



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017
MINUTES OF THE AGENDA SETTING MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Vice Chairman Sergio Granados, Freeholder Linda Carter, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder 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 noted that the Board would approve the communication at the next Regular Meeting of the Board.

Note and File

Oath of Office: Human Services Advisory Council: Debbie Anderson, Cathy Chi, Alfred Donnarumma, Maroconi Gapas, Charles Gillon, Frank Guzzo, Larisa Hernandez, James Horne, Susan Pepper and Carol Presley; Union County Planning Board: Arthur Kobitz.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Joseph Graziano, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for Fiscal Year 2017 State Aid to Counties (CA-2017 Union County - 00010) in the amount of \$3,445,500.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-045) (**Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski**)

2. Concurring with the City of Rahway's Resolution AR-153-16 adopted on July 11, 2016 designating Bus Stops at the following locations: Along East Hazelwood Avenue, eastbound, on the southerly side of Frontage Road - Near Side, beginning at the Westerly curb line of Frontage Road and extending 105 feet westerly therefrom; and along East Hazelwood, westbound, on the northerly side of Frontage Road - Far Side beginning at the prolongation of the westerly curblineline of Frontage Road and extending 100 feet westerly therefrom. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. 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 Architectural Design Services, Construction and Administration Inspection Services for the Improvements to the Jury Waiting Room, located in Elizabeth, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-035) **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Neglia Engineering Associates, of Clark, New Jersey to provide On Call General Engineering Services commencing February 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-046) **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to CME Associates, of Parlin, New Jersey to provide On Call Environmental Compliance Engineering Services commencing February 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-047) **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to NV5, Inc., of Parsippany, New Jersey to provide On Call Traffic Engineering Services commencing February 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-049) **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to CME Associates of Parlin, New Jersey to provide On Call Bridge Engineering Services commencing February 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-048) **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
8. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract extension originally obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Public Works & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management: NJ Overhead Door, Bayville, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Non-Sensored Door Systems Service - Entrance, Office et al, for twenty-four (24) consecutive months commencing January 28, 2017 through January 27, 2019 , in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
9. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract extension originally obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Public Works & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management:

NJ Overhead Door, Bayville, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Automatic/Sensor Controlled Sliding and Swinging Entrance Door Systems Service, for twenty-four (24) consecutive months commencing January 28, 2017 through January 27, 2019, in an amount not to exceed \$48,450. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**

10. Resolution concurring with the City of Plainfield granting permission to the Plainfield Public Schools District – Office of Community Engagement to hang banners from February 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017 on Park Avenue (between Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center and Cedar Brook Park) to advertise the following programs: Black History Month Celebration to be held on Friday, February 24, 2017 from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Community Empowerment Expo to be held on Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 p.m. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF

Joseph P. Cryan, County Sheriff

Chairman Bergen asked the Board if they had any questions or comments to forward them to Sheriff Cryan.

(Following questions on Human Services, Chairman Bergen called upon Undersheriff Green to address any questions the Board may have)

Undersheriff Green represented the Department. He advised that the cost increase in the resolution is based on the participation from last year. He advised that they have not exceeded the original contract amount. He advised that, due in part to this program; there has been a 31% reduction in sick time used by his office as compared to other offices of the County.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2016-325, an agreement with A&A Fitness Inc. dba The Max of Springfield, Union, New Jersey, to provide physical and nutrition administration services to the UC Sheriff's Office and County of Union Employee Participants, to increase the amount in an amount not to exceed \$6,160.00. **(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 Union County Prosecutor's Office to enter into a Professional Services contract with Kristen Balsamo-Kleinbach, Paramus, New Jersey, to serve as a DNA Analyst (Forensic Scientist) at the Union County Prosecutor's Forensic Laboratory for the period of February 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$45,000. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Michael Yuska, Director

Director Yuska noted that his Resolution Request #3 should reflect the term February 10, 2017 through February 09, 2018.

