



## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2017  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING AGENDA

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bruce H. Bergen presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

### **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 present.

Also present were Deputy County Manager Amy Wagner, County Counsel Robert E. Barry, Esq., and Clerk of the Board James E. Pellettiere.

### **PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

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

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

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

### **PRESENTATION FROM THE BOARD**

A resolution presentation will be made by Chairman Bruce H. Bergen and Freeholder Kowalski to the winners of the 2017 Union County Arbor Day Poetry Contest.

Chairman Bergen called upon Freeholder Kowalski to join him for the presentations to the 2017 Arbor Day Poetry Contest winners. Chairman Bergen recognized the Union County Shade Tree members and thanked them for their service. He stated that there were 56 participants in this year's contest.

Chairman Bergen and Freeholder Kowalski alternated in announcing the Third Place, Second Place and First Place winners of the fourth grade, fifth grade, sixth grade, seventh grade, and eight grade classes. The First Place winners read their poems aloud.

Freeholder Kowalski thanked the teachers who encouraged their students to participate and thanked the family of all the young poets for their support.

### **PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD**

A presentation will be made by Sheriff Joseph Cryan, Acting Prosecutor Grace Park, Public Safety Director Andrew Moran and Human Services Director Frank Guzzo to the Board relative to the Union County Community Law Enforcement Addiction Recovery "C.L.E.A.R." Pilot Program, in

partnership with Prevention Links, intended to provide increased access to treatment facilities and recovery support networks needed to help families and individuals combat addiction, inclusive of the nationwide opioid epidemic.

Chairman Bergen called upon Sheriff Cryan, Acting Prosecutor Park, Director Guzzo and Director Moran for the night's presentation to the Board.

Director Guzzo provided an introduction to the C.L.E.A.R. program, a pilot program aimed at addressing the opioid crisis. He stated that there are two components to the program: the non-profit component and the law enforcement element. He referenced Freeholder Hudak's initiative, through Chairman Bergen, in the amount of \$150,000 to buy additional beds for treatment and detox.

Acting Prosecutor Park thanked the Board for their support. She made comments relative to the collaboration between law enforcement, county government and the non-profit organizations. She stated that New Jersey has three times the national rate for opioid overdoses. She advised that last year the County had 55 overdoses. She spoke on the need to address this issue in a holistic manner.

Acting Prosecutor Park made comments as to previous actions their offices had taken to address this issue, specifically Narcan training. She stated that this is just the first step in addressing the problem, noting that she began collaborating with the Sheriff's Office and the county law enforcement to create a Task Force and formulated an agreement with the hospitals to provide for recovery coaches. She stated that the C.L.E.A.R. program aims at assisting those in the community who need treatment that have neither been hospitalized nor arrested. She stated that this program will be funded, if approved by the Attorney General's Office, with forfeiture funds seized by narcotic proceeds. She stated that the funds should be able to provide enough money for 135 responses during this pilot program.

Director Moran advised that the Medical Examiner's office saw a 40% increase in overdoses last year, noting that (sadly) during this year's first quarter, overdoses are up 76% and deaths are up by 50%. He thanked the Sheriff and the Acting Prosecutor's Office for their collaboration. He provided the Board with an overview on how the program would work, including the counseling component and the placement component (detox, in-patient or out-patient therapy). He stated that there are little resources for law enforcement to assist those who are seeking help. He advised that, through this program, there will be training on May 10, 2017, for Union County Police Officers and Union County Sheriff's Officers, with a goal of starting the program on June 1, 2017.

Sheriff Cryan thanked the Board for their support. He thanked Director Guzzo for his leadership with the non-profit component and Acting Prosecutor Park and Director Moran for their leadership with the law enforcement component. He advised the Board that the average age for an opioid overdose is over 40. He noted the "silence" that exists when officers arrive at the scene and of how it is a constant reminder of just how difficult this disease (addiction to opioids) is to deal with. He advised that just as the County Police will operate their portion of the program on the Western part of the County, the Sheriff's office will operate a mirror program located in the Eastern part of the County. He stated that the County will share the data obtained through this Pilot Program with all law enforcement agencies throughout the County. He stated that seven officers will be trained. He commended the Board for their progressive leadership on addressing this issue. Sheriff Cryan advised that Ocean County has begun their pilot program, which has seen 74 individuals seek help for their addiction.

Vice Chairman Granados inquired as to which municipalities the 55 overdoses Acting Prosecutor Park mentioned were from.

