

## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

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Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh called the meeting to order at 8:16 PM.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Bruce H. Bergen	Vice Chairman	Present	
Linda Carter	Freeholder	Present	
Angel G. Estrada	Freeholder	Present	
Sergio Granados	Freeholder	Absent	
Bette Jane Kowalski	Freeholder	Present	
Alexander Mirabella	Freeholder	Present	
Vernell Wright	Freeholder	Present	
Mohamed S. Jalloh	Chairman	Present	
Christopher Hudak	Freeholder	Present	

Also present were Deputy County Manager William Reyes, County Counsel Robert E. Barry, Esq. and Clerk of the Board James E. Pelletiere.

### PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

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

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

### COMMUNICATIONS

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Note and File

Motion to Approval of Communications

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Carter;

**ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION**

The Ordinance was read by the Clerk of the Board.

**FIRST READING STATEMENT**

Vice Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Policy Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 763-2015 for First 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 March 12, 2015.

**763-2015** An ordinance to amend "The Laws of Union County: Administration Code and Policies and General Legislation" by amending Chapter 2-Article IV-Fees for Recreation Facilities for the year 2015

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND "THE LAWS OF UNION  
COUNTY: ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND POLICIES AND  
GENERAL LEGISLATION" BY AMENDING CHAPTER 2-  
ARTICLE IV- FEES FOR RECREATION FACILITIES FOR THE  
YEAR 2015**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union that the "Laws of Union County" are hereby amended as follows:

**CHAPTER 2, -§107-ARTICLE IV - FEES FOR RECREATION FACILITIES**

The Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation is hereby authorized to set fees and one time charges not specifically included in the fee schedule. Subject to the written approval of the County Manager, the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation is hereby further authorized to amend or modify any fee set forth in the fee schedule for special promotions and events up to 12 times a year. In the event that the Director shall assess, amend or modify any fee he shall file a notice of said assessment, amendment or modification with the Clerk of the Board and the Director of the Department of Finance, no less than five days prior to the effective date of the assessment, amendment or modification.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders that it hereby sets forth the new and/or updated rates for various facilities as specified in the attached Park Fees Schedule for year 2015.

<b>FACILITY / ITEM</b>		<b>2014</b>	<b>2015 PROPOSED</b>
<b>GOLF</b>			
Junior Players Card (7 day tee time access)	NEW		\$25.00
Junior Learning Center 9 holes w/Junior Players Card, plus bucket of range balls.	NEW		\$10.00
Players Card 7 Day	Non-Resident	\$125.00	\$150.00
Players Card 7 Day Senior	Non-Resident	\$100.00	\$125.00
Players Card 14 Day	Non-Resident	\$375.00	\$400.00
Weekday 18 Holes (open to 11:00 AM)	No Players Card	\$58.00	\$60.00
Weekday 18 holes (11:00 AM to 3:00 PM)	No Players Card	\$51.00	\$53.00
Weekday 18 hole (3:00 PM to Close)	No Players Card	\$45.00	\$47.00
Weekday Learning Center 9	No Players	\$18.00	\$19.00

	Card		
Weekend Learning Center 9	No Players Card	\$19.00	\$20.00
Weekend 18 Holes (Open to 3:00 PM)	No Players Card	\$62.00	\$64.00
Weekend 18 Holes (3:00 PM to Close)	No Players Card	\$47.00	\$49.00

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bruce H. Bergen, Vice Chairman; **SECONDER:** Linda Carter, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski;

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, stated that last year the contract was for \$500,000 more referring to Resolution 2014-156. He asked if this amount is a savings for this year. In reference to Resolution 2014-158, he asked if there will be any more expenses relative to the Summer Arts Festival. He asked if Resolution 2014-161 is part of an Ordinance that was recently passed to clean up about 20 or 30 bonds. He asked if Resolution 2014-176 is forecasted to be the same amount as the last contract. He also asked how many commissioners are in the Self Insurance Fund relative to Resolution 2015-182. Mr. Paterson was pleased with the decrease of \$100,000 in Resolution 2014-189 compared to last year. He made comments relative to the vendors mentioned in Resolution 2014-191, 198 and 200 to be campaign donors, and also made comments about the increases in dollar amounts to Resolutions 2014-197. He asked if Linda Stender the new Deputy Director of UCIA's salary is included in these amounts.

