

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2014
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Christopher Hudak called the meeting to order at 7:05 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	Present	
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. Pelletiere.

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.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

1. Oath of Office: Union County Improvement Authority: Steve Hockaday; and Union County Vocational-Technical School Board of Education: Theodora Kuklish.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Norman W. Albert, Esq., Director

1. Amending Resolution Number 2014-16, a contract with Roth D'Aquanni, LLC, Springfield, New Jersey, special counsel for personnel matters to increase the cap for legal services in the amount of \$75,000 for an amount not to exceed \$150,000. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**
Freeholder Estrada asked if the original contract amount of \$75,000 has all been used.

Director Albert stated that approximately \$63,000 has been used. He added that last year they used \$126,000 and were mostly for disciplinary action cases.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Brian Riordan, Director

1. Amending Resolution Number 2013-144, renewing the contract between the County of Union and Education and Health Centers of America, Inc. Wall, New Jersey, to provide comprehensive inmate substance abuse treatment/residential correction facility services to the inmates of the Union County Jail for the contract period of July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$880,000.00. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**

Freeholder Carter asked how much of the contract was used last year.

Director Riordan explained that 60 beds per diem are held. He said the average inmates treated are 40 per day, today there are 35 inmates. He said the cost is just under \$100,000 per month. Director Riordan stated that the amount mentioned in item #1 is a "not to exceed" amount. He added that the past 2 years, the amount used has been lower due to the reduction in jail population.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

William Reyes, Deputy County Manager / Director

1. Amending Resolution Number 2013-411, approving the 2013-2014 Consolidated Action Plan to include the following: City of Rahway - JFK Center Facility Improvements Project in the amount of \$21,600.00 to be funded with Community Development Program Income Funds; and Union County College Life Center Project - additional \$4,500.00 of CDBG Contingency Funds modifying the contract from \$9,000.00 to \$13,500.00. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement in Support of the Application being submitted by the City of Linden for project funding from the NJDOT Safe Routes to School Program along (County Road) Wood Avenue. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**

Chairman Hudak asked for an explanation of item #2.

Deputy County Manager Reyes stated that item #2 is a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for improvements to Wood Avenue in Linden for the safety of children going to school. He added that the grant is for personnel salaries, traffic lights and such. He stated that the City of Linden asked for the County's support.

Chairman Hudak asked if there were any other municipalities asking for our support.

Deputy County Manager Reyes stated that no other municipalities have asked for support.

3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Shared Services Agreement with the City of Summit, to apply for and if accepted, execute all documents for a grant funded by the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) program in the amount of \$492,821.00 for site and remedial investigation at the Summit Transfer Station Property located in the City of Summit, New Jersey. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Workforce Investment Board, to enter into a contract with the Union County College to provide Occupational Training, On-the-Job

Training and Entrepreneurial services for Union County residents for a contract period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00. The Occupational Training Program will offer class-size training for in-demand occupations in targeted growth sectors. The On-the-Job Training Program will coordinate with area employers to place Union County Workforce Investment Act eligible individuals in On-the-Job Training opportunities. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**

Mr. Rivera stated that Union County College provides the training relative to item #4.

Vice Chairman Jalloh asked if the contract with Union County College is to provide occupational training at the facility and to work with sources as it has been done in the past. He asked how many people are from Union County College.

Mr. Rivera stated that it is the same as in the past and they have trained over 200 people.

Freeholder Granados stated that the program mentioned in item #4 is in demand. He said training is for retail, hospitals, tourism, financial services and the program will run through WIB. He added that over 80 individuals have been trained.

Chairman Hudak asked several questions about item #4.

Mr. Rivera explained that Union County College will be receiving \$1 million which will be monitored by the Workforce Investment Board. He said there are strict guidelines required by the State and it is a performance-based contract. He said their goal is to commit employees to take the chance on hiring these individuals. He stated that the funding and the training will be monitored.

5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the Industry-Business Institute at Union County College for the establishment and management of the Workforce Innovation Business Center, to be located at the Jersey Gardens Mall, for the purpose of providing Occupational Training, On-the-Job Training and Entrepreneurial services for a contract period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**

Vice Chairman Jalloh had several questions regarding item #5.

Mr. Rivera of the Workforce Investment responded. He stated that item #5 is to provide occupational training, entrepreneur training for adults in Union County for retail employment at the Jersey Gardens Mall to fit the needs of employers.

Vice Chairman Jalloh asked about the difference in items #4 and #5.

Mr. Rivera stated that Union County College provides the training relative to item #4. He explained further that the Workforce Investment Board would be the lead agency in management. He stated that it will be held at Jersey Gardens Mall as there are conference rooms that could be used at no charge.

6. Authorizing the County Manager to award Start Now grants to the five schools with the highest scores in the Support 4 Soldiers Start Now grant contest. Winning schools are as follows: 1st Place UC TEAMS Charter School-grant award \$1,000; 2nd Place Roselle Park High School-grant award \$250; 3rd Place Governor Livingston High School-grant award \$250; 4th place Union High School-grant award \$250 and Union County Vocational Technical-grant award \$250. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCEBibi Taylor, Director

Chairman Hudak asked if the items on the Agenda are for budget modifications.

