

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2014
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Christopher Hudak called the meeting to order at 7 03 PM

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

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

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

- 1 Oath of Office Advisory Board on Aging Toby Marx, Advisory Board on the Disabled Leslie Fanelli-Pavone, Elisa Sananman and Susam C Spuri, Emergency Management Council Christopher Scaturo, Fire Services Advisory Board Steven Ruhl and Christopher Scaturo, Homeless Trust Fund Advisory Board Mary Ellen Tango, Local Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Joann Colucci-Turbett, Senior Citizen Disabled Resident Transportation Advisory Board Sonja A Ash and Thelma Smith, Union County Air Traffic and Noise Advisory Board Joseph Paszek, Union County Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board Michel Bitritto, Union County Transportation Advisory Board Renee Banks Lous Jorge Casacubeita, DeSocio and Andre Luboff, Workforce Investment Board Kim McConnell

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Alex Elie, Executive Director of Jefferson Parks Ministries thanked Deputy Director Dinsmore for her assistance. He said the State is ending the PEER Grouping Spending Plan. He thanked the Board for the funds to fill the gap to continue the services to the end of the year in order to provide agencies with funds to service the County residents with a variety of social services. He thanked the Board on behalf of the Haitian Community, along with others that are being affected. He said Deputy Director Dinsmore had been very helpful. He thanked the Board for supporting Resolution 2014-423 and looks forward to continuing to help the community.

Linda Flores Tober, Elizabeth, Executive Director of the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, thanked the Board for supporting Resolution 2014-423. She stated that the dollars are used for programs held at Bernice's Place for kids ages 6-12. She further explained that it gives these kids an opportunity to be a girl scout, boy scout, provides tutoring, music, trips, museums, swimming, soccer and more. She said the owner of Bernice's Place's vision is for kids to have some relief from the stress from home. She explained the Board's support will allow these kids to have a great summer and she thanked the Board for the funds, adding that summer is no longer spent squeezed into an apartment or hotel room for these kids.

Chairman Hudak asked Director Guzzo to give a brief overview of Resolution 2014-423.

Director Guzzo explained that as of July 1, 2014, the State will not be funding the PEER Grouping, as the Spending Plan will be phased out. He explained that they have been receiving PEER Grouping dollars since the early 1980's. He said every Union County Freeholder Board since the inception of the program has supported the program by contributing more than 90%. He said other counties typically contribute 10%. He said this County Freeholder Board made a policy decision to historically contribute 90% of dollars into these types of services. He said this program assists seniors and general services, which are needed and not covered by any other grants. He said a request was made to the State to keep us whole for another year. He stated that the programs mentioned by the earlier could not happen without these dollars. He said there will be no additional services added, but only to maintain what already exists.

Director Guzzo thanked everyone who came out in support of the program and thanked the Board for funding the program in lieu of the State's elimination of the PEER Grouping Spending Plan.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, said he was under the impression that there was another PEER Grouping Spending Plan relative to Resolution 2014-423 on a recent Agenda. He stated that Resolutions 2014-426 through 2014-431 totals approximately \$4.3 million and will be added to the budget. He asked if these dollars will offset taxes.

Mr. Paterson expressed his sympathy on the passing of Freeholder Mirabella's father.

Mr Paterson asked if the amounts mentioned in Resolutions 2014-433, 434, 435, 436 and 437 are to modify bonds into a single issue, and asked if they will have any effect on taxes. He also asked about the amount for each bond and its purpose.

Mr Paterson asked for the cost in relation to Resolution 2014-438, adding that it appears to be a small amount. He commented on the appointment mentioned in Resolution 2014-450, stating that he has always been fond of Mr. Caroselli.

Director Guzzo stated that the PEER Spending Plan dollars were divided between the aging and general social services. He said Mr Paterson was referring to a Resolution that was on a previous Agenda that was for hospice and senior care for the aging to compensate for the dollars eliminated, and was added to the budget due to the loss of dollars.

