



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2015
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh presided and called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Roll call showed, Vice Chairman Bruce Bergen, Freeholder Linda Carter, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, and Freeholder Vernell Wright were in attendance. Freeholder Sergio Granados was absent.

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

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

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

PRESENTATION FROM THE BOARD

A resolution presentation will be made by Chairman Jalloh the Board congratulating Park Elite Cheerleading of Cranford for an outstanding and successful cheer season.

Chairman Jalloh asked Freeholder Kowalski to join him for the evening's presentation.

Freeholder Kowalski called upon Martha Richardson, of Park Elite Cheerleading. Mrs. Richardson spoke on the success of the Park Elite Cheerleading and called upon the cheerleaders and coaches for the presentation. She stated that the girls present represent a small portion of the cheerleaders, as there are over 100 girls in the program.

Chairman Jalloh read the resolution aloud and presented the organization with the resolution.

COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

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 eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Sergio Granados absent.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

Chairman Jalloh called for the Clerk of the Board to read the Ordinance by title.

- 764-2015 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND "THE LAWS OF UNION COUNTY: ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION" BY AMENDING PART 1, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE XVI-DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; ARTICLE XXII-DEPARTMENT OF RUNNELLS SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL; ARTICLE XIX DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT; ARTICLE XXIV, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; AND, PART 2, CHAPTER 100, PERSONNEL.

PART I - ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

Chapter 1, UNION COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

ARTICLE XVI, Department of Human Services

§ 1-90. General purpose; departmental organization.

- A. There shall be a Department of Human Services for the purpose of promoting the coordination, integration, maximization and development of human services and providing for the planning, monitoring and administration of select human services. Such resources and services shall include, but not be limited to, those mandated by federal and state law and rules and regulations appertaining thereto. The Director of Human Services shall be the head of the Department and shall be responsible to the County Manager for its operation. The office staff of the Director shall include, but not be limited to, the Office of Paratransit, the George W. Herlich Juvenile Detention Center, the Office of Employment Services and Training and the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County.
- B. George W. Herlich Juvenile Detention Center. The Superintendent of the Juvenile Detention Center shall be the head of this facility and shall be responsible to the Director of Human Services for its operation. Under the direction of the Superintendent, the Juvenile Detention Center's functions and responsibilities shall include:
- (1) Providing for the temporary care (detention), in a physically restricting facility, of juveniles awaiting court disposition, in accordance with state law and rules and regulations appertaining thereto.
- A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of Human Services, the Office of Employment Services and Training's functions and responsibilities shall include:

- (1) Providing job training and employment opportunities for economically disadvantaged, unemployed and underemployed persons and assuring that training and other services lead to maximum employment opportunities and enhanced self-sufficiency pursuant to authorizing federal legislation and rules and regulations appertaining thereto.
- (2) Collecting, compiling and analyzing statistical data relating to programmatic activity of the Division.
- (3) Preparing all mandated statistical programmatic reports.
- (4) Disseminating programmatic reports to appropriate agencies and officials.
- (5) Recruiting eligible participants to ensure compliance with authorizing federal legislation.
- (6) Initial screening and intake of individuals eligible for participating in the program.
- (7) Counseling of program participants for development of prospective employability plans, development of said plans and monitoring of program participants' progress in meeting said plans.
- (8) Developing jobs, including location and negotiation of employment positions for program participants.
- (9) On-the-job training (OJT) including development and negotiation of OJT contracts.
- (10) Directing placement of program participants in employment positions.
- (11) Educating and training of program participants to facilitate their employability and eventual unsubsidized employment.
- (12) Performing such other duties as may be required by the Director of Human Services.

D. Assistant Director. The Assistant Director of the Department of Human Services shall:

- (1) Under the direction and supervision of the Director of Human Services, assist in the orderly and efficient administration of the Department of Human Services, performing whatever supervisory or administrative duties the Director of the Department of Human Services deems necessary and proper.
- (2) Assure that all contract procurement and contract monitoring conforms to state and federal requirements.
- (3) Serve as the Acting Director of the Department of Human Services during the temporary absence or disability of the Director of the Department of Human Services.

- E. Under the direction and supervision of the Assistant Director of Human Services, the Bureau of Veteran's Affairs' functions shall include:
- (1) Providing information and advocacy for veterans and their families.
 - (2) Coordinating flag placement on all veterans' graves.
- F. The Department of Human Services shall consist of the following divisions:
- (1) The Division of Aging.
 - (2) The Division of Youth Services.
 - (3) The Division of Planning.
 - (4) The Division of Social Services.
 - (5) The Division of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital

§ 1-91. Division of Aging.

- A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of Human Services, the Division of Aging's functions and responsibilities shall include:
- (1) Striving to increase the public's understanding of both the real nature of the aging process and of aging individuals.
 - (2) Providing information and referral services for the senior citizens of the County.
 - (3) Identifying and assessing the needs of the aging in order to plan for and stimulate, in cooperation with other governmental and voluntary agencies and citizens groups, solutions for present or potential problems of the aging.
 - (4) Developing and coordinating programs for the aging, including but not limited to community services, economics, employment, income and retirement, health care, mental health, housing (including institutional and noninstitutional), leisure, transportation, homemaker services, education and nutrition.
 - (5) Developing and submitting those plans and related documents and fulfilling all obligations that are or may be required by federal and state law and accompanying rules and regulations pertaining to senior citizens.
 - (6) Performing all functions related to implementing a program designed and suggested by the Division of Consumer Affairs of the State of New Jersey to provide aid and assistance to residents of the County of Union with respect to obtaining relief from fraudulent, deceptive or false business and/or commercial transactions.

- (7) Performing such other duties as may be required by the Director of Human Services.
- A. Division head. The Director of the Division on Aging shall be the head of the Division and shall be responsible to the Director of Human Services for its operation.

§ 1-92. Division of Youth Services.

- A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of Human Services, the Division of Youth Services' functions and responsibilities shall include:
 - (1) Coordinating, integrating, modifying and developing services for youth and administering select service programs, including but not limited to those mandated by law and rules and regulations appertaining thereto, including the Youth Service Bureau and temporary shelter services.
 - (2) Providing information and referral services for the youth of Union County.
 - (3) Identifying and assessing the needs of the youth in order to plan for and stimulate, in cooperation with governmental and voluntary agencies and citizens groups, solutions for present or potential problems of youth.
 - (4) Striving to minimize youth involvement with the juvenile justice system.
 - (5) Facilitating the development, extension, expansion and coordination of programs for youth, including but not limited to those youth that have been, are or have a high probability for becoming involved with the juvenile justice system.
 - (6) Providing select services for youth, including but not limited to maintenance of crisis intervention capabilities, advocacy, and narcotics and drug abuse prevention and education.
 - (7) Providing temporary shelter services for the care (shelter), without physical restriction, of juveniles who are homeless or abandoned awaiting court disposition, in accordance with state law and rules and regulations appertaining thereto.
 - (8) Performing such other duties as may be required by the Director of Human Services.
- A. Division head. The Director of the Division of Youth Services shall be the head of the Division and shall be responsible to the Director of Human Services for its operation.

§ 1-93. (Reserved)

§ 1-94. Division of Planning.

- A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of Human Services, the Division of Planning's functions and responsibilities shall include:
- (1) Developing the Human Services Delivery System Plan, relying heavily on input from responsible division heads.
 - (2) Researching and developing all state and federal legislation which may further the development of existing departmental programs or creating new programs to provide additional human services.
 - (3) Coordinating and developing all private, federal and state grant requests for the Department of Human Services in accordance with stated goals and objectives of the Department.
 - (4) Developing, in conjunction with Division Heads of the Department, an extensive, evaluative process for purposes of ascertaining the overall effectiveness of the Department's human services delivery system.
 - (5) Developing a complete interdepartmental resource library to include various documents pertaining to human services.
 - (6) Performing such other duties as may be required by the Director of Human Services. [Added 9-14-2000 by Ord. No. 515]
- A. Division head. The Director of the Division of Planning shall be the head of the Division and shall be responsible to the Director of Human Services for its operation.

§ 1-95. Division of Social Services.

- A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of Human Services, the Division of Social Services' functions and responsibilities shall include implementing the administrative guidelines of Social Services as set forth by the Division of Youth and Family Services, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services under the provisions of Title 44, Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey. Implementing the social and welfare guidelines for social services as established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services and the New Jersey Division of Public Welfare.
- B. Division head. The Director of the Division of Social Services shall be the head of the Division and shall be responsible to the Director of Human Services for its operation.

