

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh presided and called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Roll call showed, Freeholder Linda Carter, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Sergio Granados, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, and Freeholder Vernell Wright were in attendance. Vice Chairman Bruce Bergen, Freeholder Christopher Hudak and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski were absent.

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

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Oath of Office: Homeless Trust Fund Advisory Board: Brandon T. Givens and Stanley Neron; Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse: Debra Apostol and Karen Yuschak; Mental Health Advisory Board: Joseph Ume; Union County Improvement Authority: Ronald B. Bornstad; Union County Planning Board: John DelSordi.

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

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

762-2015 **REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF \$70,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING A SUM NOT EXCEEDING \$70,000,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$70,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF REFUNDING BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION.**

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance Number 762-2015 only.

There were no public comments on the Ordinance.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

On a motion made by Freeholder Sergio Granados, Fiscal Committee, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Pat Mochetti, New Providence, made comments relative to Resolution number 2015-114. He stated that programs like Code Blue are worthwhile, and adding funds is the right thing to do.

Mr. Mochetti made comments relative to Resolution number 2015-120. He stated that \$600,000 is a lot of money for postage. He asked if an audit was done on last year's postage contracts and asked if there were any recommendations to reduce costs. He made comments relative to Resolutions 2015-136, 2015-137, 2015-138, and 2015-139. He stated that the legal expenses equate to approximately \$70,000 and questioned if it could be done in-house. He made comments relative to Resolution 2015-140 (meant Resolution Number 2015-139). He asked why the Board was approving 2014 Winning Strategies payments. He questioned the County's website calendar Freeholder Meetings.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere stated the 2014 schedule was inadvertently listed on the draft agenda on the website, but was corrected earlier in the day and that it has been updated to reflect the 2015 schedule.

Director Albert stated the postage is not for any one individual department; rather it is for all departments throughout the County. He stated that last year the County spent approximately \$529,000. He advised that the \$600,000 amount is a "not to exceed" amount and that the County does review and monitor the costs. (Referring to Resolution 2015-120)

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes stated that Winning Strategies is our direct contact to the County's legislators in Washington, DC. He added that they provide the County with up-to-date information about federal programs and grants. He stated that the contract period should reflect January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. (Referring to Resolution 2015-140)

Tina Renna, Cranford, made a general statement relative to Public Records.

John Bury, Kenilworth, made a statement relative to Resolution Number 2015-139. He asked how the amount compared to last year. He asked what Winning Strategies does and asked about the billing process.

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes stated the same amount as last year. He explained that Winning Strategies has helped with various issues facing the County, noting "the pipeline" as an example. He mentioned how they have assisted the County with its "Union County Means Business" efforts and has coordinated meetings with various legislators in Washington, D.C. on specific legislation pertaining to the issues such as "the pipeline." He added that the County was not in a position to have individuals do all the required work, stating that without Winning Strategies, the County would have to do all the legislative research and coordination.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2015-111 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Public Works & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management: Core Mechanical, Pennsauken, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Pipefitting & Heating Systems Services, twenty-four (24) consecutive months with the provision of a twenty-four month optional extension, in an amount not exceed \$196,400.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-112 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Amending the 2015 Temporary Budget Ch. 96 P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20).

