



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016
AGENDA SETTING MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bruce H. Bergen called the meeting to order at 7:18 PM.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Bruce H. Bergen asked the Clerk to Call the Roll. Roll Call showed eight Freeholders present, with Freeholder Linda Carter not present.

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

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

Freeholder Linda Carter arrived.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Michael Yuska, Acting Director

There were no questions.

1. Renewing the Accident Insurance policy for Directors and Public Officials with Hartford Insurance Company for the period of April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$1,955.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
2. Renewing the Public Official Bond with Travelers Casualty & Surety Company, Hartford, Connecticut for Bibi Taylor, for the period of April 15, 2016 through April 14, 2017 in the amount of \$952.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amy Wagner, Acting Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award contracts to two (2) agencies (The Plainfield YMCA and Union County College) for the provision of comprehensive year-round youth programs for out-of-school youth (ages 16 - 24) that may include GED, High School

Diploma Services and Occupational Skills Training as appropriate for the twelve-month period from April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017 under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act in a combined total amount not to exceed \$580,000; and further authorizing the County Manager to transfer funds among the two (2) listed agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the listed agencies fails to meet its contractual obligations. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Kowalski acknowledged that the County has been supportive of this project for some time and inquired if there were any significant changes.

Acting Director Wagner advised that the Agenda Item will focus on out of school youth, noting that this is due to the change from WEA to WEOA. She advised that this will be the first program solely focused on out of school youth.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Millennium Strategies, through a Request for Proposals process, for the provision of grant writing and procurement services for the period of April 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$27,000. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Joseph Graziano, Director

There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for Fiscal Year 2016 State Aid to Counties (CA-2016 Union County - 00016) in the amount of \$4,155,600.00, subject to the inclusion of the 2016 Capital Budget. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-013) **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
2. 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: to Weldon Materials, Inc., 141 Central Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey, for the purpose of the providing road materials for the Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, Division of Public Works: \$536,920.00 and Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Park Maintenance, \$60,481.25 in amount Not To Exceed \$597,401.25. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
3. Resolution concurring with the Township of Springfield granting permission to Springfield First Aid Squad, 10 North Trivett Avenue, Springfield, NJ to hang recruitment banners on Mountain Avenue and Meisel Avenue from March 15, 2016 to April 15, 2016. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
4. Resolution concurring with the Borough of Roselle Park, granting permission to close Chestnut Street from Westfield Avenue to Grant Avenue from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday, June 24, 2016, Friday, July 29, 2016, Friday, August 26, 2016 and Friday, September 30, 2016 in order to hold "Cruisin Night Car Shows." **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Bibi Taylor, Director

There were no questions.

1. Amending the 2016 Temporary Budget Ch. 96 P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20). **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Frank Guzzo, Director

1. Amending Resolution 2015-307, awarding Contract Year 3 to SAGE Eldercare, Inc. for the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP), to extend the contract period for the twelve (12) month period of April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017 in the total amount not to exceed \$28,500 with no other changes to terms of agreement; further authorizing the transfer of funds during the contract period should service needs change and/or if the agency should fail to meet its contractual obligation. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the New Jersey State Parole Board for the period of April 1, 2016 through October 1, 2018 to accept \$694,897.04 in federal Second Chance Act grant funding to provide housing, support services and case management for up to 100 former offenders returning to Union County from state prison. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Vice Chairman Granados made comments commending the Second Change program, and thanked Director Guzzo and his staff on the efforts in ensuring the program continues to provide a worthwhile service.

3. Amending Resolution 2015-1042 adopting the 2016 Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) Spending Plan, pursuant to a Request for Proposal, to amend the 2016 CSBG Spending Plan to reflect a shift in funds under account numbers only with no change in total dollars nor any other changes to terms of agreement. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Kowalski asked the Director to advise the Board of the changes from CSGB funding this year.

Director Guzzo advised the change is in the account number only, noting that this is a "housekeeping" item.

4. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Human Services: Metro Flag Co., Wharton, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing 60,480 American Flags for the graves of Union County Veterans, for a 24 month period (2016-2017) in the total amount not to exceed \$50,198.40. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Ronald Zuber, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Construction Management Service Contract to Cumming Construction Management, Inc., of Cranford, New Jersey to provide the design and construction management services for the proposed Ashbrook Golf Course

Clubhouse located in Scotch Plains for an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-035) **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Carter inquired if the award of this contract went through an RFP process.