§ 1-96. Division of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County

- A. Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County shall be and shall constitute a Division within the Department of Human Services of the County of Union for the purpose of planning, coordinating and supervising the administration of medical services, nursing services and professional/support

services as hereinafter provided. The Director shall be the head of the Division and shall be responsible to the Director of the Department of Human Services for its operation. The Director of the Division of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County shall also be known as the "Administrator."

- B. The policies of the Hospital will be proposed and approved periodically in a manner consistent with the provisions of this Code. The Board of Chosen Freeholders shall be deemed for all purposes, including insurance coverage, trustees of the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County. The Board shall promote cooperation with health services, planning agencies, community agencies and community services.
- C. The Administrator shall be directly responsible for the following functions:
- (1) Organizing, directing and supervising the overall activities of the hospital to ensure an effective and efficient operating organization.
 - (2) Developing and maintaining effective liaison with community groups and organizations and governmental bodies.
 - (3) Ensuring that all units are in compliance with orders and/or regulations issued by the Administrator and by duly constituted governmental agencies.
 - (4) Being responsible for both program and facility planning and providing guidance on the overall procedures and policies of the hospital, including the making of specific recommendations and suggestions concerning the same, particularly with respect to the quality of patient care, admission procedures, and program service planning.
 - (5) Being responsible for the maintenance and operation of a hospital communications systems and network.
 - (6) Providing for Safety and Security for Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital by being responsible for the maintenance and operation of a hospital risk management program and for accident prevention and to administer a safety control program, including the implementation of all appropriate safety measures to protect patients, public employees and visitors from accident or injury while upon the grounds or within the facility and to review and analyze all accident information and records.
 - (7) Being responsible for the administration and operation of the quality assurance program and providing for an effective utilization review.
 - (8) Performing such other duties as may be required by the Director of the Department of Human Services.
- D. Within the Division, there shall be the following Bureaus:

- (1) The Bureau of Nursing Services.
- (2) The Bureau of Medical Services.
- (3) The Bureau of Professional and Support Services.
- (4) The Bureau of Hospital Finance.

E. Bureau of Nursing Services.

(1) Under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Division of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County, the Bureau of Nursing Services' functions and responsibilities shall include:

- (a) Maintaining high professional standards concerned with the quality of patient care.
- (b) Being responsible for organizing and overseeing the activities of nursing supervisors, registered nurses, institutional attendants and ward clerks.
- (c) Being responsible for organizing and overseeing the staffing in mental health services.
- (d) Being responsible for the enforcement of all hospital rules and regulations as they relate to nursing services.
- (e) Being responsible for nursing and staffing policies and for making specific recommendations and suggestions concerning the same.
- (f) Preparing monthly and annual reports with respect to patient care activities rendered throughout the hospital.
- (g) Performing such other duties as may be required by the Administrator.

(2) Bureau head. The Director of Nursing of the Bureau of Nursing Services shall be the head of the Bureau and shall be responsible to the Administrator for its operation.

(a) The Assistant Director of Nursing of the Bureau of Nursing shall be responsible to carry out those functions of the Bureau of Nursing as assigned by the Director of the Bureau of Nursing and the Administrator.

F. Bureau of Medical Services.

(1) Under the direction and supervision of the Administrator of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County, the Bureau of Medical Services' functions and responsibilities shall include:

- (a) Creating and maintaining an optimal level of professional performance of medical staff members through delineation of medical staff privileges and the continual review and evaluation of each member's clinical activities.
- (b) Providing for an effective infection control program.
- (c) Providing an ongoing program of continuing professional education.
- (d) Being responsible for the enforcement of medical staff bylaws, rules and regulations.
- (e) Being responsible for constantly reviewing the overall medical policies of the hospital and making specific recommendations and suggestions concerning the same.
- (f) Preparing monthly and annual reports on patient care activities rendered throughout the hospital.
- (g) Being responsible for medical reports and medical records.
- (h) Performing such other duties as may be required by the Administrator.

(2) Bureau head. The Medical Director of the Bureau of Medical Services shall be the head of the Bureau and shall be responsible to the Administrator for its operation

G. Bureau of Professional and Support Services.

(1) Under the direction and supervision of the Administrator of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County, the Bureau of Professional and Support Services functions and responsibilities shall include:

- (a) Responsibility for maintenance of high professional standards and continuing education.
- (b) Preparing annual reports on patient care activities rendered throughout the hospital.
- (c) Implementing New Jersey Department of Health and New Jersey Department of Human Services standards of care.
- (d) Ensuring the provision of the following professional and support services:
 1. Pharmacy consultant;
 2. Social Services;

3. Activities therapy: and

4. Transportation.

(e) Providing for and being responsible for all inservice training and performance improvement.

(f) Responsibility for maintaining the Affiliation Agreements between the Hospital and outside agencies and organizations.

(g) Performing such other duties as may be required by the Administrator.

(2) Bureau head. The Director of the Bureau of Professional and Support Services shall be the head of the Bureau and shall be responsible to the Administrator for its operation.

H. Bureau of Hospital Finance.

(1) Under the direction and supervision of the Administrator of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County, the Bureau of Hospital Finance's functions and responsibilities shall include:

(a) Implementing and maintaining a uniform, financially sound and responsive accounting system in order to ensure the fiscal integrity of the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County, to meet all requirements and coordinate activities for compliance with the County of Union's Financial Policy and Procedures and the NJ Division of Local Government Services.

(b) Providing for Hospital Planning Services by compiling estimates and other data as may be necessary and useful regarding the preparation of budgets and preparing the Hospital's budget. The Hospital's operating budget shall be centralized.

(c) Maintaining such books of account and ledgers as may be necessary in order to adequately identify and control the following functions and responsibilities: patient accounts; admitting records; reimbursement entitlement; rate setting and appeals; payroll; accounts payable; cost analysis; and purchasing.

(d) Operating and maintaining electronic data processing equipment as may be necessary to implement the above accounting functions.

(e) Be responsible for the provision of Information and Technology Services to the Hospital.

(f) Performing such other duties as may be required by the Administrator.

(2) Bureau Chief shall be the head of the Bureau and shall be responsible to the Administrator of the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County for its operation.

§ 1-97. (Reserved)

ARTICLE XXII, Department of Runnells Specialized Hospital - Omitted

ARTICLE XIX, Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management

§ 1-111. General purpose; departmental organization.

- A. There shall be a Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management for the purpose of planning, constructing, repairing and maintaining all property and infrastructure owned and operated by Union County.
- B. Department head. The Director of the Department of Engineering Public Works and Facilities Management shall be the head of the Department and shall be responsible to the County Manager for the Department's operation. The Director of the Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management may also be the director of a division within the Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management.
- C. Reserved.
- D. The Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management shall include the following divisions:
- (1) The Division of Public Works.
 - (2) The Division of Facilities Management.
 - (3) Division of Engineering.
- E. Under the Director of the Department shall be the Bureau of Recycling and Planning

The functions of the Bureau of Recycling and Planning will be as follows:

- (1) Implementing and coordinating Household Special Waste, Computer and Electronics, and Battery/Motor Oil/Filters, and other recycling related events.
- (2) Implementing and coordinating the Scrap Tire Management Program to fund cleanup and disposal of scrap tires found on public lands.
- (3) Providing administrative and coordination and assistance to municipalities in implementing the Clean Communities Program.
- (4) Performing such other duties as may be required by the Director of the Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management.

- (5) Preparing and Disseminating all mandated statistical programmatic reports to appropriate agencies and officials.
- (6) The Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Recycling and Planning shall also serve as the District Recycling Coordinator.

§ 1-112. Division of Public Works.

