



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 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 Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, and Freeholder Vernell Wright were present, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak absent.

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

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Bergen advised the Board would adopt the communications at the next Regular Meeting.

Note and File

Oath of Office: Union County College Board of Trustees: Dr. Karen Young; Union County Commission on the Status of Women: Shahrzad Heidary; Workforce Development Board: Noel Christmas.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY CLERK

Joanne Rajoppi, County Clerk

County Clerk Rajoppi provided the Board with an overview of her resolution request.

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2016-473, a contract with The Musial Group, Mountainside, New Jersey, for an additional amount not to exceed \$3,100 for a new contract amount of \$9,095 for additional work required on the conceptual design plans for the renovations to the Union County Clerk's Offices. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF

Joseph Cryan, Sheriff

Lt. Meros represented the office. He provided an overview of the resolution request.

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Visual Computer Solutions, Inc., Freehold, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$22,004.00 for the renewal of the annual maintenance agreement for our VCS software and in addition for the attendance of one employee to attend the VCS Evolution Exchange User Conference. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Grace H. Park, Acting Prosecutor

First Assistant Prosecutor Tim Isenhour represented the Office.

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 and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Division of Criminal Justice, FFY15 Victims of Crime Act, County Sexual Assault Response Team/Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program in the amount of \$143,803 with a County Match of \$35,951. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Michael Yuska, Director

1. Amending Resolution Number 2017-26, a professional services contract with Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC, Warren, New Jersey, special counsel for Labor and Personnel matters, to increase the amount of award for legal services in the amount of \$35,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$85,000. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Mirabella asked the Director to elaborate as to the nature of the increase.

Director Yuska advised that the Bernstein firm is handling four on-going disciplinary appeals; noting that they probably will continue to bill through the end of the year, and feels this amount should cover the expenses.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amy Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to execute a contract award with The DRS Group, Springfield, New Jersey, through BA# UCCP 28-2015, for the purpose of On-Call document digital imaging and scanning services to be utilized for the Bureau of GIS Online Crisis Mitigation Plan through December 31, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Kowalski asked the Director to provide an overview of this resolution.

Deputy Director Wagner advised that this resolution pertains to the on-line crisis mitigation plan. She advised that they will scan the plans for all the schools throughout the County. She advised that, through Chairman Bergen's initiative, the County is opening up the service for any other public buildings. She added that, to date, the County has heard from 17 of the 21 municipalities in the County, with two more sending their response shortly.

Freeholder Jalloh inquired how this system is different from the digital imaging system that Public Works utilizes.

Director Graziano advised that the Public Works digital imaging is done from above to realign GIS mapping, noting that they are required to update every five years. He stated that this GIS system is a completely different system used for crisis mitigation.

Freeholder Jalloh inquired if the services can be done by the same company, and if they could would it be cost-effective.

Director Graziano stated that the service is definitely different.

Freeholder Mirabella stated that he wholeheartedly supports this resolution and complimented Matt Mathan, of the Union County GIS, for the excellent work he provides both Director Graziano and Deputy County Manager Wagner.

County Manager Faella announced that Matt Mathan and the County's GIS rolled out the new park trails application earlier today, noting that a public presentation would be provided to the Board at a later date.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Joseph Graziano, Director

Director Graziano asked for the Board's indulgence to add a resolution relative to a concurring resolution to a "road closure/banner" request in Plainfield.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Remington Vernick & Arango Engineers, of Secaucus, New Jersey to provide Engineering Design Services, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the 2018 Resurfacing Project for an amount not to exceed \$306,643.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-045) **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Vice Chairman Granados inquired as to the amount of last year's Road Resurfacing Project.

Director Graziano advised that it was roughly the same, noting that there were 20+ miles of roads. He added that each project ranges from \$275,000-\$350,000.

2. Amending Resolution Number 2015-993 adopted on December 3, 2015 authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for the Gordon Street Bridge, Roselle/Roselle Park, County of Union, New Jersey to accept additional funding in the amount of \$142,420.00 from NJDOT for Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-051 (TTF SWAP AGREEMENT NO. 2014-DT-BLA-FEP-206) for a total agreement not to exceed \$1,021,389.00. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Estrada inquired about the resolutions pertaining to the Gordon Street Bridge in Roselle Park, asking the Director for an update on the project.

Director Graziano advised that Department of Transportation has expanded the project. He advised that they are expecting to go out for construction in the Fall of 2018.

There was a discussion relative to the "structural deficiency" of the bridge. County Engineer Mineo advised the Board that the Bridge is safe to use by cars. He stated that he would provide the Board with a list of all "orphan" bridges in Union. Director Graziano added that the State continues to conduct their inspections, and if any safety concerns arise, the County would close the bridge.