Director of the Division of Facilities Management Charles Chirafisi stated that under further review with the consultant, the amount mentioned in Resolution 2015-156 was a more accurate figure, resulting in a \$500,000 reduction.

Director Zuber stated that relating to Resolution 2015-158, there will not be any additional expenses.

Director Taylor explained that Resolution 2015-161 was to repurpose existing bonds and there is no correlation with this Resolution.

Director Kobitz stated that in reference to Resolution 2015-176, there is no savings. The amount includes printing for the primary general and if there is a special election it will also cover that election.

Director Albert stated that there are only the 3 commissioners, and they are listed on the Agenda in relative to Resolution 2015-182.

**RESOLUTIONS**

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The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

**2015-155 FREEHOLDER CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract as an exception to bidding for Public Work & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management: Liberty Water Company, Pittsburgh, PA for the purpose of providing water and sewerage, for twelve (12) consecutive months commencing January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, in the amount not to exceed \$600,000.00.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-156 FREEHOLDER CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract as an exception to bidding for BPU regulated services from a public utility for Public Work & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management to Elizabethtown Gas Corp. for The Supply Of Commercial Natural Gas on month to month basis commencing March 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in the amount not exceed \$800,000.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-157 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA:** Authorizing the County Manager to re-appoint Christopher Scaturo as Coordinator of Emergency Management for the Union County Department of Public Safety effective March 1, 2015 through February 28, 2018.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-158 FREEHOLDER GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to This Is It! Productions, Inc., Hoboken, New Jersey, to provide the planning, production and management services for the 2015 Union County Summer Arts Festival in the amount not to exceed \$95,600.00.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-159 FREEHOLDER GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution No. 2014-1025, a Resolution amending Resolution Nos. 2013-919, 2013-920 and 2014-888 to reflect a name change to John R. Knabb & Sons.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter,

Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-160 FREEHOLDER GRANADOS:** Appointing the following members to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board for a one year term beginning January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015: Jack Molenaar as a Delegate member to represent the Borough of Fanwood, Roger Stryeski as a Delegate member to represent the Borough of Roselle and Robert W. Messler as a Delegate member and Michael Disko, Jr as an Alternate member to represent the Borough of Mountainside.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-161 FREEHOLDER HUDAK:** Authorizing the Cancellation of Unissued Bond Balances in the Amount of \$14,785,000

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-162 FREEHOLDER HUDAK:** AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDING OF VARIOUS COUNTY BONDS FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE OF RUNNELLS HOSPITAL AND THE EXECUTION OF AN ESCROW DEPOSIT AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-163 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Amy Becker, of Helmetta, New Jersey, for the period of March 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015, to serve as the Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate (CSVA) Consultant for the Union County Rape Crisis Center in an amount not to exceed \$8,700.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-164 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-957, to further reduce the subcontract with Trinitas Hospital by \$10,000 for a new contract total of \$5,000 due to a reduced demand for mental health services for ex-offenders during the contract period for the period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter,

Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-165 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution 2014-958 to increase the subcontract with The Urban League of Union County by \$10,000 for a new contract total of \$95,000 due to an increased demand for housing services for ex-offenders during the contract period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [8 TO 0]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSTAIN:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-166 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-536, adopting the 2013 SuperNOFA Continuum of Care Spending Plan, to formally change the alternate name of one agency from YMCA of Eastern Union County to The Gateway Family YMCA.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [7 TO 0]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSTAIN:** Vice Chairman Bergen; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-167 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2012-259, adopting the 2010 SuperNOFA Supportive Housing Program agreement, to formally change the alternate name of the agency awarded from YMCA of Eastern Union County to The Gateway Family YMCA.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [7 TO 0]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSTAIN:** Vice Chairman Bergen; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-168 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-899, adopting the 2014-2015 HES Spending Plan increase, to formally change the alternate name of one agency awarded from YMCA of Eastern Union County to The Gateway Family YMCA.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [7 TO 0]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSTAIN:** Vice Chairman Bergen; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-169 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-982, adopting the 2015 Shelter Night Agreements, to formally change the alternate name of one agency awarded from YMCA of Eastern Union County to The Gateway Family YMCA.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [7 TO 0]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSTAIN:** Vice Chairman Bergen; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-170 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI:** Appointing Darius Tullis to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board for a three year term beginning January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Kowalski;

