



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bruce Bergen presided and called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

ROLL CALL

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

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

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

PRESENTATIONS BY THE BOARD

Resolution Presentation will be made by Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, Vice Chairman Sergio Granados, and Chairman Bruce H. Bergen congratulating Edward Chrystal on his promotion to Brigadier General of the New Jersey National Guard.

Chairman Bergen called upon Freeholder Mirabella and Vice Chairman Granados to join him for the night's first presentation.

Freeholder Mirabella invited General Ed Chrystal and his wife Georgette to join them. Freeholder Mirabella stated that General Chrystal was a personal friend and very active within the Scotch Plains/Fanwood community, also noting his involvement in leading the Westfield Armory. He read a list of military medals received inclusive of, but not limited to, the Bronze Star Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, Operation Iraqi Freedom National Defense Service Medal, and the Humanitarian Service Medal.

Chairman Bergen stated that he had the honor of hearing the Brigadier General during a Memorial Day service, and thanked him for his service and commitment to the community. Freeholder Mirabella presented General Chrystal with the resolution.

General Edward Chrystal stated that he was truly honored by receiving this proclamation. He commended the County for what they do for the Veteran community, noting that it is above and beyond (what others do).

Resolution Presentation will be made by Freeholders Alexander Mirabella, Linda Carter, Bette Jane Kowalski and Vernell Wright congratulating Marilyn Davis for receiving the Barbara Boggs Sigmund Award by the Women's Political Caucus of New Jersey.

Chairman Bergen called upon Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Carter, and Freeholder Wright for the night's second presentation.

Freeholder Mirabella invited Marilyn Davis to join the Freeholders. Freeholder Mirabella made remarks relative to the longstanding involvement in the political process, and commended her on receiving the Barbara Boggs Sigmund Award by the Women's Political Caucus. He spoke on her Union County roots, and of the many campaigns and administrations she worked with over the years. He commended her for the work she has done on a National level in Washington, D.C. Freeholder Mirabella presented Marilyn Davis with the resolution.

Marilyn Davis, said it was a pleasure to be back in Union County, noting that she left the County in 2003. She spoke on her deep roots in Elizabeth, and of the political foundation she received in Union County. She thanked the Board for the recognition.

Resolution Presentation will be made by Freeholders Alexander Mirabella, Christopher Hudak and Angel G. Estrada congratulating Ellen Dotto, Secretary of the Boards and Executive Director of College Relations for Union County College on her retirement.

Chairman Bergen called upon Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Hudak, and Freeholder Estrada for the night's third presentation.

Freeholder Mirabella invited Ellen Dotto to join the Freeholders. Freeholder Mirabella advised that Ellen had been the Clerk to the Board of Trustees of Union County College, and served as its Government Relations Director. He thanked her for her friendship and her teamwork, and congratulated her on her retirement. The Freeholders presented her with the resolution.

Ellen Dotto thanked the Board for this recognition. She advised the Board that her relationship with the Board started over twenty years ago as the External Affairs Director for Verizon. She stated that working with the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has been very rewarding over the past twenty years.

Resolution Presentation will be made by Freeholders Vernell Wright congratulating Pat Scott former employee of Runnells Specialized Hospital/Cornerstone Unit on her retirement from the County of Union.

Chairman Bergen called upon Freeholder Wright for the night's final presentation.

Freeholder Wright called upon Pat Scott to join her to receive the proclamation. She noted that she had known Pat Scott since her birth and had seen her grow into the wonderful person she has become. She stated that Pat Scott embodies what it is to make a difference in other people. She thanked her for all that she has done for the County and for the community at Runnells Specialized Hospital/Cornerstone Unit. She wished her much success in her retirement. Freeholder Wright presented her with the resolution.

Pat Scott thanked the Board for the honor. She stated that it has been a pleasure working the past 34 years of her life at Runnells/Cornerstone. She spoke of the relationships she made with fellow employees, the patients, the patients' families, the volunteers and all of the County staff over the years. She stated that it was a pleasure to serve the residents at Runnells/Cornerstone, but noted that she is looking forward to her retirement in Florida.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Oath of Office: Human Services Advisory Council: Pam Capaci; Union County Advisory Board on the Disabled: John Waters; and Union County Utilities Authority: Roy Eastman.

Chairman Bergen called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Granados, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere read the Ordinance by title.

784-2017 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL AND DEPARTMENT HEADS.

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL DEPARTMENT HEADS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union as follows:

Section 1. The salaries of the County Counsel and Departments Heads shall be as hereinafter set forth.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect at the time and manner provided by law.

Section 3. That the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby authorized to publish a notice in the appropriate newspaper of such introduction and of a public

hearing on July 20, 2017, and shall forward one certified copy of final passage to each Clerk of all Municipalities located within the County of Union.

Position(s)	Salary	Effective
County Counsel	168,376.73	1-May-17
Director of Economic Development/Deputy County Manager	142,748.61	1-Apr-17
Director of Finance/County Treasurer/CCFO	142,589.70	1-May-17

FIRST READING STATEMENT

Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman, will move Ordinance Number 784-2017 for First Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The Public Hearing and Final Reading will be held on July 20, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, Ordinance Number 784-2017 was moved for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. Roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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

Clerk of the Board Pelletiere read the Ordinance by title.