3. Amending Resolution Number 2015-996 adopted on December 3, 2015 a Professional Engineering Service Contract with Hardesty and Hanover, of New York, New York, to provide additional design services associated with the Gordon Street Bridge over "Out of Service" Conrail Structure Number 205150, located in Roselle and Roselle Park, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$142,420.00, for a new contract amount not to exceed \$1,021,388.69, as approved by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) - TTF SWAP FUNDING AGREEMENT - 2014-DT-BLA-FEP-206. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-051) **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Remington Vernick & Arango Engineers of Secaucus, New Jersey to provide Engineering Design Services, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Intersection Improvement at Jefferson Avenue and North Avenue, City of Elizabeth, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$64,327.67. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-003) **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
5. Amending Resolution Number 2015-526 adopted on June 18, 2015, a Professional Engineering Service Contract with T&M Associates of Middletown, New Jersey to provide additional construction administration and inspection services associated with the Madison Hill Bridge, RA-28, Project, Township of Clark, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$101,532.85 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$416,394.85. This amendment increases the construction administration contract from 360 days to 467 days, an increase of 167 days. This will extend the contract through November 30, 2017. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2012-016) **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Vice Chairman Granados inquired as to the reason to add an additional 100 days.

Director Graziano advised that the Water Company had some concerns with an unforeseen waterline issue relative to the vibrations of the bridge and the sheet piling. He added that the Governor's shutdown added to the delay. He also noted that there was a design change to allow for one lane to be left open during construction. He stated that he expects the project to be completed by December 1, 2018.

6. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Cooper Aerial Surveys Company, of Phoenix, Arizona, to fly and furnish digital imagery of Union County, New Jersey, for an amount not to exceed \$54,040.00. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

7. Amending Resolution Number 2016-951 adopted on December 8, 2016; BA#50-2016, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq., to Lucas Construction Group, Inc., of Red Bank, New Jersey approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Rehabilitation of Central Avenue Minor Bridge (Structure No. We69), Town of Westfield, County of Union, New Jersey. This Change Order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$19,498.05) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$204,401.95. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-026) **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
8. Concurring with the City of Linden's Resolution Number 2017-180, adopted on April 19, 2017, deleting a bus stop on Elizabeth Avenue, northbound, at Lumber Street-Near Side and adding a Bus Stop along W. Elizabeth Avenue, northbound, at Donaldson Place-Mid Block, and adding a Bus Stop along S. Wood Avenue, westbound at East Morris Avenue - Far Side, City of Linden, County of Union, New Jersey. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
9. Concurring with the City of Linden's Resolution Number 2017-252, adopted on July 19, 2017, deleting a bus stop along Wood Avenue, Southbound, between Wood Place and Edgar Road - Mid-Block 250' North and adding a Bus Stop along Wood Avenue, Southbound, on the Westerly side of Wood Avenue, City of Linden, County of Union, New Jersey. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
10. Concurring with the City of Summit's Resolution Number 37941 dated June 20, 2017 requesting for the Installation of a Traffic Control Signal at Chatham Road (C.R. 653) and River Road (C.R. 649) - Meile Place within the City of Summit, County of Union, New Jersey, (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-007) **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
11. Concurring with the Township of Springfield's Resolution Number 2017-221 requesting the County to perform a traffic study and upgrades as required, at the Intersection of South Springfield Avenue and Hillside Avenue, Township of Springfield, County of Union, New Jersey. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-010) **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
12. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Architectural Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to USA Architects, of Somerville, New Jersey to provide Conceptual Design Services and Building Code Compliance Consulting for the renovation of fire damaged Union County Motor Vehicle Building, located at 79 West Grand Street, City of Elizabeth for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-011) **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
13. Resolution granting permission to the Township of Springfield to hang a banner at the intersection of Mountain Avenue and Hannah Street from September 1, 2017 through November 3, 2017 to promote the Township's Farmer's Market. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
14. Resolution concurring with the Township of Berkeley Heights granting permission to the Berkeley Heights Volunteer Rescue Squad to hang a banner across Springfield Avenue and Plainfield Avenue from September 19, 2017 through October 29, 2017 to advertise the Squad's Annual Membership Drive. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