**2015-171 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-709, due to Dr. Shanthi Chezian accepting an employee position as Chief Psychiatrist of the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-172 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT:** Amending resolution 2014-985, a contract for the provision of Psychiatric Practitioners to provide coverage for weekends/vacations/holidays/emergencies for the patients of the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County, approving new rates as of March 1, 2015 for an increase in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for a total contract not to exceed \$58,000.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-173 VICE CHAIRMAN BERGEN:** Appointing the following members to the Union County Air Traffic & Noise Advisory Board for a two year term commencing January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016: Zenon Moriak as a Delegate member to represent the Borough of Mountainside and Jim McLaughlin as a Delegate member and Ronald Stamboly as an Alternate member to represent the Borough of Roselle Park.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-174 CHAIRMAN JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into a Professional Services Contract with various experts for litigation support and transcription services for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-175 CHAIRMAN JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to apply for and accept funding from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, Megan's Law and Local Law Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$13,981 for the period of November 1, 2014 through October 31, 2015.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-176 CHAIRMAN JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Royal Printing, West New York, New Jersey, for the purpose of printing voting authority books, poll books and all other printing needed to run an election with the County for the contract period of February 1, 2015 through January 31, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.00

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-177 CHAIRMAN JALLOH:** Awarding a Contract as an exception to bidding for proprietary software support to Dominion Voting Systems, Denver, Colorado, for the purposes of providing licensing, maintenance and support for the WinEDS voting system to conduct elections in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-178 CHAIRMAN JALLOH:** Delivery and pick up of voting machines Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with The Liberty Group, Union, New Jersey, for the purpose of transporting Dominion voting machines to and from polling places throughout the County for the contract period February 2, 2015 through January 31, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-179 CHAIRMAN JALLOH:** Resolution authorizing employee tuition reimbursement for Kean University for the following programs: Certificate in Public Administration (Undergraduate Program), Certificate in Public Management (Graduate Program), Certificate in Public Management Enhancement Program (Master's Program). The County will partially reimburse for the cost of tuition and course fees, excluding books and miscellaneous expenses for qualified employees for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [7 TO 0]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder

Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh; **ABSTAIN:** Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-180 CHAIRMAN JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the Third Party Claim Administration contract for general liability, professional liability, and employment practices with Dietz and Hammer Risk Solutions for the contract period of March 1, 2015 through May 31, 2015 (month to month contract) in an Amount not to exceed \$24,371.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-181 CHAIRMAN JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Third Party Claim Administration Contract for Workers' Compensation, Auto and Property Claims with PMA Insurance Company from January 1, 2015 thru May 31, 2015 (month to month) in an amount not to exceed \$60,501.00.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-182 CHAIRMAN JALLOH:** Authorizing the appointment of Norman W. Albert, Esq., Bibi Taylor and William Reyes Jr., as Commissioners to the Self-Insurance Fund for a term commencing January 15, 2015 and ending on January 14, 2016 or for the remainder of their term of office officials, whichever is less.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-183 CHAIRMAN JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to designate the following vehicles as surplus vehicles and no longer needed for County purposes. (2) 2007 Ford E350 Prisoner Vans VIN# 1FTSE34L27DA46321 137,015 Miles VIN# 1FTSE34L37DA86665 115,462 Miles

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-184 CHAIRMAN JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to donate the following vehicles: Two (2) 2007 Ford E350 Prisoner Vans to the City of Linden as they are no longer needed for County purposes pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-36(2). VIN# 1FTSE34L27DA46321 137,015 Miles VIN# 1FTSE34L37DA86665 115,462 Miles

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter,

Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-185 CHAIRMAN JALLOH:** Awarding a contract to Wilfred Mc Donald Inc., S. Hackensack, New Jersey for the purchase of (2) Jacobsen Diesel ground maintenance equipment in the amount of \$163,396.60 for the Division of Park Maintenance using the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission cooperative.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-186 CHAIRMAN JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an contract with Global Tel Link Mobile, AL, pursuant to state contract #A61618 for the purpose of providing, at no cost to the County, an on premise based inmate telephone system for the contract period of February 3, 2015 through April 2, 2015.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-187 CHAIRMAN JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-444, approving the 2014-2015 Consolidated Action Plan to include the City of Linden Demolition of Blighted Building Project for \$100,000.00 and the City of Linden Street Resurfacing Project for \$140,000.00 funded with Community Development Program Income funds for a total amount of \$240,000.00.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-188 CHAIRMAN JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-144, (BA#78-2013) a contract awarded through the public bidding process to Top Line Construction Corporation, of Somerville, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Intersection Improvements to Diamond Hill Road and McMane Avenue, Township of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$9,669.17) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$315,605.75. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-052)

