

## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

### THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh presided and called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. Roll call showed, Vice Chairman Bruce Bergen, Freeholder Linda Carter, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Sergio Granados, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, and Freeholder Vernell Wright were in attendance. Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski was absent.

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

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

Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski arrived at this time.

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS

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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 Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

#### MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

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1. Thursday, October 2, 2014 - Agenda Meeting
2. Thursday, October 9, 2014 - Regular Meeting
3. Thursday, October 16, 2014 - Agenda Meeting
4. Thursday, October 16, 2014 - Regular Meeting
5. Thursday, November 6, 2014 - Agenda Meeting
6. Thursday, November 13, 2014 - Regular Meeting
7. Tuesday, November 25, 2014 - Agenda Meeting
8. Tuesday, November 25, 2014 - Regular Meeting
9. Thursday, December 4, 2014 - Agenda Meeting
10. Thursday, December 11, 2014 - Regular Meeting
11. Thursday, December 18, 2014 - Agenda Meeting
12. Thursday, December 18, 2014 - Regular Meeting

Chairman Jalloh called for a motion to approve the Minutes. On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the Minutes of: Thursday, October 9, 2014 - Regular Meeting, Thursday, October 16, 2014 - Agenda Meeting, Thursday, November 13, 2014 - Regular Meeting, Thursday, December 11, 2014 - Regular Meeting, Thursday, December 18, 2014 - Agenda Meeting and Thursday, December 18, 2014 - Regular Meeting. Roll call showed 8 members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Mirabella abstaining on the Thursday, October 2, 2014 - Agenda Meeting, Freeholder Carter abstaining on the Thursday, November 6, 2014 - Agenda Meeting, Freeholder Estrada abstaining on the Tuesday, November 25, 2014 - Agenda Meeting, Freeholder Granados abstaining on the Thursday, October 16, 2014 - Regular Meeting, and Freeholder Hudak abstaining on the Thursday, December 4, 2014 - Agenda Meeting. Roll call showed 7 members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Granados and Hudak abstaining on the Tuesday, November 25, 2014 - Agenda Meeting.

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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Prior to opening the meeting for public comments on resolutions being offered for adoption, Chairman Jalloh called upon the 2015 Fiscal Chairman, Freeholder Hudak, to offer a few remarks relative to the 2015 Budget Process.

Freeholder Hudak thanked Chairman Jalloh and stated that following the Fiscal Committee's review, the County was set to introduce the 2015 budget. He noted that the state of this year's budget reflects a broad-based recovery in Union County's economy and the County's success in setting goals, implementing policy and continuing progress on all areas requiring attention.

Freeholder Hudak stated that since the County Manager presented his executive budget in February, the Fiscal Committee was able to reduce the tax levy by an additional \$820,000, adding that it was done without any loss of jobs or impact to services. He noted that the overall result is a tax increase of just 2.51 percent, representing the lowest in a decade.

Freeholder Hudak cited the County's strong fiscal management as seen by the County's bond rating remaining as one of the highest attainable; at Aa1. He noted that a recent report from Moody's cited this strength, while also removing the negative outlook from the County's bond ratings. He also noted that over the past several years, the County has been able to boost its surplus by 71 percent. Freeholder Hudak made comments relative to the announcement of a new \$1.5 million matching grant opportunity for our municipalities that wish to make infrastructure improvements; provided through the proceeds from the sale of Runnells Specialized Hospital with the goal of stimulating the development of local public projects of economic, social, and also governmental importance to local municipalities.

Freeholder Hudak stated that with regard to the remainder of proceeds from the sale of Runnells, the Freeholder Board will continue to follow a fiscally prudent path and

avoid a one-shot approach as some have suggested, creating a larger revenue shortfall in subsequent years.

Freeholder Hudak stated that besides the Infrastructure grant announcement, a portion of the proceeds of sale will be used annually to pay off Runnells Debt Service (\$488,000); and the rest will remain in reserve giving this Board the option to reduce the tax burden moving forward in future years and the ability to meet any contingencies, should it so choose to do so.

Freeholder Hudak stated that as the Board has noted previously, the budget is now a year-round process as the Board continues to examine all avenues for efficiencies. He stated that the County is scheduled to hold a public hearing on the 2015 introduced budget at 6 p.m. prior to the Freeholder Board's regular meeting on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. He added that the Freeholder Board is anticipated to adopt the final budget during its regular meeting on Thursday, May 28, 2015.