Chairman Hudak clarified that \$4.3 million that Mr Paterson referred to (Resolutions 2014-426 through 2014-431) represents the amount the County was awarded through those various programs.

Director Taylor explained further that Resolutions 2014-426 through 2014-431 will be added to revenue and appropriations, but it will not have any effect on taxes.

Director Taylor stated that Resolutions 2014-433 through 2014-437 are six Resolutions pertaining to bonds that will enable the County Manager to combine several authorizations of bonds into a single issue. She stated that they are taking advantage of the current market conditions to permanently finance the County's debt. She said this will allow the County to pay off the debt instead of rolling it over.

Chairman Hudak clarified that there is no additional debt being added and asked Director Taylor how the County's debt ratings.

Director Taylor stated that the County received confirmation from Moody Credit Rating that there is a positive outlook for the County based upon the increase of surplus levels. She said they have shown some concerns relative to Rumlins, but those concerns have been relayed to the Board, which they are currently addressing.

Chairman asked about the cost of the items mentioned in Resolution 2014-438.

Director Taylor stated that she was uncertain, but stated that it will be part of the debt exchange.

Pat Mochetti, New Providence, had the following questions regarding Resolution 2014-425:

the location of the current employees, the new location of the employees, why they are being relocated and he also had various questions regarding the new lease agreement.

Mr Mochetti asked for an explanation of Resolution 2014-428. He asked for an explanation of the large modification of the Workforce Investment Act grant, relative to Resolution 2014-429. He had questions relative to the appointment to the UCIA as mentioned in Resolution 2014-451, why is there a vacancy, and who was the individual who left the seat?

Chairman Hudak stated that the purpose of Resolution 2014-425 is to relocate the employees of the Division of Youth Services from St. George's Avenue in Linden to another site located in Elizabeth.

Director Guzzo explained further that the Division of Youth Services has been at the Linden location for 26 years and the deteriorated condition is affecting the employees and clients. He said they are in need of improved space. He said an RFP went out two times and a building in Elizabeth could fit the needs at a better price and an improved facility. He said they are currently paying a base rent of \$6,732 per month, or annualized at \$80,000 and the new rent will be \$5,956 per month, annualized at \$71,000. He said it will be approximately \$8,000 less per year for the first 5 years and then there will be a rent increase. He said he believes that the current facility in Linden is in substandard condition.

Clerk of the Board James Pelletiere stated that a resignation letter from Joseph Muskiewicz was received by his office and Resolution 2014-451 is filling the vacancy for his unexpired term.

Chairman Hudak stated that Resolution 2014-428 and 2014-429 are for budget modifications for the particular programs mentioned. He said the Directors will be available to discuss it further, if desired.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption.

2014-423 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2014 Peer Grouping Spending Plan in the total amount of \$203,175 for subcontracted services to be provided during the period of June 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 and further authorizing the County Manager to transfer 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.

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

2014-424 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Appointing Nancy Piwowar to the Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board for a term commencing January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015.

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

2014-425 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a lease agreement with Koam Investors Group, LLC whose address is c/o The Liz Group Corp, 1331 Anderson Avenue, Unit #17, Fort Lee, New Jersey. For the purpose of leasing commercial space at 288 North Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey, to house administration and operations of the Division of Youth Services, Department of Human Services for a period of ten years commencing July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2024. The lease includes a base rent for 2,859 rentable square feet plus escalations plus tenant utilities plus a proportionate share of the increases in taxes and common area maintenance and operating expenses of the building.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder, **SECONDER:** Linda Carter, Freeholder, **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder

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

2014-426 VICE CHAIRMAN JALLOH: Resolution Modifying the 2014 Budget in the amount of \$70,728 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a Program Entitled Body Armor Grant

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

2014-427 VICE CHAIRMAN JALLOH: Resolution Modifying the 2014 Budget in the amount of \$16,418 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families for a Program Entitled Rape Prevention and Education

