

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2016
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Bruce H. Bergen presided and called the meeting to order at 7:08pm. Roll call showed Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Vice Chairman Granados, Freeholder Linda Carter, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski and Freeholder Vernell Wright were in attendance, with Freeholders Christopher Hudak and Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

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

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

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

PRESENTATION FROM THE BOARD

Check presentations will be made by Vice Chairman Sergio Granados and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski to each of the 20 recipients of the 2016 Library Grant Awards.

Chairman Bergen called up Vice Chairman Granados and Freeholder Kowalski for the night's first set of presentations.

Freeholder Kowalski stated that this is the second year the County is providing support to libraries. She advised that the grants are administrated by the Open Space Trust Fund, but is financed through golf fees. She stated that the Librarians are "keepers of the word" for all residents in Union County; watching over educational materials and ensuring access to knowledge for all individuals in Union County. She noted these as the reasons for increasing the grant amount this year.

Vice Chairman Granados acknowledged Freeholder Kowalski's efforts with the Library Grant. He stated that libraries benefit the County's youth, seniors and everyone in between. He noted libraries are a great resource of information and serve as a meeting place for many communities.

Freeholder Kowalski stated that the funds would go towards supporting programs and projects dedicated to children.

Each of the 20 recipients was called up to receive their check presentation and was asked to make a few comments relative to how the libraries would utilize the funding. Other freeholders joined with various presentations. Television prompters displayed a powerpoint

of the grant award and scope of work (attached). The recipients thanked the Board for investing and supporting the libraries as vital components of all communities.

Freeholder Kowalski thanked the all of the librarians, library trustees and elected officials for the work they do, and noted that the Board was excited to be involved with the new programs being offered as a result of the grant funds.

Chairman Bergen stated that he was impressed with the descriptions of each program and noted that a great deal is being accomplished with the limited funds that were allocated. He stated that it is wonderful to see the great impact the grant funds will have all across the county.

Freeholder Kowalski thanked the Open Space Trust Fund staff for their efforts with administrating this program.

Check presentations will be made by the Chairman Bruce Bergen, Freeholder Wright and New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) Legislative Director Allen Weston to the recipients of the 2016 NJAC Scholarships: Sol Condo and Arol Jan Milado, Investors Bank Scholarship; Adrianna Sabat, PSE&G Green Scholarship.

Chairman Bergen called upon Freeholder Wright and NJAC Legislative Director Allen Weston for the night's second set of presentations. He noted that Freeholder Wright's service as liaison to NJAC. He thanked Mr. Weston for NJAC's support of Union County students.

Freeholder Wright stated that three students would be receiving scholarship funding administered through the New Jersey Association of Counties. She introduced Mr. Weston.

Mr. Weston thanked the County Manager, Freeholder Chairman and the entire Freeholder Board for their support. He thanked Freeholder Wright specifically, noting that she serves on their Board of Directors and was recognized, among all Freeholders in the State of New Jersey, as the 2016 Maurice Fitzgibbons Freeholder of the Year award recipient. Mr. Weston spoke on the efforts of NJAC and their Foundation, a 501C3 organization, which collaborates with corporate partners to provide these scholarships to county vocational technical school students who are opting to continue their education in New Jersey.

Freeholder Wright called upon Adrianna Sabat to receive the PSE&G Green Scholarship. Adrianna stated that she graduated from the UC Vocational School and will be continuing her studies in architecture at NJIT.

Freeholder Wright called upon Arol Jan Milado to receive the Investors Bank Scholarship. Arol stated that he graduated from the Academy for Allied Health Sciences at the UC Vocational Technical School and will be continuing his studies in biomedical engineering at Rutgers.

Freeholder Wright called upon Sol Condo to receive the Investors Bank Scholarship. Sol stated that she graduated from the Academy for Performing Arts at UC Vocational Technical School and will be continuing her studies in architecture at Kean.

Chairman Bergen congratulated the students and wished them good luck on their collegiate career.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Oath of Office: Mental Health Advisory Board: Michael Litterer; Senior Citizen Disabled Resident Transportation Advisory Board: Vera P. Roquemore; Shade Tree Advisory Board: Steve Falco; Union County Fire Services Advisory Board: Fred Fretz; Workforce Development Board: Alberto Goncalves, Yoshi Manale and Margaret McMenamin.

