

## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2015  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING AGENDA

Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh presided and called the meeting to order at 7:13pm. Roll call showed, Vice Chairman Bruce Bergen, Freeholder Linda Carter, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Sergio Granados, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella and Freeholder Vernell Wright were in attendance.

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.

### APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Oath of Office: Fire Service Advisory Board: Joseph Houck, William Kane, Joseph Moschello, Thomas McNamara, Christopher Scaturo, Gary Steitz, and Kristen Von St. Paul; Union County Advisory Council on Aging: Elizabeth A. Fennik; Union County Air Traffic and Noise Advisory Board: Greg Bashkoff; Union County Transportation Advisory Board: Michael Disko, Jr., Jack Molenaar and Roger Stryeski; Union County Utilities Authority: Laura Scutari.

### PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

A presentation will be made by the Union County Division of Community Development to the Freeholder Board in recognition of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Week.

Chairman Jalloh acknowledged the County's celebration of Community Development Week in Union County. He explained that Community Development Block Grant and HOME funds make their way into the local economy through an extensive network of non-profit organizations, local contractors and businesses and remains a lifeline for families and communities. He stated that the County of Union allocates over \$5 million annually for programs and projects throughout the county; noting that these programs are the building blocks for Community Development efforts, which attract other investments, providing gap funding, and acting as the catalyst for project development. He called upon Deputy County Manager/Director of Economic Development William Reyes to provide a brief presentation of such efforts.

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes stated that the 2015 National Community Development Week is being celebrated between April 6 through 11, 2015. He added that the celebration of CD week started 29 years ago by the National Community Association, of which County Manager Faella is the immediate past president. He stated that the primary purpose of CD Week is to showcase CDBG and HOME projects and thereby make elected officials, and particularly the Board of Chosen Freeholders, aware of the benefits of the programs to the local economy and to the people served by CDBG and HOME. He thanked the Chairman and the Freeholders he acknowledged the staff on being able to take over \$5 million dollars this year and give out to agencies to help the needy residents of our County.

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes introduced members of his staff: Amy Wagner, Deputy Director, Thomas E. Connell, Bureau Head, Julian Buitrago, Analyst, Peter J. Casano, Facility & Public Improvements, Georgette Corvelli, Housing Sub-Committee, Theresa Ebba, Administrative Support, Brandon Givens, Social Services Sub-Committee, Jim Heim, HOME Program, Sylvia Konicki, HOME Office Assistant, Grace Minas, Administration and Finance, Deborah Rastelli, Administration and Finance and Rosa Santos, Community Development Office Assistant.

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes introduced the following and asked each one to provide an overview of their programs: George Vircik, City of Linden Engineer, Chairman of Community Development Revenue Sharing, Dave Brown, President of JFK Center, Rahway, Councilman Lou Brigando, Executive Director, Cerebral Palsy League, Cranford, Anthony Cancro, Administrator, Township of Springfield, and Lisa Glover, Secretary of the Board, Homefirst, Homefirst.

George Vircik, City of Linden Engineer and Chairman of Community Development Revenue Sharing, stated that the CDBG is composed of 19 towns; noting that the cities of Elizabeth and Plainfield have their own CDBG through HUD. He said each of the 19 towns have 2 representatives of the Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee, and receive their own CDBG funds which is administered and monitored by the County staff. He said the Subcommittee met recommending \$5 million dollars of CDBG projects this year which will be proposed to the Board for approval at the Freeholder Meeting in May. Mr. Vircik stated that the committee has dispersed over \$250 million dollars for a variety of projects in the 19 communities over the last 40 years the. He said the committee is recommending the allocation of \$1.5 million in Housing Rehabilitation, Counseling and Code Enforcement, \$1.5 million dollars in Public Improvement projects, \$500,000 for Community Facilities and \$595,000 for a variety of social services throughout the towns. Mr. Vircik said the money will become available in September of this year and that there is a 12 month period in which to spend the money.

Dave Brown, President of JFK Center in Rahway and Rahway Councilman, thanked the Board for its support through CDBG funding, not only for the JFK Center, but for all of Rahway. He stated that his agency (JFK Center) has been receiving CDBG funds for many years. He said the funding has been essential in ensuring the agency maintains its level of service to the community. He spoke on one of this year's project; an air conditioning replacement. He spoke of the benefits of this project; noting the center achieved about a 95% attendance during the summer months due in large part for the air conditioning. He added that the funds that are given to the various small agencies and nonprofit organizations really appreciated the funding allocated by the Revenue Sharing Committee and the Board.