- A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of The Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, the Division of Public Works' functions and responsibilities shall include: road construction and maintenance, bridge maintenance and public works, shade tree and conservation and mosquito control.
- B. Division head. The Director of the Division of Public Works shall be the head of the Division and shall be responsible to the Director of the Department of Engineering, Public Works Facilities Management for its operation.
- C. Division organization.
 - (1) Within the Division, there shall be the following bureaus:
 - (a) Bureau of Roads and Bridges.
 - (b) Bureau of Shade Tree and Conservation.
 - (c) Bureau of Mosquito Control.
 - (d) Bureau of Inspections.
 - (e) Bureau of Heavy Equipment and Truck Repair.
 - (1) Bureau Chief. The Chief of each bureau shall be in charge of the bureau and shall be responsible to the Director of the Division of Public Works.
 - (2) The Bureau of Roads and Bridges' functions shall include:
 - (a) Maintaining and repairing County roads.
 - (b) Maintaining, installing and cleaning storm drainage facilities.
 - (c) Performing weed control and grass maintenance on all County rights-of-way.
 - (d) Maintaining County roads in a clean and safe condition for passage free of all obstructions and hazards and removing leaves, snow, ice and debris as required.
 - (e) Maintaining, installing and repairing road warning signs and traffic lane markings on all County roads and bridges.
 - (f) Maintaining and repairing County bridges and culverts.
 - (g) Maintaining County bridges free of obstructions and hazards.

- (h) Performing stream clearance and desnagging under County bridges and culverts.
 - (i) Operating and maintaining movable County bridges.
- (1) The Bureau of Shade Tree and Conservation's functions and responsibilities shall include:
- (a) Providing for the planting, replanting, trimming and care of trees within County road rights-of-way.
 - (b) Operation of the County's compost facility and ancillary work.
 - (c) Providing for the care, cultivation, planting and trimming of trees on all County Parkland.
- (5) The Bureau of Mosquito Control's functions shall include:
- (a) Controlling and exterminating all species of mosquitoes within County limits.
 - (b) Coordinating all activities with adjacent counties to control the breeding of all species of mosquitoes within flight range of the County.
 - (c) Enforcing Title 25, Chapter 9, Article 2 of the Laws of the State of New Jersey.
- (6) The Bureau of Inspections' functions and responsibilities shall include:
- (a) Issuing permits for County roads for curbing, driveway aprons, roadway openings and work on or in the vicinity of a bridge or culvert, maintaining records as necessary and inspecting the construction of these items. Controlling and exterminating all species of mosquitoes within County limits.
 - (b) Cooperating with public service facilities and private contractors in placing County projects.
 - (c) Supervising material testing procedures relating to construction of County roads, bridges and curbing. Enforcing Title 25, Chapter 9, Article 2 of the Laws of the State of New Jersey.
 - (d) Accepting applications, issuing permits and maintaining records for road openings, curbs, driveway aprons and connections to bridges, culverts and drainage systems within roadways maintained by the County.
 - (e) Inspections of all County-owned Lands to determine if there are encroachments.

(f) Enforcement of the County of Union Encroachment Ordinance.

(g) Coordination with the County Police, consistent with § 115-51 of the Laws of Union County.

(7) The Bureau of Heavy Equipment and Truck Repair

(a) Having responsibility for performing repairs, maintenance and all service necessary to keep the County's Heavy Equipment and Truck in safe and readily usable condition.

§ 1-113.-**Division of Engineering.**

A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, the Division of Engineering's functions and responsibilities shall include:

1. Providing engineering advice and assistance to the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the County Manager and County Departments/Agencies; performing the engineering work and decisions involved with the design, maintenance and construction of roads, intersections, bridges, stormwater facilities, buildings, parks, and other projects and reviewing review and approving plans and specifications, tabulating bids and recommending award of contracts; administering and inspecting for contract performance, certifying satisfactory contract performance for final payment and acceptance of work for County operational services projects.

2. Providing technical information on traffic and transportation matters and maintaining markings and signs on County Roads.

3. Performing its duties and responsibilities in conjunction and cooperation with the State Department of Transportation and Municipalities of Union County, as necessary.

4. Providing technical assistance to the Municipalities of Union County, as necessary.

5. Administering professional service contracts as necessary to implement and develop various County Public Works Projects.

6. The Division of Engineering shall be responsible for the administration, supervision and oversight of all capital projects within the County of Union.

B. Director of the Division of Engineering.

(1) Division head. The Director of the Division of Engineering shall be the head of the Division and shall be responsible to the Director of The Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, for its operation. The Director of the Division of Engineering shall be a duly licensed professional engineer in the State of New Jersey. The Director of the Division of Engineering may be the County Engineer.

(2) The Director of the Division of Engineering will provide for the internal organization of the Division and assign and delegate work of the Division among its employees; install and maintain such administrative and financial controls and procedures as may be required for efficient management of the Division, including budget preparation activities, properties and equipment; prepare and submit such reports and recommendation with respect to the conduct, functioning and work of the Division as may be required.

C. Division organization.

(1) Within the Division, there shall be the following Bureaus:

- (a) Bureau of Engineering Services.
- (b) Bureau of Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- (c) Bureau of Traffic Maintenance

(2) Bureau Chiefs. The Chief of each bureau shall be in charge of the bureau and shall be responsible to the Director of the Division of Engineering.

D. The Bureau of Engineering Services functions shall include:

(1) Conducting investigations, studies, planning and surveys necessary for the preparation of preliminary designs, plans and specifications and making estimates of costs for road, intersection, bridge, culvert, storm drainage and flood control facilities construction, reconstruction, major repair, replacement and improvements.

(2) Preparing final plans, specifications and proposals for advertising to receive bids upon approval of preliminary plans.

(3) On receipt of bids, preparing reports and recommendations for contract awards or rejection of bids.

(4) Providing project construction administration and inspection for contract compliance to said plans, specifications and contracts.

- (5) Complying with state and/or federal requirements and performing liaison work where state and/or federal funds are involved and obtaining state and/or federal approvals where required.
- (6) Providing and maintaining surveys, maps, plans, specifications, operating records and files pertaining to County roads, bridges, sewers and storm drainage facilities and coordinating with the Bureau of GIS.
- (7) Maintaining County rain charts, stream gage records and geodetic monument records.
- (8) Providing surveyors, developers, municipalities and consultants with records and data maintained concerning the County's infrastructure, including roadways, bridges, stormwater management and flood control, etc.
- (9) Providing material testing procedures relating to construction of County infrastructure.
- (10) Preparing estimates for capital expenditure programs.
- (11) Cooperating with public and private utilities in developing and coordinating County projects.
- (12) Reviewing subdivision and development plans as to impacts on County roads, parks, bridges, stormwater facilities and flood control requirements.
- (13) Maintaining records of the work of the Division of Engineering.
- (14) Soliciting federal and state funding.

E. The Bureau of Geographic Information Systems' functions shall include:

- (1) Preparing County maps, digitized photographs and creating specific information for County departments and municipalities to deal with issues of public safety, economic development, and transportation issues.

F. Bureau of Traffic Maintenance's functions shall include:

- (1) Providing traffic engineering services as required, including the gathering of operational traffic count data, performing studies to determine capacities and identifying and recommending corrections to traffic problems.
- (2) Reviewing applications for land development within the County to determine traffic impact on County roads.
- (3) Soliciting federal and state grants for traffic programs.

- (4) Rendering technical assistance and advice to municipal engineers, police departments and the public concerning traffic/transportation.
- (5) Supervising the maintenance of County roadway markings and signs.
- (6) Maintaining records related to County roadways, markings, signs and traffic Volume data.
- (7) Providing a liaison with federal and state agencies involved in traffic engineering.
- (8) Providing engineering advice and design services to implement and maintain an intelligent transportation System (ITS) capability in Union County.

§ 1-114. Omitted

§ 1-115. Division of Facilities Management.

- A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of The Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, the Division of Facilities Management's functions and responsibilities shall include providing general building maintenance to all County buildings including the functions of stationary engineers, custodial maintenance and general trades, construction management services, and printing and signage services.
- B. Division head. The Director of the Division of Facilities Management shall be the head of the Division and shall be responsible to the Director of the Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management for its operation.
- C. Division Organization.
 - (1) Within the Division, there shall be the following Bureaus:
 - (a) Bureau of Custodial Maintenance.
 - (b) Bureau of General Trades.
 - (c) Bureau of Mechanical Trades.
 - (d) Bureau of Construction Management.
 - (e) Bureau of Print Services.
 - (2) Bureau Chief. The Chief of each Bureau shall be the head of the bureau and shall be responsible to the Director of the Division of Facilities Management.
 - (3) Bureau of Custodial Maintenance's functions shall include providing custodial and janitorial services for all County buildings, and providing custodial and janitorial services for all park facilities.
 - (4) Bureau of General Trades' functions shall include providing technical and mechanical services for the safe and efficient operation of heating,

ventilating, air-conditioning, plumbing and electrical systems of County buildings.