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing a payment to Brown & Brown, the County's General Insurance Agent of record, to renew the Marine Insurance Policy covering UC Marine 1 and UC Marine 2, Union County Police Fire Boats, with the Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company from January 22, 2017 through January 21, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$14,980.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Public Official Bond with the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, Hartford, CT, for Anthony Ugoaru from March 09, 2017 through March 08, 2018 in the amount of \$1,150.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Public Official Bond with the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, Hartford, Connecticut, for Julie Origliato, from February 10, 2017 through February 09, 2017 in the amount of \$1,199.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
4. Amending Resolution Number 2013-0908, authorizing the 2017 Non-Contractual Salary Ranges, which are adjusted based upon the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous twelve months, which increased 3.2%. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amy Wagner, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a license agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation and the City of Summit for Parkline Development of a "Rail Trail" allowing non-motorized uses on the portion of the Rahway Valley Railroad line falling within the City of Summit and County of Union. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Estrada asked for further clarification.

Director Wagner advised that the City of Summit has interest in developing a Park-Line project similar to the "Highline" in New York. She stated that the area they would like to use is part of the Union County Rail Freight project, which was part of the old Rahway Valley Rail Line, noting the County has responsibility towards that section. She advised that they made a request to the State Department of Transportation for access, which they granted with the caveat that the County be in agreement. She advised that this resolution allows the City of Summit to take the responsibility for a specific portion of the Rail Line, relieving the County of the responsibility.

Freeholder Estrada inquired if the City would be taking over the responsibility of maintenance.

Director Wagner stated that was correct.

Freeholder Estrada inquired if this will allow the project to move forward.

Director Wagner stated that, so long as they can obtain the funding, it would.

Freeholder Kowalski inquired as to how long the line has been inactive.

Director Wagner stated that she didn't know the exact time, but it has been a significant amount.

Chairman Bergen added that it likely has been at least 20 years.

Freeholder Mirabella inquired as to the length of the land/property in question.

Director Wagner stated that it is approximately a mile.

Chairman Bergen stated that it would run from downtown Summit to Briant Park.

Freeholder Mirabella added that he was able to walk part of it with a Councilman, but wasn't sure of the total length.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Edmunds & Associates, Inc., Northfield, New Jersey, for the provision of maintenance and technical support for the County's Financial and Electronic Requisition System for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$20,580. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Frank Guzzo, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a lease agreement with Plainfield Madison Park, LLC whose address is P.O. Box 787, Plainfield, New Jersey, for the purpose of leasing 313-315 East Front Street, Plainfield, New Jersey, to house the State of NJ Probation Division for a period of ten years commencing January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$1,103,871.15. The lease includes a base rent for 4,223 rentable square feet plus 1/12th property tax and 1/12th snow removal cost, maintenance repair and operating expenses of the building. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Carter asked for additional information.

Director Guzzo advised this resolution enters into a lease agreement that the County is responsible for, as it is used by the Union County Probation Office in Plainfield. He advised the previous lease was a ten year lease. He advised that the County is seeking another ten year lease, noting this was accomplished through an RFP process. He noted that the Courts are happy with the landlord.

Director Guzzo further advised that, just as was the case with the previous lease, this lease has a 3% increase built in to the contract. He noted that unlike the previous lease, the charges for snow removal and taxes are incorporated into the contract. He added this contract is on par with the square footage comps in the area.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Pharma-Care Inc., of Clark, NJ, to provide pharmacy consulting services for the patients of the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCOA) in the approximate amount of \$18,865 for purpose of 2017 LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) CWA Administration for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Wright why this resolution is being considered now as it refers to a start date of July 1, 2016.

Director Guzzo advised that his office has to wait until the State releases the funding. He added that as soon as they release funds, the department issues a letter of intent. He advised that the funding will run through the winter months.

Freeholder Wright inquired if the State was late in releasing the funds.