Freeholder thanked the other members of the Fiscal Committee: Freeholders Mirabella, Freeholder Estrada, and Freeholder Granados. He also thanked County Manager Al Faella, Deputy County Manager Bill Reyes, and the Board's Chief of Staff Vikki Drake, and all of the County Department heads. Freeholder Hudak offered a special thank you to the County's Finance Director Bibi Taylor and her staff for their outstanding effort on this year's budget.

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

Ravenell Williams, Somerset, New Jersey, Director of the Plainfield YMCA stated that he was here to speak to resolution #2015-311. He stated that the Plainfield YMCA has been running the Homeless Shelter at 518 Watchung Avenue in Plainfield since 1985, and has been the Director for six winters. He stated that he has seen more and more situationally poor people coming through the doors: victims of domestic violence, job loss, those dealing with extraordinary high medical bills and in need of housing. He noted that the people coming to his shelter are getting younger and younger and that there are more and more families with small children. He said it breaks his heart to see kids in subzero weather and he thanked the Board for their resolution regarding Code Blue efforts, and appreciated that the resolution is an increase in funding due to the increase in demand.

Debbie Morgan, resides in Essex County, and serves as the Department Director of Legal Services in Elizabeth, New Jersey, spoke on resolution #2015-311. She thanked the Board for the work they have done with the innovative Code Blue program. She stated that many of these people find themselves homeless at no fault of their own. She noted that in 2014-2015, over 6,240 people were served. Of those 1,720 were children. She stated that but not for the Code Blue program, these people would find themselves sleeping on the street, train stations, cars, and in abandoned buildings. She stated that she hopes that the Board continues with this program.

Linda Flores Tolbert, residing in Elizabeth and Co-Chairperson of the Cease Committee, Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, spoke on resolution #2015-311. She quoted Ghandi "nation greatness is measured by how it treats its weakness members." She stated that the people who come into the agency's offices are the most vulnerable, the weakest and the very least of our brothers and sisters. She stated they walk in with nothing, no hope, unwanted and nowhere to lean their head. She stated that they walk out into the harsh weather to sit in a Dunkin Donuts, the emergency room, their cars, or on a cold step. She said Code Blue means life to them. She added that this was the worst winter seen in a long time, and Code Blue served more families with children this year than ever. She added the lack of full-time jobs paying livable wages and the lack of affordable housing underscore the need for a solution. She expressed her appreciation of the Board for meeting the needs of the County's weakest members.

Jeffrey Freeman, Rahway, asked the Board if the resolutions #2015-319 and #2015-320 applies to the projected Stadium Project or Track Improvement Project in the Rahway River Park.

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes stated resolution #2015-319 relates to an energy investigation service for open space and resolution #2015-320 relates for gas and electric open market procurement for the County.

Chairman Jalloh asked specifically does it apply to the Rahway River Park project.

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes replied that they do not.

John Bury, Kenilworth, spoke in regards to Resolution #2015-295. He said he saw a video at the last agenda meeting and had three questions: where is the savings if there will be no layoffs, what are you privatizing and how much does it cost, and what other place in the county will the current stable employees be moved to within the County.

Purchasing Director Yuska stated the resolution in question permits the method and allows the County to go out to bid for the service. He stated that the County doesn't know how much it's going to cost until the bids come in and that if we did know, the County wouldn't divulge that information as it would negatively affect the bid amounts.

Director Zuber stated the current employees would be placed in other departments where there were opening/vacancies.

Chairman Jalloh asked there is a need to place the employees at this time.

Director Zuber replied that currently there is no need to place them at this time.

Pat Mochetti, New Providence made comments to the following resolutions: #2015-300 and 301. Relative to resolution #2015-300, he asked what percentage will the County exceed the limit and what is does that percentage mean in dollars. Relative to resolution #2015-301, he asked why there are no numbers on the introduction of the budget and asked, through the Chairman, the County Manager how many

program are being eliminated, reduced, consolidated, and whether or not these programs still needed. He made comments relative to reducing the County's budget by 5% or reallocate said funds to a much meaningful program.

Chairman Jalloh stated that aside from resolution #2015-300, the speaker's questions were already answered by a statement made earlier by the Fiscal Chairman, but would ask County staff to make those comments available to the speaker.