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-113 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award Year 3 contracts in the total amount not to exceed \$4,090,072, pursuant to a Request for Proposal (RFP), in accordance with the 3-Year 2013-2015 Area Plan for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 to deliver services to Union County residents 60 years of age or older and /or their caregivers and further authorizing the transfer of funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any should fail to meet its contractual obligation.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-114 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-799, to increase the Countywide Code Blue Emergency Shelter Initiative through the Winter of 2015 in an additional amount not to exceed \$80,000 in order to address the needs of the homeless during periods of extreme weather conditions, for a total amount not to exceed \$160,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-115 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Trinitas Regional Medical Center of Elizabeth, New Jersey, to provide Psychiatric physician services for the resident/patients at the Cornerstone Hospital at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the period of December 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$225,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-116 VICE CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Kanen Psychological Associates, PA, Ridgewood, New Jersey to provide psychological examinations to Sheriff's Officer candidates for the contract period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in an amount to not to exceed \$15,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-117 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Westfield Veterinary Group, Westfield, New Jersey, to provide veterinary services and specialized meals to the Sheriff's K-9 Unit for the contract period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in an amount to not to exceed \$30,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-118 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey Police Training Commission for the 2015 Law Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment Grant, Part 1 for the period of July 2014 through October 2014 in the amount of \$9,423.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-119 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** 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) for the Union County Prosecutor's Office Forensic Laboratory for the period February 1, 2015 through January 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-120 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the purchase of postage from The U.S. Postal Service for the Department of Administrative Services/Mailroom for the use by the Depts./Divisions of the County in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-121 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Renewing the Public Official Bond with Hartford Insurance Company, Hartford, Connecticut for Alfred J. Faella, for the period of April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016 in the amount of \$274.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-122 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing a payment to Brown & Brown our insurance agent of record to renew the Horse Accidental Death Policy with Great American Insurance Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, to cover accidental death of horses by fire, electrocution or transportation vehicle overturn from January 16, 2015 through January 15, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$1,578.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-123 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing a payment to Brown & Brown our 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, 2015 through January 22, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$16,900.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-124 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 2011-158, a professional engineering service contract with Alaimo Group of East Hanover, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing design, construction administration and inspection services for the Church Store Building Project, to reflect a change in account numbers only. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-024)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-125 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 2013-523, BA#49-2013, a contract awarded through the public bidding process to Ralph Checchio, Inc., of Scotch Plains, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for Various Asphalt Overlay for Park Maintenance. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by \$12,097.93; for a new contract amount not to exceed \$268,616.07. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-013)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-126 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 2013-689 (BA#5-2013), a contract awarded through the public bidding process to Rock Solid Construction, Inc., Newark, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Summer Street Bridge (EL4) Deck Replacement, City of Elizabeth, New Jersey. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$27,275.40); for a new contract amount not to exceed \$564,767.60. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-053)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-127 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 2013-384 (BA#1-2013), a contract awarded to PM Construction Company, Hillside, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Replacement of Two Culverts - Valley Road at Glenside, BE-56, Township of Berkeley Heights and First Avenue at Locust Street, RO-10, Borough of Roselle. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$177,028.88); for a new contract amount not to exceed \$636,906.87. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-005A&B)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-128 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** 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: Economic Development, Division of Engineering: Foggia Trinity Electric, LLC, of Scotch Plains, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing three intersection improvements - Passaic Avenue and Kent Place Boulevard; Old Springfield Road and Springfield Avenue; Springfield Avenue and New England Avenue, City of Summit, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$764,562.50.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-129 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a professional engineering service contract to CME, Parlin, New Jersey, to provide Design, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Netherwood Avenue Bridge Replacement, Pl37, in the City of Plainfield, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$299,989.80. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2014-002)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-130 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a professional engineering service contract to Remington Vernick & Arango Engineers (RV&A) of Secaucus, New Jersey, to provide Design, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Replacement of Hazelwood Avenue Minor Bridge Ra-69 Over Stream 10-5, City of Rahway, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$186,500.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-009)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-131 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a professional engineering service contract to Maser Consulting, P.A., of Red Bank, New Jersey to provide Design, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Replacement of Mountain Avenue Minor Bridge, Bc-26, Township of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$207,170.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-024)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-132 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a professional engineering service contract to CME Associates, of Parlin, New Jersey to provide Design, Construction Administration, and Inspection Services for the Replacement of Martine Avenue Bridge, Sc-22, Township of Scotch Plains, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$152,444.50. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-025)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-133 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a professional engineering service contract to Neglia Associates, of Lyndhurst, New Jersey to provide Design, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Replacement of Central Avenue Minor Bridge, WE-69, Town of Westfield, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$115,504.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-026)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-134 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-780, which previously concurred with the Township of Springfield's Resolution Number 2014-212, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement between the New Jersey Transit Corporation and the Township of Springfield (Municipal Sponsor) and the County of Union (County Co-Sponsor) to install two (2) bus shelters. This request will concur with the Township's subsequent Resolution Number 2015-30 to install one (1) bus shelter on Mountain Avenue, northbound at Morris Avenue, near side.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-135 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** A resolution appointing Javerbaum Wurgaft Hicks Kahn Wikstrom & Sinins, P.C. of Springfield, NJ as Special Counsel to represent Sherrie Brown-Braswell in the matter entitled Shiquon Fowler v. UC, et als, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-136 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution 2014-928 dated November 13, 2014 to increase the appropriation to Florio & Kenny of Hoboken, NJ in the matter entitled Shiquon Fowler v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$40,000.00