Lou Brigando, Associate Executive Director, Cerebral Palsy League in Cranford spoke in regards to the improvements undertaken at the facility. He stated that generally they come to the CDBG organization for funding assistance for their adult programs; noting that they have about 80 adults,

and their families, during the day to improve their quality of life. He spoke on an article entitled "Slow Starvation of Nonprofits," referring to the fact that nonprofits like the Cerebral Palsy League never have leftover operating funds to use as capital development. He noted that the roof and parking lot are in much need of improvements, and the County through CDBG dollars, make these such improvements possible. He stated that the Revenue Sharing Committee is professional and a pleasure to work with, adding that their assistance helps keep the Cerebral Palsy League stay afloat and provide services.

Anthony Cancro, Administrator of the Township of Springfield, thanked the Board for CDBG funding. He mentioned previous funding towards the ADA accessibility efforts at the Public Library; the employment of a part time senior bus driver to allow the seniors to go to doctor visits and to go shopping; various curbs cuts and handicapped accessibility throughout the township; and lastly, the improvements to the community center, noting that over the last three years the center has been renovated. He stated that the facility is approximately 14,000 square-feet, with 1/3 of the space being utilized as a senior center. He noted that the community center improvements funded through CDBG funds include: an ADA bathroom project; a kitchen project and handicapped ramp project; and a fire suppression system. He thanked the Board on receiving the largest grant from the Community Development Block Grant, and noted that these improvements would not have been possible had it not been for the CDBG grand dollars and the Freeholder Board.

Horace Baldwin, Executive Director of Faith, Bricks & Mortar in Plainfield, stated that he was very grateful and appreciative of the County for the CDBG funds that they received. Mr. Baldwin said his agency provides housing counseling and their primary focus is "loss mitigation and default counseling." He mentioned that he has the pleasure to serve on the Foreclosure Task Force and the Sub-Committee on Housing and Counseling. Mr. Baldwin said that Faith, Bricks & Mortar partners with Urban League and Brand New Day in servicing these individuals. He noted that they have come a long way over the years, but the need for housing counseling is still relatively strong. He stated that they have serviced over 500 customers this year. He noted the brochures he left for the Board to review, and said that he was honored to be a part of this celebration.

Lisa Glover, Secretary of the Board of Homefirst, stated that they have been a partner with Union County since 1997; receiving \$3 million dollars in federal HOME investment partnership program funds. Ms. Glover said some of that funding enabled them to purchase and refurbish 50 units of low income housing for people with special needs; inclusive of people with HIV Aids, people who are disabled and those that find themselves homeless. Mrs. Glover spoke of a case involving a mother with a 13 year old son who suffered with multiple illnesses. She stated that the mother was not able to work and eventually lost her job and her housing. Mrs. Glover stated that Homefirst was able to put her and her son into a 2 bedroom apartment in a safe community. She added Homefirst was able to work with her in stabilizing her health, offering her parenting and budgeting classes and worked with her son, who is now a very successful high school student. Ms. Glover thanked the Board for their partnership which enables such successes.

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes said this is a small sample of organization that receives CDBG and HOME dollars. He thanked all of the presenters for coming out and sharing their stories and thanked the CDBD and HOME staff.

County Manager Faella thanked the Board for understanding and recognizing the importance of CDBG. He stated that the Board has been at the front and center in supporting these funds on a national level. He added that the County is very fortunate to have a Board who understands the

needs of these funds. He stated that he was very proud of this Freeholder Board and thanked the CDBG staff for their efforts.

Chairman Jalloh said, on behalf of the Freeholder Board, that he thanks the presenters, and all the other agencies, for the work they do with the funding to make the community a better place to live. He thanked the CDBG staff for their hard work in administering the grants.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

Norman W. Albert, Esq., Director

Purchasing Director Michael Yuska represented the Department.

There were no comments

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Public Safety, Office of Emergency Management: A&K Equipment, Rahway, New Jersey for the purpose of providing Two (2) Custom Utility Truck Bodies for a total amount not to exceed \$54,889.00. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

William Reyes, Deputy County Manager / Director

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes spoke on Agenda Item #7, noting that it is the 2015 paving contract which includes 12 miles of repaving and is scheduled to start in late May or early June of this year. He added that the paving will be done at night to be sensitive to businesses and school schedules.