Director Taylor stated resolution #2015-300 is specific to the 1977 Cap. She stated that, as a recap, counties have to actually test their levy against two levy cap: the 1977 levy and the 2010 levy cap. She added that by law counties have to use the more restrictive of the two. She stated that the 2015 Budget falls under the 2010 Cap, so the Cola Resolution, even though it's under the 1977 cap, the County is asking the Board to approve it for financial flexibility in the event we need to utilize the Cap bank due to unforeseen circumstances. She stated that the budget, as it stands now, doesn't utilize any of the increase outlined in this Resolution.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood made comments on a number of resolutions. Relative to resolution #2015-295 (Barns and Rings), he stated that the idea of transferring people to other department Parks and Recreation due to the possible privatization at the stables doesn't make sense. Relative to resolution #2015-297, he stated that he thinks \$120,000 is too high of a cost for one event. Relative to resolution #2015-300, he advised the Board that he would like to see them vote no. Relative to resolution #2015-317, he said he had no opinion as to whether they should vote in favor or against. Relative to resolution #2015-319 and #2015-321, he commented on political contributions made by T&M. Relative to resolution #2015-319, he mentioned that this resolution should be coming from the Open Space Trust Fund and not operational funds. Relative to resolution #2015-324, he commented on political contributions made by Neglia and urged the Board to pass its own pay-to-play law.

Director Taylor stated the Cola resolution authorizes the taxes to be increased up to \$339,198,000. She stated that the budget, as presented this evening, calls for a tax increase in the amount of \$335,283,323. She explained a scenario if the County were to back out a half of a percent (that is included in the Cola) of the \$339,198,000, you would be reducing it \$1,100,000; bringing it down \$337,000,000, which is still not under the 1977 Cap. She explained that the \$337,000,000 maximum levy is higher than what the County is raising and is greater than the 2010 Cap, the County cannot use it. She explained that, essentially, the resolution is proforma and prospective in the event we need to build cap bank in a future year and/or utilize it. She stated that the County had Cap bank under the 1977 last year, and we didn't use it in this current year because the County does not qualify; indicating that the County must use the more restrictive cap between the 1977 Cap and the 2010 Cap. She reiterated that the 2015 budget, the County is under the 2010 Cap and is part of the Introduced budget and will be uploaded to the County website where it is clear how the calculations are derived.

Scott Aluta, Clark, New Jersey spoke on resolutions #2015-300 and #2015-301. He stated the County can find \$3 million dollars for the Code Blue and other programs within the budget by canceling the Rahway Sports Complex. He made comments on Neglia engineering contracts.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

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The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2015-293 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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 Parks and Recreation: Miracle Chemical Company, Farmingdale, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing pool chemicals, for twenty-four (24) consecutive months in an amount not to exceed \$43,160.00.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-294 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Supporting the Township of Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission's application to the ANJEC (Association of NJ Environmental Commissions) for a grant to improve existing trails and create new hiking trails along the Passaic River and in the County owned Passaic River Parkway in Berkeley Heights and Summit.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-295 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing competitive contracting to procure services for the Operation and management for the Barn and Rings at Watchung Stables in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:11-4.3(a).

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-296 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Department of Parks & Recreation, to apply for and execute a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program 2015 Recreation Trails Program grant in the amount of \$16,000, with a required cash match of \$4,000, to engage a contractor to provide and install approximately 1,000 lineal feet of split rail fencing along bridle trails in the Watchung Reservation to improve equestrian and hiker safety.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-297 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement with This is It! Productions, Inc., Hoboken, New Jersey, for the planning, production and management for the 2015 Rhythm & Blues by the Brook at Cedar Brook Park on Saturday, May 30, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-298 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Appointing Tony Hall to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board to represent the City of Rahway from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.
- On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.
- 2015-299 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Amending the 2015 Temporary Budget Ch. 96 P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20).
- On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.
- 2015-300 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution to exceed the County tax levy limit and to establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.14).
- On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.
- 2015-301 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution Introducing and Approving the Annual Budget of the County of Union for the Fiscal Year 2015.
- On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.
- 2015-302 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter into Amendment No. 1 of the Management Services Agreement for the Park Madison Project between the County of Union and the Union County Improvement Authority relative to provisions on net operating revenue and distribution of same.
- On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.
- 2015-303 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the Ryan White Spending Plan, federally funded by the Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Grant, in the total amount not to exceed \$117,530 awarding subcontracts to various agencies to provide support services to people with HIV/AIDS for the period of March 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016 and further authorizing the transfer of funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation.
- On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.
- 2015-304 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the Ryan White Spending Plan, federally funded by the Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Grant, in the total amount not to exceed \$1,393,163 awarding subcontracts to various agencies to provide support services to people with HIV/AIDS for the period of March 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016 and further

authorizing the transfer of funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 8 members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen abstaining.