785-2017 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND "THE LAWS OF UNION COUNTY: ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION" BY AMENDING PART 1, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE XVI, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; ARTICLE XX, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES; ARTICLE XXIV, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.; CHAPTER 49, FEES, ARTICLE V, ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS FEES TO ADD § 49-10.; CHAPTER 100, PERSONNEL--ARTICLE XVI, EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK and CHAPTER 128, SMOKING POLICY.

<p>PART I - ADMINISTRATIVE CODE</p>
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<p>Chapter 1, UNION COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE</p>
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<p>ARTICLE XVI, Department of Human Services</p>

[Amended 7-18-1991 by Ord. No. 337; 6-20-2002 by Ord. No. 553; 4-10-2003 by Ord. No. 569; 9-14-2006 by Ord. No. 636; 4-30-2015 by Ord. 2015-764; 3-10-2016 by Ord. 2016-775]

§ 1-90. General purpose; departmental organization.

A. There shall be a Department of Human Services for the purpose of promoting the coordination, integration, maximization and development of human services and providing for the planning, monitoring and administration of select human services. Such resources and services shall include, but not be limited to, those mandated by federal and state law and rules and regulations appertaining thereto. The Director of Human Services shall be the head of the Department and shall be responsible to the County Manager for its operation. The office staff of the Director shall include, but not be limited to, the Office of Paratransit, One Stop American Jobs Center, and the Union County Office on Women.

B. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of Human Services, One Stop American Jobs Center's functions and responsibilities shall include:

- (1) No Change
- (2) No Change.
- (3) No Change
- (4) No Change
- (5) No Change
- (6) No Change.
- (7) No Change
- (8) No Change
- (9) No Change.
- (10) No Change.
- (11) No Change
- (12) No Change

C. Assistant Director. The Assistant Director of the Department of Human Services shall:

- (1) No Change
- (2) No Change
- (3) No Change

D. The Department of Human Services shall consist of the following divisions:

- (1) No Change
- (2) No Change.
- (3) No Change.
- (4) No Change.

(5) No Change

§ 1-96. Division of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County

[Amended 9-14-2006 by Ord. No. 636; Amended 4-30-2015 by Ord. 2015-764]

A. No Change

B. No Change

C. No Change

D. No Change

E. Bureau of Nursing Services.

(1) No Change

(2) Bureau head. The Assistant Administrator/Nurse executive shall be the head of the Bureau and shall be responsible to the Administrator for its operation.

(a) The Head Nurse of the Bureau of Nursing shall be responsible to carry out those functions of the Bureau of Nursing as assigned by the Director of the Bureau of Nursing and the Administrator.

F. No Change

G. No Change

H. No Change

ARTICLE XX, Department of Corrections

[Amended 3/10/05 by Ord. No. 611; 3/27/08 by Ord. No. 667]

§ 1-119. General purpose; departmental organization.

A. There shall be a Department of Corrections in which the the Director of Corrections shall be the head of the Department and shall be responsible to the County Manager for its operation. The Department of Corrections is established for the following purposes:

(1) No Change;

- (2) No Change
- (3) Operating and maintaining the Orischello Correctional Facility (Union County Jail) and the George W. Herlich Juvenile Detention Center in a safe, efficient, sanitary and humane manner.
- (4) Exercising custody, rule, keeping and charge of all prisoners in the County jail pending court action, the serving of sentences to the County jail and their transportation to state correctional facilities or otherwise detained within the jail pursuant to law.
- (5) Protecting the public by securely detaining individuals who present a danger to the community.

B. The County Manager may, pursuant to the relevant portions of *N.J.S.A.* 30:8-20, *N.J.S.A.* 40:41A-27a and *N.J.S.A.* 40:41A-51b, appoint the Director of the Department of Corrections for a term not to exceed two years. Such appointment for a term shall not nullify or eliminate the authority of the County Manager to remove the Director of the Department of Corrections at any time during the term, without cause, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40:41A-51c. However, such removal shall be subject to the right of the Director of the Department of Corrections to request a public hearing on such removal before the Board of Chosen Freeholders in accordance with the provisions of *N.J.S.A.* 40:41A-87b. [Amended 12-19-1996 by Ord. No. 434]

§ 1-120. George W. Herlich Juvenile Detention Center.

The Superintendent of the Juvenile Detention Center shall be the head of this facility and shall be responsible to the Director of Corrections for its operation. Under the authority of the Director of Corrections and direction of the Superintendent, the Juvenile Detention Center's functions and responsibilities shall include:

(1) Providing for the temporary care (detention), in a physically restricting facility, of juveniles awaiting court disposition, in accordance with state law and rules and regulations appertaining thereto.

ARTICLE XXIV, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[Added 12-19-2013 by Ord. 2013-755; Amended 4-30-2015 by Ord. 2015-764]

[Added 12-19-2013 by Ord. 2013-755; Amended 4-30-2015 by Ord. 2015-764]

§ 1-152. Department established; purpose; organization.

A. No Changes

B. No Changes

C. The Department of Economic Development shall consist of the following:

(1). Workforce Development Board

(2). Division of Strategic Planning and Intergovernmental Relations

(3).Division of Community Services

D. The Department of Economic Development shall also have the Bureau of Information Technology which shall report to the Director of the Department of Economic Development.:

§ 1-153. The Division of Strategic Planning and Intergovernmental Relations.

A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of Economic Development, the Division of Strategic Planning and Intergovernmental Relations functions and responsibilities shall include:

- (1) No Changes
- (2) No Changes
- (3) No Changes
- (4) No Changes
- (5) No Changes
- (6) No Changes

B. Division head. There may be a Director of the Division of Strategic Planning and Intergovernmental Relations who serves as the head of the Division and shall be responsible to the Director of the Department of Economic Development for its operation.