Freeholder Kowalski asked for an explanation of the process for Agenda items #1, 2 and 3.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to T & M Associates, Middletown, New Jersey, to provide On-Call Environmental Site Investigation Services for the County of Union commencing March 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-009) **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes stated that this agenda item is for on-call services for Open Space.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to Pennoni Associates, Edison, New Jersey, to provide On-Call Environmental Compliance Services for the County of Union commencing April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-010) **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes stated this agenda item is for compliance with the boilers and generators. He noted that they need to provide information to the State relative to such.

3. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to T & M Associates, Middletown, New Jersey, to provide On-Call Energy Consultant Services

for the County of Union commencing March 1, 2015 through February 28, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-011) **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

Chairman Jalloh asked for further clarification on the goals of Agenda Item #3.

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes stated item #3 is for the utilization of an energy consultant. He stated that T&M will seek the best prices for gas and electric in the open market for the County.

Chairman Jalloh asked when was the last time the County did this.

Director Yuska stated the County bid the natural gas contract three years ago and the county will be going out to bid again this year.

Chairman Jalloh asked if the County achieved any benefit in using the previous energy consultant.

Director Yuska spoke to the on-line bid, noting that he could provide those costs to the Board, noting that at the time, the County saved hundreds of thousands of dollars on each of the contracts: natural gas and electricity.

Chairman Jalloh asked how much the payment last year was.

Director Yuska stated that the cost was \$3,000 to prepare the specifications and management of each energy contract.

Chairman Jalloh stated that it was money well spent.

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes advised that this agenda item was the one item previously discussed relative to going out to bid for the on-line natural gas and electricity contracts.

4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Service Agreement between the County of Union and the Township of Union and Urban Renewal, LLC (Avalon Bay) for the installation of a traffic control device at the Intersection of Vauxhall Road (County Route 630) and Stahuber Avenue, Union, New Jersey. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-002) **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

Freeholder Wright asked why the County needs traffic control device at this particular intersection.

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes stated that the LLC and the Township of Union felt it was necessary. He advised that since the project was on County property, they need the County's approval. He added that the light will be paid by LLC and maintained by the Township of Union.

5. Amending Resolution Number 2014-597, a Professional Engineering Service Contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff, Newark, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing additional design, construction management and pavement services for the 2014 Union County Resurfacing Program - Phase 2 in an amount not to exceed \$70,500.00 for a new contract amount not to

exceed \$423,050.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-022). **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

6. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to Neglia Associates, Lyndhurst, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing design and construction management services for the Watchung Reservation Tracy Loop Sewer Connection in an amount not to exceed \$85,268.00. (Union County Engineering Project No. 2014-033) **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Economic Development, Division of Engineering: Scifano Construction Corporation, 1 Smalley Avenue, Middlesex, New Jersey 08846, for the purpose of providing 2015 Road Resurfacing Program, in an amount not to exceed \$5,075,586.00. (BA#10-2015; Union County Engineering Project #2014-038) Funding for this project will be provided by the New Jersey Department of Transportation, 2014 County annual Transportation Program (2014 ATP). **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes stated item #7 is a 2015 paving contract with Schifano five million dollars include twelve repaving starting late May or early June of this year in the evening.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**

Bibi Taylor, Director

There were no comments.

1. Amending the 2015 Temporary Budget Ch. 96 P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20). **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

Frank Guzzo, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to approve the Ryan White Spending Plan, federally funded by the Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Grant, in the total amount not to exceed \$117,530 awarding subcontracts to various agencies to provide support services to people with HIV/AIDS for the period of March 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016 and further authorizing the transfer of funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to approve the Ryan White Spending Plan, federally funded by the Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Grant, in the total amount not to exceed \$1,393,163 awarding subcontracts to various agencies to provide support services to people with HIV/AIDS for the period of March 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016 and further authorizing the transfer of funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

3. Authorizing the County Manager to establish County funds to comply with mandates of Legislative Bills A-175 and S-1914 that establishes burial costs for Union County's indigent, unidentified or unclaimed deceased residents be the responsibility of Union County at a burial rate not to exceed \$1,550.00 in the total amount not to exceed \$75,000 for the two (2) year period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Hudak asked is this an old program or a new program.