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

2014-428 VICE CHAIRMAN JALLOH: Resolution Modifying the 2014 Budget in the amount of \$66,950 as a result of notification received from the Trinitas Hospital Department of Behavioral Health for a Program Entitled Jail Diversion Program

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

2014-429 VICE CHAIRMAN JALLOH: Resolution Modifying the 2014 Budget in the amount of \$4,214,567 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a Program Entitled Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Grant

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

2014-430 VICE CHAIRMAN JALLOH: Resolution Modifying the 2014 Budget in the amount of \$12,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for a Program Entitled Veterans Paratransit Program

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

2014-431 VICE CHAIRMAN JALLOH: Resolution Modifying the 2014 Budget in the amount of \$32,500.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of

Children's and Families (DCF) for a program entitled "Sexual Assault, Abuse and Rape Care Program -SSBG "

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

2014-432 VICE CHAIRMAN JALLOH: Amending Resolution Number 2014-5, adding on Laurie Caternicchio as an authorized wire disbursing officer for the Department of Finance

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

2014-433 VICE CHAIRMAN JALLOH: Resolution combining several authorizations of bonds into a single issue and prescribing the details and bond form thereof for \$53,850,000 General Improvement Bonds of 2014 dated June 15, 2014

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

2014-434 VICE CHAIRMAN JALLOH: Resolution combining several authorizations of bonds into a single issue and prescribing the details and bond form thereof for \$2,460,000 County Vocational-Technical School Bonds of 2014 (New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act), Dated June 15, 2014

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

2014-435 VICE CHAIRMAN JALLOH: Resolution combining several authorizations of bonds into a single issue and prescribing the details and bond form thereof for \$5,750,000 County College Bonds of 2014 (Series A) (Chapter 12 State Aid) Dated June 15, 2014

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

2014-436 VICE CHAIRMAN JALLOH: Resolution combining several authorizations of bonds into a single issue and prescribing the details and bond form thereof for \$2,220,000 County College Bonds of 2014 (Series B) Dated June 15, 2014

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder, **SECONDER:** Linda Carter, Freeholder, **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder

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

2014-437 VICE CHAIRMAN JALLOH: Resolution Prescribing the Details and Bond form thereof for \$720,000 Redevelopment Bonds of 2014 Dated June 15, 2014

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

2014-438 VICE CHAIRMAN JALLOH: Resolution authorizing the Publication, Printing and Distribution of a Notice of Sale and the Publication of a Summary Notice of Sale and Prescribing the forms thereof for \$65,000,000 Bonds consisting of \$53,850,000 General Improvement Bonds of 2014, \$2,460,000 County Vocation-Technical School Bonds of 2014 (New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act), \$5,750,000 County College Bonds of 2014 (Series A) (Chapter 12 State Aid), \$2,220,000 County College Bonds of 2014 (Series B) and \$720,000 Redevelopment Bonds of 2014, each issue dated June 15, 2014, approving the preparation, distribution and execution of a preliminary and a final Official Statement for such bonds, undertaking to provide continuing disclosure of financial information, covenanting to comply with the internal revenue code of 1986, as amended, and authorizing various matters in connection with electronic bidding for bonds

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

2014-439 VICE CHAIRMAN JALLOH: Authorizes the County Manager to adjust and/or change his Internal Position Control Schedules

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

2014-440 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to renew the contract with Sage Software, Inc St Petersburg, Florida, for software licensing renewal, software updates and enhancement services for the County of Union's Human Resource Management System for the period of June 2, 2014 through June 1, 2015 in the amount of \$23,892.33

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

2014-441 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement to provide liability coverage for the operation of the ambulances owned and operated by the County Emergency Services in the amount of \$2,255.00 with Western World Insurance Company, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey, for a period of twelve (12) months

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

2014-442 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Renewing the Public Official Bond with Hartford Insurance Company, Hartford, Connecticut for Alfred J Faella, for the period of April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015 in the amount of \$274 00

