

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bruce Bergen presided and called the meeting to order at 8:20pm.

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.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Clerk of the Board Pelletiere read the Ordinance by title.

783-2017 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, CHAPTER 1, UNION COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE, ARTICLE XXI-DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, § 1-128. OFFICE OF HEALTH MANAGEMENT BY ADDING § 1-128 (1)(t) AUTHORIZING THE HEALTH OFFICER TO PERFORM INSPECTIONS AND ISSUE PERMITS TO FOOD VENDORS ON COUNTY PROPERTIES.

PART I - ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

Chapter 1, UNION COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union 4-28-1976 by Ord. No. 1; amended in its entirety by Ord. No. 9-1984. Subsequent amendments noted where applicable.]

ARTICLE XXI, Department of Public Safety

[Amended 10-30-1985 by Ord. No. 232; 9-10-1987 by Ord. No. 275; 8-2-1988 by Ord. No. 300; 7-18-1991 by Ord. No. 337; 7-22-1999 by Ord. No. 503; 6-20-2002 by Ord. No. 553; 2-5-2004 by Ord. No. 587; 9-14-2006 by Ord. No. 636; 3-27-08 by Ord. No. 667; 7-19-2012 by Ord. 738; Amended 12-19-2013 by Ord. 2013-755]

§ 1-128. Office of Health Management.

[Added 9-9-2007 by Ord. No. 655-2007]

A. There is hereby established the Office of Health Management, a certified local health agency pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-6(b)* for the purposes of serving as the certified local health agency that will receive delegated authority under the County Environmental Health Act (CEHA), *N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-21 et seq.*, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (NJDHSS).

- (1) Under the direction and supervision of the Director of Public Safety, the Office of Health Management's functions and responsibilities shall include:
 - (a) Overseeing the administration of the Office of Health Management in carrying out its duties as the environmental health department receiving delegated authority under the CEHA, *N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-21 et seq.*, the NJDEP and the NJDHSS.
 - (b) Implement an air program concentrating on citizen's complaints and ensuring compliance with governing laws by all point source dischargers pursuant to the Air Pollution Control Act, *N.J.S.A. 26:2C-1 et seq.*
 - (c) Execute an effective Solid Waste Enforcement Program, including illegal dumping. Union County's Solid Waste Control Program is established pursuant to the provisions of the Solid Waste Management Act, *N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq.*, the County Environmental Health Act, *N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-21 et seq.*, and the County Environmental Health Standards and Performance, *N.J.A.C. 7:1H-1.1 et seq.* The purpose of this enforcement program is to monitor compliance with the rules and regulations of the NJDEP concerning the operation of solid waste facilities and the activities of solid waste collectors and haulers in Union County. All enforcement efforts shall be done in cooperation with the NJDEP - Solid Waste Inspections and Compliance agency to obtain consistent enforcement and to preclude duplication of effort.

- (d) Oversee investigation of all water pollution complaints and assist the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection with compliance monitoring of all point source discharges. Under the auspices of the Environmental Health Performance Standards for Potable Water Supply, *N.J.A.C. 7:1H-3.6*, Groundwater Pollution Control, *N.J.A.C. 7:1H-3.7*, and Surface Water Pollution Control, *N.J.A.C. 7:1H-3.8*, implement a comprehensive Water Pollution Control Program.
- (e) Work in conjunction with the County Bureau of GIS to develop and maintain geographic information systems (GIS) data relative to CEHA initiatives. The goal is to develop and implement a comprehensive County-wide geographic information system (GIS) database and mapping program incorporating information from local, County, state and federal agencies to serve local municipalities, agencies and the County in making decisions which impact the environment of the area.
- (f) Ensure compliance and enforcement of applicable Recycling provisions under Union County's Solid Waste Control Program.
- (g) Ensure compliance with Noise Control Regulations pursuant to the Noise Pollution Control Act, *N.J.S.A. 13:1G-1 et seq*; *N.J.A.C. 7:29-1.1 et seq*. The Union County Office of Health Management, Office of Environmental Health will enforce the State Noise Control Regulations following the guidelines outlined in this section and the CEHA Work Program to control noise from commercial and industrial sources.
- (h) Providing administrative support and assistance to all Union County departments and agencies concerning the implementation of current federal and state environmental regulations.
- (i) Promoting environmental health and safety programs within the County, including but not limited to the provisions of the "New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act", *N.J.S.A. 34:5A-1 et seq.*, hazardous waste, OSHA compliance and recycling regulations as specified in the Union County Solid Waste Management Plan.
- (j) Administer an effective Local Information Network Communications System (LINCS) operation to respond to public health threats and emergencies and provide central planning, coordination and delivery of specialized services within the County in partnership with all municipal health departments. Responsibilities will include establishing a public health surveillance and response network to ensure rapid detection and containment of conditions which threaten the public's health and safety, providing communications to key