Director Zuber advised that it did go through an RFP process.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

Director Moran requested the Board's indulgence to add an additional resolution request for the next Regular Meeting regarding the approval of the Countywide All-Hazardous Mitigation Plan, noting that the State Police just notified the County that it has been approved by the State and FEMA.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement for Tuberculosis Services with the University of Medicine of New Jersey - Rutgers, New Jersey Medical School Global Tuberculosis Institute for a three-year period from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$221,887. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**

Freeholder Carter inquired if this program has been supported by the County previously.

Director Moran advised that the County has participated in this program for the past ten years. He advised that historically the County contributed 20% of the costs; however last year the County increased its contribution to 50%, noting the municipalities contribute the remaining 50%.

Freeholder Carter asked how the contract amount compared to the previous three years.

Director Moran advised that this amount is the same amount as last year, noting that it allows for a 5% increase in each of the ensuing two years.

Freeholder Estrada inquired if the County has awarded a three year contract previously.

Director Moran advised that historically the County awarded this contract as an annual contract, noting that UMDNJ requested the County award a three year contract. He advised that the County agreed with UMDNJ to lock in the price for three years, by awarding such a contract.

Freeholder Estrada questioned the apparent increase in allocations, and asked for clarification as to how much the contract was in 2015.

Director Moran advised that 2015 contract was approximately \$140,000, with the County contributing 50%, or roughly \$70,000. He stated that the total contract amount has not changed.

Freeholder Estrada asked if the Director thought it was wise to lock the county into a contract with a 5% increase for the ensuing two years.

Director Moran advised that he did think it a good deal, noting that the fee is based on the price for the nurse case manager that administrates the plan for the County. He advised they supervise and provide case management for uninsured TB patients, noting that in some instances they meet clients

at their facility and other times they provide house visits. He also stated that they make house visits to ensure patients are taking their medication in an effort to prevent the spread of the disease.

Freeholder Estrada advised that the Public Safety Committee may take this up for further review and discussion.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Petro-Dragon for the purchase of Twinstar Coupling Adapters for the UASI Neptune Hoses in an amount not to exceed \$30,278.08. (2014 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant funds) **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**

Freeholder Hudak inquired if the Neptune system mentioned in the Agenda Item is the large hosed system that is deployed throughout the state for large fires such as the Seaside Park Boardwalk Fire.

Director Moran stated that he was correct and noted that they used it to pump out the Lincoln Tunnel after Hurricane Sandy.

Freeholder Hudak noted that this is a “not to exceed amount” and asked the Director to provide further clarification on how the funds will be utilized.

Director Moran advised that this maintenance contract is to replace older couplings that attach the hoses together. He advised that the use of these couplings will allow the firefighters to deploy the hose quicker and safer. He made comments as to the new design of the couplings and how such designs would be safer for the firefighters.

Chairman Bergen asked the Director to confirm that the funding for this Agenda Item is from UASI funds.

Director Moran advised that was correct and noted that four of the couplings will go to the Union County system and four couplings will go towards the Morris County system.

He asked the Director to provide the necessary backup to his third item to the Board as soon as possible.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Robert E. Barry, Esq., County Counsel

There were no questions.

1. A Resolution appointing and designating Special Counsels for the Union County Solid Waste Management District for year 2016. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
2. Amending Resolution 2016-96 dated January 21, 2016 to increase the appropriation to Bauch Zucker Hatfield of Springfield, NJ in the matter entitled Kevin Buckley & Ryan Wilson v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$40,000.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
3. Amending Resolution 2015-547 dated June 18, 2015 to increase the appropriation to Palumbo & Renaud of Cranford, NJ in the matter entitled Ronald Bonadies, Administratrix

of the Estate of Celestina Tsairis v. Runnells Specialized Hospital, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$40,000.00 **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

4. Amending Resolution 2015-1094 dated December 17, 2015 approving additional qualified Litigation Defense Counsel pursuant to an additional "Request for Qualifications" (RFQ) issued on February 25, 2016 and responded to on March 9, 2016. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