Director Guzzo advised that the State historically releases these funds around this time of year. He clarified that the \$18,000 pays for a partial salary of a staff member within the office to help administer the LIHEAP program.

4. Authorizing the County Manager to designate the Union County Intoxicated Driver Resource Center (IDRC) under the Union County Department of Human Services, Division of Planning, located at Administration Building, 4th floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, NJ 07207 for the purpose of providing state mandated education, alcohol/drug abuse evaluation, and treatment referral for persons charged and/or convicted of Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)/Driving Under the Influence (DUI); as required by the New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), Intoxicated Driver Program (IDP). **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Mirabella asked for additional information about the program.

Director Guzzo advised that this resolution is required by the State. He advised that this program is for those individuals who lose their license, or who are required to go to counseling, as a result of driving under the influence. He advised that a fee is collected, allowing for the program to be self-sustaining. He advised that the program consists of an educational course, a counseling course, and a referral service (if other issues exist).

Freeholder Mirabella asked (separate from this resolution), if there were any pro-active programs provided to employees or the public relative to alcohol awareness and safety.

Director Guzzo advised that the D.A.R.E. program and other alcohol/drug treatment funds from the state and federal government do provide pro-active programing.

5. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Human Services / Paratransit System: Summit Truck & Auto Body Inc., Summit, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing collision repairs, body work and paint services for heavy duty buses and shuttle vans, to exercise the twenty-four (24) month extension option in the total amount not to exceed \$115,000. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract, pursuant to competitive contracting law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4, to MPC Bus Corporation, Brooklyn, New York, for the provision of transportation services in the form of Routing, Scheduling & Dispatch and Road Operator Services for the Union County Paratransit System for the contract period of January 27, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in the total amount not to exceed \$4,196,217. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**

Freeholder Estrada noted that the new vendor for paratransit is based out of Brooklyn and inquired why the contract is for 11 months.

Director Guzzo advised that the agreement will be a five-year agreement, but this resolution authorizes 11 months. He stated that the County is projected to save over \$1.9 million over the five year period. He stated that while this vendor is new to New Jersey, they provide all paratransit service for the City of New York. He advised that they will be moving their Union County paratransit base to Cranford. Director Guzzo advised that he would provide the yearly breakdown (of the five year contract) for the Board.

Freeholder Estrada inquired if an increase is worked into the contract.

Director Guzzo advised that the department adds funds depending on the amount of grant dollars received and what additional services the county asks of the vendor. He added he will have all the supplemental information to the Board by Monday.

Freeholder Estrada inquired what MPC Bus stood for.

Director Guzzo advised that he wasn't sure it was an acronym, but that he would confirm that for the Board.

County Manager Faella advised that all current employees would be retained.

Director Guzzo advised that as part of the transition, the vendor promised that all would be interviewed, and if their work record was such, they would be hired by the vendor. He added that the new vendor has worked with this union previously and has a meeting scheduled for January 31st.

Freeholder Estrada asked if the new vendor was familiar with our new dispatch system.

Director Guzzo advised that the county is looking to upgrade its system, but noted that the new vendor is tech savvy and has other ideas on how to improve the scheduling system. He spoke about their successes in New York City.

Freeholder Estrada inquired how the fees are based; via ride or hours.

Director Guzzo advised that it is based on an hourly fee. He advised that while Transdev has done an exceptional job for the County, the Department was confident that this vendor was the most responsible bidder for this new contract term.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to the resolution. He stated that he was more comfortable knowing that the employees will have the opportunity to be retained by the new vendor. He asked that while the savings are important, will the service be as good or better.

Director Guzzo stated that he couldn't guarantee that they would be better than what we had, but based on the review during the RFP process, he believed the service will be as good or better. He advised that if he thought the service would be less, he would not recommend the company, noting that this service is one of the county's most important services to its senior population. He did state that all transitions are difficult, but assured the Board he would do everything possible to ensure a smooth transition.

Freeholder Mirabella inquired as to the number of bid responses.