- 2015-305 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to establish County funds to comply with mandates of N.J.S.A.40A:9-49.1 that establishes burial costs for Union County's indigent, unidentified or unclaimed deceased residents be the responsibility of Union County at a burial rate not to exceed \$1,550.00 in the total amount not to exceed \$44,580 for the 12 month period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-306 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-1042, entering into a shared services agreement with Hudson County to provide custody and care to its juvenile detainees at the Union County Juvenile Detention Center, to reflect a change in the commencement date to be March 23, 2015 for a revised agreement period of March 23, 2015 through December 31, 2016.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-307 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract, pursuant to Request for Proposal (RFP), to SAGE Eldercare, Inc., for the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) for the period of April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016, contract year 3 of a 3 year contract, in an amount not to exceed \$34,000; further authorizing the transfer of funds during the contract period should service needs change and/or if the agency should fail to meet their contractual obligation; and further authorizing the execution of a Standardized Board Resolution, as required for inclusion in submission to NJDHS.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-308 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-571, to allocate additional Ryan White funds in the amount of \$5,034.53, for a new total allocation of \$1,732,061.53, thereby amending the Spending Plan for the period of March 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015 to provide services to people with HIV/AIDS.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 8 members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen abstaining.

- 2015-309 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-572, to allocate additional Ryan White funds in the amount of \$6,348.47, for a new total



allocation of \$147,686.47, thereby amending the Spending Plan for the period of March 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015 to provide services to people with HIV/AIDS.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-310 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-1038, renewing a revenue agreement with Gateway Family YMCA, Elizabeth, New Jersey, to increase the reimbursement rate by \$400 per month for a new monthly reimbursement amount of \$5,400 effective March 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 for the provision of Transportation Service through the Union County Paratransit System for clients of the WISE Adult Day Care Program.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 8 members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen abstaining.

- 2015-311 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-114, to reflect an additional appropriation for the Countywide Code Blue Emergency Shelter Initiative expenditures for the winter of 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, for a new total amount not to exceed \$260,000.00, due to increased demand for shelter nights during extreme weather conditions to cover the months of February through April 2015 and to add one motel, AASHIRVAD LLC.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-312 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-1029, to reflect an increase of \$47,697.59 of funds allocated under the approved 2014-2015 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Spending Plan, to extend the current spending plan an additional month from May 31, 2015 to June 30, 2015, and to adjust the fiscal year account numbers accordingly.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-313 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2013-816, (BA #67-2013) with Acme American Repair, Inc., Brooklyn, New York, to increase the award in an additional amount not to exceed \$15,000 for service and repair over and above routine maintenance on kitchen equipment at the Union County Division on Aging/Nutrition Kitchen located 1025 Pennsylvania Avenue, Linden, New Jersey.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-314 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (USDHHS), Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), Division of Unaccompanied Children's Service (DUCS) and accept 2nd and 3rd Quarter installment funding in

the amount of \$517,089 to provide secure care and placement services to unaccompanied and undocumented children in the Union County Juvenile Detention Center by guaranteeing ten (10) secure beds per day for Year Two, 2nd and 3rd Quarter funding period of January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015, of a Three Year Agreement.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-315 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into contract with Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth, New Jersey, in the amount of \$88,152 for the Year Two, 2nd through 3rd quarter period of January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015, of a three year agreement to provide case management and mental health services for juveniles in the Union County Juvenile Detention Center consistent with the federal DUCS grant agreement.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-316 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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 Motivated Security Services, Somerville, N.J. for the purpose of providing security coverage at Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital for a not to exceed figure of \$82,284.36 for a period of twelve consecutive months.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-317 VICE CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution opposing a proposed "Pilgrim Pipeline" to carry fracked bakken shale oil between Albany, New York and Linden, New Jersey, due to grave concerns relative to both the environment and the public health and safety of the citizens and residents of Union County.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-318 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: Department of Public Safety, Office of Emergency Management: A&K Equipment, Rahway, New Jersey for the purpose of providing Two (2) Custom Utility Truck Bodies for a total amount not to exceed \$54,889.00.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-319 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to T & M Associates, Middletown, New Jersey, to provide On-Call Environmental Site Investigation Services for the County

of Union commencing March 1, 2015 through February 28, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-009)

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-320 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to Pennoni Associates, Edison, New Jersey, to provide On-Call Environmental Compliance Services for the County of Union commencing March 1, 2015 through February 28, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-010)

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-321 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to T & M Associates, Middletown, New Jersey, to provide On-Call Energy Consultant Services for the County of Union commencing March 1, 2015 through February 28, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-011)

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-322 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement between the County of Union and the Township of Union and Urban Renewal, LLC (Avalon Bay) for the installation of a traffic control device at the Intersection of Vauxhall Road (County Route 630) and Stahuber Avenue, Union, New Jersey. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-002)

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-323 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-597, a Professional Engineering Service Contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff, Newark, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing additional design, construction management and pavement services for the 2014 Union County Resurfacing Program - Phase 2 in an amount not to exceed \$70,500.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$423,050.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-022).