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-137 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution 2014-1095 dated December 18, 2014 to increase the appropriation to Bauch, Zucker Hatfield, LLC of Springfield, NJ in the matter entitled Barbara Egger v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$40,000.00

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-138 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution 2014-938 dated November 13, 2014 to increase the appropriation to Palumbo & Renaud of Cranford, NJ in the matter entitled Richmond Lapolla v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$65,000.00

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-139 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Winning Strategies Washington, Washington DC, to provide services for comprehensive federal government relations and lobbying services for the contract period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, in the amount of \$138,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-140 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Assistant Prosecutor's Association, Prosecutor's Office, effective January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2015-141 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Hortense Stapleton, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-142 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Laudatory resolution thanking Rev. John H. Howard, Jr for his many years of dedicated service to his community; and further wishing him well upon his retirement.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-143 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Laudatory resolution recognizing the many efforts of the Elizabeth Portuguese Lions Club as they celebrate their 36th Anniversary, and further congratulating Idalina Lopes on being selected as the 2015 "Lion of the Year" recipient.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-144 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Marybeth Lo Bello, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-145 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Jessica Osada-Belluscio, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-146 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Justin Juzefyk, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-147 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution honoring the various participants and donors of the 2014 Union County Human Service Gift Giving Drive.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-148 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Westfield Fire Chief Daniel Kelly, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-149 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Congratulating the following women for being chosen by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women as the 2015 Women of Excellence: Cynthia Alexander (Community Leader), Amy Boroff (Entrepreneurship), Adrian Gardner (Law Enforcement), Lynne Fitzpatrick (Business Leader), Erica Bell Foster (Education), Ceil Mantia (Lifetime Achievement), Kathy Lloyd (Media), Reverend Joy Mounts (Youth Advocacy), Tricia Nering (Humanitarian), Karolina Szatkowski (Women's Advocacy).

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-150 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Nathaniel Horatio Brown III, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-151 VICE CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Laudatory resolution acknowledging and commending the volunteer work of Penelope and Gerard Garcia, of Summit, for their recognition by Sage Eldercare as the 2015 "Sweethearts of the Year."

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-152 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Lillie Bell Alston, mother of Hillside Councilman Tony Alston, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

- 2015-153 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Laudatory resolution recognizing Mel Holston for his outstanding contributions to the arts through his participation as a visual artist and his involvement with the Union County Office and Cultural and Heritage Affairs' Teen Arts program, and further acknowledging his works on display in the Freeholder Gallery in honor of Black History Month.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Chairman Jalloh called for a motion to suspend the rules. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

Freeholder Mirabella asked if this will allow the Performing Arts Center to continue putting on productions similar to last year's production of "Rent" which was one of Chairman Jalloh's initiatives.

Administrator Drake stated that was correct.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on Resolution Number 2015-154 only.

Pat Mochetti, New Providence, stated he was not in favor of this resolution and encouraged the Board to vote no.

- 2015-154 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Resolution authorizing funding of the Union County Advancing Community Theater "UCACT" Program in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 and authorizing the County Manager to execute agreements with Community Theater Groups for the UCACT Program.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Pat Mochetti, New Providence, made comments relative to the Workforce initiatives the County has funded. He inquired if a cost-benefit analysis has been done relative to the money spent and the actual jobs obtained. He suggested the Board require the various departments to provide a presentation once a month to summarize their accomplishments and goals.

Chairman Jalloh asked Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes to make the information relative to the number of jobs obtained available and Clerk of the Board Pellettieri. He also asked that the budget hearing schedule be provided to the speaker.

Tina Renna, of Cranford, made comments relative to the number of employees that received raises, alleging that 117 employees received a total of \$500,000. She spoke about compounding salary costs. She identified a number of employees that received large raises and questioned if there were any political motivation behind the raises.

County Manager Faella stated that the position controls and salary adjustments were based on the recommendations of the various Department Heads.