C. No Changes

§ 1-154. Bureau of Transportation Planning.

A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Division of Strategic Planning and Intergovernmental Relations, the Bureau of Transportation Planning functions and responsibilities shall include:

- (1) No Changes
- (2) No Changes
- (3) No Changes
- (4) No Changes.
- (5) No Changes.
- (6) No Changes
- (7) No Changes

B. Bureau Chief. There may be a Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Transportation Planning who shall be the Head of the Bureau and shall be responsible to the Director of the Division of Strategic Planning and Intergovernmental Relations for its operation.

§ 1-155. Bureau of Planning and Economic Development.

- A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Division of Strategic Planning and Intergovernmental Relations the Bureau of Planning and Economic Development functions and responsibilities shall include:
1. Preparing a Master Plan for the physical development of the County.
 2. Preparing an Official County Map.
 3. Coordinating, advising and consulting with municipal, state and regional planning agencies in regard to plans and programs affecting Union County.
 4. Advising the County Manager and Board on matters of planning and policy evaluation.
 5. Pursuing special studies when requested.
 6. Reviewing and approving, where appropriate, applications for land development within the County. Serves as staff to the Union County Planning Board.
 7. Assembling and distributing data on the County as part of the continuing planning process.
 8. Being responsible for the development of data on the social planning needs and economic development of Union County.
- B. Bureau Chief. There may be a Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Planning and Economic Development who shall be the Head of the Bureau and shall be responsible to the Director of the Division of Strategic Planning and Intergovernmental Relations for its operation.

§ 1-156. Division of Community Services.

- A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Department of Economic Development, the Division of Community Services' functions and responsibilities shall include:
1. Preparing, facilitating, and disseminating all matters relating to the planning and development of the County, including but not limited to those matters pertaining to planning, development, and community development mandated by federal or state government.
 2. Performing all functions related to implementing a housing and community development program, as required by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and any amendments thereto.
 3. Providing technical assistance to the County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee and other agencies and/or municipalities in preparing applications for the Housing and Community Development Program or other housing programs.
 4. Conducting and annually updating a housing conditions analysis to

determine Union County's housing needs as part of the required community development procedure.

5. Assisting Union County's municipalities, the Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee and housing agencies in identifying areas suitable for rehabilitation and in initiating housing programs in conformance with the Housing Assistance Plan when requested by the local municipalities.

6. Maintaining close liaison with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

7. Preparing, facilitating and disseminating matters by federal and state government with reference to housing.

8. Performing all functions related to implementing a housing program, as required by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and all amendments thereto.

9. Providing technical assistance to various agencies and municipalities in preparing applications for housing programs.

10. Conducting and annually updating housing conditions analysis to determine Union County's housing needs.

11. Maintaining close liaison with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

12. All aspects of Veteran's Affairs.

B. Division head. There may be a Director of the Division of Community Services who serves as the head of the Division and shall be responsible to the Director of the Department of Economic Development for its operation.

C. Subdivisions. Within the Division of Community Development shall be the following subdivisions:

(1) Bureau of Community Development.

(2) Bureau of Housing.

(3) Office of Veteran's Affairs.

§ 1-156.1. Bureau of Community Development.

A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Division of Community Services, the Bureau Division of Community Development's functions and responsibilities shall include:

1. Preparing, facilitating, and disseminating all matters relating to the planning and development of the County, including but not limited to those matters pertaining to planning, development, and community development mandated by federal or state government.

2. Performing all functions related to implementing a housing and community development program, as required by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and any amendments thereto.

3. Providing technical assistance to the County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee and other agencies and/or municipalities in preparing applications for the Housing and Community Development Program or other housing programs.

4. Conducting and annually updating a housing conditions analysis to determine Union County's housing needs as part of the required community development procedure.

5. Assisting Union County's municipalities, the Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee and housing agencies in identifying areas suitable for rehabilitation and in initiating housing programs in conformance with the Housing Assistance Plan when requested by the local municipalities.

6. Maintaining close liaison with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

B. Bureau Chief. There may be a Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Community Development who shall be the Head of the Bureau and shall be responsible to the Director of the Division of Community Services for its operation.

§ 1-156.2 Bureau of Housing.

A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Division of Community Services, the Bureau of Housing's functions and responsibilities shall include:

1. Preparing, facilitating and disseminating matters by federal and state government with reference to housing.

2. Performing all functions related to implementing a housing program, as required by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and all amendments thereto.

3. Providing technical assistance to various agencies and municipalities in preparing applications for housing programs.

4. Conducting and annually updating housing conditions analysis to determine Union County's housing needs.

5. Maintaining close liaison with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

B. Bureau Chief. There may be a Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Housing who shall be the Head of the Bureau and shall be responsible to the Director of the Division of Community Services for its operation.

§ 1-157. Office of Veteran's Affairs.

A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Division of Community Services, the Office of Veteran's Affairs' functions and responsibilities shall include:

- (1) Providing information and advocacy for veterans and their families.
- (2) Coordinating flag placement on all veterans' graves.
- (3) Performing such other duties as may be required by the Director of the Department of Economic Development.

§ 1-158. Bureau of Information Technology

A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of The Department of Economic Development, the Bureau of Information Technology's functions and responsibilities shall include:

1. No Change
2. No Change
3. No Change
4. No Change
5. No Change
6. No Change
7. No Change
8. No Change
9. No Change
10. No Change

B. Bureau Head. There may be a Bureau Head of the Bureau of Information Technology who serves as the head of the Bureau and shall be responsible to the Director of the Department of Economic Development for its operation.