- (5) Bureau of Mechanical Trades' functions shall include maintaining and operating the heating, ventilating and air-conditioning systems in all County buildings.
- (6) The Bureau of Construction Management's functions and responsibilities shall include supervising construction projects on all County-owned facilities and preserving, caring for, laying out, constructing and improving park and recreational facilities, the Watchung Reservation and open spaces.
- (7) The Bureau of Print Services' functions shall include operating, facilitating and supervising the County's printing & duplication services and signage services.

ARTICLE XXIV, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

§ 1-152. Department established; purpose; organization.

A. General Purpose; Departmental organization. There shall be a Department of Economic Development for the purpose of promoting and developing the economic growth of the County of Union. The Director of Economic Development shall be the Head of the Department and shall be responsible to the County Manager for its operation. The Director shall be fully responsible for the implementation and coordination of all economic development plans and programs including matters affecting workforce investment, community development, and quality of housing.

B. There may be a Deputy Director who shall be responsible to the Director of the Department of Economic Development.

C. The Department of Economic Development shall consist of the following:

- (1). Workforce Investment Board
- (2). Division of Strategic Planning and Intergovernmental Relations
- (3). Division of Information Technology

D. The Department of Economic Development shall also have the following Bureaus which shall report to the Deputy Director of the Department of Economic Development:

- (1). Bureau of Community Development

(2). Bureau of Housing

§ 1-153 The Division of Strategic Planning and Intergovernmental Relations

A. Under the direction and supervision of the Deputy Director of Economic Development, the Division of Strategic Planning and Intergovernmental Relations functions and responsibilities shall include:

- (1) Strengthening Union County's economy and positioning the County to compete in a global marketplace by stimulating and creating new jobs, retaining existing businesses, and facilitating economic growth and development in partnership with the Union County Alliance, the Union County Economic Development Corporation and all other public/private partnerships.
- (2) Establish an ongoing program of legislative advocacy at the federal, state and/or local levels; lobby for and/or develop legislation as needed; provide analysis of legislation as needed; and act as liaison with municipal, state and federal levels of government.
- (3) Maximize federal, state and foundation grant dollars and reduce property tax burden by increasing revenues into the County to fund existing and/or new programs and services as consistent with the needs of the County.
- (4) Developing and administering continuing shared service opportunities with other public entities throughout the County and State.
- (5) Facilitating intergovernmental relations on behalf of the County.
- (6) Researching and acquiring County grant opportunities programs for maximum effectiveness.

B. Division head. There may be a Director of the Division of Strategic Planning and Intergovernmental Relations who serves as the head of the Division and shall be responsible to the Deputy Director of the Department of Economic Development for its operation.

C. Subdivisions. Within the Division of Strategic Planning and Intergovernmental Relations shall be the following subdivisions:

- (1) Bureau of Transportation Planning.
- (2) Bureau of Planning and Economic Development.

§ 1-154. Bureau of Transportation Planning.

A. Under the direction and supervision of the Division of Strategic Planning and Intergovernmental Relations, the Bureau of Transportation Planning functions and responsibilities shall include:

- (1) Providing a balanced transportation system that most efficiently services the County.
- (2) Planning a coordinated intermodal transportation system.
- (3) Encouraging the improvement and extension of commuter rail and rapid transit into the County.
- (4) Providing a highway system of adequate capacity to accommodate present and anticipated traffic volumes safely and efficiently.
- (5) Surveying and analyzing traffic conditions on County and local roads.
- (6) Coordinating County, municipal, state and interstate facility planning.
- (7) Rendering technical assistance and advice to public and private agencies involved in transportation planning.

B. Bureau Chief. The Chief of the Bureau of Transportation Planning shall be the Head of the Bureau and shall be responsible to the Director of the Division of Strategic Planning and Intergovernmental Relations for its operation.

§ 1-155. Bureau of Planning and Economic Development.

A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Division of Strategic Planning and Intergovernmental Relations the Bureau of Planning and Economic Development functions and responsibilities shall include:

1. Preparing a Master Plan for the physical development of the County.
2. Preparing an Official County Map.
3. Coordinating, advising and consulting with municipal, state and regional planning agencies in regard to plans and programs affecting Union County.
4. Assisting the County Manager in the preparation of County capital budget and capital improvement programs.
5. Advising the County Manager and Board on matters of planning and policy evaluation.
6. Pursuing special studies when requested.
7. Reviewing and approving, where appropriate, applications for land

development within the County. Serves as staff to the Union County Planning Board.

8. Assembling and distributing data on the County as part of the continuing planning process.

9. Being responsible for the development of data on the social planning needs and economic development of Union County.

B. Bureau Chief. The Chief of the Bureau of Planning and Economic Development shall be the Head of the Bureau and responsible to the Director of the Division of Planning and Community Development for its operation.

§ 1-156. Bureau of Community Development.

A. Under the direction and supervision of the Deputy Director of the Department of Economic Development, the Bureau of Community Development functions and responsibilities shall include:

1. Preparing, facilitating, and disseminating all matters relating to the planning and development of the County, including but not limited to those matters pertaining to planning, development, and community development mandated by federal or state government.

2. Performing all functions related to implementing a housing and community development program, as required by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and any amendments thereto.

3. Providing technical assistance to the County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee and other agencies and/or municipalities in preparing applications for the Housing and Community Development Program or other housing programs.

4. Conducting and annually updating a housing conditions analysis to determine Union County's housing needs as part of the required community development procedure.

5. Assisting Union County's municipalities, the Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee and housing agencies in identifying areas suitable for rehabilitation and in initiating housing programs in conformance with the Housing Assistance Plan when requested by the local municipalities.

6. Maintaining close liaison with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

- B. Bureau Chief. The Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Community Development shall be the Head of the Bureau and shall be responsible to the Director of the Division of Planning and Community Development for its operation.

§ 1-157. Bureau of Housing.

- A. Under the direction and supervision of the Deputy Director of the Department of Economic Development, the Bureau of Housing's functions and responsibilities shall include:

1. Preparing, facilitating and disseminating matters by federal and state government with reference to housing.
2. Performing all functions related to implementing a housing program, as required by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and all amendments thereto.
3. Providing technical assistance to various agencies and municipalities in preparing applications for housing programs.
4. Conducting and annually updating housing conditions analysis to determine Union County's housing needs.
5. Maintaining close liaison with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

- B. Bureau Chief. The Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Housing shall be the Head of the Bureau and shall be responsible to the Director of the Division of Planning and Community Development for its operation.

§ 1-158. Division of Information Technology

- A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of The Department of Economic Development, the Division of Information Technology's functions and responsibilities shall include:

1. Operating and maintaining all computer equipment and supporting devices in the data center to ensure that the computer output is accurate and on a timely basis.
2. Maintaining computer software which supports the successful operation of the data processing center.
3. Being responsible for the installation of management information systems.
4. Maintaining management information system modules and providing

application support to the user departments and agencies.

5. Developing new management information system applications.
6. Being responsible for proper configuration and performance of centralized operating systems and local and wide area networks,
7. Being responsible for technical aspects of intersystem communication, including all levels of data processing protocols.
8. Being responsible for the continued support of departmental computer applications.
9. Being responsible for the implementation and maintenance of departmental systems and procedures.
10. Being responsible for the design and implementation of all new and changed reproducing equipment utilized by the County and handling planning and all related matters concerning the equipment.

B. Division head. There may be a Director of the Division of Information Technology who serves as the head of the Division and shall be responsible to the Director of the Department of Economic Development for its operation.

PART II - ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION

Chapter 100, PERSONNEL

ARTICLE XVI, Employee Handbook

[The County of Union Employee Handbook, Resolution No. 2013-2 adopted 1/6/2013, amended by Resolution 2015-0229 adopted 3/12/2015, is on file in the office of the Clerk of the Board. A copy of this Handbook can be obtained by contacting the Division of Personnel Management and Labor Relations.]