John Bury, Kenilworth, questioned when the executive budget would be available and when the County would release the dates of the Budget Hearings. He questioned why there was a need for the new sign on the door regarding the public comment portion. Mr. Bury made comments relative to a meeting in Scotch Plains that he attended. He made some suggestions to the Board.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Granados made comments relative to the Union County Firearms ID Unit would. He stated they will receive an award in recognition of its assistance in criminal investigations. He said it was his pleasure to stop by the Public Safety Building last week, with Freeholders Bergen and Kowalski to attend the formal presentation of the award. He added that two special agents from the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms, Tobacco, and Explosives made the presentation. They made it clear that the Firearms ID Unit is an outstanding, and highly valued, partner in the ongoing efforts to solve gun crimes and prevent gun violence in Union County, New Jersey, and the nation. He stated that the Freeholder Board holds this small, but invaluable, part of County operations in very high regard, and thanked the members of the Firearms ID Unit again for their service.

Freeholder Wright made comments relative to the Union County Child Safety Seats. She stated that she was pleased to join her colleagues in cutting the ribbon on a new location for the Union County Child Safety Seat inspection program, in Garwood. She made comments relative to the Safety Seat Program; adding that these inspections also help to reveal any possible defects in the child's seat, point out installation errors and teach parents how to put these seats in properly. She stated that since 1999, the County has conducted nearly 50,000 inspections. She provided the hours of operation.

Freeholder Carter made comments relative to the Union County Performing Arts Center. She stated that it has been nominated for a Jersey Arts People's Choice Award. She stated that the People's Choice Awards take place annually to honor the work of our state's vital, vibrant and diverse arts organizations. She stated that along with the Performing Arts Center, you can vote for these nominees in different categories: Hamilton Stage, in Rahway, Arts Guild New Jersey, in Rahway, Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre, in Summit, Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, in Summit, and the New Jersey Festival Orchestra, based in Westfield. Freeholder Carter stated that the voting ends tonight, and that they could visit the Union County website at ucnj.org to click on the banner on our homepage.

Freeholder Estrada made comments relative to the Union County Baseball Association Hot Stove League awards dinner which was held last week. He stated that he attended along with Chairman Jalloh and Freeholder Mirabella. He stated that through its long history, UCBA has provided thousands of our young people with great baseball memories that last a lifetime, in addition to fostering leadership and teamwork skills. He congratulated this year's UCBA award winners and the new Hall of Fame inductees: Jorge Comas of Elizabeth, Barry Kaverick of Kenilworth, and Richard McCormack of Elizabeth.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to "Renew Jersey." He reminded homeowners that there is still time to apply for assistance through the Superstorm Sandy "Low-to-Moderate Income Homeowners Rebuilding Program." He explained that this program is part of the "Renew Jersey Stronger" initiative run by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. He advised that it is designed to help

income-eligible homeowners with reconstruction and rehabilitation work, related to impacts from the storm. He advised the deadline is March 4, at 5:00 p.m. He advised that if anyone had any questions about the program, they could visit online at renewjerseystronger.org.

Chairman Jalloh made comments relative to Airserve and WIB. He stated that tomorrow, he would join with fellow Freeholders to visit a job fair at Union County College in Elizabeth. He advised that they will be hiring 150 positions created at Newark Airport. He advised that AirServ is a company that provides airport support services and that they will be hiring for these positions. He explained that the Union County Workforce Innovation Business Center, a program of the Freeholder Board through the WIB and Union County College, coordinated the job fair, and will coordinate the screening and placements. He stated that this is an ongoing success story, noting that AirServ had already hired 66 County residents a few months ago through the efforts of the Business Center and WIB. He noted that the Board, through his initiatives, has invested additional funds in the Workforce Investment Board this year to spur the hiring and placement of County residents into new jobs.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2015 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 4, 2015 at 12:00pm

Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

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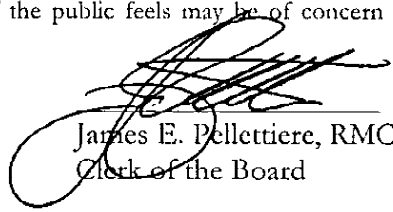
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Notice

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Public Comment Portion**

Pursuant to the provisions of the N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(a) and the By-Laws of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders the "Public Comment Portion" of Regular Meetings is reserved for public comment on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.


James E. Pellettiere, RMC
Clerk of the Board

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