health and health-related participants, forming public-private partnerships for addressing health issues, and coordinating all relevant entities which support and contribute to the public's health, local and state health departments, managed care, medical providers, laboratories, and emergency responders.

- (k) Act as lead public health official under the provisions of the Emergency Health Powers Act.
- (l) Enhance and integrate local public health agencies' state of preparedness for, response to, and recovery from acts of terrorism and other public health emergencies by minimizing, to the fullest extent possible, the human health consequences associated with the emergence of a novel strain of influenza virus (Flu Pandemic Planning), and expanding capacity to expeditiously and efficiently distribute/administer antibiotics and/or vaccines to our entire population at community-based points of distribution or through other supplemental delivery modalities.
- (m) Work in conjunction with Union County OEM to enhance the existing Public Health Annex of the Emergency Operation Plan.
- (n) Participate as a member of the Local Emergency Planning Council (LEPC) in the periodic review of updates and modifications to the County Emergency Operation Plan.
- (o) Coordinate with representatives from all local health departments and acute-care facilities in Union County to establish and review protocols to ensure the mutual investigation of diseases of public health importance, including potential bioterrorism incidents.
- (p) Participate in increasing the availability of worker crisis counseling and mental health and substance abuse behavioral health support, in conjunction with the County OEM and the County Mental Health Administrator, and in collaboration with the New Jersey Division of Mental Health Services Disaster and Terrorism Branch as well as the New Jersey State Police's Disaster Critical Incident Response Program.
- (q) Participate, in conjunction with NJDHSS, County OEM and the Local Health Departments, in the development of a business continuity-planning element as a component of a county-level all-hazards preparedness plan.
- (r) Exercise plans to test horizontal and vertical integration with response partners at the State, County and Local level.
- (s) Perform duties as assigned by the Director of Public Safety in the enforcement, collection and management of fees, fines or

penalties pursuant to Environmental Quality and Enforcement Fund (EQEF), under the CEHA, *N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-21 et seq.*, including the conduct of compliance hearings.

- (t) To administer and enforce the Local Health Services Act, *N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-1 et seq.* and *N.J.A.C. 8:24 et seq.*, the Sanitation in Retail Food Establishments and Food and Beverage Vending Machines regulations on County properties, including performing inspections and issuing permits to allow for retail food establishments.

i.) Inspections and Permits Fees

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders annually adopts a fee schedule for inspections and permits, performed by the Department of Public Safety, for all retail food establishments on County properties. 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 ordinance is on file in the Clerk of the Board's office and is available for examination during office hours.

The Director of the Department of Public Safety is hereby authorized to set fees and one time charges not specifically included in the Schedule of Fees. Subject to the written approval of the County Manager, the Director of the Department of Public Safety is hereby further authorized to amend or modify any fee set forth in the Schedule of Fees for special promotions and events up to twelve (12) times a year. In the event that the Director shall assess, amend or modify any fee he shall file a notice of said assessment, amendment or modification with the Clerk of the Board and the Director of the Department of Finance, no less than five (5) days prior to the effective date of the assessment, amendment or modification.