Director Guzzo stated that this is a requirement of the County, and that it is an on-going contract. He added that the price has gone up as it is based on the number of people we service, noting that the amount is capped at \$1,550 per burial.

Freeholder Hudak stated we should update the language of the resolution to reflect a specific statute regarding the legislative bills.

Chairman Jalloh asked if the funeral homes have been already identified.

Director Guzzo stated it's based on who will accept cap the state imposes. He added that Bannworth Nesbitt Funeral Homes have accepted this pricing. He added that they have not seen many funeral homes interested for this contract due to the price associated with each burial.

4. Amending Resolution Number 2014-1042, entering into a shared services agreement with Hudson County, to reflect a change in the commencement date to be March 23, 2015 for a revised agreement period of March 23, 2015 through December 31, 2016. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract, pursuant to Request for Proposal (RFP), to SAGE Eldercare, Inc., for the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) for the period of April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016, contract year 3 of a 3 year contract, in an amount not to exceed \$34,000; further authorizing the transfer of funds during the contract period should service needs change and/or if the agency should fail to meet their contractual obligation; and further authorizing the execution of a Standardized Board Resolution, as required for inclusion in submission to NJDHS. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
6. Amending Resolution Number 2014-571, to allocate additional Ryan White funds in the amount of \$5,034.53, for a new total allocation of \$1,732,061.53, thereby amending the Spending Plan for the period of March 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015 to provide services to people with HIV/AIDS. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
7. Amending Resolution Number 2014-572, to allocate additional Ryan White funds in the amount of \$6,348.47, for a new total allocation of \$147,686.47, thereby amending the Spending Plan for the period of March 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015 to provide services to people with HIV/AIDS. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
8. Amending Resolution Number 2014-1038, renewing a revenue agreement with Gateway Family YMCA, Elizabeth, New Jersey, to increase the reimbursement rate by \$400 per month for a new monthly reimbursement amount of \$5,400 effective March 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 for the provision of Transportation Service through the Union County

Paratransit System for clients of the WISE Adult Day Care Program. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Carter asked to provide some details for this agenda item.

Director Guzzo stated that this is a contract with Gateway to provide transportation for 20 seniors; equating to approximately 350 trips monthly. He added that the contract was \$5,000/month last year and this year it is \$5,400/month.

9. Amending Resolution Number 2015-114, to reflect an additional appropriation for the Countywide Code Blue Emergency Shelter Initiative expenditures for the winter of 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 due to increased demand for shelter nights during extreme weather conditions to cover the months of February through April 2015 and to add one motel, AASHIRVAD LLC. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Hudak asked how this year compared to previous years and to give an overview of the program's outreach this year.

Director Guzzo stated that the County called about eighty four Code Blue nights. He stated that this year was longer than normal, as they called their first Code Blue in October and lasted later into 2015; adding that as a result there were more placements than normal. He stated that there is a clear need for this service. He mentioned the service intakes done on all those who were placed. He added that his Department is looking at the program for any retooling that may be necessary; noting that there are a lot of repeating individuals. He added that his Department is looking into what is causing this as opposed to providing the crisis response. He added that some other shelters will not accept some individuals because of criminal history and other factors. Director Guzzo stated that the costs have increased and the Network is looking at making additional recommendations.

Freeholder Hudak asked because of different facility.

Director Guzzo stated that in fact is part of the reason for the increase in cost.

Freeholder Granados asked how many people get help with Code Blue.

Director Guzzo stated that he didn't have the numbers handy, but that he could get the Board that information. He reiterated that there were eighty four nights called this year. He stated that the numbers are available since they use this information when they apply for federal grant funding.

Freeholder Granados said he is pleased that the County is offering additional services aside from the immediate need of shelter.