Chairman Bergen called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Thursday, June 2, 2016 - Agenda Meeting
2. Thursday, June 9, 2016 - Regular Meeting
3. Thursday, June 16, 2016 - Agenda Meeting
4. Thursday, June 23, 2016 - Regular Meeting

Chairman Bergen called for a motion to waive the reading and approve the Minutes. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the minutes of the Thursday, June 2, 2016 Agenda Meeting minutes, with Freeholder Estrada abstaining and Freeholders Hudak and Jalloh absent; six members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the minutes of the Thursday, June 9, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes, with Vice Chairman Granados abstaining and Freeholders Hudak and Jalloh absent; seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the minutes of the Thursday, June 16, 2016 Agenda Meeting and Thursday, June 23, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes, with Freeholders Hudak and Jalloh absent

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

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

- 776-2016 BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW ADDITIONAL FURNISHINGS, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$58,933,154 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE STATE GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND**

TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

The meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance Number 776-2016 only.

Bruce Patterson, of Garwood, stated that based on his research, this year's bond ordinance is higher than previous years. He spoke on a Westfield Leader article. He made comments relative to his opinion that the County could and should use its surplus to lower the amount needed in this ordinance. He asked if this ordinance is related to the Ordinance No. 777-2016.

Chairman Bergen stated that the similar amounts noted in Ordinance No. 776-2016 and 777-2016 is coincidental and unrelated. He acknowledged Mr. Patterson's opinion on the use of the surplus and noted they were comments and not questions.

Seeing no other speakers, Chairman Bergen closed the meeting for public comments on Ordinance Number 776-2016 and called for a motion.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

On a motion made by Freeholder Christopher Mirabella, Fiscal Chairman, and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, Ordinance Number 776-2016 was moved for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. Roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholders Hudak and Jalloh absent.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

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

777-2016 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE GUARANTY OF THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON NOT EXCEEDING \$59,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF COUNTY-GUARANTEED LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2016 (COMMUNITY CENTER AND LIBRARY PROJECT), ISSUED BY THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL SECURITY THEREFORE AND DETERMINING CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

FIRST READING STATEMENT

On a motion made by Freeholder Christopher Mirabella, Fiscal Chairman, and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, Ordinance Number 777-2016 was moved for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance

with the law. The Final Reading and Public Hearing are scheduled for September 15, 2016. Roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Estrada voted in the negative, Freeholder Wright abstaining and Freeholders Hudak and Jalloh absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Bruce Patterson, of Garwood, made comments and/or inquires relative to a number of resolutions. Relative to Resolution No. 2016-652, he asked for an overview of the position controls. Relative to Resolution No. 2016-653, he inquired as to the advantage of increasing the settlement authorization amount. He asked how the public would know of these settlements. Relative to Resolution No. 2016-661, he asked if this is for the Rout 22 shuttle and asked what service is provided. He asked how many shuttles are involved. Relative to Resolution No. 2016-666, he asked if the HEART grants are "matching" grants. Relative to Resolution No. 2016-669, he made comments relative to political contributions.

Relative to Resolution No. 2016-666, Chairman Bergen stated that they are not matching grants.

Relative to Resolution No. 2016-661, Deputy Director Dinsmore stated that the resolution amends a previously adopted resolution pertaining to the total operation of the Paratransit program; noting that it includes the Route 22 Shuttle service, which provides over 200,000 rides per year. She stated that the \$492,000 is a sum total of Federal and State grant dollars and will offset any County funds to operate this program.

Relative to Resolution No. 2016-653, County Counsel Barry stated that there are a number of advantages in increasing the amount. He advised that the Board had previously increased the amount to \$15,000, however it became evident that amount did not assist the Office of County Counsel in its ability to offer settlements early on in a matter. He stated that increasing the amount will save the County from unnecessarily spending money on legal defense work. He spoke on the difficulties with the \$15,000 limitation on many fee-shifting cases. He stated that the number of the cases that may be effected will be nominal, noting that this new amount would have assisted with two or three cases this year.