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

2014-443 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to continue to participate in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and the Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) for fiscal years 2015 through 2017

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

2014-444 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Resolution approving the 2014-2015 Consolidated Action Plan (Year 40) including the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development so that projects as listed therein maybe undertaken within the County of Union

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

2014-445 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway to provide space for autopsies and external examinations for the contract period of April 1, 2014 through March 30, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000

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

2014-446 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Amending Resolution Number 2013-975, which awarded a competitive contract for ambulance billing services for the County of Union to reflect a change in the account numbers only

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder, **SECONDER:** Linda Carter, Freeholder, **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder

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

2014-447 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Lecia Geosystems, Norcross, Georgia, to provide training for the Sheriff's Office and/or other law enforcement agencies on specialized police equipment purchased with UASI Grant funding in an amount of \$23,520

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

2014-448 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Amending Resolution 2011-906, appointing Jane Lorber to serve as a member to the Union County Vocational-Technical School Board of Education, to reflect a change in term only

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

2014-449 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Resolution re-appointing Theodora Kulish as a member to the Union County Vocational-Technical School Board of Education with a term expiring October 31, 2016

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

2014-450 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Amending Resolution 2012-828, appointing Lawrence Caroselli to the Union County Vocational-Technical School Board of Education to reflect a change in term only

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

2014-451 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Appointing Steve Hockaday as a member to the Union County Improvement Authority to fill an unexpired term ending January 31, 2017

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

2014-452 FREEHOLDER GRANADOS: Appointing Mauro Checchio as an At-Large member to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2014

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

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2014-453 FREEHOLDER BERGEN: Laudatory resolution recognizing Rabbi Mark Mallach, spiritual leader of Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael of Springfield, for his many years of service to his synagogue community and the entire religious community of the greater Springfield area

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

2014-454 FREEHOLDER CARTER: Resolution expressing the Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Donna Vose, of Plainfield, during their time of sorrow

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

2014-455 FREEHOLDER CARTER: Resolution expressing the Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Reverend Donald P Nichols, Sr, of Plainfield, during their time of sorrow

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

2014-456 FREEHOLDER CARTER: Resolution expressing this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of P Merle-Wade during their time of sorrow

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

2014-457 FREEHOLDER GRANADOS: Laudatory resolution recognizing the week of May 11, 2014 through May 17, 2014 as "National Nursing Home Week" throughout Union County

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

2014-458 FREEHOLDER GRANADOS: Laudatory resolution celebrating Portugal Day in Union County on Sunday, June 1, 2014.

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

2014-459 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA: Laudatory resolution recognizing Claudette Bardwil, founder of Autism Family Times, and thanking her for the 24 years of assisting families with Autism throughout Union County

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

2014-460 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Laudatory resolution congratulating the volunteer workers at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County who will be honored at the 51st Awards Celebration to be held on May 20-21, 2014

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

2014-461 VICE CHAIRMAN JALLOH: Resolution expressing this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of John Lynn during their time of sorrow

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

2014-462 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Laudatory resolution commending Boy Scout Troop 330, sponsored by St John the Apostle Church in Linden, as they celebrate the advancement of 100 Boy Scouts that received their Eagle Scout award

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

2014-463 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Laudatory resolution congratulating Kevin Joseph Urness, Boy Scout Troop 1, New Providence, for obtaining his Eagle Scout award

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

2014-464 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Laudatory resolution commending Boy Scout Troop and Crew 368, of Berkeley Heights, on coming to the aide of NBC journalist Ann Curry after she had broken her ankle while hiking in through Harriman State Park in New York

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

2014-465 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Laudatory resolution congratulating Brian Thomas Urness, Boy Scout Troop 1, New Providence, for obtaining his Eagle Scout award

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

2014-466 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Laudatory resolution congratulating Albaner C Eugen, Jr, of Boy Scout Troop 68, sponsored by Connecticut Farms Church in Union, for obtaining his Eagle Scout award