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-324 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to Neglia Associates, Lyndhurst, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing design and construction management services for the Watchung Reservation Tracy Loop Sewer Connection in an amount not to exceed \$85,268.00. (Union County Engineering Project No. 2014-033)

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-325 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: Scifano Construction Corporation, 1 Smalley Avenue, Middlesex, New Jersey 08846, for the purpose of providing 2015 Road Resurfacing Program, in an amount not to exceed \$5,075,586.00. (BA#10-2015; Union County Engineering Project #2014-038) Funding for this project will be provided by the New Jersey Department of Transportation, 2014 County annual Transportation Program (2014 ATP).

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-326 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept and expend New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency funds for successful applicants funded through the 2014 Emergency Management Agency Assistance (EMAA) Grant in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.00; consisting of up to \$55,000.00 Federal Award (with a County in-kind match of up to \$55,000.00) and an additional \$40,000.00 Federal Award to the County for disbursement to six predetermined municipalities identified through guidelines set forth by the NJ State Police Office of Emergency Management.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-327 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement with TriTech Software Systems for support renewal to provide records management and reporting software licensing and equipment maintenance March 5, 2015 through December 31, 2015 to the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System operated by Union County Public Safety in an amount not to exceed \$89,920.51.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-328 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Resolution granting permission to the Township of Scotch Plains to close Martine Avenue between West Broad Street and Cooper Road from 8:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. on April 25, 2015 for a YMCA sponsored race. Also granting permission to hang a banner across Park Avenue near intersection of Front Street from April 9, 2015 to April 27, 2015 to advertise the event.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-329 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Resolution concurring with the Township of Berkeley Heights granting permission to the Rotary Club to hang a banner across Springfield Avenue and another on Plainfield Avenue from May 1, 2015 to May 31, 2015 to advertise their "Rubber Duck Fest".

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-330 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Resolution granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights for the JC Promotions, Inc., and Suburban Chamber of Commerce to hang a banner across Springfield Avenue from June 1, 2015 to June 28, 2015 to advertise the Annual Berkeley Heights Street Fair which is being held on Sunday, June 28, 2015. Also granting permission to close Springfield Avenue from the intersection of Snyder Avenue to Plainfield Avenue from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on June 28, 2015 or any other rescheduled date.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-331 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Resolution concurring with the Township of Berkeley Heights granting permission to the Berkeley Heights Youth Soccer Club to hang a banner across Plainfield Avenue and Springfield Avenue from April 11, 2015 through May 11, 2015 to announce the Berkeley Heights Youth Soccer Tryouts.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-332 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Resolution concurring with the Township of Springfield regarding road closures for the Annual Memorial Day Parade Celebration. The Annual Memorial Day Parade will be held Monday, May 25, 2015 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., and is requesting permission to close Mountain Avenue from the intersection of Shunpike Road to North Trivett Avenue; Shunpike Road from the intersection of South Springfield Avenue to the intersection of Mountain Avenue.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-333 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** A Resolution appointing and designating Special Counsels for the Union County Solid Waste Management District.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-334 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 647-98, to increase the authorization of County Counsel to settle tort claims and law suits filed against the County in an amount of \$15,000.00 or less without advance approval by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-335 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Appointing Cherron Rountree to the Union County College Board of Trustees for a term ending June 30, 2016, Marlenes Teixeira for a term ending June 30, 2015 and Abubakar Jalloh for a four year term ending June 30, 2018.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