John Burry, of Kenilworth, made comments and/or inquires relative to a number of resolutions. Relative to Resolution No. 2016-653, he noted that Resolution No. 2015-334 increased the amount to \$15,000 and amended Resolution No. 647-98. He asked what was the old limit as established in the 1998 resolution. He asked how the public (and the Board) would find out about settlements under \$35,000. He asked how many were impacted within the last year (since the 2015 resolution) and if there were any reports on settlements made under the new \$15,000 limit. He noted the public can see the settlements on the check registry, and spoke on a legal settlement for \$10,000 payable to the law offices of Walter M. Laurs. He asked what the case involved and if there was a reporting of this settlement.

Chairman Bergen stated that the original amount (from 1998) was \$5,000 and was raised to \$15,000. He stated that it became clear that the County is spending too much legal time on cases that could have been settled earlier. He noted the advantage for counsel to have the

ability to advise the court and/or an adversary on its ability to settle at a higher amount without having to go back to the Board for approval.

Relative to Resolution No. 2016-653, County Counsel Barry advised that he was aware of two or three matters that were affected by increased amount of \$15,000. He advised the settlement check to the Offices of Walter M. Laurs involved an OPRA matter, noting that the settlement did not require a resolution.

Richard Lennahan, of Roselle, began making comments relative to Ordinance 777-2016. Chairman Bergen asked that he save his comments for later in the meeting, when the meeting is open for public comments on any matter.

Seeing no other speakers, Chairman Bergen closed the meeting for public comments on resolutions for adoption and called for a motion to approve resolutions 2016-642 through 2016-683.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2016-642 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Laws, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management: DCRS, LLC, Cream Ridge, New Jersey, for road sweepings removal service for the contract period of 24 consecutive months with the provision for one (1) 24 month extension, in the amount of \$129,500.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-643 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** 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: Department of Engineering, Public Work & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management, NJ Overhead Door, Manalapan, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Overhead Door and Gate Systems, Maintenance, Repair and Replacement Services, twenty-four (24) consecutive months, in an amount not exceed \$135,500.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-644 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Appointing Michelle Cislo (family member) to the Mental Health Advisory Board for a term beginning January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-645 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to purchase forensic software licenses and hardware system from Cellebrite USA, Inc., Parsippany, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$23,316.49.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-646 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution #2015-1047, entering into a Shared Services Agreement with Morris County for the housing of Union County Juvenile Detainees at the Morris County Correctional Center on an as needed basis, to authorize Amendment No. 1 as required for compliance with the Federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) with no other changes to the agreement.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-647 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-1048, entering into a Shared Services Agreement with Bergen County for the housing of Union County Juvenile Detainees at the Bergen County Juvenile Detention Facility on an as needed basis, to authorize Amendment No. 1 as required for compliance with the Federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) with no other changes to the agreement.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-648 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2016-543, awarding subcontracts under the 2015 SuperNOFA Continuum of Care (CoC) competitive grant award Tier 1, to reflect an increase of \$783,943 in funding award for a new grand total of \$3,977,718 to be allocated as outlined on the spending plan and charged to account numbers specified with varied one year time frames; further authorizing a one-time advance payment of up to one month of the award; and further authorizing the transfer of funds among the agencies if deemed necessary; with no other changes to the spending plan.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-649 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution #2015-861, a resolution awarding the 2015 Preserve Union County

grants, to further clarify grant projects' scope of work as approved by originating resolution with no change in grant amounts.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mirabella abstaining, and Freeholders Hudak and Jalloh absent.

- 2016-650 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the 2016 Union County Library Grant for Children's Programming and Materials, to twenty (20) public libraries in the County of Union, in accordance with the Grant's criteria, through the Kids Recreation Trust Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$148,713.99.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-651 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2016 Union County Adopted Budget in the Amount of \$240,000 as a Result of Notification Received from the NJ Transit for a Program Entitled: FTA Section 5310 Mobility Management Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-652 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizes the County Manager to adjust and/or change the Internal Position control schedules.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-653 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-334, to increase the authorization of County Counsel to settle tort claims and law suits filed against the County in an amount of \$35,000.00 or less without advance approval by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-654 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the Governing Body's Certification of the 2015 Annual Audit and further approving the Corrective Action Plan.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