Acting Prosecutor Park stated that the 2017 stats indicate the overdoses as follows: Plainfield (14), Cranford (6), Elizabeth (5), Rahway (5), Linden (4) and twelve other municipalities. She indicated that the average age is over 40 years old.

Vice Chairman Granados advised that this issue was a topic of his Master's thesis. He advised of his interest to introduce this Pilot Program to Plainfield. Acting Prosecutor Park said she would introduce this program to all the Police Chiefs, including Plainfield.

Vice Chairman Granados inquired as to the qualifications to participate in the program. Director Moran advised that there may be some disqualifications such as a warrant for a serious crime.

Freeholder Jalloh inquired if there was a "safe surrender" element to the program. Sheriff Cryan advised that if an individual announced they were there for recovery, they would not be charged, noting that it is to clear their record as much as you can and provide the addiction support and support to the family. He advised that this Pilot Program does not clear previous records.

Freeholder Estrada asked if this works in conjunction with the State Program. Acting Prosecutor Park advised that there is a State program with a phone number and a website, noting that this pilot program will supplement the State efforts. Director Guzzo advised that the state has released a grant program called the "Opioid Overdose Recovery Program (OORP)". He stated that the County (and two other counties) are slated to receive funding, noting that Prevention Links would be the lead applicant on behalf of the County. He provided some details of the grant program.

Freeholder Carter reiterated Vice Chairman Granados' suggestion to bring the pilot program to Plainfield, given the statistics presented to the Board. She disagreed with the fact that distance to the location would not play a major factor in participation in the program. She spoke on her experiences as an educator.

Sheriff Cryan advised that as of September, there would be Sheriff Officers in the schools. Acting Prosecutor Park spoke on her Superintendents forum and a "Chasing the Dragon" education/prevention video.

There was a discussion relative to the role of high schools and middle schools with the program and this epidemic.

Freeholder Hudak thanked Acting Prosecutor Park, Sheriff Cryan and Director Moran for their efforts in addressing this issue. He advised that this is near and dear to his heart, having spent five years in the Drug Prevention program. He made comments relative to the opioid crisis, noting that fifteen years ago he was advised by a friend in the Drug Enforcement Agency that future trends was not in amphetamines but rather in heroin due in part to its cheap cost and a growing push in OxyContin; which would find its way into all communities.

Freeholder Hudak stated that he hopes for success and would offer his support for additional funds and thanked his colleagues for their support. He spoke on the C.L.E.A.R. program's vision. He thanked Chairman Bergen for announcing his commitment of \$150,000 at his Chairman's Address in January towards the provision of 185 additional beds for treatment at two detox centers (located in New Hope and Turning Point, Pennsylvania).

Chairman Bergen thanked all for their hard work and confirmed the support of the Board.

#### **APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Note and File

Chairman Bergen noted that the Board would approve the communications at next week's Regular Meeting.

#### **OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR**

Grace H. Park, Acting Prosecutor

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There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to apply for an accept funding from the Division of Criminal Justice, State Office of Victim Witness Advocacy for the project entitled Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Supplemental Grant for the period of October 1, 2016 through March 31, 2018 in the amount of \$400,000. (County match of \$100,000) **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of the Prosecutor, to apply for and accept funding from the Division of Criminal Justice, State Office of Victim Witness Advocacy for the project entitled Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Program for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 in the amount of \$382,391. (County match in the amount of \$95,598) **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

Michael Yuska, Director

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1. 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 Department of Human Services, Division on Aging, to Hertrich Fleet Services, Milford, DE for the purpose of providing two (2) Transit Connect Vans for a total amount of \$45,306.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Estrada asked if these vans are used for Paratransit system and what make the vans were.

Director Yuska advised that these vans would be used for the Meals on Wheels program. He advised that the make of the Ford was a Ford Transit.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Amy Wagner, Director

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There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2016-614, a contract to provide an Adult, Dislocated Worker and Business Services: Express Workforce Center for job training and placement for a minimum of one hundred seventy five (175) Adult and Dislocated Workers, to extend the contract period for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Adult, Dislocated

Worker and Business Services – Express Workforce Center from May 31, 2017 to June 30, 2017 at no additional cost. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

2. Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution #2016-428, approving the 2016-2017 Consolidated Action Plan, to increase CDBG funding to the Linden Home Improvement Program in the amount of \$46,000 from \$135,000 to \$181,000 utilizing City of Linden Program Income funds. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

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

Joseph Graziano, Director

1. Concurring with the Borough of New Providence to install Pedestrian Crossings with the required ADA ramps at Salt Brook Road and Springfield Avenue and at Oldwood Drive and South Street. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application, on behalf of the County of Union, and if awarded, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA) for a Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) grant for reimbursement of LSRP Costs and Remediation Costs associated with the Lenape Park Trap and Skeet Property. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-029) **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Supporting the Redevelopment of the former property known as the "Lenape Park Trap and Skeet". (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-029) **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Mirabella asked for clarification.