ARTICLE XVIII, Work Product Protection Policy

[Adopted 4-30-2-2015 by Res. No. 2015-]

The County of Union Work Product Protection Policy, Resolution No. 2015- 362, adopted 4-30-2015, is on file in the office of the Clerk of the Board. A copy of this Policy can be obtained by contacting the Division of Personnel Management and Labor Relations

FIRST READING STATEMENT

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Bergen, Policy Chairman, and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed 8 members of the Board voted in the affirmative. The Final Reading and Public Hearings are scheduled for May 14, 2015.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Pat Mennuti, Executive Director of Community Coordinated Child Care of Union County (CCCC), offered a brief overview of the services provided by the agency, and made comments in regards to Resolution Number 2015-361. She stated that CCCC will administer this County program in the same manner they administer the State program; as it relates to screening the applications, improving the applications, helping secure an agreement with a child care provider, authorizing payments and keeping documentation as required. She stated that they received 8,000 requests last year for child care. She noted that an estimated 39,000 children (ages birth – 5 years) need some type of child care, of which 69% live in a household with two working parents. She stated that the goal of this program is to help those needy families that are not eligible for State funded programs. She stated that child care costs equate to roughly 60% of combined income for families just above the State's income threshold. She stated this program will not only help those just above the State's income threshold, but would focus for some at-risk individuals such as the homeless and victims of domestic violence. She said she estimates this program reaching approximately 40 families. She stated that this program would provide a subsidy of 25% of costs associated with the care for working families. She thanked Chairman Jalloh for recognizing this issue as a worthy endeavor for his 2015 initiative.

Tom Sullivan, Corizon Health Care, (current provider of the inmate system) commented on Resolution Number 2015-362. He spoke on the partnership Corizon has enjoyed with the County of Union for the past fifteen years and stated his opposition to the award to CFG Health Services, LLC. He stated that their proposal was disqualified due to the lack of corporate disclosure. He stated that their attorneys forwarded their opinion that they were in compliance with the Request for Proposals. Mr. Sullivan spoke on their national accreditation, while at the County, from the National Commission on Health Care and the fact that they have passed all

inspections by the NJ Corrections Health Services. He provided some details relative to their ability to operate under budget and stated that Corizon is clinically-oriented.

John Oden (inaudible), resident of Rahway, made comments to resolution #2015-396. He stated that he was unaware of Plainfield Officer Abigail J. Powlett's untimely passing. He stated that she sat next to him in the police academy in 1982. He spoke to her integrity and thanked the Board for recognizing her.

Dave Brown, Rahway Councilman, made comments relative to resolution #2015-361. He stated Community Coordinated Child Care is based in the City of Rahway and is an organization that helps people to assist our young people and children. He spoke on the continued partnership between the City of Rahway and the County of Union. He thanked the Board for supporting this agency and their programing.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2015-359 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to adjust and/or change the Internal Position Control of the Budget.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-360 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award subcontracts under the 2015 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) One Time Grant Funds program, for the 4 month budget cycle of May 15, 2015 through September 15, 2015, in the total amount not to exceed \$120,000; and further authorizing the transfer of funds among awarded 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 made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed seven members voted in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Bergen abstaining and Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-361 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Community Coordinated Child Care of Union County, Rahway, New Jersey, for the administration of the Union County Child Care Subsidy Program Initiative for the contract period of May 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in the total amount not to exceed \$50,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-362 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract, thru competitive bidding, to CFG Health Systems LLC of Marlton, New Jersey for Health Care Services at the Union County Jail and Union County Juvenile Detention Center for a thirty one (31) month period of June 1, 2015 through

December 31, 2017 in the total amount not to exceed \$14,278,445 with an option to extend an additional twenty-four (24) month period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-363 VICE CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Resolution establishing and adopting Union County's official Work Product Protection Policy and shall be incorporated into and become part of the Union County Employee Handbook.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-364 VICE CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Request for a waiver of the County of Union's residency requirement for all individuals who are participating in an Intergovernmental Transfer Program between the County of Union and the County of Hudson County.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-365 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Mall Chevrolet, Cherry Hill, NJ, to purchase one 2015 Chevrolet Suburban 4WD at a cost of \$40,010.00 obtained through the use of Cranford Co-Op #47CPCPS (forfeiture funds).

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-366 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution No. 2014-355, resolution authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth, New Jersey to provide individual therapy sessions to victims of sexual assault, to increase the amount by \$1,946 for a total contract of \$6,946 for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-367 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey Police Training Commission for the 2015 Law Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment Grant, Part 2 for the period of November 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015 in the amount of \$8,879.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-368 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-10, which approved the use of NJ State, Middlesex Regional Ed Coop & Somerset Co. Coop

usage of contracts to affect a name change for two vendors: Amsan to their new name Supply Works, and Central Lewmar to xpedx.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-369** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Renewing the Accident and Health Insurance for Watchung Stables with QBE Insurance Company, New York, New York, from July 1, 2015 through July 1, 2016 in an amount not to exceed 12,241.00 per year; representing no increase from last year's policy.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-370** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending resolution 2014-1064 to increase the amount by \$12,000.00 for the contract for the provision of Psychological Evaluation Services (Fitness for Duty Examinations) for the Department of Human Services, for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 for an total amount not to exceed \$49,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-371** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the following vehicles to be deemed as surplus and no longer needed for use by the County: 1999 Ford Crown Victoria 4-Door Sedan (VIN# 2FAFP71W7XX207696); 2007 Chevrolet Impala 4-Door Sedan (VIN# 2G1WS55R279405892).

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 7 members voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mirabella abstaining and Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-372** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the following surplus deemed vehicles for donation to the Township of Scotch Plains. The Township of Scotch Plains will assume all costs incurred with transfer and title: 1999 Ford Crown Victoria 4-Door Sedan (VIN# 2FAFP71W7XX207696); 2007 Chevrolet Impala 4-Door Sedan (VIN# 2G1WS55R279405892).

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

- 2015-373** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a class-size training contract with Union County College, 1033 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016, to provide Workforce Learning Link: English as a Second Language (ESL) Adult Literacy Services for a minimum of ninety (90) Union County adult residents for a contract period of April 1, 2015 through October 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-374 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement, pursuant to a fair and open process (RFP), with the United Way of Greater Union County for the implementation of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth Employment and Training Consortium Grant program for a contract period of May 1st 2015 through March 31st 2016 (10 month contract period), in an amount not to exceed \$440,000 for WIA eligible In-School youth and in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for WIA Out-of-School youth, for a total amount not to exceed \$640,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-375 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution 2014-444, a resolution approving the 2014-2015 Consolidated Action Plan, to include the Township of Winfield ADA Accessibility Project in the amount of \$57,250.00; replacing the Township of Winfield Sewer Rehabilitation Project Account #D-12-56-814-193-919 (approved in the 2014 – 2015 Consolidated Action Plan), which is no longer eligible to receive Community Development Block Grant funds due to recent changes in eligibility requirements.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-376 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 2013-147, requesting an extension to the deadline of May 6, 2015 Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for the 2013 Local Bridges, Future Needs Program for the Replacement of Madison Hill Bridge, Rahway, (application LBFN 2013-Union County - 00016) in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 to November 6 2015.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-377 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to Dewberry Engineers, Inc., Bloomfield, New Jersey for the Design, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Replacement of Springfield Avenue Minor Bridge, Be19, Township of Berkeley Heights for an amount not to exceed \$359,650.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-010)

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-378 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 Economic Development, Division of Engineering: Total Turf Golf Services, 1965 Byerry Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006, for the purpose of providing Ash Brook Golf Course

Renovation Project, for an amount not to exceed \$1,033,525.00. (BA#19-2015; Union County Engineering Project Number 2014-028)