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- 2016-655 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the City of Rahway's Community Day in the amount of \$2,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-656 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Authorizing the sponsorship of the City of Rahway's Foodstock event in the amount of \$2,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-657 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Golden Rule Lodge #24 of Union's Community Day & Health Fair on August 27, 2016 in the amount of \$1,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-658 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with NJ Transit to secure grant funding in the amount of \$140,000 with a 100% County Match of \$140,000 for a total of \$280,000 for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 for inclusion in NJ Transit's Consolidated NJ Job Access and Reverse Commute (NJ-JARC3) Grant Agreement for SFY17.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-659 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Amending Resolution #2016-202, entering into an agreement with NJ Transit to secure grant funding for inclusion in NJ Transit's Section 5310 Mobility Management grant application, to increase the cash match in the amount of \$12,000 for a new cash match total of \$60,000 and a grand total of \$300,000; further allocating funding to account numbers specified; and further revising the grant period to be January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017; with no other changes to agreement.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-660 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with NJ Transit to secure SFY17 grant funding in the amount of \$834,590, received through the Casino Tax Revenue, Senior Citizens and Disabled

Residents Transportation Assistance Program (SCDRTAP) for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, for the provision of curb-to-curb transportation for seniors age sixty and older, persons with disabilities and/or economically disadvantaged residents of Union County.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-661 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-1044, a 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 include an additional allocation in the amount of \$492,980.54 in grant funding for the contract period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-662 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Authorizing the County Manager to endorse and approve the 2017 Comprehensive County Youth Services Plan and Application Update in the total amount of \$689,163 listing each funding source as required by the State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission and Attorney General's Office: State Community Partnership (SCP), Program Management funds in the amount of \$55,550; State Community Partnership (SCP) Program Service funds in the amount of \$384,876; and Family Court Services (FC) funds in the amount of \$248,737 for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bergen abstaining, and Freeholders Hudak and Jalloh absent.

- 2016-663 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Amending Resolution 2016-604, approving the 2016-2018 Area Plan Spending Plan, to reflect an increase in funding only in the amount not to exceed \$119,310 for a new grand total not to exceed \$4,826,994 to be allocated as outlined and charged to account numbers specified for the same contract year one period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 with no other changes to the 2016-2018 Area Plan.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bergen abstaining, and Freeholders Hudak and Jalloh absent.

- 2016-664 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Appointing Ellen E. Hunt as a member to the Advisory Council on Aging for a term beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-665 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the New Jersey Turnpike Authority granting the County access to Authority property on Chestnut Street in Union Township.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-666 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager through the Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs to execute any and all agreements for the 2016 HEART (History, Education Arts Reaching Thousands) Grant Program for the total allocated amount of \$100,000.00 to 58 recipients.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-667 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept grant funding from the NJ Division of Criminal Justice, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, Multi-Jurisdictional Gang, Gun, and Narcotics Task Force Grant Program for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, in the amount of \$166,644.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-668 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2012-1048, awarding Bid #75-2012 to Paradigm Systems of Yorktown, VA for providing installation and maintenance of CHOP software and database maintenance for a period of three years, changing account numbers only.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-669 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-709, a contract with T&M, Middletown, New Jersey, for the provision of Workplace Health and Safety Compliance and Consulting Services, changing account numbers only, with no change in total contract amount.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-670 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution No. 2016-618, a contract with Union County College for the provision of WorkFirst New Jersey activities, to extend the contract period from July 31, 2016 to September 30, 2016 as directed by the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development at no additional cost.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-671 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution No. 2016-617, a contract with four (4) agencies; B&M Consultants, Urban League of Union County Inc., Venture & Venture Human Skills Training Center, and Workforce Advantage for the provision of WorkFirst New Jersey activities, to extend the contract period from July 31, 2016 to September 30, 2016 for WorkFirst New Jersey work activities as directed by the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development at no additional cost.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-672 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award contracts to the attached six (6) agencies for the seventeen (17) month period: August 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017 under the WorkFirst New Jersey Program in the total amount not to exceed \$1,119,000.00. Further authorizing the County Manager to transfer funds among the listed agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the listed agencies fails to meet its contractual obligations.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-673 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution No. 2016-428, a resolution approving the 2016-2017 Annual Consolidated Action Plan to include the following projects funded with Community Development Program Income Funds (Grant Funds), Rahway - Office of Policy & Planning in the amount of \$100,000.00, Plainfield - Office of Community Development in the amount of \$110,000.00 for a total amount of \$210,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2016-674 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Laudatory resolution celebrating Ecuador Independence Day and welcoming honored guests at the Plainfield Ecuador Independence Day Flag Raising ceremony.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-675 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Congratulating Ian James Gordon of Scotch Plains Boy Scout Troop #104 upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-676 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Thomas R. Boland during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-677 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of John Sheehy during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-678 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Resolution offering this Board's sincere condolences to the family of Medardo Ojeda, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-679 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Eugene Fay of Cranford, retired employee of the Union County Public Works Department upon his passing.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-680 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Laudatory resolution acknowledging the efforts of the Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce and congratulating the three award recipients at its Nineteenth Annual Dinner: Investors Bank, President's Award; Union County College, Member to Member Award; and IHOP, Member to Chamber Award.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-681 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Laudatory resolution acknowledging the efforts of the Elizabeth Development Corporation and congratulating them as they celebrate their 4th Annual Neighborhood Leaders Awards Reception; and further congratulating the recipients of the Neighborhood Leader Awards.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-682 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Proclaiming September as "New Jersey Adopt a Shelter Pet Month" throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-683 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Proclaiming August 26, 2016 as Women's Equality Day throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