Director Guzzo advised that it was just the two (Transdev and MPC Bus).

Chairman Bergen stated that the backup provided indicates four 1-year extensions.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Ronald Zuber, Director

Director Zuber advised the Board that his Resolution Request #3 is the County "Goose Program" held in coordination with the USDA, advising that the funding amount should be determined by Monday.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra to perform a Concert on Friday, June 23, 2017 at Oak Ridge Park in Clark, New Jersey for a sum not to exceed \$35,000. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with This is It! Productions, Inc. of Hoboken, NJ for the 2017 Concert Series in an amount not to exceed \$94,500. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Jalloh asked if Resolution Requests #2 and #4 went through a request for proposal process.

Director Zuber advised that both went through an RFP process.

3. Authorizing the County Manager to execute a Cooperative Services Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services in providing the County of Union with a two-year integrated wildlife damage management program aimed at reducing wildlife damage to human health and safety, property and natural resources in Union County, New Jersey for the period of March 1, 2017 through February 28, 2019 in the amount not to exceed \$(TBD). **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Mirabella inquired as to last year's contract amount.

Director Zuber advised the two year contract was in the amount of \$230,000.

Freeholder Mirabella inquired if this year's contract will be for another two year contract.

Director Zuber advised that was the case.

4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with This Is It! Productions, Hoboken, New Jersey for the management and production of the 2017 Rhythm & Blues By the Brook Concert on June 3, 2017 to be held at Cedar Brook Park, Plainfield in the amount not to exceed \$140,000. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
5. Designating the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs as the Official County Cultural and Heritage Agency of the County of Union. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
6. Authorizing the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs to apply for private and public funding for the year 2017. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
7. Amending Resolution Number 2015-877, adopted on November 12, 2015 (BA#62-2015) a contract awarded through advertised public bidding process in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq., to Applied Landscape Technologies, of Montville, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Mattano Park Turf

Field Project, City of Elizabeth. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$81,296.85) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$1,516,987.15. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-018) **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

Acting Police Chief Debbie represented the office.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to renew the maintenance and support agreement for the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System operated by the Union County Department of Public Safety with TriTech Software Systems, 9860 Massa Rim Road, San Diego, CA, under contract period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$124,118.87. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**

Freeholder Mirabella asked a number of questions relative to the software.

Acting Chief Debbie advised that the CAD system determines which emergency response unit to direct the dispatch call. He advised that this is a one year renewal agreement for maintenance and service.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Kenilworth to provide 911 Emergency Medical Dispatch call screening services in the amount of \$7,035.19 for the first year, with a subsequent two percent (2%) increase in each additional year for the remaining four (4) years of the five (5) year term of the agreement. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**

Freeholder Kowalski asked which other municipalities participate in the County EMS system.

Acting Chief Debbie advised that Scotch Plains has been involved with the Fire and Police dispatching services, and this resolution brings on their EMS dispatching as well. He advised that Kenilworth is new to the dispatch center, noting that they will now have 13 to 14 different agencies; inclusive of 5 to 6 different municipalities.

3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Scotch Plains Rescue Squad to provide 911 Emergency Medical Dispatch Services in the amount of \$7,176.52 For the first year, with a subsequent two percent (2%) increase in each additional year for the remaining four (4) years of the five (5) year term of the agreement. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Robert E. Barry, Esq., County Counsel

1. A resolution authorizing the Office of the County Counsel to engage and compensate experts such as court reporters, expert witnesses, examining physicians and other litigation support and specialists which are essential to the defense of the County of Union in amount not to exceed \$45,000.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
2. A resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter agreements with Thompson Reuters for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments,

- constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$98,275.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
3. A resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter agreements with Gann Law Books for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$41,400.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
 4. A resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter agreements with LexisNexis for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$61,250.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
 5. A resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter agreements with various vendors for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$33,125.00 **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
 6. A Resolution appointing Palumbo, Renaud & DeAppolonio, LLC of Cranford, NJ as special counsel to represent Sgt. Noel Gonzalez in the matter entitled Brian Ward v. UC, et. al, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
 7. A Resolution appointing Kologi Simitz of Linden, NJ as special counsel to represent Lt. Scott Groninger in the matter entitled Brian Ward v. UC, et. al, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
 8. A Resolution appointing LaCorte, Bundy, Varady & Kinsella of Union, NJ as special counsel to represent Sgt. Wayne Hunter, Investigator Julio Davila and Corrections Officer Charles Dekowski in the matter entitled Brian Ward v. UC, et. al, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
 9. A Resolution appointing Weber Dowd Law of West Paterson, NJ as special counsel to represent Judy Byczkiewicz in the matter entitled Brian Ward v. UC, et. al, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Estrada inquired if there is a way that the law books can be centrally located so that all can access.

County Counsel advised that LexusNexus would be able to be made available to other offices; however he noted that the law books would involve an extensive scanning project. He advised that much of the cost associated with the various law books is the updates. He advised the Board that his office inventoried his law books to ensure that all are being utilized. He advised that there are applications to the courts relative to their office's sufficiency of their library.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

Alfred J. Faella, County Manager

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with PBA73--County Police Officers, effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Recognizing the efforts of the 2017 Union County Student Training and Enrichment Program participants and congratulating the winners of the Orange Team. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
2. Congratulating and commending Lee Starks of Plainfield for his efforts in keeping local underprivileged kids off streets and raising funds for the program by running the feat of a 100 mile marathon. **(Freeholder Carter & Freeholder Jalloh)**
3. Congratulating Friedrich Smith of Troop 73 of Westfield, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
4. Congratulating Art Hynes, Pattie Beirnie and Mary Krech upon being honored by the John F. Cryan Association at their 57th Annual Social on January 27, 2017. **(Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
5. Congratulating Kent Lucas upon being the recipient of the Life Membership Award by the Cranford First Aid Squad at their annual dinner on January 13, 2017. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
6. Sponsoring the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee in the amount of \$4,000 for their annual St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on March 17, 2017. **(Freeholder Mirabella & The Entire Board)**
7. Congratulating Councilwoman of Fanwood, Kathy Mitchell for being elected to her 7th term and being the longest serving Council person in Fanwood history. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
8. Urging Congress and the President of the United States not to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. **(Freeholders Vernell Wright, Bette Jane Kowalski & the Entire Board)**
9. Congratulating the 2017 Women of Excellence honorees: Arielle Cassidy (Health & Wellness), Sally Curci (Special Needs Advocate), Maria C. DelCid (Government), Terri L. Freeman, Esq. (Law), Amy B. Herber (Lifetime/Education), Marianne Kranz (Volunteerism), Dr. Nell Maloney-Patel (Medicine), Kelly Reider (Law Enforcement), Nakeera Sherman (Children's Advocacy) and Ruth Yablonsky (Environmentalism). **(Freeholders Vernell Wright, Bette Jane Kowalski, Linda Carter, & Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
10. Congratulating William J. Duffy upon being the recipient of the UNICO Americanism Award by the Clark Chapter of UNICO. **(Vice Chairman Granados & Freeholder Mirabella)**