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-379** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to extend the contract with Rahway Business Machines, Rahway New Jersey (BA #30-2013) an additional twenty-four months at the same pricing as previously set forth, for the continued purposes of providing printer repair services, for a contract period of June 11, 2015 through June 10, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$20,450.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-380** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to extend the contract with Alliance Telecommunications, Parsippany, New Jersey, (BA #38-2013) an additional twenty-four months at the same pricing as previously set forth, for the continued purposes of providing cabling installation services, for a contract period of June 11, 2015 through June 10, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$171,500.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-381** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with All Hands Fire Equipment Neptune City, New Jersey, to provide a specialized Train-the-Trainer Urban Water Rescue equipment and training from Union County, through the 2014 Homeland Security Grant, in an amount not to exceed \$91,663.80.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-382** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, County Environmental Health Act (CEHA) Grant Funds in the amount of \$61,712 from January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015 of Calendar Year 2015 for Elective Programs.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-383** **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 Work & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management, Division of Parks Maintenance, Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc., for the purpose of providing Construction Debris Disposal Services, twenty-four (24) consecutive months with the provision of a twenty-four month optional extension, in the amount not exceed \$65,700.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-384 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: Divisions of Facilities Management, Public Works, Motor Vehicles and Parks & Recreation, Alko Distributors (formerly known as Best Uniform) for the purpose of providing employee uniforms, twenty-four (24) consecutive months with the provision of a twenty-four month optional extension, in the amount not exceed \$77,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-385 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Resolution concurring with the Borough of Fanwood granting approval to JC Promotions, Inc. to hang a banner across Martine Avenue from April 9, 2015 to May 9, 2015 to advertise the Fanwood Craft Show which will be held on May 9, 2015 at the Fanwood Train Station.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-386 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution 2014-629 to increase the appropriation to LaCorte, Bundy, Varady & Kinsella of Union, NJ in the matter entitled Shiquon Fowler v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$30,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-387 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution 2014-1094 to increase the appropriation to Cottrell Solensky & Semple, P.A. of Newark, NJ in the matter entitled Shiquon Fowler v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$50,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-388 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution 2015-84 to increase the appropriation to Kologi Simitz of Linden, NJ in the matter entitled Shiquon Fowler v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$50,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-389 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution 2014-1092 to increase the appropriation to Palumbo & Renaud of Cranford, NJ in the matter entitled Shiquon Fowler v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$60,000.00.

- 2015-390 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution 2014-926 to increase the appropriation to LaCorte, Bundy, Varady & Kinsella of Union, NJ in the matter

entitled Richmond Lapolla v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$50,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-391 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution 2015-82 to increase the appropriation to Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt & Fader, LLC of Rochelle Park, NJ in the matter entitled LaQuan Kearney v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$50,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-392 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution 2015-275 to increase the appropriation to Bauch Zucker Hatfield, LLC of Springfield, NJ in the matter entitled Barbara Egger v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$80,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-393 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** A Resolution appointing Bauch Zucker Hatfield of Springfield, NJ to represent the County of Union and the Union County Sheriff's Department in the matter entitled Kevin Buckley and Ryan Wilson v. UC, et als in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-394 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** A Resolution authorizing the County Manager to execute a Lease Agreement and Pledge Agreement with the PGA, subject to DEP approval, for Oak Ridge Park for the period of August 24, 2015 through August 31, 2015

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-395 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Re-appointing Frank Boland as a member to the Union County College Board of Trustees to a term ending June 30, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2015-396 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Resolution expressing its sincerest condolences to the family of fallen Plainfield Officer Abigail J. Powlett and her brothers and sisters of the Plainfield Police Benevolent Association #19, as they remember and honor Officer Powlett at the 30th Anniversary Memorial Ceremony.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-397 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Laudatory resolution congratulating the nine (9) 2015 Inductees to the Plainfield High School Hall of Fame.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-398 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Resolution proclaiming May 9, 2015 as Provider Appreciation Day through the County of Union and urging all residents to recognize Child Care Providers for their important work.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-399 FREEHOLDERS ANGEL G. ESTRADA & SERGIO GRANADOS:** Laudatory resolution recognizing the significant professional achievements of Eileen Walsh, Teacher of Speech Arts and Dramatics, Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy, and further wishing her health and happiness upon her retirement after 40+ years of dedicated services to the students of Elizabeth.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-400 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Laudatory resolution congratulating Stephen T. Zielinski as the City of Linden's Annual Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-401 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Laudatory resolution congratulating Dawson MacLelland, of Boy Scout Troop 75, of Cranford, on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-402 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Laudatory resolution acknowledging the efforts of the Union County Human Relations Commission, and further congratulating the sixteen recipients of the 2015 UCHRC Unity Achievement Awards.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-403 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Laudatory resolution congratulating Park Elite Cheerleading of Cranford, for an outstanding and successful cheer season 2015, and commending the coaches for their dedication and commitment.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-404 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Laudatory resolution congratulating Alexander D. Levy, of Boy Scout Troop 75, on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-405 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Laudatory resolution commending the Interfaith Human Relations Committee and the Cranford Clergy Council for coordinating the Cranford Holocaust Day of Remembrance program on their recognition by the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Remembrance as the statewide site for Holocaust Day of Remembrance, and further thanking Dr. Bernard and Henry Schanzer for sharing their story with the young people and participating in this important event.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-406 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution supporting the John Shippin Stamp.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-407 FREEHOLDERS ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Laudatory resolution congratulating Joseph Di Lillo, of Boy Scout Troop 56, on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-408 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH & FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Laudatory resolution congratulating Isaac Loncar Jackson, of Boy Scout Troop 68 sponsored by Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church, on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-409 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH, VICE CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN, FREEHOLDERS LINDA CARTER, ANGEL G. ESTRADA, SERGIO GRANADOS, CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Laudatory resolution congratulating Freeholder Vernell Wright on her recognition by the Union County Women's Political Caucus, and further recognizing the contributions of former New Jersey Assemblywoman Elizabeth Cox, of whom is being recognized posthumously.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-410 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing the hardworking nursing professionals throughout Union County; and further recognizing Wednesday, May 6, 2015 as RN Recognition Day, and the week of May 6, 2014 through May 12, 2015 as National Nurses' Week.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-411 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Laudatory resolution commending Janice Bennett Johnson on her 25 years of public service and further wishing her well upon her retirement from the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Granados absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Barbara Majeski, resident of Rahway, made comments in opposition to the Rahway River Park project, citing a number of concerns. She stated her concerns over the loss of the natural tranquility of the passiveness of the park. She questioned the political motives of the Board and the City relative to this project. She asked why the stadium couldn't be built Green field.

Bob Carson, resident of Rahway and member of the Rahway Coalition to Save the Park, made several comments and questions regarding a public information sheet provided by the County. He questioned the scope of the amenities to be added. He questioned the size of the chain length fence. He questioned the toxicity of turf fields. He questioned the proposals regarding the path. Mr. Carson spoke on his unsuccessful attempts in obtaining information from the City of Rahway. Mr. Carson spoke of a project to refurbish the Avenel Middle School cricket and baseball fields, utilizing natural turf, at a total cost of \$500,000.

Sara Todisco, Garwood Councilwoman, was joined by her colleague on the Garwood Counsel, Lou Petruzzelli, spoke on behalf of the Garwood Baseball League; stating that she is a softball coach and Mr. Petruzzelli served as the Vice President of the Baseball League. She thanked the Board for their support with the first ever Garwood Day, which opened the baseball and softball season at their new complex, which the Board financially support through grants.

She also commended the Board for recognizing the need to finance infrastructure within the County through the \$1.5 million Infrastructure grants. She stated that she hopes Garwood would benefit from that program since the State has cut aid for such projects. Lou Petruzzelli, Chairman of the Finance Committee, made remarks

regarding the County's ability to provide digitized maps to the Borough; noting that the service saved the Borough about \$30,000 for that project.

Guy Ewins, resident of Rahway, made comments in support of a new facility at the Rahway River Park. He stated that such a facility would provide our children with hope; acknowledging that some of our youth feels neglected and not worthy or valued by society. He feels that Union County as a whole will benefit from a first class facility.

Jeff Freeman, resident of Rahway, made comments in oppositions to the Rahway River Park project, citing a number of concerns. He spoke of his love of the natural park and its current passiveness. He stated concerns of the parking issues that will arise. He stated that he counted 177 cars parked in the park on Monday, and feels that there is no room for this project. He spoke to the maintenance of the trees in the park, trip hazards, and the vandalism in the park. Mr. Freeman provided documents, relative to his comments, to the Clerk of the Board (attached).

James Horn, President of United Way of Greater Union County, thanked the Board on passing resolution # 2015-374. He stated that this resolution will aid his agency to provide essential employment services for the County's youth. He stated that his agency works hand-in-hand with a number of other service agencies and invited some of the representatives to address the Board.

Ella Teal, Urban League of Union County, stated that the Urban League has a strong history of working with youth and helping them with their first introduction to employment. She stated that they help people transition from school to work and were pleased to be a part of the consortium designed to assist the county's youth. On behalf of the families the Urban League serves, she thanked the Board for their support.