Director Graziano advised that resolution requests 2, 3 & 4 were all related. He advised that #2 involves applying for a grant to obtain an LSRP for remediation of lead from the site. He advised that #3 requires the submission of the plan, which is a "passive park." There are no clear details of the elements of the passive park until the County is notified if they have received the grant.

4. Amending Resolution Number 2016-580, a Professional Engineering Service Contract with CME Associates of Monmouth Junction, New Jersey for the provision of Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) services related to the former Lenape Park Trap and Skeet facility located in Cranford, New Jersey, to provide additional Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) Services in an amount not to exceed \$97,250.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$585,521.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-029) **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Estrada asked if the \$585,521 is for Lenape Park only.

Director Graziano advised that was correct. He advised that the County has to use the LSRP assigned to the site, noting that this project has been ongoing since before his tenure as Director. He advised that everything is done as per the Department of Environmental Protection.

Freeholder Estrada made comments relative to an old federal clearance on the property.

County Counsel Barry clarified that the administrative consent order was entered into with the Environmental Protection Agency, noting that at the time the State agency was not pursuing any action, but that it was always a likely scenario.

5. Resolution Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Union County Improvement Authority for Implementation of a Strategic Plan for the Union County Space Study in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Estrada asked for additional details of the agreement.

Director Graziano advised that this is the second step of the process, noting that the study with Colliers was the first step. This step focuses on the details of what we need to do with the County facilities, inclusive of but not limited to, a survey and designing of the old jail and detailed workplace study of the Administration Building. He further advised that the County will receive a plan at the end of this contract.

6. Resolution requesting the rescinding the award of the bid, Resolution #2016-993 snow removal services, to Elite Demolition LLC, 120 Springbrook Trail, Sparta, NJ 07871 for failure to meet Union County's contracting requirements. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Vice Chairman Granados inquired as to the reason for not meeting the requirements.

Director Graziano advised that the company never submitted the required paperwork, so the department went back to the vendor used last year.

7. Resolution concurring with the Township of Springfield to close Mountain Avenue from the intersection of Shunpike Road to North Trivett Avenue and Shunpike Road from the intersection of South Springfield Avenue to the intersection of Mountain Avenue on Monday May 29, 2017 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
8. Resolution ratifying permission given to the City of Plainfield to close County Roads, Park Avenue and East 7th Street for the New Jersey State Bicycle Championship-Criterium Race which was held on Sunday, May 6, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
9. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a 24-month contract with Safeguard Document Shredding, 800 Rike Drive, Millstone, NJ for Mobile Paper Shredding Services for the provision of shredding services at all scheduled Union County Mobile Paper Shredding Events at a fee of \$145/hr for a contract period of May 2017 to April 2019 for an annual contract not to exceed \$26,000 and total contract not to exceed \$52,000. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

#### DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Bibi Taylor, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Appraisal Associates, Inc. Cranford, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing appraisal services for the Department of

Finance to appraise the Albender Building located at 1141-1145 East Jersey Street, Elizabeth, NJ. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Hudak inquired as to the purpose of this contract.

Director Taylor advised that the Administrative Office of the Courts notified the County's vendor that provides the indirect cost plan that they need comparable rental rate appraisals to reimburse the County.

2. Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the Amount of \$30,430.02 as a Result of Notification Received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a Program Entitled: Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
3. Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the Amount of \$400,000 as a Result of Notification Received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a Program Entitled: Victim Witness Advocacy-VOCA Supplemental Grant. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
4. Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the Amount of \$382,391 as a Result of Notification Received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a Program Entitled: Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Grant. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

Frank Guzzo, Director

Director Guzzo asked for the Board's indulgence to add the amending resolution which would fund Turning Point and New Hope treatment facilities an additional \$150,000, as mentioned earlier by Freeholder Hudak during the presentation of the C.L.E.A.R. pilot program.