Chapter 49, FEES

Article V, Engineering & Public Works Fees

[Adopted 4-27-2006 by Ord. No. 627. Amended 12-4-2008 by Ord. No. 676-2008; 6-25-2009 by Ord. No. 686-2009]

§ 49-7. Fees for Line Striping & Roadway Markings. (No Change)

§ 49-8. Fees for Sign Fabrication and Vehicle Lettering. (No Change)**§ 49-9. Tipping Fees Charged to Municipalities for Compost. (No Change)****§ 49-10. Fees Charged for sale of Compost.**

Purchasing of Raw Material (Compost) is open to Bulk Material Distributors , Municipalities, Counties or State Governments for pickup only. Delivery of Material will not be provided. Vehicles must be a minimum capacity of 20 cubic yards or larger. Any smaller vehicles must be approved through the Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Public Works.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders shall annually adopt a fee schedule for the sale of compost. The Clerk of the Board will publish the required notice in the appropriate newspaper of such introduction and public hearing for the Schedule of Fees. A copy of the currently effective Schedule of Fees is on file in the Clerk of the Board's office and is available for examination during office hours.

Chapter 100, PERSONNEL**ARTICLE XVI, Employee Handbook**

[Amended 4-30-2015 by Ord. 2015-764]

[The County of Union Employee Handbook, Resolution No. 2013-2 adopted 1/6/2013, amended by Resolution 2017-785 adopted July 20, 2017, is on file in the office of the Clerk of the Board. A copy of this Handbook can be obtained by contacting the Division of Personnel Management and Labor Relations, and through the County's intranet.]

Chapter 128, SMOKING POLICY

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union 9-23-1993 as Ord. No. 385. Amended 6-10-2010 by Ord. 704-2010.]

§ 128- 1. Smoking defined.

For purposes of this policy, "smoking" means the burning of, inhaling from, exhaling the smoke from, or the possession of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other matter or substance which contains tobacco or any other matter that can be smoked.

For purposes of this policy, “vaping” refers to the use of electronic nicotine delivery systems or electronic smoking devices. These are commonly called e-cigarettes, e-pipes, e-hookahs and e-cigars.

§ 128- 2. Smoking and Vaping prohibited.

A. (1) Smoking and vaping are prohibited in all areas of County buildings or structures. This includes but is not limited to all work areas, offices, conference rooms, hallways/vestibules, stairwells, rest rooms, elevators, cafeterias, lounges, garages, parking structures, parking lots, any other areas where vehicles and/or equipment are located and County-operated vehicles.

(2) Smoking and Vaping shall not be permitted within 25 feet of ingress or egress to any County-owned or leased buildings.

(3) No Change .

B. (1) Smoking and Vaping are prohibited in all County owned recreational areas/facilities including boating facilities (docks and structures), ice-skating facilities, playgrounds, running tracks, all snack bars, swimming pools, ball fields, tennis courts, Watchung Stables and restrooms which support County-owned recreational areas/facilities.

(2) Smoking and Vaping shall not be permitted within 50 feet of all recreational areas/facilities including boating facilities (docks and structures), ice-skating facilities, playgrounds, running tracks, snack bars, swimming pools, ball fields, tennis courts, Watchung Stables and restrooms which support County-owned recreational areas/facilities.

(3) No Change.

C. (1) The County may prohibit smoking and vaping at County sponsored events, including concerts, fairs, festivals, movies and other such events, at the discretion of the County Manager and with the advise and consent of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

(2) No Change.

§ 128-3. Smoking outside of County buildings. No Change

§ 128-4. Disposal of smoking products. No Change

§ 128-5. Implementation of policy. No Change

§ 128-6. Policy questions. No Change

§ 128-7. Violations and penalties.

A. Members of the public who violate this policy shall first be ordered to comply with the policy. If the person continues to smoke or vape in violation of the policy, then a fine shall be imposed upon the person in accordance with

N.J.S.A. 26:3D-56 et seq.

- B. A person, after being so ordered, who smokes or vapes in violation of this Ordinance is subject to a fine of not less than \$250.00 for the first offense, \$500 for the second offense and \$1,000 for each subsequent offense. A penalty shall be recovered in accordance with the provisions of subsections c. and d. of N.J.S.A. 26:3D-62.

FIRST READING STATEMENT

Freeholder Hudak, Policy Subcommittee Chairman, will move Ordinance Number 785-2017 for First Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The Public Hearing and Final Reading will be held on July 20, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, Ordinance Number 785-2017 was moved for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. Roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To the extent known, the following item will be discussed in Executive Session:

- 1) Attorney-Client privileged communications and discussion relative to an Amended Shared Services Agreement with the Union County Improvement Authority for the Oak Ridge Park Project.

County Counsel Barry stated that pursuant to provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, a public body may enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing certain enumerated subjects.

He stated that this Board wished to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Attorney-Client privileged communications and discussion relative to an Amended Shared Services Agreement with the Union County Improvement Authority for the Oak Ridge Park Project.

He stated that the minutes of the Executive Session shall be separated from the minutes of the Open Public Session and that the minutes of the Executive Session, redacted as appropriate and necessary, shall be available in approximately 30 days. He stated that the Clerk of the Board shall retain the original minutes until such time as the confidential limitations have been removed, at which time they shall be made available.