11. Congratulating Joe Chiari for being the recipient of the UNICO Americanism Award by the Elizabeth Chapter of UNICO. **(Vice Chairman Granados & Freeholder Mirabella)**
12. Congratulating Morning Star Community Christian Center, Inc. upon their 50th anniversary celebration. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
13. Appointing Walter Tucker to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board to represent the Borough of Garwood from a term beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
14. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Attorney Title Services, LLC, Cranford, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing title services to and for the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
15. Authorizing the County Manager to enter in to a contract with Two Rivers Title Company, Little Silver, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing title services to and for the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
16. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Appraisal Associates, Inc., Cranford, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing appraisal services to and for the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
17. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to New Jersey Realty Advisory Group, LLC, Woodbridge, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing appraisal services to and for the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
18. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Sterling, DiSanto & Associates, Somerville, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing appraisal services to and for the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
19. Congratulating the recipients of the Groundworks Elizabeth Awards to be held at their Annual Ever-Green Gala on February 27, 2017. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
20. Appointing Jen Blumenstock to the Union County Air Traffic and Noise Advisory Board to represent the Borough of Garwood for a term beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2018. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
21. Authorizing the County Manager to award an eleven (11) month contract through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process to Groundwork Elizabeth, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for a period of February 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 for the administration and implementation of the Union County Means Green Community Garden Grants for 2017, inclusive of individual grant awards, along with administrative oversight and implementation, in a total amount not to exceed \$50,000.00; and further authorizing three (3) one-year extensions. **(Chairman Bergen, & Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

22. Resolution appointing James E. Pelletiere, of Rahway, as a commissioner to the Union County Utilities Authority for a term of February 1, 2017 through January 31, 2022. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
23. Re-appointing Marvin Gersten and Robert Ehrenbeck as At-Large members to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board for a term beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017. **(Vice Chairman Granados & Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Estrada stated that he would have an additional resolution for next week's Regular Meeting agenda.

Freeholder Kowalski asked to join Freeholder Jalloh's Resolution Request #4 and Vice Chairman Granados' #19.

Vice Chairman Granados stated that he would have an additional resolution to add, and asked to join Freeholder Jalloh's Resolution Request #4.

Freeholder Jalloh asked to join Vice Chairman Granados' Resolution Request #12.

Freeholder Carter asked to join Vice Chairman Granados' Resolution Requests #12 and #19, and Freeholder Jalloh's Resolution Request #4.

Freeholder Mirabella stated that he would have a resolution to add relative to position controls.

Chairman Bergen asked to join Freeholder Kowalski's Resolution Request #5, and would likely have a number of appointments to add to the next regular meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- 1) Attorney-Client privileged communications relative to on-going litigation and potential settlement in the matter of Eggers, et al. v. Runnells Specialized Hospital, County of Union, et al.

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 relative to on-going litigation and potential settlement in the matter of Eggers, et al. v. Runnells Specialized Hospital, County of Union, et al..

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

He stated that upon affirmative vote of the majority of the members present, the Board may enter Executive Session and upon the Board's return, as it is an Agenda Meeting, it will not take formal action on the matters discussed.

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

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

County Counsel advised that as a result of the Executive Session, and in conjunction with Freeholder Mirabella's previous announcement, there will be a need to add a resolution to next week's Regular Meeting agenda relative to County Counsel's authorization to approve settlements.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bergen asked for a motion to adjourn. On a motion made by Freeholder Jalloh and seconded by Freeholder Carter, a voice vote showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholders Hudak absent. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Persons requiring a sign language interpreter should contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 908-527-4140.

**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

REGULAR MEETINGS

January 19, 2017

January 26, 2017

February 2, 2017
February 23, 2017

February 9, 2017
February 23, 2017

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March 23, 2017

April 6, 2017
April 20, 2017

April 13, 2017
April 27, 2017

May 4, 2017
May 25, 2017

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May 25, 2017

June 1, 2017
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June 8, 2017
June 22, 2017

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July 20, 2017

August 10, 2017

August 17, 2017

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September 28, 2017

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September 28, 2017

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October 19, 2017

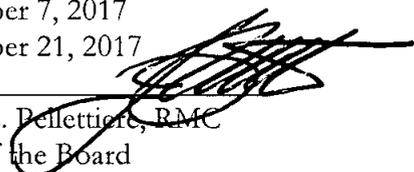
October 12, 2017
October 26, 2017

November 9, 2017
November 30, 2017

November 21, 2017 (Tuesday)

December 14, 2017

December 7, 2017
December 21, 2017


James E. Pelletiere, RMC
Clerk of the Board