Freeholder Hudak stated that he would be remiss if he did not publically thank Director Guzzo for his efforts with the C.L.E.A.R. Pilot Program.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountainside, New Jersey, for the provision of the Special Child Case Management and Early Intervention Program, for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in the amount not to exceed \$50,000; funds represent the match as stipulated by State Statute (Title 9:13-7 and 8) requiring the County to match the Special Child Case Management and Early Intervention grant from NJ Department of Health and Senior Services. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2015-647, awarding a contract to CFG Health Systems LLC, Marlton, New Jersey, to reflect the following changes to the Juvenile Detention Center portion of the agreement only for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019 in the total amount not to exceed \$2,537,973 to be allocated as specified: \$845,991 7-01-27-794-090-389; \$845,991 8-01-27-794-090-389; and \$845,991 9-01-27-794-090-389. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Estrada inquired if CFG is the same provider as the one at the County Jail.

Director Guzzo advised that they are the same provider since 2015. He advised that there was a decision made to take this portion from the Jail's budget into the Human Services' budget.

3. Amending Resolution 2017-82, contracting with MPC Bus Corporation for the continued provision of Paratransit Service, to allocate the amount of \$446,400.80 to account numbers specified with no change in agreement nor total contract amount for the period of January 27, 2017 through December 31, 2017. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2017 Aging GAP Spending Plan pursuant to a request for proposal in the total amount not to exceed \$508,000 for subcontracted services to be provided during year one period of May 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 of an anticipated three year total period (8 months with two 12 month extension options) and further authorizing the transfer of funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

Ronald Zuber, Director

Freeholder Mirabella made comments praising the work of Director Zuber, and specifically with his efforts with the Bike Trail issue. He noted that he met with the Mayor and Governing Body of Scotch Plains. He noted that Director Zuber is a great representative of the County on this issue.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks & Recreation, Division of Engineering: Mar-Bridge Enterprises, Inc., of Matawan, New Jersey, for the Ash Brook Golf Course Clubhouse Project, Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union, New Jersey, for an amount not to exceed \$8,998,150.00. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Vice Chairman Granados asked for further clarification.

Division Director Armando Sanchez advised that the clubhouse at Ashbrook is the original clubhouse and is approximately 50 years old. He stated that a lot of the problems they have is a result of failing septic systems, noting that the facility is not handicapped accessible. He stated that there is a growing population of golfers. He stated that they see the restaurant as a local need and potential revenue source. He stated that they can anticipate an increase in outings with the new clubhouse, anticipating 100-120 players.

Freeholder Estrada asked if they expect an increase in rounds of golf as a direct result of a new clubhouse.

Division Director Sanchez advised while they don't expect an increase in rounds, they do expect an increase in revenues in price per round as a result of the additional outings at a new facility, noting that there will be an increase in food and beverage as well.

Freeholder Mirabella stated that he was glad to see this resolution on the agenda, noting that the current clubhouse suffers with heating and cooling problems, and isn't a suitable facility. He noted the success of the Galloping Hill facility and anticipates similar success with Ashbrook.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks and Recreation, Solitude Lake Management of Shrewsbury, MA, for the purpose of hydro raking of Sperry Pond, Cranford (BA 24-17), for the contract period of date of contract until September 30, 2018, in the amount of not to exceed \$67,500. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the City of Elizabeth Recreation Department to run a Summer Playground Program which provides children with the opportunity to participate in supervised recreational activities with subsidized snack and lunch at no cost to the participants in the amount not to exceed \$9,800.00. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract to (TBD) for an amount not to exceed (\$TBD) for the Demolition of the Rahway River Park Dive Tank, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(3) the commodity was publicly bid on two separate occasions with no success due to lack of any responsible bidders. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**

#### **FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

1. Congratulating Sailesh Prasad, Troop 368 of Clark upon attaining the Eagle Scout Award. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak & Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Congratulating the 2017 Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year - Evelyn Burnett Marchione. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**

Freeholder Carter asked to join as a co-sponsor.

Freeholder Estrada asked to join as a co-sponsor.

3. Congratulating the numerous officers of being the recipients of the Valor Awards for their heroism and lifesaving actions at the Union Police Department's ceremony commemorating National Police Week on May 18, 2017. **(Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh & Freeholder Vernell Wright)**

Freeholder Carter asked to join as a co-sponsor.