He stated that upon affirmative vote of the majority of the members present, the Board may enter Executive Session and upon the Board's return, there will be formal action taken on the matters discussed.

Chairman Bergen asked for a motion to enter Executive Session. On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

Chairman Bergen asked for a motion to return to the Agenda Meeting. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Jalloh, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

County Counsel advised that as a result of the Executive Session, the matter of the Shared Services agreement with the Union County Improvement Authority on the Oak Ridge Park Project is on the agenda, and the Board will proceed with a vote tonight.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments or inquiries relative to a number of resolutions. Relative to Resolution Numbers 2017-512, he asked as to why it is a one-time advance payment. Relative to Resolution Number 2017-518, he asked for an overview of the position controls. Relative to Resolution Number 2017-527, he asked what service is being provided for the \$1.8 million. Relative to Resolution Number 2017-529 and 2017-530, he stated that BGI/Acrisure is involved, and commented on his concerns with one of the principal owners; Gary Taffet. Relative to Resolution Number 2017-534, he asked what the \$6.2 million goes toward and asked for an update on any previous results. Resolution Number 2017-539, he made comments relative to pay to play and political donations. Resolution Number 2017-541, he asked some of the details of the health benefits; asking if it included benefits for life. Relative to Resolution Number 2017-542 and 2017-543, he asked if this involved the Executive Session and inquired as to the details of the project and why the County College was involved.

Relative to Resolution Numbers 2017-542 and 2017-543, County Manager Faella advised the Oak Ridge Project entails the construction of a field, a locker room, and some ancillary facilities primarily, but not exclusively, for the use of the College; who has expanded the use of their sports programs.

Relative to Resolution Number 2017-541, Chairman Bergen advised that the County at one point in time did offer lifetime health benefits, noting that there is a cutoff date (believed to be December 2012). He added any new hires (since the cutoff date) would not be eligible for lifetime health benefits in any contract agreement.

Relative to Resolution Number 2017-534, Deputy County Manager advised that a Federal grant pays for this service. She advised that when the County made the change from the Workforce Investment Act to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, one of the requirements was to go out for bid for, what was once called the "One-Stop Center", now called "American Job Centers". She stated that the County did the RFP process and the contract is being awarded to the County's Department of Human Services.

County Manager Faella advised that while he didn't have the data in front of him, that hundreds upon hundreds of jobs have been created through the program; and that he would be glad to provide that information.

Relative to Resolution Number 2017-527, Director Yuska advised that Horizon is the County's 3rd Party vendor who handles all medical and prescription claims for all of the employees of Union County. He added that they manage thousands of doctor visits; ensuring that the County is billed correctly, including hospital stays and surgical procedures. He advised that this is the third year of a three year agreement, which was competitively obtained through an RFP process.

County Manager Faella added that it represents a savings of approximately \$400,000 from the previous contract.

Relative to Resolution Number 2017-518, County Manager Faella advised that the resolution involves promotions in Public Works as a result of retirements and a promotion in Parks due to an error that Civil Service made relative to Veteran seniority.

Relative to Resolution Number 2017-512, Director Guzzo advised this contract is an allowable service under a Federal grant; advising that many agencies requires start-up funding to provide the service.

John Burry, of Kenilworth, made comments or inquiries relative to a number of resolutions. Relative to Resolution Numbers 2017-509, he asked what the nuance is between a "non-fair" and "fair" contract. Relative to Resolution Number 2017-523, he asked what an "area plan" is and where is the "local" funding source. Relative to Resolution Numbers 2017-542 and 2017-543, he asked what the sum total will be at the Oak Ridge Park and a timeline of construction.

Relative to Resolution Numbers 2017-542 & 2017-543, Chairman Bergen advised that this plan calls for a soccer/lacrosse field, track and field, field house with locker rooms, and additional parking.

Relative to Resolution Number 2017-523, Director Guzzo advised that, as explained previously, the money is received in increments; noting that it is a combination of Federal and State funds. He said that the Area Plan is a plan for the area of Union County. He stated that funds go towards Union County residents for a variety of services designed to allow seniors to remain independent within the community.

Relative to Resolution Number 2017-509, County Counsel Barry advised that the "non-fair and open" contract is a contract obtained through a competitive process where the County was only able to obtain one proposer, where the County is required to obtain two. He advised that there is an exception to the Local Public Contracts Law that allows for certain contracts determined to be an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service "EUS", such contracts can be awarded without a competitive bid. He advised that the County has determined this service is an EUS.

Seeing no other speakers, Chairman Bergen closed the public comment portion.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2017-509 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a non-fair and open professional services contract, with Lehrer-Gibilsco Funeral Home, Inc., 275 West Milton Ave., Rahway, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Livery Services through December 31, 2017, in a total amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

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

- 2017-510 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement through the use of New Jersey State Contract #80953, with Witmer Public Safety Group, Coatesville, PA, for the procurement of Self Contained Breathing Apparatuses (SCBAs) and accessories in an amount not to exceed \$58,166.40.

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

- 2017-511 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2016-706, with Jacqueline Napper, PsyD, MSCP, Plainfield, New Jersey, to add an additional \$1000 due to the need to provide additional psychiatric services to the patients of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital for the period of August 1, 2016 through July 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$10,600.00.

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

- 2017-512 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award 2017 Social Services for the Homeless (SSH) Spending Plan subcontracts for the six (6) month budget period of July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in the total amount not to exceed \$360,463; 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 amount to prevent undue hardship 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 members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bergen abstaining.