10. Amending Resolution Number 2014-1029, to reflect an increase of \$47,697.59 of funds allocated under the approved 2014-2015 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Spending Plan, to extend the current spending plan an additional month from May 31, 2015 to June 30, 2015, and to adjust the fiscal year account numbers accordingly. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
11. Amending Resolution Number 2013-816, (BA #67-2013) with Acme American Repair, Inc., Brooklyn, New York, to increase the award in an additional amount not to exceed \$15,000



for service and repair over and above routine maintenance on kitchen equipment at the Union County Division on Aging/Nutrition Kitchen located 1025 Pennsylvania Avenue, Linden, New Jersey. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

12. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (USDHHS), Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), Division of Unaccompanied Children's Service (DUCS) and accept 2nd and 3rd Quarter installment funding in the amount of \$517,089 to provide secure care and placement services to unaccompanied and undocumented children in the Union County Juvenile Detention Center by guaranteeing ten (10) secure beds per day for Year Two, 2nd and 3rd Quarter funding period of January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015, of a Three Year Agreement. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
13. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into contract with Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth, New Jersey, in the amount of \$88,152 for the Year Two, 2nd through 3rd quarter period of January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015, of a three year agreement to provide case management and mental health services for juveniles in the Union County Juvenile Detention Center consistent with the federal DUCS grant agreement. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
14. 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 Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital: Vendor TBD, for the purpose of providing Security Coverage, for a contract period of TBD, in the amount of TBD. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Wright asked for an explanation as to why there are no amounts or vendors selected at this point in time.

Director Guzzo stated he does not expect the Board to vote on this contract without such information and advised that information will be forthcoming. He stated that the County received three bids, however they wanted to make sure the people sent to Cornerstone are trained in crisis intervention. He indicated that two have responded and are awaiting for the third response.

## Department of Parks and Recreation

Ronald Zuber, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks and Recreation: Miracle Chemical Company, Farmingdale, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing pool chemicals, for twenty-four (24) consecutive months in an amount not to exceed \$43,160.00. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Carter asked for an explanation of items #1 and #2 and asked for any potential savings of #1 from last year.

Director Zuber stated that this agenda item is for Wheeler and that there is an \$8,000 savings from the last contract.

2. Supporting the Township of Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission's application to the ANJEC (Association of NJ Environmental Commissions) for an Open Space Grant to improve existing and create new hiking trails along the Passaic River and in the County owned Passaic River Parkway in Berkeley Heights and Summit. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**

Director Zuber stated agenda item #2 is a grant supporting the Berkeley Heights' application for the creation of ditch crossings and wetlands along the trails on the Passaic River.

Freeholder Estrada asked if Berkeley Heights is going to be getting enough money to do both Summit and Berkeley Heights.

Director Zuber stated that he didn't know, but would check and get back to the Board.

3. Authorizing competitive contracting to procure services for the Operation and management for the Barn and Rings at Watchung Stables in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:11-4.3(a). **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Granados asked for an explanation of item #3.

Director Zuber stated the County is looking to go out to bid for the operation of the County's Barn and Rings to another company. He stated that the County is trying to decrease the operation costs of the Watchung Stables. He stated that the County has exhausted a lot of the possibilities, and are now looking to bring someone in to do the day-to-day chores: the mucking, the horseshoeing, the feeding and grooming of the horses, maintaining the bathrooms, offices and mowing of the lawn in an attempt to save money.

County Manager Faella stated this issue was discussed in tonight's policy meeting.

Freeholder Hudak asked if the individuals currently providing the service at the stables will be reassigned to other duties.

Director Zuber stated they would be reassigned to park maintenance or public works and that there will be no layoffs.

Freeholder Mirabella asked if there was any outreach with those organizations and patrons of the Watchung Stables relative to this move to an outside vendor.

Director Zuber stated he met with the group over the last two years and indicated that they will be meeting with the groups on April 15<sup>th</sup> at Trailside to discuss the plan and potential capital improvement projects as well.

4. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Department of Parks & Recreation, to apply for and execute a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program 2015 Recreation Trails Program grant in the amount of \$16,000, with a required cash match of \$4,000, to engage a contractor to provide and install approximately 1,000 lineal feet of split rail fencing along bridle trails in the Watchung Reservation to improve equestrian and hiker safety. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement with This is It! Productions, Inc., Hoboken, New Jersey, for the planning, production and management for the 2015

Rhythm & Blues by the Brook at Cedar Brook Park on Saturday, May 30, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$120,000. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

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Chairman Jalloh asked if the first two agenda items are grant funded.