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-189 CHAIRMAN JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 2012-958, (BA#9-2012) a contract awarded through the public bidding process to Hilt Construction Company, Inc., of Hillsborough, New Jersey, approving Change Order No. 1 (final) for the REBID: Exterior Building Stabilization at the Union County Board of Election Building, Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$109,906.19) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$1,215,984.81. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-040)

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-190 CHAIRMAN JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to Pennoni Associates, Inc., of Edison, New Jersey, to provide UST Environmental Compliance Services for the County of Union for a contract period of March 1, 2015 to February 28, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$25,200.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-006)

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-191 CHAIRMAN JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to Matrix New World Engineering, Inc., of Florham Park, New Jersey to provide Stormwater Compliance Services for the County of Union for a contract period of March 1, 2015 to February 2016 in amount not to exceed \$20,500.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-008)

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-192 CHAIRMAN JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Di Wang, M.D. (DW Pathology Services PC) as an additional per diem pathologist amending Resolution 2014-1082 for a contract period of February 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, not to exceed \$150,000.00.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-193 CHAIRMAN JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with 1st Priority Emergency Vehicles, Manchester, New Jersey, to upgrade the shower systems on the UASI Decontamination Vehicle in an amount not to exceed \$31,262.37. (Grant Funded)

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-194 CHAIRMAN JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend a NACCHO grant award for a 2015 Capacity Building Award (CBA) for Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) related activities in the amount of \$3,500 for the period of January 7, 2015 to July 13, 2015.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-195 CHAIRMAN JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-683, to increase the 2013 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant award in the amount of \$46,270, for a new amount of \$1,368,888.00, due to the NJ Office of Homeland Security adding an additional project to the County's current spending plan.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-196 CHAIRMAN JALLOH:** A Resolution approving the settlement of pending litigation entitled Fabiola Suarez v. County of Union, et als, Docket No. UNN-L-0865-13 in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-197 CHAIRMAN JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-631, a resolution entering into a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Union and the Union County Improvement Authority relative to the RFP/RFQ Process for Runnells Specialized Hospital, to increase the contract with the Union County Improvement Authority in an amount not to exceed \$57,750.02 for a total sum not to exceed \$407,750.02.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-198 CHAIRMAN JALLOH:** Amending Resolution 2015-16, to include the appropriation of reimbursement of expenses to Weber Dowd Law of Woodland Park, NJ in connection with legal assistance with various legal matters at Runnells Specialized Hospital in the nature of credit and collection services in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-199 CHAIRMAN JALLOH:** Amending Resolution 2014-929, to increase the appropriation to Antonelli Minchello of Union, New Jersey, in the matter entitled Shiquon Fowler v. UC, et als. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$7,800.00 for a sum not to exceed \$27,800.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-200 CHAIRMAN JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-932, to increase the appropriation to Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt & Fader, LLC of Rochelle Park, New Jersey 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.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-201 CHAIRMAN JALLOH:** Amending Resolution 2014-1047 to reflect a name change from Anita Novy to Anna Novy, member of the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-202 CHAIRMAN JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-3, designating official newspapers, to include the following newspapers: Worall, Vistazo Hispano, and El Especialito (USA Distributors).

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-203 CHAIRMAN JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve a qualified list of vendors for Comprehensive Grant Writing & Procurement as identified pursuant to a fair and open process done through Request for Qualifications procedures. Successful responders include: Millennium Strategies, Bruno & Associates and Brownfields Redevelopment Solutions.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [7 TO 0]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSTAIN:** Freeholder Estrada; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-204 CHAIRMAN JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Millennium Strategies for consultant services in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for the period

from March 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 as an exception to bidding for an extraordinary unspecifiable service pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law NJSA 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (ii).