- 2017-513 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, New Jersey, in the total amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the period of June 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 to promote youth, teen, and community development through prevention programs including self-empowerment and youth leadership; Interfaith initiatives and collaboration among community programs for youth and families.

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

- 2017-514 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to submit retroactive payment to John Rodrigues, Newark, New Jersey, for the rental of 26 parking spaces at 28 Prince Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for use by the Division of Social Services' employees for the five (5) months of February through June, 2017 in the amount of \$70 per space per month or \$1,820 per month for the five (5) month total not to exceed \$9,100.

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

- 2017-515 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a month-to-month lease agreement with John Rodrigues, Newark, New Jersey, for the rental of 26 parking spaces located at 28 Prince Street, Elizabeth, for use by the Division of Social Services' employees in the amount of \$65 per space per month for a total not to exceed \$1,690 per month, either party may terminate upon 60 days advance written notice, and the County of Union shall be responsible for snow and ice removal.

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

- 2017-516 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$360,463 and extending the contract period through December 31, 2017 as a result of notification for an additional grant award received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a Program Entitled: Social Services for the Homeless (SSH) Grant.

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

- 2017-517 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$140,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families for a Program Entitled: The Grants for Funding Renovations, Technology, Improvements, Expansion, and/or Redesign of Existing Child Advocacy Centers.

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

- 2017-518 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizes the County Manger 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 voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-519 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Linden Halloween Parade Committee in the amount of \$4,000 for their efforts associated in benefiting the general welfare of the City's youth and community at large, and for their efforts with the City of Linden's Annual Halloween Parade to be held on October 29, 2017.

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

- 2017-520 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the General Pulaski Memorial Parade Committee of St. Theresa in the amount of \$4,000 for their efforts in promoting Polish American heritage and culture throughout calendar year 2017, and highlighted by the annual Pulaski Parade held on October 1, 2017.

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

- 2017-521 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Authorizing the County Manager to endorse and approve the 2018-2020 Comprehensive County Youth Services Plan and Application in the total amount of \$689,163 listing each funding source as required by the State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission and Attorney General's Office: State Community Partnership (SCP), Program Management funds in the amount of \$55,550; State Community Partnership (SCP) Program Service funds in the amount of \$384,876; and Family Court Services (FC) funds in the amount of \$248,737 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 voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-522 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept State of New Jersey, Juvenile Justice Commission, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) 2018 Innovations Funding in the amount of \$124,000 for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 to serve youth in the Union County juvenile justice system.

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

- 2017-523 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Amending Resolution Number 2017-442, in accordance with the 2016-2018 Area Plan, to reflect an increase based on the addition of local funding in the amount not to exceed \$182,716 for a new grand total not to exceed \$4,487,874 to be allocated as outlined and charged to account numbers specified for the same contract year two period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 with no other changes to the 2016-2018 Area Plan.

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

- 2017-524 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** 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: Office of the Union County Prosecutor: Turn Out Fire & Safety, Inc., Jersey City, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing uniform services and various police equipment, for a period of 24 months, in the amount of \$141,070.90.

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

- 2017-525 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to enter into an agreement to purchase confidential equipment for use in confidential and undercover investigations in an amount of \$51,000.00 via waiver of public bid obtained from the New Jersey Office of Attorney General.

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

- 2017-526 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families for the Grants for Funding, Renovations, Technology, Improvements, Expansion, and/or Redesign of Existing Child Advocacy Centers program, in the amount of \$140,000 from the period of May 9, 2017 through June 30, 2017.

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

- 2017-527 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Awarding a contract to Horizon BCBS of NJ, Newark, NJ to perform the function of third party administrator under the terms of the original contract awarded by Resolution 2015-477 and exercising the second 12-month option to extend said contract in an amount of not to exceed \$1,800,000.

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

- 2017-528 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Approving Claims Payment Authorization for Employee Health and Prescription Self-Insurance Program to Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of Newark, New Jersey; the contracted Third Party Administrator.

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

- 2017-529 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a stop/loss insurance contract to Sun Life Financial, Philadelphia, PA as recommended by our contracted insurance broker BGIA/Acrisure and Administrative Services in an amount not to exceed of \$1,541,814.00 for 12 consecutive months.(represents a savings of \$452,300 from last contract).

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

- 2017-530 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a month-to-month contract to Discovery Benefits, Fargo, North Dakota, to provide Retiree Benefit Billing Services and COBRA Administration Services from July 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017 in an amount of not to exceed \$12,000 through the recommendation of our contracted insurance broker, BGIA/Acrisure.

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

- 2017-531 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a five (5) year lease agreement with JG Elizabeth II, LLC for rental space at The Mills at Jersey Gardens situated in the City of Elizabeth for the Workforce Innovation Business Center (formerly the Retail Skills Center) at no cost to the County for base rent.

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

- 2017-532 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to execute any documents necessary to effectuate payment to JG Elizabeth II, LLC, at The Mills at Jersey Gardens, City of Elizabeth for the Workforce Innovation Business Center (formerly the Retail Skills Center) share of the central plant charge and utilities in a total amount not to exceed \$22,602.84 for the first of November 1, 2016 through October 31, 2017 of a total 5 year lease agreement at a rate of \$1883.57 per month.

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

- 2017-533 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to utilize \$250,000.00 in Federal Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Grant Dislocated Worker funding from the New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development in the form of Individual Training Contracts as stipulated in the grant agreement. These funds must be fully obligated by December 31, 2017 and fully expended by June 30, 2018.