Director Moran stated #1 is a grant funded and #2 is accepting a grant and #3 is a operating expenses.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with All Hands Fire Equipment Neptune City, New Jersey, to provide 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. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept and expend New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency funds for successful applicants funded through the 2014 Emergency Management Agency Assistance (EMAA) Grant in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.00; consisting of up to \$55,000.00 Federal Award (with a County in-kind match of up to \$55,000.00) and an additional \$40,000.00 Federal Award to the County for disbursement to six predetermined municipalities identified through guidelines set forth by the NJ State Police Office of Emergency Management. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

Chairman Jalloh asked for further clarification on agenda item #2.

Director Moran stated it is a yearly grant to offset County Emergency Management salaries in the amount of \$55,000, and the remainder \$40,000 will be passed on to municipalities.

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

Chairman Jalloh asked for clarification on agenda item #3.

Director Moran stated that this agenda item is for the support of our computer aided dispatch program used for not only dispatch of county units but also municipal fire mutual aid, ems mutual aid.

Chairman Jalloh asked if the price for the annual maintenance has increased.

Director Moran stated that it has increased in part because they are now using the police functions that they hadn't utilized in previous years.

Chairman Jalloh asked what was the previous contract amount?

Director Moran stated that the previous contract amount was \$77,000, equating to a \$12,000 increase for the new features.

Freeholder Estrada asked if the software has access to state's ACS system.

Director Moran replied that this system allows the officer to use the ACS system from the vehicle, in addition to other services.

Freeholder Estrada asked if this is the annual cost.

Director Moran stated that this contract amount is for 9 months so that they can budget accordingly with the County's budget cycle.

Freeholder Estrada asked if there are many companies competing for this type of service.

Director Moran stated that this software is proprietary for our computer aided dispatch technologies.

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES

Joseph Graziano, Director

There were no comments

1. Resolution granting permission to the Township of Scotch Plains to close Martine Avenue between West Broad Street and Cooper Road from 8:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. on April 25, 2015 for a YMCA sponsored race. Also granting permission to hang a banner across Park Avenue near intersection of Front Street from April 9, 2015 to April 27, 2015 to advertise the event. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
2. Resolution concurring with the Township of Berkeley Heights granting permission to the Rotary Club to hang a banner across Springfield Avenue and another on Plainfield Avenue from May 1, 2015 to May 31, 2015 to advertise their "Rubber Duck Fest". **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
3. Resolution granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights for the JC Promotions, Inc., and Suburban Chamber of Commerce to hang a banner across Springfield Avenue from June 1, 2015 to June 28, 2015 to advertise the Annual Berkeley Heights Street Fair which is being held on Sunday, June 28, 2015. Also granting permission to close Springfield Avenue from the intersection of Snyder Avenue to Plainfield Avenue from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on June 28, 2015 or any other rescheduled date. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
4. Resolution concurring with the Township of Berkeley Heights granting permission to the Berkeley Heights Youth Soccer Club to hang a banner across Plainfield Avenue and Springfield Avenue from April 11, 2015 through May 11, 2015 to announce the Berkeley Heights Youth Soccer Tryouts. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
5. Resolution concurring with the Township of Springfield regarding road closures for the Annual Memorial Day Parade Celebration. The Annual Memorial Day Parade will be held Monday, May 25, 2015 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., and is requesting permission to close Mountain Avenue from the intersection of Shunpike Road to North Trivett Avenue; Shunpike Road from the intersection of South Springfield Avenue to the intersection of Mountain Avenue. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

#### OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Robert E. Barry, Esq., County Counsel

Chairman Jalloh asked if there is a list associated with Agenda Item #1.

County Counsel Barry stated that there is and it is incorporated in the resolution.

1. A Resolution appointing and designating Special Counsels for the Union County Solid Waste Management District. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 647-98, to increase the authorization of County Counsel to settle tort claims and law suits filed against the County in an amount of \$15,000.00 or less without advance approval by the Board of Chosen Freeholders. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

#### **FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

Freeholder Hudak stated he would have three laudatory for the next Freeholder Meeting: first, a resolution congratulating the Roselle Catholic High School Basketball Championship, second, a resolution for the Linden High School Union County Basketball Championship, and a resolution acknowledging April 9<sup>th</sup> National Infrastructure Day. He added that he would like to add three resolutions from the Fiscal Committee: first, the resolution introducing the 2015 budget, second a resolution for the annual Cola and CAP- Bank resolution, and lastly a resolution relative to an Amendment with UCIA Park Madison Agreement.

