, Mountainside, NJ to provide 5 hours of religious services and counseling per week for the Catholic inmates in the Union County Jail for the contract period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$3,418.80.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1096 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Patricia Kane, Newark, New Jersey to provide 5 hours of religious services and counseling per week for the Islamic female inmates in the Union County Jail for the contract period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$3,418.80.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1097 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Minister Richard Hogans, Linden, NJ to provide 10 hours of religious services and counseling per week for Protestant inmates in the Union County Jail for the contract period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$6,638.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1098 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, New Jersey, to provide anger management for the incarcerated male and females of the Union County Jail for the contract period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1099 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with The Keefe Group, Edison, New Jersey, to provide off-site inmate commissary services, hygiene kits, and Inmate Trust Fund Accounting System for the Union County Jail for a three year contract with an option for two years. This is a revenue producing contract.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1100 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manger to enter an agreement with Camacho Consulting Services, Linden, NJ to develop and build a custom Administrative Management System. This agreement will consist of one year of updates, upgrades and maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$24,700.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1101 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Hudson, Kearny, New Jersey to assign Diana Youst as the Acting Superintendent of the Union County Detention Center for the contract period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$176,270.13.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1102 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Millennium Strategies, Morristown, NJ, for the purpose of providing grant writing and procurement services to the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$36,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed seven (7) members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Estrada and Freeholder Jalloh voting in the negative.

- 2017-1103 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Winning Strategies, Washington/Hoboken Strategy Group, Washington DC, by way of RFP (Request for Proposal), to provide Comprehensive Federal Government Relations/Lobbying services to the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight (8) members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh voting in the negative.

- 2017-1104 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Union County Economic Development Corporation, Cranford, NJ, for the purpose of providing general economic development services to private businesses within the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1105 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to the Union County Economic Development Corporation, Cranford, NJ, to provide procurement, training and technical assistance to private businesses within the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1106 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to the United Way of Greater Union County, Elizabeth, NJ, to provide support and operation of the Family Success Center in Rahway, NJ, Multicultural Family Success Center in Elizabeth, NJ and the continuation of the Focus on Families Task Force, Community Conversations and the Parent Advisory Boards for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$266,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1107 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with We Are One New Jersey, Trenton, NJ, to provide social and human services that educate, empower and uplift working families under the We Are One New Jersey Project for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$245,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1108 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Union County Utilities Authority, to provide website maintenance and support in a monthly recurring fee of \$250.00 for a five year period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1109 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2017-612, dated July 20, 2017 to increase the appropriation to Weber Dowd Law, Woodland Park, NJ in the matter entitled Eric Graham v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$20,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1110 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2017-699, dated August 17, 2017 to increase the appropriation to Weiner Law Group, LLP, Parsippany, NJ in the matter entitled Farnia Bashaw v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$20,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1111 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2016-229, dated March 10, 2016 to increase the appropriation to Weber Dowd Law, Woodland Park, NJ in the matter entitled Wanda Minch v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$20,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1112 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** A resolution appointing Schwartz, Simon, Edelstein & Celso of Whippany, as special counsel in a matter relating to the Mind and Body Project in the Borough of Roselle in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1113 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** A resolution appointing John R. Boles as the Public Agency's Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) for a term effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

#### **FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

- 2017-1114 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Barbara E. Clark upon her passing.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1115 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Resolution supporting 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East in its efforts to negotiate in good faith, and calls upon AristaCare to settle a fair contract for workers at Delaire Nursing Home.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1116 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Congratulating Michael Robert Bottazzi and Colin Ferren Tunney of Boy Scouts of America Troop 1, New Providence, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1117 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Extending the Board's condolences to the family of Elsie Scaperrotta, a dedicated Union County Parks and Recreation employee of Trailside Nature & Science Center for the past 24 years upon her passing.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1118 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Congratulating Richard Hlavacek upon his retirement from Families and Community Together (FACT) in Mountainside and the Human Services Advisory Council; and further thanking him for his years of dedicated service to the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1119 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Extending the Board's congratulations and warm wishes to John Malar, Director of the Cranford Public Library upon his well-deserved retirement.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1120 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Pat DiNizio, lead singer and songwriter of the NJ rock band, The Smithereens-America's Band upon his passing.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2017-1121 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN, & THE THE THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Extending the Board's opposition of the Trump-GOP tax plan.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2017-1122 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Congratulating Jewish Family Services food pantry "the Charlotte Shak" upon their Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on December 12th.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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### **PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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

Phillip, of Rahway, made comments on behalf of Citizens Going Forward. He read a statement relative to funding request, detailing its mission statement, and advised of a number of the organization's endeavors.

Freeholder Carter left the meeting.

Chris Ellison, of Elizabeth and of Citizens Going Forward, thanked the Board, Director Zuber, Ellen Chase, Sean Faughnan, Rhoshana Crosby (parks department), Captain Black (county sheriff office), and the Union County parks maintenance employees. He received a proclamation from Senator Booker (relative to Citizens Going Forward) and read it aloud.

Brendan Bernier, of Roselle, thanked the Board for pulling the Ordinance pertaining to the Mind and Body project. He advised the borough needs to go back to the drawing board and then potentially go before the Freeholders in the future.

Anthony Esposito, of Roselle, inquired as to the insurance benefits provided to the county employees, and questioned how it is managed. He questioned if the County has examined the potential of being self-insured. He made comments relative to the GOP Tax Plan that caps the deduction at \$10,000 in property taxes, noted that most County residents are above the tax cap.