Chairman Bergen asked for a motion to suspend the rules in order for the Board to consider three resolutions not previously noted at the previous agenda meeting.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

Chairman Bergen opened the meeting for public comment on Resolutions from the Floor.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

This meeting is open to the public for the purposes of commenting on Resolutions being offered from the floor for adoption only.

Bruce Patterson, of Garwood, asked if this was a new format and why they were voting on these resolutions separately.

Chairman Bergen stated that the Board's rules of procedure provide that resolutions to be heard at a Regular Meeting must be addressed at the Agenda (Setting Session) Meeting. He stated that unfortunately the three "Resolutions from the Floor" were either not ready or known to be needed last week (prior to the Agenda Meeting), and therefore could not be placed on the agenda (with all other resolutions). He advised that the Board's Rules of Procedure allow the Board the ability to bring such matters before the Board for consideration through this procedure. He noted that this method is rarely needed, but that the "summer schedule" presented a "timing issue" and these resolutions could not wait to be considered at the ensuing meetings.

Seeing no other speakers, Chairman Bergen closed the meeting for public comments on resolutions from the floor and called for a motion to approve resolutions 2016-684 through 2016-686.

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

- 2016-684 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Business Automation Technologies (dba Data Network Solutions), Little Silver, New Jersey for the purpose of providing the hardware necessary to support the upgraded fiber connection including firewalls and routers and maintenance for same for the Office of the Union County Clerk in both the Elizabeth and Westfield Offices in an amount not to exceed \$21,675.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-685 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Business Automation Technologies (dba Data Network Solutions), Little Silver, New Jersey for the purpose of providing an upgraded fiber connection to the Office of the Union County Clerk in both the Elizabeth and Westfield Offices for a three year contract term permissible through the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission in an amount not to exceed \$76,680.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2016-686 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Resolution requesting an extension of 180 days to the public comment period, to concluding on March 6, 2017, from the United States Department of Transportation to allow for an adequate review of the proposed changes to the rule on the metropolitan and statewide planning process as it relates to the "Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Coordination and Planning Area Reform.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

This meeting is open to the public for the purposes of commenting on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.

Andrew Stillufsen, of Westfield, made comments in support of mountain biking at the Watchung Reservation. He spoke on the importance of transparency and access. He questioned the reason for banning mountain biking from the Union County parks system. He made comments relative to the previous studies by the County and stated that the mountain biking community, along with other users, must be part in the of the decision process. He spoke on JORBA (Jersey Off-Road Biking Association). He stated the mountain biking community "is not going away" and urged the Board to remove the signs banning mountain biking and lift the ban.

Ned O'Connell, of Scotch Plains, stated that he is a trail steward at Watchung Reservation and is the head of the chainsaw crew. He noted that he logs 4-060 hours per month in maintaining the trails. He made comments relative to his concerns relative to the County's consideration in lifting the ban on mountain biking at the Watchung Reservation, citing his concerns for the safety of hikers on the narrow trails, the maintenance of the trails and his concerns relative to the bikers' cooperation with a "limited use policy" of the trails. He cited concerns of erosion of the trails.