Dominic Profett, Court Appointed Special Advocates of Union County, spoke in support of resolution #2015-374. He stated that they serve kids out of home placement. He stated that he is proud to be a part of this consortium because it represents an opportunity to leverage funding towards the investment in the County's youth, particularly those who need the extra support and are aging out and preparing for self-sufficiency and independence.

Christian Kolar (inaudible), Rahway Community Action, spoke in support of resolution #2015-374. She stated that she is college professor at four different colleges, and spoke on the rewarding experience with the pilot Entrepreneurial Program. She spoke to the students' interest in developing a business plan. She stated that the students were inspiring; as they embraced the hope and belief in their possibilities.

Thomas (inaudible), resident of Rahway, spoke in opposition to the Rahway River Park project. He asked why there is no site plan for the project. He spoke on the time he spends in the park. He spoke on the increase of taxes in Rahway and Union County.

Chairman Jalloh stated that there are no site plans due to the fact that there are no plans rendered at this point in time.

Sam Majeski, resident of Rahway, made comments in oppositions to the Rahway River Park project, citing a number of concerns. He stated his concerns over the proposed lighting and its effects with the wildlife in the park. He stated many of the park users are unaware of the proposed project. He made comments relative to the Green Acres Trail. He stated that they do not want the stadium in the park, and encouraged the Board to put it somewhere else.

John Oden, resident of Rahway, made comments in favor of the Rahway River Park project. He stated that this is something that the kids in the community need. He stated that the community has outgrown Veterans Field. He stated that no-one wants projects like this in their backyard, but this is an opportunity to provide a place for kids to go and play. He stated that all of Union County treasures the Rahway River Park, but it is time to move on.

Patricia Valino, resident of Rahway and former Track Coach, spoke in favor of the Rahway River Park Project. She stated that this project put the athletic teams of Rahway on an equal playing field with almost every township in the county. She stated her excitement as this facility will be the only one of its kind where they could host Union County championships. She stated that athletics provide opportunities for students.

Adeline Tropieno, resident of Clark, stated the general public is not opposed to the young athletes of Union County, rather what she opposed was the facilities planned for the Rahway River Park: bathrooms, lightings, concession stands; stating they need football and a track fields.

Rosemary McCoviack, resident of Rahway, made comments in in opposition to the Rahway River Park project. She stated that the student athletes have a place to play now, and should be proud of what they have.

Richard Meseda, resident of Rahway, spoke in favor of the Rahway River Park project. He disagreed with some of the concerns raised relative to the impact the lights and the potential traffic issues raised. He urged the Board to build what was promised to the community back in the 1980's.

Scott (inaudible), resident of Clark, made comments in oppositions to the Rahway River Park project. He questioned a number of the items listed on the County's informational flyer. He pointed to a number of pictures he took of the Linden High School Football Field; noting the lighting, press box, and concession stands. He maintained that the facility is a "stadium". He spoke to the inevitable locking of the facility. He made comments relative to the Olmstead history. He made comments about the current bleachers in the park. He addressed his environmental concerns.

Bill Baker, resident of Rahway and member of the Coalition to Save Rahway River Park, spoke in opposition to the Rahway River Park project. He stated that they Coalition is not against building a park, rather they are against building a stadium.

David Brown, Rahway Councilman, made comments relative to clarifying statements relative to the Geray family in Rahway. He stated that Antonio Geray (a former professional football player) will not be hired to be the Head Football Coach, and that Brian Russo (from Woodbridge) to be the coach. He urged the public to speak to the facts and not innuendo and misinformation. He made comments relative to the positive partnership between the County and the City, with special reference to the placement of the Incinerator.

(Inaudible) Rodriquez, resident of Elizabeth and employee of the Union County Social Service Child Support, made comments relative to contract negotiations with her union. She said she thinks the workers are being treated unfairly. She stated that she regrets voting for many of the Board members.

Jeff Roberson, resident of Rahway and member of CWA Local 1080, made comments relative to contract negotiations. He spoke to the "union movement".

Christopher Check, resident Clark, spoke in opposition to the Rahway River Park project, citing concerns with wildlife and possible toxicity of turf runoff. He spoke to the consequences of overdevelopment. He encouraged the Board to find another site for the project.

Cecil Seth, resident of New Providence, stated that her son attends the Union County Vocational-Technical School. She thanked the Board for investing in education, but spoke in regards to the issues concerning the teachers' salaries and recent pink slips that have been handed out to many of the teachers. She stated that she knew the Board would not be able to discuss contract negotiations in public. She spoke to the County's success in dealing with "merit-based" pay for teachers and "data-based measures for academic success." She asked the Board to implement merit-based bonuses for non-tenured teachers and implement student surveys regarding teacher-effectiveness.

Jonnie Essewitz (inaudible), resident of Springfield and student at Union County Magnet High School, made comments relative to the school's decision to issue 43 non-renewable pink slips to the untenured teachers on campus. He stated that 90% of the students wore red today to show solidarity in support of the teachers. He offered personal testimony in support of the teachers and the Vocational-Technical School. He spoke to the profound impact the teachers have had on the students.

Joseph Politano, resident of Cranford and student at Union County Magnet High School, made comments relative to the school's decision to issue 43 non-renewable pink slips to the untenured teachers on campus. He stated that the school has 122 faculty members, and one out of every three teachers received a pink slip. He made comments relative to the dedication, effectiveness and the quality of the teaching style of his AP Government teacher, citing that he is his inspiration. He spoke on the qualifications of his teachers, noting that all could make more money elsewhere, but they choose to teach the students at the Vocational-Technical school.

Josh Bockner, resident of Cranford and student at Union County Magnet High School, made comments relative to the school's decision to issue 43 non-renewable pink slips to the untenured teachers on campus. He stated that he no longer takes

pride in attending the Vocational-Technical School. He displayed a poster with signatures of over 300 district students supporting the teachers that received pink slips; noting that they will provide it to the Board of Education members at their next meeting.

Jessica Gannon, resident of Clark and student at Union County Magnet High School, made comments relative to the school's decision to issue 43 non-renewable pink slips to the untenured teachers on campus. She expressed the love for their teachers, who harness the students' eagerness to learn and encourage them to reach their full potential. She spoke to how supportive the teachers are of each student's personal challenges, and offered her own personal story.

Elsa Rodrigues, resident of Cranford and student at Union County Magnet High School, made comments relative to the school's decision to issue 43 non-renewable pink slips to the untenured teachers on campus. She thanked the Board for listening to their pleas. She stated that the Union County Magnet High School is ranked #2 in New Jersey and stated that the School wouldn't be able to achieve this recognition without its phenomenal teachers. She spoke to the over-qualifications of the school's teachers, many of which serve as mentors to the students.

Chairman Jalloh thanked all of the students who came out the Board and asked for a round of applause. He stated that he thought it was excellent that the students came out to speak and participate in the process. He said that the students make both the Board and their teachers proud. He stated that the Board doesn't have much to do with this specific process, particularly with your teachers. He reaffirmed that the Board has heard their despair. He spoke to similar attempts he undertook while in Undergraduate School and Law School. He stated that he was proud of the students for following their hearts and wished the students luck.

Reese Yesswitz (inaudible), resident of Westfield stated that the Board of Education has change the agenda as a result of the students' efforts. She questioned the Board's decision to hire former Union Township Mayor Peter Capodice. She spoke to his contract negotiation tactics and its effects on moral.

Renee Wilder, former resident of Roselle and employee of Union County and President of CWA Local 1080, stated the workers appreciate the good job the Board does in providing services to the public, but feel that they themselves are being treated unfairly. She made comments relative to contract negotiations. She stated that the employees are taking home less money today, due to increase in medical and pension costs, than four years ago.

John Bury, resident of Kenilworth, made comments relative to the cost of health benefits and pensions play on budgets, and questioned the County's priorities in the projects and programs they fund. He made comments relative to the Union County Improvement Authorities role in various projects.

Cynthia James, resident of Union County and a member of CWA Local 1080, made comments relative to the need to support the County's parks and teachers. She stated that she no longer enjoys going to work and is looking forward to retirement,

due to the lack of pay and increased costs. She made comments relative to their contract negotiations.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Hudak stated that he appreciated all students and parents for coming to tonight's meeting and that the Board would relay their sentiments to the Superintendent, and advised the appropriate venue for the students was next week's Board of Education meeting.