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

2014-467 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of John F Hudak, of Linden, in this their time of sorrow

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

2014-468 CHAIRMAN HUDAK, AND THE ENTIRE BOARD: Laudatory resolution celebrating Memorial Day in Union County and recognizing the many Memorial Day celebrations throughout Union County

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

2014-469 CHAIRMAN HUDAK, AND THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Roselle Councilman Randy T Sandifer, during their time of sorrow

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder, **SECONDER:** Linda Carter, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder

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

2014-470 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Expressing this Board's most sincere condolences to the family of Gene Mirabella, father of Union County Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, in this their time of sorrow

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

This meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on any matter

Chairman Hudak excused himself from the meeting at 7:20 pm and Vice Chairman Jalloh presided over the remaining of the Freeholder Meeting

Barbara Krause, Cranford, stated that she served on the Cranford Tree Advisory Board and she is aware of the County's dedication to trees. She read a letter addressed to the Freeholder Board and the Union County College Board of Trustees regarding the proposed Union County College project. The letter is attached along with a document from the Arbor Day Foundation depicting the importance of trees, which are attached.

Pat Mochetti, New Providence, gave an analogy about keeping businesses in Union County.

Mr. Mochetti spoke about jobs in the County and asked what the Union County Workforce Act is doing for economic development.

Michael Norman, Cranford, stated that he attended the Board of Trustees and Governor meetings regarding the UCC project. He spoke about the flooding issue in the proposed project area and urged the Board to find another location for the project.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, made political remarks, spoke about the new Division created, (the Division of Strategic Planning & Intergovernmental Relations) and stated that he does not believe Colleen Mahr is qualified as Director of the Division. He said \$1 million dollar was taken from the Budget for a position that is not needed, and he believes those dollars should be put towards paving roads. He urged the Board to eliminate the Division.

Jim Buettner, Cranford, made comments to regarding Runnells Hospital. He questioned why a company would bid on running the Hospital given cuts to Medicare and Medicaid. He asked where the \$26 million dollars will be applied to after selling the property.

Tina Renna, Cranford, made comments relative to the cost of printing and mailing the Union County Directions. She said Runnells Hospital was not mentioned in the past issue of the paper and made comments about the timing of the mailings.

Ms. Renna stated that she was in Union County Court regarding the use of the County Seal on the Union County Watchdog Association. She referred to a letter and made comments about the

County Counsel's office and staff's qualifications. She said it was not necessary to spend County and Federal resources on this matter.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Granados stated that last Friday, he and his Freeholder colleagues visited with 5th grade students from Hehly School in Clark, who created a special Memorial Day project honoring our Veterans. The project was a book entitled "Clark Elementary Schools Memorial Day," which consisted of personal interviews with children conducted with Clark Veterans and Military personnel. He said it is important to take time to pause, reflect and honor the sacrifice that so many have made so we can live in peace. He said the holiday also marks a beginning to the summer season in New Jersey, adding one major event is the Elizabeth's Portugal Day Parade that he said he has been involved with organizing. He said the Parade is June 1st at 2pm starting at Union Square.

Freeholder Wright stated that she had the pleasure of attending the annual Teacher Recognition Breakfast at Kean University. She said each teacher brings their own unique skills and viewpoints to the classroom. She thanked the teachers for their dedication to ensuring that the next generation of students is well prepared for the challenges of tomorrow.

Freeholder Kowalski thanked those who attended the meeting on behalf of the proposed UCC project. She said the Freeholders have spoken to Dr. McMenamin, President of UCC and stated that there may be a chance the project will be constructed at Oak Ridge Park. She thanked the Parks and the Public Works Departments for the successful Wild Earth Day and Touch and Truck events and the Union County Employee Art Show and the Senior Arts Exhibit.