#### **FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

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- 2015-336 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Laudatory resolution commending the Greater of Union County Chapter of Jack and Jill Inc., on their efforts in providing community service and their partnership with the March of Dimes.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-337 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Resolution extending this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Emily Radford Washington, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-338 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER, FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Laudatory resolution congratulating the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club 2015 Founders' Day Award Recipients: Sojourner Truth Award - Janet Jasper; Business Woman of the Year Award - Jacqueline Brathwaite-West; Professional Woman of the Year Award - Shirley McDuffie, CNM, RN; Man of the Year Award - Walter E. Andrews; Community Service Award - Natasha Davis; and Male Role Model Award - Dion Roach.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-339 FREEHOLDERS ANGEL G. ESTRADA, SERGIO GRANADOS & BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Laudatory resolution recognizing the Second Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth, as they celebrate their 195th Anniversary.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-340 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Laudatory resolution acknowledging the efforts of the Aksyon Kominote Entenasyonal Developman Pisto as they celebrate their 17 years of community service at their Annual Banquet on April 18, 2015.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-341 FREEHOLDERS CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & LINDA CARTER:** Laudatory resolution extending this Board's sincere congratulations to Jarett Brown, of Boy Scout Troop #5, on attaining his Eagle Scout Award.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-342 FREEHOLDERS CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & SERGIO GRANADOS:** Laudatory resolution commending Kristian Melo, of Boy Scout Troop 101 in Elizabeth, on attaining his Eagle Scout honor.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-343 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Resolution congratulating the Roselle Catholic High School Boys Basketball Team on winning the 2015 State Championship.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-344 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Laudatory resolution congratulating the Linden High School Boys Basketball Team for winning the 2015 Union County Championship.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-345 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Laudatory resolution proclaiming April 9, 2015 as "National Transportation Infrastructure Day" in Union County; highlighting the critical need to invest in updating our nation's transportation infrastructure.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-346 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Laudatory Resolution expressing the Board's appreciation to the National Arts Program Foundation staff for their role in promoting appreciation and recognition of individual artistic achievement and its importance to community spirit.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-347 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Laudatory Resolution expressing the Board's appreciation to the Elizabethtown Gas Company and commending the company for its leadership role in promoting the partnership of the public and private sectors in support of the arts in Union County.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-348 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & VICE CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Eugene Carmody, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-349 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Laudatory resolution congratulating John Vigliante on the celebration of his 100th birthday.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-350 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Mauro Checchio, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-351 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Laudatory resolution congratulating Mildred Waldman, a resident of Union County for over 78 years and a 25-year resident of Shaefer Gardens, Union Township, on celebrating her 100th birthday.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-352 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Congratulating Dennis Vodarsik, Ph.D. on his retirement from the Union County Advisory Council on Aging after 17 years and thanking him for his voluntary service.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-353 VICE CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Laudatory resolution expressing this Board's sincere appreciation to the Mental Health Association in New Jersey in Union County for their work in providing essential mental health services of many children and adults in Union County; and further welcoming the agency to its new location at 2333 Morris Ave., Building C, Suite 206/208 in the Township of Union.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-354 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Laudatory resolution recognizing and congratulating the seven (7) 2015 Freedom Fund Honorees for the work they have done in helping to advance the mission of the NAACP and the role they have played in helping to promote its values within the community.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-355 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH & FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Laudatory resolution extending this Board's sincere congratulations to Evan Samuel Everett, of Boy Scout Troop #68, on attaining his Eagle Scout Award.



On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-356 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution proclaiming the month of April, 2015 as "Autism Awareness Month" throughout the County of Union; and further proclaiming April 2, 2015 as "Light-It-Up Blue Day" throughout the County of Union; and further declaring Zachary Brooks, of Summit, the Official Union County Ambassador for Autism Awareness.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-357 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution acknowledging and commending Union County Police Chief Daniel Vaniska for his dedicated public service to the residents of the County of Union, and further extending this Board's best wishes upon his retirement.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-358 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Bonnie Herrmann, a well-respected 20 year County employee and former Director of the Youth Services Bureau for the Department of Human Services, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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#### **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.

Robert Carson, Rahway, stated he was at the last meeting and was told there were no contracts regarding the Rahway Project. He spoke on the information flyer the County is handing out and questioned the facts thereof. He spoke on a contract obtained through Freeholders' OPRA process, noting a contract dated July 12, 2011 with Neglia Engineering in the amount of \$116,000. He referenced a shared services agreement dated September 24, 2014 which list the stipulations of the agreement between Union County and Rahway. And other document dated September 29, 2014 to Ronald Zuber speaking to the contract obligations relative to the bleachers for 5,000 people. He asked why it so difficult to get information asked why they were told that there were not any contracts when there seems to be contracts.

Chairman Jalloh asked Mr. Carson to provide those contracts to the Clerk of the Board to make copies, and stated that the documents mentioned sound like shared service agreements and not construction documents. He said such a contract could not be entered into by the County Manager without the Freeholder approval (of a resolution) and that no such resolution has been adopted by the Freeholder Board.