Chairman Bergen advised that the County is in fact self-insured, and noted the Director's comments relative to the County's stop-loss plan.

Denise Wilkerson, of Roselle, offered her congratulations to Freeholder Wright for her dedicated service to the community. She stated she was pleased to see the Ordinance was pulled and questioned if the Board would assure the public that the project wouldn't move forward until the Borough re-assesses the project.

Chairman Bergen advised that the Ordinance that was introduced (in 2017) will not move forward and will essentially "die" for not being adopted in the same year as it was introduced. He advised that the Board intends to revoke the Ordinance passed earlier in the year which guaranteed the other portion of the project; clarifying that there will be nothing pending from the county relative to the project.



Bruce Patterson, of Garwood, offered his thanks to the Board for the Kids Recreation Grant in the amount of \$55,000. He thanked Freeholder Wright for her service. He made comments relative to the upcoming budget cycle; focusing on funds returned to the State of New Jersey, UCIA financing as it relates to the Mcenroe Report, the Infrastructure Grant, county surplus, and the request to cut the budget.

Chairman Bergen asked Director Taylor to clarify the \$24 million in grant funds to be returned to the State of New Jersey (Resolution Number 2017-1049).

Director Taylor advised that the State assumption appropriation equates to \$31 million. She advised that the revenue equates to \$25 million. She advised that the State essentially says the County has to transfer over the excess (the difference between the appropriation and the revenue), which equates to \$5.2 million. She advised that the State notified the County to transfer the difference, rather than the entire \$31 million and then receive the \$25 million. She explained this is the reason she is cancelling the \$24 million from the program. She further advised that this transfer represents a net zero effect on the County's budget.

Chairman Bergen asked Director Taylor to confirm that the County is not returning money, but rather this is solely an accounting mechanism.

Director advised that was correct. She reminded the Board the State did the same thing last year with the County's DYFS funding.

Director Taylor offered to make a clarification relative to the proceeds from the sale of Runnells Specialized Hospital; noting that as of the end of the 2017, the County has \$15.4 million. She added that those funds are set aside as a reserve on the County's balance sheet.

Seeing no other speakers, Chairman Bergen closed public comment.

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## **FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

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Freeholder Hudak made comments relative to the GOP Tax Plan; stating that New Jersey receives 74 cents on the dollar and noted one of the equitable tools used was the deduction on state income and property taxes (as they are higher in New Jersey). He stated that the GOP Tax Plan is a blatant grab of wealth from one part of the country to another.

Freeholder Hudak made comments relative to the County's infrastructure program; adding that he is proud of the Board for finding an innovative measure to stretch local tax dollars where the County has seen a consistent decrease in aide.

Freeholder Hudak made comments relative to the new jury room (as he served as a juror). He made comments relative to the Roselle Mind and Body project, stating that he was disappointed as the school project is not going to happen (at this point). He added that he hopes the Board of Education and the Borough work together on revisiting the plan.

Freeholder Hudak congratulated Freeholder Wright on her service as Freeholder. He congratulated Chairman Bergen on a successful two-year chairmanship. He wished everyone a happy holiday.

Freeholder Wright made comments relative to discounted loans (up to \$50,000) for women business owners.

Freeholder Kowalski thanked Freeholder Wright for her service, and thanked her family for attending the evening's meeting. She thanked Chairman Bergen for his leadership over his tenure over the past 2 years. She thanked the residents from Elizabeth, Linden and Roselle for attending the meeting.

Freeholder Kowalski made comments relative to the County's Aging Services Kiosk event on December 27, 2018. She noted that on Friday, December 22, 2018 the County was holding its annual Holiday Sing-A-Long around the Christmas Tree in the Courthouse rotunda. Freeholder Kowalski wished all a happy, healthy and safe holiday.

Freeholder Estrada wished all a happy holiday.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to the Union County Relations Commission and their acceptance of nominations for the 2018 Unity Achievement Award; noting that the Unity Achievement Awards recognize volunteerism, public service that promotes cultural diversity, community relations and human rights.

Freeholder Mirabella congratulated County Manager Faella, Deputy County Manager Wagner, all the departmental directors and county employees on a very good year. He noted the hard work that the Board gets credit for, is a direct result of the hard work of the County's employees. He thanked Freeholder Wright for her service, noting that she was his children's favorite freeholder (audience laughed). He commended Chairman Bergen on successful two-year tenure as Chairman, noting that he was always fair and respected the opinions of all the members on the Board.

County Counsel Barry wished Freeholder Wright the best on all future endeavors. He congratulated Chairman Bergen on a successful year.

County Manager Faella thanked the Board for their support. He thanked his department heads for all their support. He told Freeholder Wright that she was a person of high character and that it was an honor to work for her. He congratulated Chairman Bergen for his two years as Chairman and stated that their working relationship was special. He wished all residents a happy holiday and a healthy new year.

Vice Chairman Granados wished all a happy holiday and a happy new year. He invited the Board to join him in presenting Chairman Bergen with a small gift in recognition of his leadership as Chairman.

Chairman Bergen thanked his colleagues. He stated that any success over the past two years has been a byproduct of a team effort.

## ADJOURNMENT

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Chairman Bergen called for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Granados, a voice vote showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Carter not present. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

## 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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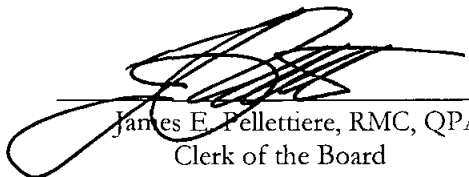
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