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

- 2017-534 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Resolution concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board's action on May 24, 2017 awarding a contract to the Union County Department of Human Services for the provision of American Job Center Operator Services for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$6,240,000.00.

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

- 2017-535 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement, through the use of New Jersey State Contract #898851, with SHI INTERNATIONAL, Somerset, New Jersey, for the acquisition and installation for the upgrade of the County's Microsoft Exchange email system, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.

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

- 2017-536** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2016-819, to extend the obligation of Federal Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Grant funding—through the New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development—in the form of Individual Training Contracts from the previously approved date of June 30, 2017 to the new date of December 31, 2017; and further allowing the continuation of funding through Individual Training Contracts for currently enrolled and newly enrolled Adult and Dislocated Workers. (No change in contract amount.)

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

- 2017-537** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract BA No. 34-2017 obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq; County of Union: Rahway Business Machines, Rahway, NJ, for the purpose of providing Printer Repair Services, for 24 consecutive months, with an option to extend for an additional 24 months, in an amount not to exceed \$13,125.00.

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

- 2017-538** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and to receive funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan (Year 43) including the Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program.

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

- 2017-539** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-758, to increase the appropriation to Kologi Simitz of Linden, NJ in the matter entitled Marissa Taylor-Munger v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$25,000.00.

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

- 2017-540** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2016-980, adopted December 8, 2016 (RCCP #13-2016), contract awarded through a competitive contracting process in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-4.1 et seq., to Cityside Archives, of Edison, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 for the provision additional filing services for the Office of the Prosecutor and increasing the amount of contract by \$15,000 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$371,522.85.

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

- 2017-541 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local 68--Operating Engineers, effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018.

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

- 2017-542 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** A resolution amending Resolution Number 2016-514, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Amended Shared Services Agreement with the Union County Improvement Authority for the Oak Ridge Park Project.

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

- 2017-543 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Resolution Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Use and Maintenance Agreement with the Union County College for the Oak Ridge Park Project.

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

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2017-544 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Jesse Clark upon his sudden passing.

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

- 2017-545 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Congratulating the eight Plainfield High School Alumni and Staff on their election to the Plainfield High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame and will be honored at the 12th Annual Plainfield High School Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon on June 24, 2017.

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

- 2017-546 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Extending the Board's condolences to the family of Daniel Kuczynski upon his passing on June 12, 2017.

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

- 2017-547 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Congratulating Kevin McCarthy & Roy Walton of Boy Scout Troop 80 of Cranford upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

- 2017-548 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Congratulating the award recipients of the United Way of Greater Union County at their 2017 Annual Celebration on June 15, 2017.

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

- 2017-549 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution urging US Senator Robert Menendez and US Senator Cory Booker to oppose the American Health Care Act and its resultant cuts to Medicaid.

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

- 2017-550 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Congratulating Ellen Dotto, Secretary of the Board of Governors and Trustees and Executive Director of College Relations for Union County College upon her retirement.

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

- 2017-551 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Congratulating Patricia B. Scott upon her retirement as the Chief Recreation Therapist for the County of Union for the past 34 years.

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

- 2017-552 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Extending the Board's condolences to the family of Dr. James Caufield upon his passing on June 1, 2017.

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

- 2017-553 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Congratulating the winners of the 14th Annual PNC American Patriot Essay Contest in conjunction with the QuickChek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning.

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

- 2017-554 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution in support of the goals and intent of the Paris Agreement.

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

- 2017-555 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Scott Riley upon his passing on June 16, 2017.

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

RESOLUTION FROM THE FLOOR

Chairman Bergen stated that there was a need to consider a resolution not discussed at last week's Agenda Meeting, and therefor asked for a motion to suspend the rules to consider a resolution from the floor. On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

Chairman Bergen opened the meeting to the public for commenting on Resolution Number 2017-556 only.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Director Yuska advised of the purpose for this resolution. He stated that there were revisions to the Employee Handbook, as discussed at the most recent Policy Subcommittee Meeting, that coincided with the Introduction of the Ordinance relative to the Administrative Code. He stated that adding this resolution tonight represented an "economy of purpose", rather than waiting for the next Ordinance changing any portion of the Administrative Code.

Bruce Patterson, of Garwood, stated that voting on a resolution from the floor seemed rather strange, and asked why does the resolution have to be passed prior to the Ordinance being voted on in July.

County Counsel Barry advised that adopting resolutions from the floor is not an irregular process. He advised that the addition of this resolution was not addressed or announced during the Agenda meeting. He advised that the changes to the handbook are approved by resolution, and noted that the changes to the Administrative Code (via Ordinance) involves changes to all the policies of the County, which include the handbook policy; which is incorporated into the Code by reference.

Seeing no other speakers, Chairman Bergen closed the public comment portion.

2017-556 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN: Amending Resolution 2013-2 approving the revisions of the Union County Employee Handbook.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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.

Chairman Bergen opened the meeting to the public for comments on any matter.

Anthony Esposito, of Roselle, made comments in opposition to the Mind and Body complex, and asked the Freeholder Board to reconsider the guarantee on those bonds, citing increased taxes in Roselle. He stated that the average tax is \$9,531 and the median income is \$44,375. He made comments relative to high number of foreclosures and the Borough's increasing debt.

Bruce Patterson, of Garwood, made comments relative to the Roselle taxes. He asked for assurance that the handbook resolution was just a housekeeping measure. He made comments relative to the Oak Ridge Park project, suggesting the County College use the Rahway River facility and keep Oak Ridge as a passive park.