Chairman Bergen interjected, stating that it is obvious that there are countering opinions to this issue. He stated that the laws of the county have not permitted the use of bikes on the trails for many years, and continues to be the official policy today. He advised that signs have been removed, but not so by the County. He stated that earlier this year, the Board adopted a revised Master Plan that provides for bicycle paths in Watchung Reservation, noting that the plan has not been finalized and that a public outreach meeting will be held later in October to assist the County in the development and implementation of the bike trail. He stated that the bicycle paths would be separate from the hiking trails. He stated that the Board has heard the bicyclists concerns and is trying to address them in a reasonable and reasoned fashion that addresses the concerns of all users. He added that the Board has been transparent, noting that the issue came to light recently and the Board acted by approving the revised Master Plan.

Jamie Meiselman, of Westfield, made comments in support of mountain biking at the Watchung Reservation. He spoke of his memories of mountain biking throughout the Watchung Reservation as a youth. He noted his displeasure when he learned that mountain biking was banned upon returning to the County. He read through a presentation that was provided to the Board (attached). He urged for a direct line of communication between the County and all users of the Reservation. He spoke on how JORBA could help with many concerns. He spoke on comparable locations in other counties.

Chairman Bergen stated that the Board has his presentation.

Tom Gockel (Inaudible), of Westfield, made comments in support of mountain biking at the Watchung Reservation. He provided a handout (attached). He stated that the Reservation is a tremendous asset to the county, noting that in his estimation, if the County wanted to sell the Reservation, it would be worth approximately \$2.4 billion. He stated that it was his belief that the Reservation is underutilized and that mountain biking brings more people to the reservation. He stated that the more people are in the Reservation, the safer the Reservation becomes. He noted that the mountain bikers bring significant free labor into the parks system. He noted that 12 mountain bikers participated in the recent Trails Day on August 6, 2016.

Brian Patula, of Berkeley Heights, made comments in support of mountain biking at the Watchung Reservation. He stated that he used to bike the trail 20 years ago. He stated that there isn't much information available as to why it was banned. He spoke on a meeting in February where the County hired a consultant to work on a Trail Plan, which was followed by the signs being removed. He stated that the bikers assumed that the ban was lifted. He stated that Lewis Memorial Park is the most comparable to Watchung Reservation.

Glen Johnson, of Westfield, made comments in support of mountain biking at the Watchung Reservation. He stated a clear Master Plan is needed and does want it to include

the concerns of all park users. He stated the mountain biking community wants fixed timelines established and communicated as to when they will be able to bike. He admitted that many of the bikers have taken the "law into their own hands" and "have ridden (in the reservation) because they could get away with it." He made comments on a number of instances in which he was able to provide first aid to hikers/runners and get them out of the reservation in a safe and quick manner. He stated that the community desires regular scheduled communication between the parks, JORBA, Union County, a mountain biking appointee, and members of the hiking community and equestrians.

Richard Lennahan, of Roselle, made comments in opposition to Ordinance No. 777-2016, which was introduced at the meeting. He stated that he received documents from the Union County Improvement Authority through the OPRA process. He questioned if the \$59 million bonding is split between a \$19.5 million bond for the school and a \$30 million bond for the Community Center and Library. He noted that he sent an email to the Board with additional questions relative to the "Mind and Body Complex" project. He asked what the tax increase impact will be on Roselle taxpayers. He noted that Roselle has the 6th highest percentage of income that goes towards property taxes (22%). He made additional comments relative to taxes in Roselle, Union County, and New Jersey.

Arlene Murphy, of Roselle, made comments in opposition to Ordinance No. 777-2016, which was introduced at the meeting. She stated they love Roselle and the people of Roselle. She stated that a family has defaulted on their home, had a garage sale and left the home. She urged the Board to study the situation, and move forward with the project only "if the numbers make sense." She spoke of the number of houses that have foreclosed in the Borough.

Reverend Atkins, (Councilman) of Roselle, thanked the Board for passing the Introduction of the Ordinance. He thanked the Board for its support of the County's libraries. He quoted the late Myles Munroe. He spoke on the importance on investing in "our next generation". He stated that the school built in Roselle was in 1940. He stated that the Borough's library was built in 1937. He stated that the residents have been telling the Council they want the Council to invest in a Community Center for children and adults, noting that the Borough residents have to go to other townships' centers. He understands that no one wants higher taxes, but wouldn't mind paying higher taxes if they can see where the funding goes to. He asked the Board to support the project.