Freeholder Kowalski announced that the annual Union County BioBlitz will begin at 5:00pm on Friday, June 13th and will conclude at 5:00pm on Saturday, June 14th. This year, it will be held at Oak Ridge Park and Ash Brook Reservation in Clark and Scotch Plains. She said BioBlitz is in its 10th year. It is an outdoor biodiversity event that offers nature lovers of all ages the opportunity to get up-close and personal with wildlife in their own backyard. She urged the public to attend.

Freeholder Carter stated that she attended the UC Teacher event at Kean University. She congratulated all the teachers. She recognized the students who participated in the UC Step and was proud to see the students are utilizing what they learned by teachers and coaches. She said she is appreciative of all teachers and efforts made by the kids to collect items to donate to our Soldiers.

Freeholder Carter said that she had the pleasure of attending the second annual Union County Women Mean Business Summit held at the Clubhouse at Galloping Hill. She said women from across Union County came together to hone their skills, network with their peers and show the women are a powerful force in the economic life of our community. She announced that the keynote speaker this year was Jill Johnson, who is a CEO for the Institute for Entrepreneurial Leadership. She thanked the sponsor for helping to make the 2014 Summit a stand-out event. She also thanked the host committee for putting in an entire year's worth of work to make the event a success.

Freeholder Estrada invited all residents to join the Freeholders as for this year's edition of the free outdoor series of movies and concerts, Family Flix and the Summer Arts Festival. He said it will begin on July 8th in Warinanco Park and will run through August. He announced that this year, there will be a drive-in movie at the Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth. Freeholder Estrada said the schedule will be posted on the County's website. He also announced that Sunday, June 1st

is the County's Recreation programs for People with Disabilities. They will be hosting a Luau at Oak Ridge Park in Clark, complete with a DJ and refreshments

County Manager Facla announced that the Environmental Protection Environment (EPA) has selected the County of Union for a Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant in the amount of \$600,000 to help clean up some sites and help with economic development throughout the County, noting the Division of Strategic Planning and Governmental Relations is already paying dividends

Vice Chairman Jalloh stated that last week the County's Weight and Measures Division kicked off the summer season with its gas pump inspection program. An event marking the occasion at the Shell Gas Station at the corner of St. George's and West Grand Avenue in Rahway. He stated the Union County Weights and Measures Division inspect all gas stations in the County, with the exception of the City of Elizabeth, which has its own program. He noted that they inspect approximately 150 stations a year, typically finishing by the end of October. He urged the patrons to get a receipt to protect themselves and to watch the transaction to ensure the price gauge has been reset, and the request the type of gas and correct amount are served.

Vice Chairman Jalloh stated that he attended the Teen Arts Festival Showcase with Freeholder Kowalski and said there are truly talented kids. He said the Board needs to do their part to keep these talented individuals in Union County and will speak to the Board for assistance on programs promoting the Arts in Union County.

Vice Chairman Jalloh commended Freeholder Carter for spear heading the Union County Means Business event. He commended the Board, especially Freeholder Granados for spear heading the WIB network event with the Workforce Investment Board to network businesses for problem solving jobs in Union County.

Vice Chairman Jalloh extended his sympathy to the family of the passing of Councilman Randy Sandifer of Roselle, a Roselle Firefighter John Lynch and Freeholder Mirabella's father who was a Police Chief in Elizabeth. He said they were 3 pillars of society who spent their lives in public service, and they will be truly missed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To the extent known, the following item is scheduled to be discussed in Executive Session:

- 1) Attorney Client privileged communication and pending contract negotiations with the Assistant Prosecutors Association, and
- 2) Attorney Client privileged communication and potential settlement in the matter of Brandy Mallet

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. This Board will now enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing attorney-client privileged communication and pending contract negotiations with the Assistant Prosecutors Association, and attorney-client privileged communication and potential settlement in the matter of Brandy Mallet.

The minutes of the Executive Session shall be separated from the minutes of the Open Public Session. The minutes of the Executive Session, redacted as appropriate and necessary, shall be

available in approximately 30 days. 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.

Upon the Board's return, it will not take formal action on the matters discussed.