Freeholder Granados stated he would like to join Chairman Jalloh #15 and add an additional laudatory.

Vice Chairman Bergen stated he would have a policy resolution relative to the opposition of the Pilgrim Pipeline, and would like to join Freeholder Mirabella #5.

Chairman Jalloh asked that Agenda Item #15 should come from the entire board.

Freeholder Mirabella made some comments relative to Agenda Item #6 (John Vigliante). He reminded the Board that Mr. Vigliante was given a bronze star and the County honored him at that time and gave him a life-time of free golf; noting that he is still playing at the age of 100.

Freeholder Estrada stated he would like to join Freeholder Mirabella #6.

Freeholder Carter stated she will have a laudatory for the next Freeholder Meeting.

1. Appointing Tony Hall to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board to represent the City of Rahway from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
2. Laudatory resolution extending this Board's sincere congratulations to Jarett Brown, of Boy Scout Troop #5, on attaining his Eagle Scout Award. **(Freeholder Hudak & Freeholder Carter)**
3. Laudatory Resolution expressing the Board's appreciation to the National Arts Program Foundation staff for their role in promoting appreciation and recognition of individual

- artistic achievement and its importance to community spirit. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Laudatory Resolution expressing the Board's appreciation to the Elizabethtown Gas Company and commending the company for its leadership role in promoting the partnership of the public and private sectors in support of the arts in Union County. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
  5. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Eugene Carmody, during their time of sorrow. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
  6. Laudatory resolution congratulating John Vigliante on the celebration of his 100th birthday. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
  7. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Mauro Checchio, during their time of sorrow. **(Freeholder Mirabella & the Entire Board)**
  8. Congratulating Dennis Vodarsik, Ph.D. on his retirement from the Union County Advisory Council on Aging after 17 years and thanking him for his voluntary service. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
  9. Laudatory resolution congratulating Mildred Waldman, a resident of Union County for over 78 years and a 25-year resident of Shaefer Gardens, Union Township, on celebrating her 100th birthday. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
  10. Laudatory resolution expressing this Board's sincere appreciation to the Mental Health Association in New Jersey in Union County for their work in providing essential mental health services of many children and adults in Union County; and further welcoming the agency to its new location at 2333 Morris Ave., Building C, Suite 206/208 in the Township of Union. **(Vice Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
  11. Appointing Cherron Rountree to the Union County College Board of Trustees for a term ending June 30, 2016 and Marlenes Teixeira for a term ending June 30, 2015. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
  12. Laudatory resolution recognizing and congratulating the seven (7) 2015 Freedom Fund Honorees for the work they have done in helping to advance the mission of the NAACP and the role they have played in helping to promote its values within the community. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
  13. Laudatory resolution extending this Board's sincere congratulations to Evan Samuel Everett, of Boy Scout Troop #68, on attaining his Eagle Scout Award. **(Chairman Jalloh & Freeholder Hudak)**
  14. Resolution proclaiming the month of April, 2015 as "Autism Awareness Month" throughout the County of Union; and further proclaiming April 2, 2015 as "Light-It-Up Blue Day" throughout the County of Union; and further declaring Zachary Brooks, of Summit, the Official Union County Ambassador for Autism Awareness. **(Chairman Jalloh & the Entire Board)**

15. Resolution acknowledging and commending Union County Police Chief Daniel Vaniska for his dedicated public service to the residents of the County of Union, and further extending this Board's best wishes upon his retirement. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
16. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Bonnie Herrmann, a well-respected 20+ year County employee and former Director of the Youth Services Bureau for the Department of Human Services, during their time of sorrow. **(Chairman Jalloh & the Entire Board)**

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50PM.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski, seconded by Freeholder Carter roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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

AGENDA SETTING SESSION

January 15, 2015

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March 5, 2015

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August 6, 2015

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REGULAR MEETINGS

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February 19, 2015

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August 20, 2015

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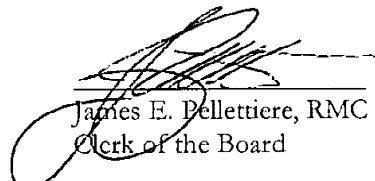
December 17, 2015

Notice

Regular Meetings of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders  
Public Comment Portion

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