Jeffrey Freeman, Rahway made comments in oppositions to the Rahway River Park project, citing concerns over the lightning, wildlife and traffic/parking and littering. He asked what were the specifics on the design to limit and control the lighting.

Clifford Jefferson Obey noted that he made remarks on March 26<sup>th</sup> relative to the miscellaneous records and filing of slave documents. He asked the Board if they reached out to the County Clerk regarding this matter. He stated he reached out to Middlesex County Clerk Elaine Flinch regarding the documents. Mr. Obey read a letter he forwarded to Elaine Flinch on April 10, 2015. He stated that the Deputy Clerk responded to his letter stating that there is no statutory basis or legal authority to record the document. He stated his concerns and disagreement relative to her response. He questioned the constitutionality of the County Clerk's position.

Ruth Nicholas, resident of Cranford and a Team Member of the Coalition to Save the Historic Rahway River Park, read a letter regarding saving Rahway River Park and upholding the Olmsted Design's ideology and intended "pastoral style" of unconscious or indirect recreation.

Susan Selamack, resident of Rahway, applauded the previous speaker's comments. She made comments in oppositions to the Rahway River Park project, citing concerns over artificial turf. She made comments on the passiveness of the park. She asked when the meeting was to move forward with the Rahway River Park project and questioned who asked for it.

John Bury, Kenilworth stated that it did not seem like a good idea to put a stadium in the Rahway River Park. He made comments regarding the Runnells sale and the solar panel project through the Union County Improvement Authority. He stated that the law firm of Decotiis & Fitzpatrick is at the center of all these projects. He made comments relative to the law firm's political contributions.

Barbara Majeski, resident of Rahway, made comments regarding the Rahway River Park. She stated that if Avenel Middle School can add 10 feet of soil to put two huge cricket fields, why couldn't the City's flood engineers raise Rahway Veterans field?

Emanuel Bey, resident of Plainfield, made comments relative to his opinion on the role of government. He urged elected officials to go back to the Declaration of Independence's declaration that "all men are created equal." He spoke on Birth Rights and that said rights cannot be sold and that the government is to protect our rights.

Erwin (inaudible), resident of Plainfield, stated that he spoke on behalf of the real true American citizen. He made comments regarding the County Clerk and his attempt to get documents, but noted that his rights are being stripped away. He stated it's time for us to tell their story and urged the Chairman to question where these "miscellaneous books" are. He stated that he does not want to be classified as a Black or African American.

Pat Mochetti, New Providence urged members of the public to comment on Rahway Park.

Mr. Mochetti made comments relative to the NJ Assemblywoman Linda Stender, urging the Board to an investigation. He questioned the success of the Workforce programs during the first quarter of 2015. He made comments regarding to his correspondence with Freeholder Granados relative to job openings at the Friendly's restaurant in New Providence. He asked for a follow up. Mr. Mochetti made comments relative to the three individuals appointed to the Union County College Board of Trustees and questioned the criteria and responsibilities and interview process for those positions.

Kathy Tropiano, resident of Clark, made comments on behalf of the Rahway Coalition to Save Rahway River Park. She asked for clarification relative to the updated information provided by the County relative to Rahway River Park; with specific mention to the definition of a "stadium" construction, " parking concerns, and an open-forum for the public input.

Albert Coliba (inaudible), resident of Linden, made comments in opposition to the Rahway River Park project; citing an Associated Press article in Minnesota relative to concerns regarding the artificial turf pellets can cause bone and blood cancer.

Scott Britta, resident of Clark, made comments in oppositions to the Rahway River Park project, citing concerns that families will not be able to use the park for non-organized recreational use. He made comments relative to the measurements of the 6 lane track and compared them to the stadium drawings. He asserts that the "stadium" will impose itself on a baseball field. He made comments relative to multi-purpose turf fields; stating that they are demanding and use-limiting, and spoke on suggested proactive health procedures required for play.

Ronnie Armstrong, resident of Piscataway and Union County Juvenile Detention Center Officer, made comments relative to his concerns regarding the agreement with Hudson County. Mr. Armstrong stated concerns regarding proper staffing and a safe work environment for the officers. He was joined by two (2) co-workers Melisa McCoy (inaudible) of Roselle and Alisha LaPiere (inaudible) of Elizabeth. Mrs. McCoy (inaudible) stated that many of the officers are forced to work 16 hour double shifts. Mrs. LaPiere (inaudible) stated that many of the officers have families but never get to see them and spoke get hurt on the job and never see their families due to the excessive work schedules.