Upon a majority vote of the members present, the Board may now retire to Executive Session.

Motion to enter Executive Session.

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

Motion to return from Executive Session.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM.

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

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2014 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 5, 2014 at 12:00pm
Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

AGENDA SETTING MEETINGS

January 16, 2014

February 6, 2014
 February 20, 2014

March 6, 2014
 March 20, 2014

April 3, 2014
 April 24, 2014

May 1, 2014
 May 15, 2014

June 5, 2014
 June 19, 2014

July 10, 2014

August 7, 2014

September 4, 2014
 September 18, 2014

October 2, 2014
 October 16, 2014

November 6, 2014
 Tuesday, November 25, 2014

December 4, 2014
 December 18, 2014

* Special Meeting on May 15, 2014

REGULAR MEETINGS

January 23, 2014

February 6, 2014
 February 27, 2014

March 13, 2014
 March 27, 2014

April 10, 2014
 April 24, 2014

May 8, 2014
 May 29, 2014

June 12, 2014
 June 26, 2014

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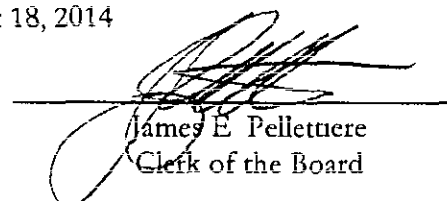
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BARBARA S KRAUSE
20 PITTSFIELD ST.
CRANFORD, NJ 07016
MAY, 14 2014

(5/27/14)

Dear Member of the Union County College Board of Trustees *and Union County Board of Freeholders:*

This letter is in response to the proposed plans of the Union County College (UCC) to build an athletic facility with a track, lacrosse, and soccer field near the college back entrance off Gallows Hill Road, Cranford. This plan has caused great concern for many valid reasons. And it is not "the fiction that a few disgruntled people have concocted" as described in the UCC publication Union Matters for faculty and staff. If fiction, then why has the College and Board of Trustees been served with documents opposing the plan including, a three page Resolution from the Township of Cranford, Letter from the Cranford Environmental Commission, Letter from the Rahway River Watershed Association, Resolution from the Cranford Board of Education and numerous others?

My husband Dr. Frank Krause and I are 50 year residents of Cranford. I have served ten years on the Cranford Township Tree Advisory Board. And because we have been fortunate to have two of our four children be college All-American Athletes (one in swimming at Johns Hopkins University, one in both cross-country and track at Allegheny College) we are keenly aware of the positive benefits of college athletic involvement. Athletics is not the issue here.

The problem with this particular UCC field proposal is the location. It is nonsensical for learned, well-educated people to destroy 4.5 acres of 700 trees to accommodate this facility. Even more, it is irresponsible to do so in this community of Cranford where floods have become commonplace, most recently May 1, 2014. We do not need to exacerbate a problem that already causes immeasurable community anguish.

First, as I have reported at a past UCC Board of Trustees meeting, the Township of Cranford lost a total of 900 municipal trees through Hurricane Irene and Sandy. That does not include private property trees which could easily double that number. This is why purposeful destruction of 700 additional trees is not acceptable and environmentally irresponsible in the eyes of Cranford residents.

These 700 trees are mature hardwood forest trees. They are our good neighbors. The college is not with this plan. These leafy green canopies of 700 trees of various sizes are performing their job of cleaning the air, taking up water, preventing erosion, and cooling the

atmosphere. Every root, every leaf is working for us, providing shade and conserving energy. These benefits do not stop at the college border, they benefit all of us. No amount of small newly planted saplings will replace the benefits of these trees for decades to come.