Hon. Assemblyman Jamel Holley, of Roselle, made comments in support of Ordinance 777-2016. He stated he often wondered why his friends in Linden, Union and Elizabeth would have recreational opportunities in their communities, but Roselle did not. He stated that Roselle has a small library, does not have a community center, not one pool, not one gymnasium. He stated that, over the past five years, as an Assemblyman and former Mayor, he has developed a strong team of professionals who could advise and assist in designing a project that could be sold to the public. He stated that it is an easy sell, noting that if you walked the streets of Roselle you would find youth walking the streets with no place to go. He noted that the Township of Union, in Vauxhall, has built new schools and a library within the last ten years alone. He noted that Elizabeth has built over 10 schools in the last ten years. He noted that Fanwood has built a community center. He noted that Plainfield has pools and community centers. He noted that Cranford has built a wonderful library and community center. He stated that he understands the package is steep, but he noted that each of the other towns have been able to piece mail their projects.

Assemblyman Jalloh advised that the Board of Education pays approximately \$700,000+ to lease space to house Roselle's Pre-K and Kindergarten Academy. He advised the play area for those children is a parking lot on St. George's Avenue and 4th Avenue. He advised that this plan is to ask the Board of Education to redirect those dollars to this project. He noted that the Borough used to spend \$1.2 million to outsource its garbage collection, and now they provide that service in-house, where the savings will be re-directed to this project. He spoke to a \$1 million community impact fee negotiated in a golf course redevelopment agreement. He stated that the cost for this project is approximately \$312 per household, which approximates to \$26 per month. He stated that his team of financial experts and analysts have worked together to make this project feasible within the Borough's budget. He stated that he could not stress enough to the Board that the Borough needs this project to come into fruition.

Cherese Pollard, of Roselle, made comments in support of Ordinance 777-2016. She stated that she has two biological children and two foster children, also noting that she stated that she grew up in Roselle. She stated that the project is ideal for the children, noting that the streets are all they have for their kids. She stated that she has to keep her kids inside all day because it is not safe for the children to simply play outside in the streets.

Samuel Bishop, 5th Ward Councilman of Roselle, made comments in support of Ordinance 777-2016. He thanked the five Board members who voted in support of the introduction. He stated that this is a vital project that invests in its children and will make the Borough of Roselle a more attractive place for families to move and live in Roselle. He stated that the Borough is in desperate need for a new school. He stated that his colleagues ran on the platform of building a "Mind and Body complex", noting they won with margins of 3 to 1.

Bob Miller, of Cranford, made comments relative to permitting mountain biking in the Watchung Reservation. He explained the difficulties in juggling work, family obligations and trying to find time to mountain bike when driving 30-45 minutes to a park system that allows mountain biking is required. He made comments relative to current trail hazards. He stated that the hiking community has been unable to maintain the trails, and he suggested the mountain biking community could maintain the trails.

Sean Patrick Sullivan, of Westfield, made comments relative to permitting mountain biking in the Watchung Reservation. He stated that he was a hiker, but recently started mountain biking. He stated that the trails at Watchung Reservation are not safe. He urged the Board to look at the trails and consider JORBA's capabilities to maintain the trails. He also urged the Board to create an hour long trail, noting that the current plans for an approximate 20 minute trail. He stated that any trail less than an hour, the bikers will go off-trail. He urged the Board to clearly delineate the trails as advance, intermediate and beginner trails. He stated that the mountain biking community is requesting equal access for all users of the Watchung Reservation.

Bruce Patterson, of Garwood, made comments on a number of issues. He asked the Board to advise the public of the status of the Board's request to place the Open Space Trust Fund tax on the Election Ballot as a Public Question. He asked if there is a conflict of interest with a Freeholder serving as Fiscal Chair and serving as the Business Administrator of a town. He made comments relative to Union County College and President McMenamin relative to allegations made by the Association of University Professors, and questioned if the Board will investigate. He made comments relative to a number of contractors that have

received contracts by the County, including Birdsaw Group, Louis Berger Group and Decottis Fitzpatrick.

Chairman Bergen stated that much of what the last speaker is either untrue or implies things that are untrue.

Chairman Bergen stated that Open Space Trust Fund public question was approved to go on the ballot in November; however there may be a number of questions which would create a lack of room on the ballot for the County's Open Space Trust Fund public question.