FIRST READING STATEMENT

Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Policy Subcommittee Chairman, will move Ordinance Number 783-2017 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 June 8, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, Ordinance Number 783-2017 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

John Bury, of Kenilworth, made comments or inquires relative to a number of resolutions. Regarding resolution number 2017-442, he asked where the grants are coming from, what services were being provided (to the elderly), and who was awarded the contract to provide the service. Regarding to resolution number 2017-452, he asked for an overview of the resolution.

Regarding Resolution number 2017-452, County Manager Faella advised that the Resolution had been pulled from the agenda.

Regarding Resolution number 2017-442, Director Guzzo advised the funds come from Federal and State funding with County contributing their required matching funds. He advised that the purpose of the funds is to keep seniors living in their homes as long as possible. He advised that 25 different agencies responded to the Request for Proposals to implement the program's goals, noting some of the agencies as Sage Eldercare, Catholic Community Services, and Jewish Family Services.

Seeing no other speakers, Chairman Bergen closed public comment on Resolutions for adoption.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2017-429 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement, through the use of New Jersey State Contract #89980, with G.T.B.M. Inc., 351 Paterson Ave, East Rutherford, for the procurement of Automatic License Plate Reader System and accessories in an amount not to exceed \$75,477.06.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-430 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Services: Airpower International, Pennsauken, NJ for the purpose of providing upgrades to the existing UASI Air Trucks in an amount not to exceed \$425,100 (UASI grant funds).

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-431 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a professional services contract, through an RFP process, with Plinton Curry Funeral Home, Inc., 411 West Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, for the purpose of

providing Livery Services through December 31, 2017, in a total amount not to exceed \$75,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-432 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Resolution awarding the 2016/2017 Union County Student Training and Enrichment Program's Cans for Kids Campaign Start Now Grants to Union County Vocational-Technical High School in the amount of \$1,000 (winner), Union County TEAMS Charter School, Roselle Park High School, Linden High School, and Governor Livingston High School in the amount of \$250 (honorable mention) for a combined total amount of \$2,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-433 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for Requalification entitlement status as an Urban County FY's 2018 - 2020 as per notification from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and criteria thereof.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-434 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution ratifying permission given to the Township of Scotch Plains to close a portion of Martine Avenue between West Broad Street and Parkwood Drive for the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA 5K race to be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 between the hours of 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-435 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution concurring with the Borough of New Providence to the closing of county roads during the period of May 29, 2017 and November 24, 2017 for the following events: Monday, May 29, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the Annual Memorial Day Parade – Springfield Avenue from Central Avenue to Gales Drive; Monday, July 3, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for the “Downtown Fireworks Spectacular – South Street, from Gales Drive to Springfield Avenue; Sunday, October 22, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Annual Street Fair – Springfield Avenue, from South Street to Livingston Avenue; and Friday, November 24, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the “Downtown Christmas Walk” – South Street – Central Avenue to Springfield Avenue and Springfield Avenue – South Street to Academy Street.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-436 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution granting permission to the City of Linden to hang a banner at Wood Avenue and Elizabeth Avenue and at Wood Avenue between Curtis Street and Gibbons Street from Friday, May 26, 2017 through June 12, 2017 for the 1st Annual Merchant's Appreciation Day to be held on Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-437 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Appointing Pam Capaci to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2017 and appointing Woody Philippe for a term beginning January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019 to the Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC).