15. Resolution concurring with the Borough of Roselle Park to close Chestnut Street, from Webster Avenue to Charles Street on Saturday, September 23, 2017 for the Roselle Park Loves Arts event and also to hang a banner on Chestnut Street from September 1st to September 23rd for the Roselle Park Loves Arts Event. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
16. Resolution concurring with the Township of Springfield granting permission to the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Township of Springfield to close Mountain Avenue between Morris Avenue and Caldwell Place on Sunday, October 1st from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday, October 15, 2017 for the Fall Festival and Car Show. Also, granting permission to hang a banner across Mountain Avenue at the intersection of North Trivett Avenue from September 1, 2017 to October 17, 2017. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCEBibi Taylor, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$143,803 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a Program Entitled: Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (S.A.N.E.) Grant. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$230,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey Transit for a Program Entitled: Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC 4). **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
3. Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$142,420 as a result of notification for additional funds received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation for a Program Entitled: Gordan Street Bridge (Design Management) Grant. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
4. Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$17,850 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. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
5. Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$23,083 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a Program Entitled: Stop Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
6. Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$219,422.28 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a Program Entitled: Community Service Block Grant (CSBG). **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
7. Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$12,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Military and

Veterans Affairs for a Program Entitled: Paratransit Veterans Grant. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**

8. Resolution Approving the Corrective Action Plan for Ended December 31, 2016 **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Karen Dinsmore, Acting Director

Freeholder Mirabella welcomed Acting Director Dinsmore, noting that former Director Guzzo has left the department in good hands.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2016-965, to reflect a one-time reallocation of funds under CY2017 Alcohol/Drug Abuse (A/DA) Grant between subcontracted agencies by decreasing CenterPath Wellness (formerly CenterStone Community Wellness) in the total amount not to exceed \$35,200 and increasing both Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services in the total amount not to exceed \$17,600 and CURA, Inc. in the total amount not to exceed \$17,600; further endorsing the amended 2017 Alcohol/Drug Abuse Spending Plan, with no change in the total award ceiling, for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, as approved by LACADA on August 8, 2017. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2016-955, to reflect the change in project dates for the Community Access Institute Colonial/Morse project (2015-334; 16-CoC-101) to August 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017 as specified on the FY2015 SuperNOFA Continuum of Care (CoC) Spending Plan, with no change in funding and no further changes to the spending plan. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 2017-35, a resolution extending the contract with Transdev Services, Inc for the provision of transportation services in the form of Routing, Scheduling, and Dispatch, and Road Operator Services for the Union County Paratransit System including the Route 22 Shuttle, to allocate additional funding in the total amount not to exceed \$19,999.39 to cover expenses incurred during the requested transition period in accordance with the contract. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with NJ Transit to secure grant funding in the amount of \$230,000 with a 100% County Match of \$230,000 for a total of \$460,000 for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 for inclusion in NJ Transit's Consolidated NJ Job Access and Reverse Commute (NJ-JARC4) Grant Agreement for SFY18. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**

Freeholder Estrada asked the Director to elaborate on this resolution.

Acting Director Dinsmore advised that this money is JARC funding, previously FTA funding, which funds the Route 22 Shuttle.

Freeholder Estrada asked if the \$460,000 is only for the Shuttle service.

Acting Director Dinsmore advised that it is solely for the Rt 22 Shuttle, noting that it is a 7-days a week program.

County Manager Faella added that this program requires 100% in County matching funds.

5. Authorizing the County Manager to accept funds in the amount of \$23,083 and enter into a contract with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, for the Union County Rape Crisis Center (UCRCC) to provide services for sexual violence victims through the STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Formula Grant Program for the period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018, with required County in-kind matching funds of \$7,694 in existing UCRCC personnel expense, for a program grand total not to exceed \$30,777. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute the FY2018 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) agreement in the amount of \$219,422.28 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) for the grant period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2019 for the purpose of providing community programming for low income residents of Union County; and would also recognize and accept that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from NJDCA, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute Contract Year (CY) 2018 Alcoholism/Drug Abuse (A/DA) Grant funding from New Jersey Department of Human Services (NJ DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), in the amount of \$951,615 with a County Match requirement of \$129,601 for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 for the provision of prevention education/early intervention and treatment programs for medically indigent residents of Union County. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
8. Authorizing the County Manager to award renewal subcontracts to various agencies under the 2018 Alcohol/Drug Abuse Grant Spending Plan in the total amount not to exceed \$926,354 for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 for the provision of prevention education/early intervention and treatment programs for medically indigent residents of Union County as permitted by NJ Department of Human Services (NJ DHS); 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 fail to meet its contractual obligation. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Ron Zuber, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for a grant to the National Alliance for Accessible Golf (NAAG), US Golf Association (USGA) – Accessible Golf Program Grant in the amount of \$15,000 and authorize a County in-kind match as specified by the grant requirements; and also, authorize the County Manager to do all things necessary to execute an agreement with the NAAG and USGA should a grant be awarded. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Robert Barry, County Counsel