He made comments relative to the possibility of the County utilizing its \$46 million in surplus towards property assessment relief, and suggested if there is a conflict of interest, just give a "per house" relief to each town; suggesting \$100 per house.

Robert Macarusso, of Rahway, stated that he runs the soccer league in town. He commended the Board for the upgrades at Rahway River Park, and stated that the field at Madison Avenue needs to be turfed as well. He made comments relative to the conditions at the field, advising that the field needs to be made more playable. He stated that representatives from the County have informed him that upgrades at Madison Avenue are on the agenda, and asked when the upgrades will take place.

Director Zuber advised that the team from Colonia is actually based out of Elizabeth. He stated that the department does accommodate the Youth Rahway league as much as it can. He advised that the soccer team was the only team that used the field prior to the turf enhancements, so they did receive a certain level of priority; noting that they share the field with men and women's rugby teams and a number of other teams within Rahway.

Seeing no other speakers, Chairman Bergen closed the meeting to public comments.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Wright made comments relative to recent accomplishments of two students at the Kawameeh Middle School: Guy Francis and Judd Espejo. She advised that Guy Francis was the Grand Prize winner of the 14th Annual PNC Bank "American Patriot Essay Contest", and that Judd Espejo placed second; noting that there were thousands of essays submitted in the annual contest. She stated that she was proud of them.

Vice Chairman Granados left the meeting.

Freeholder Kowalski made comments relative to Resolution 2017-549; a resolution opposing the passage of the American Health Care Act currently in the Senate, and the importance to oppose the changes that will strip 226,000 people ages 50-64, and 162,000 seniors on Medicaid from affordable health care.

She congratulated the graduates of all High Schools, and especially to those graduating from the Vocational Technical Schools.

Freeholder Kowalski made comments relative to the upcoming Battle of Short Hills on June 24th and June 25th at Oak Ridge Park, noting that this free event marks the 240th anniversary of a running fight that took place in Union County, and helped shape the Revolutionary War. She noted that more than 800 men and women and children are taking part in the re-enactment. She encouraged all residents to attend.

Freeholder Carter made comments relative to the County's first Summer Fishing Derby for People with Special Needs on June 24th at Echo Lake Park, noting that it is open to all ages and fishing poles will be provided. She thanked the Eastern Central District Elks for their co-sponsorship on this event.

Freeholder Estrada made comments relative to the County welcoming the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra to Oak Ridge Park to kick off this year's Summer Arts Concert Series, noting that the performance starts with a "Get Fit" free yoga series prior to the concert. He made comments relative to this year's Family Flix (movies in the park) series, noting that the first movie is Finding Dory and will be held at Warinanco Park on July 11th.

He made comments relative to his pleasure in attending the Vocational–Technical Schools graduation, noting that great many collegiate scholarships that have been awarded to the students and commented on the high level of commitment of the students, parents and teachers.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to the Trailside Nature and Science Center's summer Wednesday Matinee Series, noting that it is a great way for children and adults to engage in an educational and entertaining experience that makes learning about science fun.

He made comments relative to the County's Family Pride Event in support of the LGBT community and marriage equality. He stated that while Mother Nature didn't cooperate, it did not dull the enthusiasm for this event. He thanked Danni Newburry, Laura Scutari, Samantha Perez and all County employees who helped organize the event. He thanked Chairman Bergen for announcing this as an annual event. He stated that he looks forward to future events, noting that the County was working on rescheduling this year's event.

County Manager Faella clarified that the resolution pertaining to the policy handbook was in fact an "innocuous" resolution to address a number of minor changes and incorporated some new federal laws.

He congratulated Pat Scott on her retirement, noting that he would be joining her in Florida soon. He congratulated Ellen Dotto on her retirement, thanking her for her dedication to the students. He congratulated Marilyn Davis on her recognition, noting that she and her whole family (of which Freeholder Jalloh is a member) have always been dedicated to public service. He congratulated General Chrystal for his honor, and thanked him for his work with

Veterans. He noted that the Board passed the introduction of an Ordinance that would expand Veteran programs and services.

Chairman Bergen made comments relative to Resolution 2017-554; a resolution that pertains to the Paris Agreement, and recognizes Climate Change as a major concern of humankind and, moreover is an acknowledgement of the Board's alarm with the President's decision to withdraw the United States from the Paris Agreement. He made comments relative to the State of New Jersey and the County of Union's vulnerabilities to inland coastal flooding; as dramatically underscored with Hurricanes Sandy and Irene. He made comments relative to the support of the "We Are Still In" petition launched by former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, noting that with the passage of Resolution 2017-554, Union County is the first county in New Jersey to join the petition.

Chairman Bergen noted the Summer Schedule for 2017 Freeholder Meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bergen called for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Jalloh, a voice vote showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Granados not present. Meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

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, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified. In the event an Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting are held on the same night, the Agenda Setting Session will commence at 7:00 pm and the Regular Meeting will commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session.

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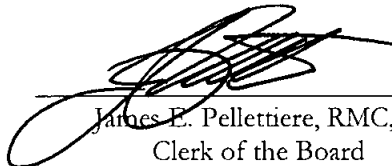
**REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017 AT 12:00 NOON
ASSIGNMENT JUDGE KAREN M. CASSIDY'S COURTROOM, 2 BROAD STREET, ELIZABETH, NJ**

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