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-438 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$35,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a Program Entitled: Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities (ROID) Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-439 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$17,500 as a result of notification for additional funds received from the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for a Program Entitled: Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-440 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$30,000 as a result of notification for additional funds received from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) for a Program Entitled: Subregional Transportation Support Program Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-441 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT & FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Amending Resolution 2016-965, adopting the 2017 Alcohol/Drug Abuse (A/DA) Spending Plan, to increase the award for New Hope Integrated Behavioral Health Care in the amount of \$94,560 and Turning Point in the amount of \$55,440 for a total increase not to exceed \$150,000 for the period of May 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 through the 2017 Freeholder Initiative appropriation of funds for substance abuse treatment with no other changes to terms of agreement in spending plan.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-442 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Amending Resolution Number 2017-268, awarding various contracts pursuant to a Request for Proposal in accordance with the 2016-2018 Area Plan, to reflect an increase in funding only in the amount not to exceed \$1,352,284 for a new grand total not to exceed \$4,305,158 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 Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-443 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution No. 2016-260, a resolution awarding contracts to two (2) agencies (The Plainfield YMCA and Union County College) for the provision of comprehensive year-round youth programs for out-of-school youth (ages 16 - 24) that may include GED, High School Diploma Services and Occupational Skills Training as appropriate for the twelve-month period, to extend the contract end date from May 31, 2017 to June 30, 2017 at no additional cost.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-444 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2016-863, a resolution awarding a Professional Services Agreement with Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners to serve as Independent Contractors as part of the Union County Sexual Assault Response Team, to include Larissa Semenoff to serve as an Independent Contractor for the period of May 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-445 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into an agreement with Porter Lee Corporation, Schaumburg, Illinois, for the purpose of providing annual support services, supplies and upgrades for the Barcode, Evidence Analysis, Statistics and

Tracking (BEAST) evidence logging system for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-446 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract for a Medical Malpractice insurance policy for Cornerstone staff, through Brown & Brown Metro Inc., with Princeton Insurance Company, Princeton, New Jersey, from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 in the amount of \$13,642.68

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-447 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Axis Insurance Company, Chicago, IL for Accident and Health Insurance for Watchung Stables for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$9,500.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-448 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew the contract with Sage Software, Inc., St. Petersburg, Florida for software licensing renewal, software updates and enhancement services for the County of Union's Human Resource Management System for a contract period of June 2, 2017 through June 1, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$26,947.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-449 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement for a Blanket Surety Bond for Public Officials through Brown & Brown Metro, Inc., with Liberty Mutual Surety, from July 12, 2017 through June 30, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$2,755.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-450 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. for the Departments of County Surrogate, Sheriff's and Medical Examiner to Maplecrest Ford Lincoln, Vauxhall, NJ for the purpose of providing five (5) Ford Explorers and one (1) Ford Escape in an amount not to exceed \$211,533.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-451 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to TJA Use of Force Training, Inc. Cape Coral, Florida for educational training for officers of the Special Operations Unit pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(q); which allows, a contract to a be awarded without competitive public bidding if the subject matter consists of educational expenditures for contract period June 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$32,220.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-452 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manger to amend Resolution 2016-331, a resolution authorizing a shared services agreement with County of Essex Department of Corrections Newark for the purpose of relocating Union County inmates during construction project in the Union County Jail, to extend the contract period to December 31, 2017 at no additional cost.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2017-453 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Congratulating the YMCA on their 19th Annual Achievers' Banquet and the 2017 honorees.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-454 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Congratulating and honoring Reverend Hodari Kenneth Hamilton upon his pastoral installation to the Shiloh Baptist Church at their event on June 10, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-455 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Congratulating the First Place and Honorable Mention school recipients of the 2017 UC Step Start Now Grant- Kans 4 Kids Civic Engagement Campaign; and further recognizing each participating school for their noteworthy efforts.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-456 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Congratulating the recipients of the Linden Chamber of Commerce Awards at their 16th annual Scholarship Awards and Business of the Year Dinner on June 7, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-457 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Proclaiming June 2, 2017 as Gun Violence Awareness Day throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-458 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Congratulating Nicholas Reyes of Troop 330, Patriot's Path Council Union County, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-459 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Extending the Board's appreciation to the Elizabethtown Gas Company for its leadership role in promoting the partnership of the public and private sectors in support of the arts in Union County by hosting the annual Union County Senior Art Contest and Exhibition and the Exhibit and Contest for Union County employees and their families.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-460 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Congratulating and commending Professor Dr. Thomas Ombrello for all his actions to continue the legacy of the Basking Ridge White Oak Tree.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-461 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Congratulating Union High School February Athletes of the Month: Nneka Moneme and Nick Zuena.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-462 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Congratulating Reverend Roy E. Jones, Sr., upon his 30th pastoral anniversary and community leadership.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-463 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Congratulating the following for being recognized by the Union County Educational Services Commission: Goldman Sachs - Volunteer Service Award; Paul Del Sordo - Distinguished Service Award and Shop Rite of Clark - Community Partner Award.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-464 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Congratulating the recipients of the 200 Club Valor Awards.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-465 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Congratulating the award recipients of the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless at their event on May 17, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-466 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Congratulating Atlantic Health for being the first business in the State of New Jersey to agree to serve as a host site for a Project SEARCH High School Transition Program at Overlook Medical Center.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-467 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Congratulating the students of the Project SEARCH High School Transition Program at Overlook Medical Center upon their graduation.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-468 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Congratulating the players of the Heights Heat PAL 8U Softball Team for being back to back champions (fall and spring travel) and having an undefeated season.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-469 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Congratulating Julia Guarneri and Erin Hernandez of Troop 40707 of Fanwood-Scotch Plains upon attaining the Girl Scout Gold Award.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine (9) 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.