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to reflect a change from Bauch, Zucker Hatfield to Weiner Law Group for various litigation defense assignments and labor personnel matters. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

Alfred J. Faella, County Manager

County Manager advised that he will need to pull the first resolution as there are still some issues to be finalized.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Parks Maintenance Association, with a contract period to be determined. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to sign any all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with CWA Local 1080, Effective July 1, 2016 through June 20, 2020. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Joan C. Lambert upon her passing on August 28, 2017. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
2. Congratulating Adrianna Sabat for being crowned 2017 Miss Polonia and Barbara Zawlocka for being selected to serve as the 2017 Grand Marshal of the Linden Pulaski Day Parade. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
3. Appointing Robert Rachlin as Commissioner to the Union County Utilities Authority to serve an unexpired term ending January 31, 2022. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
4. Resolution urging President Donald Trump to reconsider his decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, and further urging Congress to pass meaningful legislation to create a path toward citizenship. **(Freeholder Hudak & the Entire Board)**
5. Resolution opposing the proposed 2017 Income Tax Reform to cut multiple entitlement programs for low-income and/or poverty stricken vulnerable target populations nationwide, New Jersey and Union County. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski & the Entire Board)**
6. Authorizing Governing Body Certification of the 2016 Audit **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
7. Appointing Jennifer Blumenstock as a Commissioner to the Union County Commission on the Status of Women for a term beginning January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**

8. Congratulating Cristian Velancia of Boy Scout Troop #4, St. Mary's of the Assumption Church, Elizabeth upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada & Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
9. Congratulating Johan Velasco, Boy Scout Troop #4, St. Mary's of the Assumption Church upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada & Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
10. Proclaiming Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15, 2017 through October 15, 2017 throughout the County of Union. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados & Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
11. Welcoming Party Secretary of Zhejiang Province and Chairman of the Standing Committee of Zhejiang Provincial People's Congress Che Jun to Union County on August 26, 2017. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen & the Entire Board)**
12. Congratulating Union County Probation Chief Raymond Reynolds upon his retirement after more than 45 years of dedicated service to the County of Union. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen & the Entire Board)**
13. Congratulating Assistant Chief of the Union County Probation Department Herbert Francis upon his retirement after 45 years of dedicated service to Union County. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen & the Entire Board)**
14. Congratulating Union County Juvenile Supervisor Lawrence Haman upon retiring after 43 years of dedicated service to Union County. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen & the Entire Board)**
15. Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of former Union County Deputy First Assistant Prosecutor Henry Jaeger upon his passing on August 30, 2017. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen & the Entire Board)**

Freeholder Kowalski advised that she would have an additional resolution from the Parks, Public Works and Facilities committee to add to the Regular Meeting. She advised that she would also have a condolence resolution to add as well.

Chairman Bergen advised that he may have additional advisory board appointments to add to the next Regular Meeting agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Attorney-Client privileged communications and discussions relative to the matter of Esposito v. Borough of Roselle, et al and discussions relating to the on-going negotiations of the County Guarantee Agreements on the Mind and Body Project between the County of Union and the Union County Improvement Authority.

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 discussions relative to the matter of Esposito v. Borough of Roselle, et al and discussions relating to the on-going negotiations of the County Guarantee Agreements on the Mind and Body Project between the County of Union and the Union County Improvement Authority.

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 retire Executive Session and upon the Board's return, as it is an Agenda Meeting, it will not take formal action on the matters discussed.

Freeholder Mirabella mentioned that as per the Fiscal Committee meeting, he would have a resolution to add to the next Regular Meeting.

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

Chairman asked Freeholder Jalloh if he will be recusing himself from Executive Session, to which Freeholder Jalloh said that he would be recusing himself from the discussion.

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

County Counsel advised that as a result of discussion in Executive Session, there will be an additional resolution to add to the Regular Meeting relative to a consent resolution, also known as a "Chapter 56" resolution, for the Borough of Roselle's project for the construction of a community center and library.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bergen asked for a motion to adjourn. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Granados, a voice vote showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh and Freeholder Hudak absent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 7:00pm in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 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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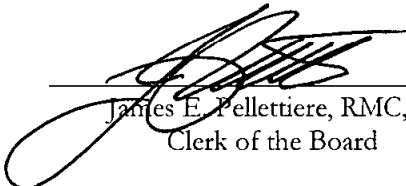
**REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017 AT 12:00 NOON
ASSIGNMENT JUDGE KAREN M. CASSIDY'S COURTROOM, 2 BROAD STREET, ELIZABETH, NJ**

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