**RESULT: ADOPTED [7 TO 0]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSTAIN:** Freeholder Estrada; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

#### **FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

**2015-205 FREEHOLDER HUDAK:** Laudatory resolution commending Christopher Miranda, of Boy Scout Troop 68, on attaining his Eagle Scout Award.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-206 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI, AND THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Laudatory resolution proclaiming the month of March, 2015 as "Youth Art Month" throughout the County of Union; and further encouraging the support of quality school art programs for children and youth.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-207 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA:** Laudatory resolution thanking Meg Kolaya, Scotch Plains Librarian, for her many years of public service and further congratulating her on her retirement.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-208 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA, CHAIRMAN JALLOH:** Laudatory resolution commending the Red Cross' mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies, and further acknowledging the month of March as Red Cross Month throughout Union County.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-209 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT:** Laudatory resolution congratulating the 15 active and retired military honorees of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.'s International Awareness and Involvement Committee Event on March 21, 2014.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-210 VICE CHAIRMAN BERGEN:** Laudatory resolution thanking Summit City Clerk David Hughes for his many years of public services, and further congratulating him on his retirement.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-211 CHAIRMAN JALLOH, AND THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Laudatory resolution congratulating Laura Teste, a 75-year resident of Union County, on celebrating her 100th birthday.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-212 CHAIRMAN JALLOH, AND THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing the month of February, 2015, as "National Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month," as designated by the National Association for Career and Technical Education, throughout County of Union.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-213 CHAIRMAN JALLOH, AND THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution designating the week of February 21, 2015 through February 28, 2015 as "Future Farmers of America" Week throughout the County of Union.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-214 CHAIRMAN JALLOH, AND THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating Dr. Margaret Mary McMenemy for serving as the 2015 Grand Marshal of the 19th Annual Union County Saint Patrick's Day Parade, to take place on March 14, 2015.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-215 CHAIRMAN JALLOH, AND THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating Anthony J. Brennan for serving as the 2015 General Chairman of the 19th Annual Union County Saint Patrick's Day Parade, to take place on March 14, 2015.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

**2015-216 CHAIRMAN JALLOH, AND THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating Kathleen Marie Matthews Holmes for serving as the 2015 Adjutant of the 19th Annual Union County Saint Patrick's Day Parade, to take place on March 14, 2015

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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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.

Tina Renna, Cranford, made comments regarding the Union County Improvement Authority. She said the public would like an update regarding the scandal pertaining to the Deputy Director of the UCUA Linda Stender, and asked how she is qualified for the job at the UCIA. She asked for the personnel procedures. She made comments regarding the condition of her summer house due to Storm Sandy and the Habitat for Humanity.

Barbara Majeski, Rahway, stated that she is opposed to a football stadium being built in Rahway River Park. She said it will take away from the serenity of the park and said there will not be enough parking, too much noise and the lighting will affect homes in the area.

John Bury, Kenilworth, spoke about the plan for Rahway River Park and the connection with the UCIA and the Decotius, Fitzpatrick law firm. He stated that there was an article in the Politicker about Linda Stender's position and how she will be able to keep the job. He said there was no UCUA Board meeting.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, made comments regarding the UCIA and former Freeholder Sullivan's scandal about the stipends and its cost in legal fees. He urged the Board to make the UCIA part of the County, which he claims will save the County \$600,000. He asked that the Freeholders rescind their vote.

Mr. Paterson asked if County Counsel could explain why there is no conflict with Freeholder Mirabella job as the Business Administrator of Scotch Plains and being a Freeholder. He stated that he believes that Freeholder Mirabella will meet to abstain from voting for the Union County Budget. He read an editorial about Assemblywoman Stender's new position at the UCIA.

**FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

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Freeholder Kowalski stated that the annual Union County Teen Arts Festival is coming up and community volunteers are needed who like working with artists, teachers and students. She stated that the Union County Teen Arts Festival is a two day celebration of the arts. It is held annually at Union County College in Cranford and is sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Union County College along with the Union County Cultural and Heritage Affairs in the Department of Parks and Recreation. This year, it is scheduled for March 19th and 20th.

Freeholder Kowalski thanked the family of Justin Juzefyk and the Gambino Family for requesting donations for Teen Arts. Sadly, she stated that their son, Justin passed away tragically. Freeholder Kowalski said he loved photography and he was featured in past teen arts festivals. She said they have already received donations.

Freeholder Carter stated that on a weekly basis, the County posts local job opportunities and employment related events that are available in and around the Union County area. She said it is updated on a weekly basis and is also posted on the County's website. The Job Connection Newsletter is a joint venture between the Board of Freeholders and Union County College. She stated that just this week, information about 90 local jobs and career fairs and about 40 local job opportunities were included.