Freeholder Hudak made comments relative to the Rahway River Project. He stated that he appreciated the residents coming to the meetings to express their concerns, and addressed the misinformation that has been disseminated by the public over the past few weeks. He reminded the public that Chairman Jalloh stated there were neither any resolutions nor any drawings or renderings to provide, and that a public meeting would be held once such information became available. He stated that the Board is supportive of the concept of the project; however, the details have not been established resulting in nothing to provide the public at this time.

Freeholder Wright thanked her colleagues on the Board for the Resolution they offered to her for her recognition by the Women's Political Caucus.

Freeholder Wright made comments relative to a number of events at the Watchung Reservation; including the Annual Wild Earth Festival at Trailside event and the "Touch a Truck" event. She made comments to the newly refurbished Loop Playground, which has already attracted a great many children. She stated that, all in all, it was very gratifying to see this wonderful public park give so much pleasure to so many Union County residents and visitors.

Freeholder Kowalski thanked everyone for coming out to speak and stated that it is important for the Board to hear your views and appreciate that you take the time to come to the meetings. She reiterated that the plans for Rahway River Park have not been finalized as of yet. She stated that the Board appreciates the work of the CWA employees, and knows that they work extremely hard and take good care of the County's residents.

Freeholder Kowalski made remarks regarding the annual Spring Garden Fair to be held on Sunday, May 17. She spoke to the great many efforts of the Master Gardeners. She made comments relative to the upcoming Bio-Blitz event; which is a snap-shot of natural wildlife that inhabits our parks.

She thanked the students who participated in the 4-H Presentation Night held last week, noting that there was a wide variety of speeches from 3rd grade students through the high school.

Freeholder Carter thanked all the speakers for coming to the meeting in order to have their voices heard. She stated that as a Freeholder, the Board takes their concerns into consideration to understand what is best for the whole. She complimented the young students to speak before the Board tonight. She noted that she is a teacher and advised she has been given a pink slip prior to her attaining her tenure. She encouraged the students to continue their path and to follow their passion.

Freeholder Carter advised the union members that the Board has heard their voices. She stated that because the negotiations are still ongoing, she could not speak to it beyond saying they heard their concerns.

Freeholder Carter made remarks regarding the 3rd Annual Union County Women Mean Business' Summit held on May 13th. She stated that the featured speaker for the event is Kristina Hahn, head of packaged consumer goods at Google. She stated that she started the series while Chairman and was proud that the Board has continued to support this important service for our business community.

Freeholder Estrada thanked the public for coming out this evening to express their views. He made comments relative to the Rahway River Park project, reiterating that the designs have not been finalized in spite of what the public asserts. He stated that the Board realizes the concerns over the potential environmental impact.

Freeholder Estrada made comments relative to the union members' payment schedule, and promised the Board's policy is to negotiate fairly.

Freeholder Estrada made comments relative to the Vocational-Technical teachers, noting that every year pink slips are handed out to non-tenured teachers. He acknowledged that the teachers are just as motivated by the students, but stated that this issue is a labor related negotiation between management and its employees, and stated that finding the right balance is the challenge.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to the Vocational-Technical School. He acknowledged the student that stayed to hear the Freeholder remarks and urged him to share the Board's message with the rest of the student body. He stated that he is very proud of the passion of the students, tonight and throughout the year. He made comments relative to the information sessions at the Vocational-Technical School, noting that the School is one of the things he is most proud of during his service as a Freeholder. He stated that the County has invested over \$100 million towards the School and that this administration supports the teachers. He spoke to the dedication of both the Superintendent and the teachers. He made comments relative to misinformation that comes out from contract negotiations, adding that pink slips are a regular occurrence each year and that this Board does not involve itself in those negotiations. He made comments relative to his frustrations relative to the use tactics such as non-participation and the leveraging students in negotiations. He said that he is confident there will be a compromise in these negotiations, but cannot negotiate in public.

Freeholder Mirabella made remarks regarding the Sensory Friendly Theatre Series, noting the next performance is the tale of Cinderella at the Union County

Performing Arts Center in Rahway on Sunday, May 3, 2015. He advised that the series is an initiative that started in 2012 while he served as Chairman of the Board and was proud that the Board has continued to support it each year. He advised that the sensory-friendly music, theater, and dance performances are specially adapted according to guidelines that help reduce disturbances for children and adults with autism and other sensory sensitivities.

Vice Chairman Bergen made comments relative to the Rahway River Park. He reaffirmed that there are absolutely no details, on paper, as to what the development of the park would look like. He stated that the documents referred to by the public are not specific to this new project concept. He reiterated that once the plans are known, the public will have an opportunity to see them and comment on the details that will be considered for the park.

Vice Chairman Bergen noted that in the mid-80's he worked for five years as a part-time attorney with the Board of Social Services. He stated that he, and his colleagues on the Board, has all the respect for the work that you do for the citizens of the county day in and day out. He did note that the Board cannot negotiate in public and advised the union members that there is a process for that to take place. He said he heard, and appreciates, their comments and was confident that a fair and equitable contract will be reached between their union and the County.

Vice Chairman Bergen made comments relative to the students from the Magnet School. He said it is a credit to them, to their teachers, to the administration, and this County, that they came out and spoke so eloquently about this issue. He joined Freeholder Mirabella in questioning the inclusion of the students in their negotiations.

Vice Chairman Bergen made comments relative to statements made by a specific member of the public, stating that he finds it distressing that Mr. Burry continually makes statements that are, to the most degree, not supported by facts, but are merely accusations and conclusions that he reaches based on things that just are not true.

Vice Chairman Bergen congratulated Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi for creating a new service for our military veterans in Union County; referring to the the compilation of an on-line listing of local of agencies, stores and businesses that offer discounts for military veterans.

County Manager Faella made comments relative to the Infrastructure Grant, noting that all municipalities will be able to take advantage of the program. He stated that they have begun meeting with some of the municipalities and will be meeting with all 21 municipalities.

Chairman Jalloh made some comments relative to the concerns of the union members. He spoke on his involvement with Union Services and fighting for the rights of the employees. He reiterated that this Freeholder Meeting is not the appropriate setting for negotiating. He stated that he appreciates the students' passion and appreciates the work of the CWA members.

He made some comments relative to Rahway River Park. He stated that the park is very important to him personally, noting that as a youth he learned how to swim, had summer camps, and family reunion picnics in Rahway River Park. He noted that they take their concerns seriously and take them into consideration, however, he pointed out that the County already has turf fields. He stated that the County hires experienced professionals and rely on that experience to determine the environmental effects of turf fields.

Chairman Jalloh made comments relative the 4-C program that will assist families with the costs of child care. He stated that many families are forced to pay nearly 60% of their income on child care, and hoped that this program is a first step to elevating this problem.

Chairman Jalloh made comments relative to the Youth Services Consortium's program for youth training. He stated that he was able to attend the kick-off of a job fair that will bring 200 new jobs to Union County residents. He spoke to the private-public partnership between Union County College and the Workforce Innovation Center at Jersey Gardens Mall. He stated that Union County will pre-qualify applicants for jobs with AirServ, a major ground services provider at Newark-Liberty Airport. He noted that the County has already worked together with AirServ on two previous rounds of hiring, which resulted in just over 150 positions for County residents.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- 1) Attorney-Client privileged communications and discussion of potential settlement in the matter of Barbara Sandargus v. County of Union.

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 communications and discussion of potential settlement in the matter of Barbara Sandargus v. County of Union.

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 Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

Chairman Jalloh asked for a motion to return to the Regular Meeting. On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Jalloh asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, a voice vote showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent. Meeting adjourned at 9:51PM.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 7:00pm in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified. In the event an Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting are held on the same night, the Agenda Setting Session will commence at 7:00pm and the Regular Meeting will commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter should contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 908-527-4140.

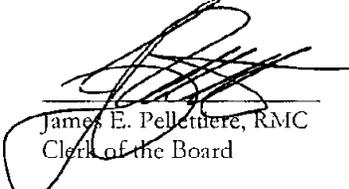
**REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2015 at 12:00pm
Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ**

<u>AGENDA SETTING SESSION</u>	<u>REGULAR MEETINGS</u>
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February 5, 2015 February 26, 2015	February 19, 2015 February 26, 2015
March 5, 2015 March 19, 2015	March 12, 2015 March 26, 2015
April 9, 2015 April 23, 2015	April 16, 2015 April 30, 2015
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November 5, 2015	November 12, 2015
December 3, 2015 December 10, 2015	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.


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