In the college's publication to promote the facility, a "fact and fiction" sheet states that the college proposes to plant 1500 trees (which do not appear in any location on the engineering plans). The sheet also states "old trees absorb less water than new trees according to the Oxford Journal of Tree Physiology." Conversely the American Forestry Organization (org) indicates one mature tree absorbs 52-100 gallons of water and 48 pounds of carbon dioxide per day. And the journal NATURE recently published an international study showing older trees surpass younger trees, absorbing more carbon, and some even pulling in more carbon in a single year than a younger tree in all of its lifetime. Additionally, the study indicates older trees mitigate more storm water runoff with their massive root systems. It is easy to pick and choose information to suit your purpose.

On a broader level, how can UCC ignore the work of the Mayors' Council Rahway River Watershed Flood Migration Plan, its mission, and Cranford's leadership role with the 12 member communities? Since the 2011 Irene storm, twelve regional mayors have worked tirelessly and together with the Army Corps of Engineers to mitigate regional flooding in the member communities. This UCC project flies in the face of the goals of that working group.

For all the reasons cited above, we petition the Board of Trustees of UCC to seriously consider the major negative impacts of this proposed project, which is alienating the communities you serve. Please do not approve it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara S. Krause". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'B' and 'K'.

Barbara S Krause



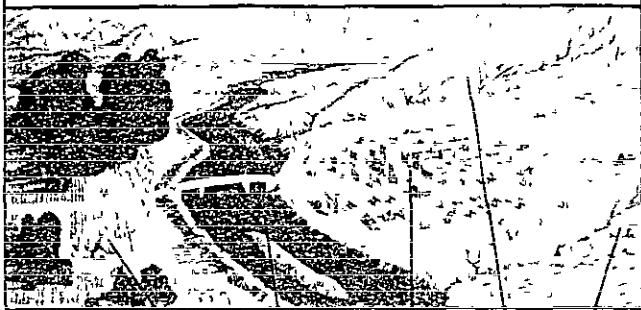
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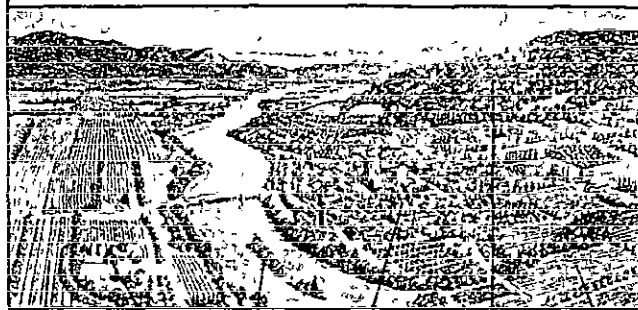
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World With Trees



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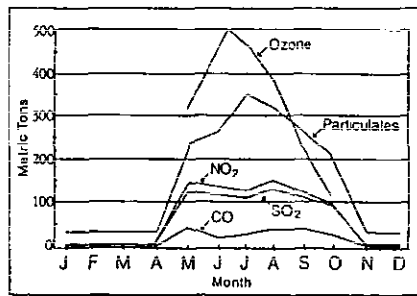
We Need More Trees Where We Live

■ We Need More Trees for Wildlife



Trees help make nature a part of our daily lives. Trees provide nesting sites for songbirds, and food and cover for a wide variety of wildlife.

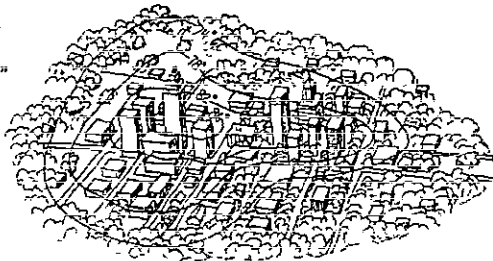
■ We Need More Trees to Clean the Air



Air Pollution Removed in One Urban Region (Chicago). Trees help clean the air by "catching" airborne pollutants such as ozone, nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, and small particulates.

■ We Need More Trees to Conserve Energy

Cities without trees are "heat islands." 100 million additional mature trees in US cities would save \$2 billion per year in energy costs. The goal of the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA® program is more trees throughout America's towns and cities.



■ We Need More Trees to Increase Property Values