4. Resolution sponsoring the City of Rahway's various cultural and educational events inclusive of: the Health & Wellness Expo, Big Thursday Night's on the Plaza, Independence Day Fireworks, Foodstock, Community Day, Culture Crawl, Halloween in Rahway, and Winter Wonderland in the amount not to exceed \$10,000. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**
5. Resolution sponsoring the Elizabeth Garden Club's Wreaths Across America to be held on December 16, 2017 in the amount of \$1,500.00. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**

6. Resolution sponsoring the Borough of New Providence's Winter Christmas Walk celebration to be held on November 11, 2017 in the amount of \$3,000.00. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**
7. Resolution sponsoring the New Outlook Pioneers' Summer Concert to be held on August 9, 2017 in the amount of \$4,000.00. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**
8. Resolution sponsoring the Peruvian for Progress, Inc's various cultural and educational celebrations inclusive of the Peruvian Heritage Parade to be held on July 16, 2017 in the amount of \$3,000.00. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**
9. Resolution sponsoring the Township of Scotch Plain's Fourth of July Fireworks & Independence Day celebration to be held on July 1, 2017 in the amount of \$4,000.00. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**
10. Recognizing and commending the Banks Family for all their efforts in organizing the Rockin for Autism event on April 29, 2017. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
11. Proclaiming May 14 to May 20, 2017 as National Women's Health Week throughout the County of Union. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**

Freeholder Kowalski asked to join as a co-sponsor.

Freeholder Carter asked to join as a co-sponsor.

12. Proclaiming the month of May as Haitian Heritage Month throughout the County of Union. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Estrada asked to join as a co-sponsor.

Freeholder Jalloh asked to join as a co-sponsor.

13. Congratulating the Urban League of Union County Young Professionals for their outstanding achievement within their career and dedication to the community. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Carter asked to join as a co-sponsor.

14. Amending Resolution 2016-166, which approved the Watchung Reservation Trails Master Plan, to reflect this Board's disapproval of those portions of the Watchung Reservation Trails Master Plan recommending and providing for mountain biking in the Watchung Reservation. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Kowalski asked to join as a co-sponsor.

Freeholder Carter asked to join as a co-sponsor.

15. Congratulating Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim, Cranford, on celebrating its 100th anniversary on June 11, 2017. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Kowalski asked to join as a co-sponsor.

16. Advocating and opposing the proposed State and Federal budget cuts to Legal Services of New Jersey. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen & Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Kowalski suggested the entire Board join as a co-sponsor, as the budgets will have serious cuts to Legal Services for provisions to help immigrants and children of immigrants.

Freeholder Carter asked to join as a co-sponsor.

Freeholder Jalloh asked if this resolution was going to be from the entire Board. Chairman Bergen stated that it would be.

Freeholder Carter and Freeholder Mirabella stated they may have additional laudatory resolutions to add.

Freeholder Hudak stated he would have a condolence resolution and a laudatory resolution to add.

Vice Chairman Granados stated that as a result of Fiscal Committee there would be a need to add a resolution pertaining to infrastructure grants and sponsorships. He added that he would have an additional laudatory for the Regular Meeting agenda.

Chairman Bergen called upon John McCabe, Acting Chief of the Prosecutor's Office. He provided some additional information for the Board pertaining to the C.L.E.A.R. Pilot Program, noting the number of overdoses is verified from the Medical Examiner's office with a positive toxicology report of opioid or heroin. He clarified the figures, as of March, for overdoses as: Plainfield (2), Elizabeth (6), Union (6), Kenilworth (1), Springfield (6), and Rahway (2). He clarified the numbers used in the presentation were of Narcan deployments.

Vice Chairman Granados noted the reduction in Plainfield, but advised that he would like to see a location in that area.

Freeholder Hudak requested the 2016 stats of Narcan and overdose.

Chairman Bergen advised that Union County Assignment Judge Beglin had passed away and that he would have a laudatory resolution to add.

## ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bergen asked for a motion to adjourn. On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, a voice vote showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.

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**UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2017 MEETING SCHEDULE**

Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 7:00pm in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified. In the event an Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting are held on the same night, the Agenda Setting Session will commence at 7:00 pm and the Regular Meeting will commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session.

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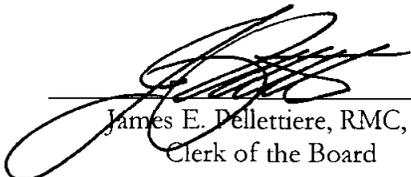
**REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017 at 12:00 pm  
Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ**

**AGENDA SETTING SESSION**

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