Chairman Jalloh stated the Board will look into it.

Bruce Paterson, resident of Garwood, made comments relative to a number of topics. He stated that more people need to talk about the Rahway Project. He stated that his question as to why T&M Associates was being paid out of the operating budget (instead of the Open Space Trust Fund) was not answered. He asked for a legal opinion by County Counsel as to how Freeholder Mirabella was allowed to vote on the budget. He made comments relative to a quote from Freeholder Fiscal Chairman Hudak in the Westfield Leader.

Stan Majeski, resident of Rahway, made comments in oppositions to the Rahway River Park project, citing various articles (from a number of cities and states) relative to the health and safety of artificial turf fields. He stated that the field is too close to the Rahway River.

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## FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

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Freeholder Granados commented on his correspondence with Mr. Mochetti. He stated that he appreciated the information that he provided the Board and that the information was forwarded to the County's Workforce Investment Board Director. He noted that he would follow up with the Director.

He spoke on the charity basketball game at Kean University to raise funds for college scholarships.

Freeholder Kowalski thanked the speakers from the various nonprofit human service organizations for commenting on the Ryan White and Code Blue resolutions. She noted that these resolutions are an important part of County government and that she is proud to support these efforts.

Freeholder Carter made comments relative to the upcoming Annual Union County Women Mean Business Summit on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at the Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth. She stated that the summit is designed to help equip small business owners and entrepreneurs with vital skills and help grow their network. She stated that the key-note speaker is Kristina Hahn, head of packaged consumer goods at Google.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments regarding the UCSTEP program. He stated that almost 200 Union County teens have banded together to help students in need this spring. He stated that through the program, these young people created their own community service program called "Donate to Educate," which helps to ensure that every Union County student has the supplies they need for a successful school year. He stated that Union County residents can assist by dropping off school supplies at collection boxes or making a financial donation.

Freeholder Mirabella congratulated the Fiscal Chairman on the development of this year's budget.

He made comments relative to two condolences resolutions passed by the Board: former Scotch Plains Mayor Checchio and former Roselle Park Mayor and longtime member of the UCC Board of Trustee Gene Carmody. He spoke fondly of both and stated that both will be greatly missed.

Vice Chairman Bergen made comments relative to the "Race 4 The Children" fundraising event on Sunday, April 19 at Warinanco Park, which will raise funds to benefit the Union County Child Advocacy Center. He spoke to the purpose of the

Union County Child Advocacy Center, which is to provide children with a supportive, stable environment in which to cope with the aftermath of abuse, and begin the process of recovery. He wished Acting Prosecutor Grace Park, her staff, and the Friends of the Child Advocacy Center, best wishes for a successful fundraiser.

County Manager made comments relative to the County's permit process for the use of fields and parkland. He stated that they are available for all our county residents. He thanked the Union County Juvenile Detention officers for coming to the meeting to voice their concerns. He stated that the County cares very much about its employees, and spoke to the daily efforts of Director Guzzo relative to their concerns. He added that the County has successfully negotiated an intergovernmental transfer agreement with the County of Hudson, which would help in the County's staffing of the facility. He reiterated that he appreciates the work that the officers are doing.

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#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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To the extent known, the following item is scheduled to be discussed in executive session:

- 1) Attorney-client privileged communication and potential contract negotiations with various municipalities and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers relative to the planned flood mitigation project.

County Counsel Barry stated that pursuant to provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act a public body may enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing certain enumerated subjects. He stated that this Board now wishes to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing Attorney-client privileged communication and potential contract negotiations with various municipalities and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers relative to the planned flood mitigation project.

He stated that the minutes of the Executive Session shall be separated from the minutes of the Open Public Session. He stated 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 into executive session. He stated that upon the Board's return, it will not take formal action on the matters discussed. He stated that upon a majority vote of the members present, the Board may now retire to Executive Session.

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

Chairman Jalloh asked for a motion to return to the Regular Meeting. On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Chairman Jalloh asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, a voice vote showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 9:10PM.

# 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

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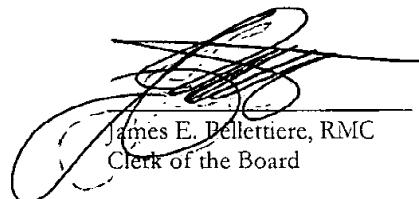
December 3, 2015

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.



James E. Pelletiere, RMC  
Clerk of the Board

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