Freeholder Mirabella stated that Union County businesses are invited to participate in a program to help Union County Veterans take advantage of services and discounts that businesses wish to make available to them. He stated that the County Clerk's office is compiling a booklet that will list all of the local stores, agencies and businesses that offer special discounts on products, foods, entertainment and services for military veterans.

Freeholder Mirabella proudly announced that the Union County Clerk's office was the first in the State more than ten years ago to issue free honorable discharge identifications cards for veterans as proof of service in the US Armed Forces. He stated the ID card program assist veterans in receiving educational benefits, death benefits, licenses, local property tax rebates and retail discounts intended for them.

Freeholder Hudak stated that Assemblywoman Stender is a personal friend for 14 years and said he is saddened by her personal matter in which she has to work through. He added that she has represented the 22nd district with diligence and has been very responsive to the City of Linden.

Freeholder Hudak stated that the February Festivities activities will be at the Trailside Nature and Science Center. He said he was happy to report that the programs drew many people and is a learning experience. He urged the public to visit the parks activities page on the County's website to find designated areas for sledding and cross-country skiing. He said that there are miles of trails available for hiking. He also mentioned that Warinanco Skating Center will be open for another month.

Freeholder Hudak stated that Governor Christie's Budget address was made earlier this week, and he found it disturbing that he did not mention the road funding crisis in New Jersey. He said there are approximately 6,000 bridges that are either functionally obsolete or structurally deficient. He said 3% (19) of Union County bridges are structurally deficient and 17% (104) are functionally obsolete. He stated that bridges have an average life of 49 years and it will cost \$194 million to repair. He urged Governor Christie to make sure there is enough dollars in the Transportation

Trust Fund. He added that the Freeholders are hoping to include a program in our budget for infrastructure.

Freeholder Wright invited Union County residents 18 years and older to a lecture about the bee colony crisis on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside. She said Bee Colony collapse disorder has had a harmful impact to many agricultural crops worldwide. She said the bee colony collapse disorder has had a harmful impact on many agricultural crops worldwide. She stated that the bee colony collapse disorder has had a harmful impact on many agricultural crops worldwide and in this country the decline of the bee population has significantly increased the cost to farmers. She added that the program is free, but donations are welcomed.

Vice Chairman Bergen stated that earlier in the month he had the opportunity to speak at a press conference where Senator Bob Menendez announced that the Army Corp of Engineers has given a substantial amount of funding for the litigation process for the flooding problem along the Rahway River Basin. He stated that Senator Lesniak and Sheriff Cryan, along with local electives were also in attendance. He explained that the Federal Government has given \$1 million for the study and the Army Corp of Engineers has given \$500,000 of that million. He stated that the \$500,000 is from the Presidential Fiscal year and the DEP will match dollar for dollar. Vice Chairman Bergen stated that in total, \$2 million should be enough to complete the study and the work could begin. He stated that the Freeholder Board has worked with local municipalities on the local level and has committed to fund the project. He thanked Senator Menendez for his leadership on moving this project forward. He stated that there will be on-going meetings.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 PM

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Vice Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Freeholder Granados;

### 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, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified. In the event an Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting are held on the same night, the Agenda Setting Session will commence at 7:00pm 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

#### AGENDA SETTING SESSION

January 15, 2015

February 5, 2015

February 26, 2015

March 5, 2015

March 19, 2015

April 9, 2015

April 23, 2015

May 7, 2015

May 28, 2015

June 11, 2015

July 9, 2015

August 6, 2015

September 3, 2015

September 17, 2015

October 1, 2015

October 15, 2015

November 5, 2015

December 3, 2015

December 10, 2015

#### REGULAR MEETINGS

January 29, 2015

February 19, 2015

February 26, 2015

March 12, 2015

March 26, 2015

April 16, 2015

April 30, 2015

May 14, 2015

May 28, 2015

June 18, 2015

July 16, 2015

August 20, 2015

September 10, 2015

September 24, 2015

October 8, 2015

October 15, 2015

November 12, 2015

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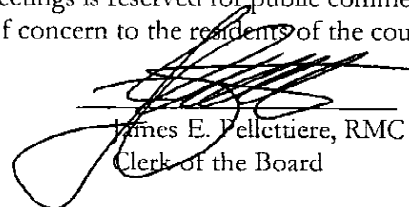
December 17, 2015

#### Notice

Regular Meetings of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders  
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.

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James E. Pelletiere, RMC  
Clerk of the Board