Tom (inaudible), of Westfield, noted his appreciation to the Board for their consideration of mountain biking in the Reservation. He added the meetings were emotional and commended the Chairman for running the meeting with poise. While he agreed with some of the previous comments of the Chairman, he noted some with which he disagreed, most notably that the reservation is over-utilized.

Seeing no other speakers, Chairman Bergen closed public comment on any matter.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Kowalski made comments relative to the County's upcoming annual BioBlitz to be held at Warinanco Park. She made comments relative to a half day "Rain Garden Buss Tour" available to residents to learn how rain gardens and porous pavements can reduce runoff, save money and enhance one's property.

Freeholder Carter made comments relative to the County's annual Rhythm and Blues by the Brook (in Cedar Brook Park, Plainfield. She added that it is a tremendous way to kick off the summer. She advised the headliner was Naughty by Nature. She advised of the day's many activities.

Freeholder Carter thanked all of the County's youth, teachers and administrators for assisting in the support of the UCSTEP program.

Freeholder Mirabella (jokingly) noted that Freeholder Estrada did not "bank his time." Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to the first ever Union County Pride Community Picnic, celebrating marriage equality in the State of New Jersey, on June 17, 2017 from noon to 4pm. He advised of the day's many activities.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to the County's live stream of the Peregrine Falcon cam, of which there are 5 eggs; 3 of which are expected to hatch very soon.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to the upcoming Memorial Day, thanking those members of the Flag Guardian Committee (which is supported by the Freeholder Board). He commended them for the work they do.

Freeholder Wright made comments relative to the County's free mobile paper-shredding events.

Vice Chairman Granados made comments relative to the County's EMS staff as the County recognizes EMS Appreciation Week, noting the County EMS responded to over 6,000 phone calls in 2016. He also made comments relative to the County's Police personnel, as the County recognizes Police Week throughout the County.

Chairman Bergen made comments relative to two grand openings within the County of Union: the Warinanco Sport Center and the Union County Family Courthouse. He noted that the Warinanco Sports Center doubled in size after undergoing an extensive \$7 million renovation and modernization to a year-round facility. He thanked Parks Director Zuber and Parks Facilities Director Sanchez for their efforts. He noted that the Family Courthouse will house 6 state of the art courtrooms and is home to the new Family Justice Center (FJC), which is expected to be opened in the Summer of 2017. He advised that the FJC will provide victims of domestic violence a full range of services inclusive of: legal assistance, crisis counseling, court advocacy, logistical support and housing aid.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bergen called for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, a voice vote showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

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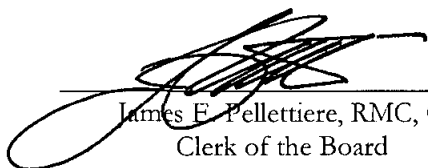
REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017 AT 12:00 NOON ASSIGNMENT JUDGE KAREN M. CASSIDY'S COURTROOM, 2 BROAD STREET, ELIZABETH, NJ

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