Alfred J. Faella, County Manager

County Manager requested the Board's indulgence to add an additional Agenda Item to the next Regular Meeting agenda pending the Trust Fund's approval relative to a survey for a piece of property in the City of Summit.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with PBA250 - Prosecutor's Detectives & Investigators Association effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the PBA250A - Prosecutor's Detective Superior Officers effective January 1, 2015 through December 21, 2017. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
3. A Resolution appointing BiBi Taylor, Amy Wagner and Claudia Martins as Commissioners to the Self-Insurance Fund for a term commencing January 15, 2016 and ending on January 14, 2018 or for the remainder of their service in office as officials, whichever is less **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Laudatory resolution proclaiming the month of March as "Women's History Month" throughout the County of Union. **(Freeholders Linda Carter, Bette Jane Kowalski, and Vernell Wright)**
2. Laudatory resolution recognizing the week of March 28, 2016 through April 2, 2016 as National Community Development Week, and further celebrating "Community Development Week" throughout the County of Union by recognizing the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs' many contributions to the viability of the housing stock, infrastructure, public services, and economic vitality of the Union County community. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
3. Laudatory resolution congratulating Linden High School Basketball Coach Phil Colicchio on his 400th career win and congratulating the Linden High School Basketball Team on winning tier 5th NJSIAA Boys Group 4 Championship; and further wishing them success in the Tournament of Champions. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
4. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Reverend Milton Mason, father of long-time Cranford Police Chief and current Union County John H.

Stamler Police Academy Chief Eric Mason, during their time of sorrow. **(Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

Freeholder Kowalski asked to be added as a co-sponsor to Item #4. Chairman Bergen requested the resolution be from the Entire Board.

5. Resolution offering the Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Joseph S. Bonaccorso, father of Clark Mayor Sal Bonaccorso, during their time of sorrow. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Estrada asked to be added as a co-sponsor to Item #5. Chairman Bergen asked that the resolution be from the Entire Board.

6. Laudatory resolution congratulating Community Access Unlimited and the honorees of their Annual Awards Night Celebration to be held on April 5, 2016. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
7. Laudatory Resolution proclaiming April 5, 2016 as "National Service Recognition Day" and encouraging Union County residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our county, and to further thank those who serve and find ways to give back to their communities. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
8. Laudatory resolution congratulating the 12 Young Professional Honorees to be recognized by the Urban League of Union County. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen & Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Kowalski advised that she would have an additional condolence resolution to add to the next regular meeting agenda.

Freeholder Wright advised that she would have an additional resolution to add to the next regular meeting agenda.

Freeholder Carter advised that she would have an additional condolence resolution to add to the next regular meeting agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- 1) Attorney -Client privileged communication and discussions relative to potential contract negotiations for a Food Truck /Music Carnival 2016.

County Counsel Barry stated that pursuant to provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act a public body may enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing certain enumerated subjects. He state that this Board now wishes to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Attorney -Client privileged communication and discussions relative to potential contract negotiations for a Food Truck /Music Carnival 2016.

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

He stated that upon the affirmative vote of the majority of the members present the Board may retire to Executive Session and upon the Board's return, it will not take formal action on the matters discussed.

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

Chairman Bergen asked for a motion to return to the Regular Meeting. On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members Board voted in the affirmative.

County Counsel Barry advised there was nothing to report as a result of the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bergen called for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative. Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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

REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2016 at 12:00 pm
Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

<u>AGENDA SETTING SESSION</u>	<u>REGULAR MEETINGS</u>
January 14, 2016	January 21, 2016
February 4, 2016	February 11, 2016
February 18, 2016	February 18, 2016
March 3, 2016	March 10, 2016
March 17, 2016	March 31, 2016
April 7, 2016	April 14, 2016
April 21, 2016	April 28, 2016
May 5, 2016	May 12, 2016
May 19, 2016	May 26, 2016
June 2, 2016	June 9, 2016
June 16, 2016	June 23, 2016
July 14, 2016	July 21, 2016
August 11, 2016	August 18, 2016
September 8, 2016	September 15, 2016
September 22, 2016	September 29, 2016


James E. Pelletiere, RMC
Clerk of the Board

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