He asked County Counsel to briefly answer the question relative to a possible "conflict of interest" regarding Freeholder Mirabella's service as Fiscal Chairman and as Business Administrator for the Township of Scotch Plains; noting that the speaker has made implications that are not based on fact.

County Counsel Barry advised that the statement that Freeholder Mirabella is overseeing and controlling the budget is completely inaccurate, noting that Freeholder Mirabella is one of four members of the Fiscal Committee. He advised that he chairs the committee with no more power than any other committee member. He advised that all of the budget process, in terms of the Budget Hearings, have been open to the public, noting that there were four of such meetings. He added that in many of those meetings, the entire Board participated. He advised that throughout his term (serving as Business Administrator), his position there and as a Freeholder does not represent a conflict of interest. He advised that there have been some occasions where Freeholder Mirabella has abstained where he directly and solely impacted Scotch Plains. He stated that other than that, there is not a conflict and he can continue to participate.

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

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Kowalski thanked all of the speakers for participating in the night's meeting. She stated that she appreciates their input and takes it into account. She stated that she and Freeholder Wright joined Groundworks Elizabeth at Liberty Hall for an event celebrating Community Gardens; an initiative of Chairman Bergen. She advised of the success of the program and of the demand for Community Gardens throughout the County.

Freeholder Kowalski stated that the Second Chance Pilot Program has been expanded due to a grant from the Department of Justice. She advised the program helps parolees stay out of prison. She spoke on the national movement to reduce the population of prisons throughout the country. She advised the program focuses on jobs, housing, education and other services for parolees so that they may become part of the community. She thanked Director Guzzo, Deputy Director Dinsmore and all of the staff on working with the State Parole Board to ensure this program continues to grow.

Freeholder Wright made comments relative to a free educational presentation for distressed homeowners who are trying to avoid foreclosures. She advised that the panel members will include representatives from State and County agencies who will provide information and offer expert guidance, noting that there will be two programs: one in English and one in Spanish.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments in appreciation of the great work of the County's libraries, noting that the Board increased its commitment in funding this year.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to the mountain biking community's concerns. He stated that he supports finding some space where they can co-exist with other users of the Watchung Reservation.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to a speaker's comments relative to Union County College. He stated that the students are receiving an excellent education, the President and the administration are working hard to support educational opportunities for students, whether it is towards a 2 year degree, or attending for extra classes, whether its seniors getting taking advantage of "life-long learning", or residents embarking on a new career path. He said the questioning of the college is a single voice and it is unnecessary.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to an upcoming Veterans' Event, a special screening of "Thank You For Your Service"; an award-winning documentary that explores war trauma, including post-traumatic stress syndrome and policies surrounding veterans. He noted that it will be shown at the Hamilton Stage in Rahway. He advised that the film is being shown as part of Chairman Bergen's Union County Hero initiative.

County Manager Faella thanked the members of the mountain biking community for attending the night's meeting and offering their concerns to the Board. He advised that the County is working on its Master Plan to include mountain biking trails in some portion of the Watchung Reservation, noting that the implementation of the plan has to be done cognizant of safety concerns. He stated that safety is paramount to all the park (and reservation's) activities, noting that there are approximately 20,000 people that utilize the Watchung Reservation on a regular basis. He thanked the members of the "chain gang" and "Adopt a Park" volunteers who help maintain the parks system throughout the year.

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 Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2016 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 7:00pm 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 3, 2016 at 12:00 pm Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

AGENDA SETTING SESSION

January 14, 2016

February 4, 2016
February 18, 2016

March 3, 2016
March 17, 2016

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April 21, 2016

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June 16, 2016

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August 11, 2016

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September 22, 2016

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October 20, 2016

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December 15, 2016

REGULAR MEETINGS

January 21, 2016

February 11, 2016
February 18, 2016

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April 28, 2016

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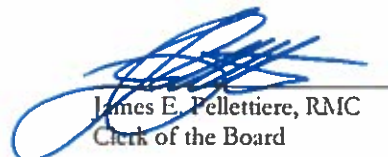
September 15, 2016
September 29, 2016

October 13, 2016
October 20, 2016

November 22, 2016 (Tuesday)

December 8, 2016
December 22, 2016

* As per Resolution Number 2016-372, the May 19, 2016 Agenda Setting Session was rescheduled to be held on May 26, 2016 at 7:00pm.


James E. Pelletiere, RMC
Clerk of the Board

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