Director Taylor responded yes.

1. Resolution modifying the 2014 Budget in the amount of \$50,641 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Clean Communities Fund for a program entitled: Clean Communities Program. **(Vice Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
2. Resolution Modifying the 2014 Budget in the amount of \$16,401 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program Entitled: Right to Know. **(Vice Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
3. Resolution modifying the 2014 Budget in the amount of \$1,417,990 as a result of notification received from the City of Newark for a program entitled: Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Grant Program. **(Vice Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
4. Resolution Modifying the 2014 Budget in the amount of \$2,680,538 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a Program Entitled: Work First New Jersey. **(Vice Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICESFrank Guzzo, Director

Deputy Director Dinsmore represented the Department.

Deputy Director Dinsmore stated that there will be an additional Resolution for the next Freeholder meeting on behalf of the Correctional facility and the Juvenile Detention Center. She said the Resolution is to extend the contract for an additional 3 months through September 30th as the County continues with the RFP process.

Vice Chairman Jalloh asked if the contract is relative to the food service.

Deputy Director Dinsmore replied no. It is for health and medical services provided to the inmates/residents at the Union County Jail and UC Juvenile Detention Center by Corizon Health of NJ.

County Manager Faella stated that Director Guzzo has indicated that the extended contract may be at a reduced amount, and he is currently working it out with the State.

Deputy Director Dinsmore added that there may be some charges to Medicare.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2012-548, to authorize a valid Workforce Investment Act (WIA) 2012 Plainfield Board of Education Youth Program contract to be re-set using Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth Program 2013 grant dollars in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for the period of June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2015. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

2. Amending Resolution Number 2013-1027, to include an additional grant allocation in the amount of \$28,000 for a twelve (12) month contract period to Veola Transportation, Inc for the continued provision of the Paratransit and the Welfare to Work Shuttle. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into contract(s) with the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) and accept 2013 McKinney-Vento Act Homeless Assistance competitive grant award funds in the total amount of \$4,232,722 for a one (1) year period, authorizing a onetime advance payment of up to one month of the award amount to prevent undue hardship for the agency to carry out the program activities, and further authorizing the County Manager the authority to redistribute funding among the agencies if deemed necessary. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to renew the agreement with Social Solutions, Baltimore, Maryland, for the annual license renewal fee to provide cloud-based Efforts-to-Outcomes (ETO) Impact Software and training services for the Division of Youth Services' personnel in an amount not to exceed \$14,659.13 for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 with the option to renew in 2015. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATIONRonald Zuber, Director

1. Amending Resolution Number 2009-615, to extend the contract with Kemper Sports Management from August 1, 2014 to October 31, 2014; and also amending Resolution Number 2013-764 to increase the management fees by an amount not to exceed \$40,200.00 for a total management fee for 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$134,000. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Carter asked for an explanation item #1.

Director Sanchez responded to item #1, and clarified that it is #1 to extend a contract for three additional months to get through the RFP process. He said the contract ends in August.

Freeholder Carter asked if the contract extension is at the current contract amount.

Deputy Director Sanchez replied yes.

2. Amending Resolution Number 2013-1084, to increase the operational funding for Golf Course Operations through October 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$2,238,264 for a total authorization through October 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$5,351,183. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**

3. Authorizing the Application to the NJ Department of Community Affairs Grant Application Unit for a Recreation Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities Program Grant in the amount of \$35,000 and to authorize a County Cash Match of \$7,000 as specified by grant requirements; and to authorize the County Manager to Execute the Grant with the State of New Jersey upon award of the grant. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Carter asked for an explanation of item #3.

Director Zuber stated that the purpose of item #3 is to apply for a grant for \$7,000 with a 20% match of County dollars (5 to 1 match) for the Sensory Friendly Theatre's barn dance and luau.

RUNNELLS SPECIALIZED HOSPITALSandra Adour, Acting Administrator

There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Jacqueline Napper, PsyD, PsyPharm, Plainfield, New Jersey, to provide psychological services to the patients/residents of Runnells Specialized Hospital for the period of August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$4,200. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with JoAnn Muir, RRT, Florham Park, New Jersey, to provide respiratory therapy services to the patients/residents and to provide educational services for respiratory therapy to medical and nursing staff at Runnells Specialized Hospital to maintain standards for the State Department of Health during the period of August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2015 at a rate of \$1,140.00 each month in an amount not to exceed \$13,680.00. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with New Era Health Associates Corp, Cedarhurst, New York, to provide transition consultant services at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of July 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$49,400.00. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSELRobert E. Barry, Esq., County Counsel

There were no questions.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2014-203, to increase the appropriation to LaCorte, Bundy, Varady & Kinsella of Union, New Jersey, in the matter entitled Arthur Sabatino v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$18,575.00. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGERAlfred J. Faella, County Manager

1. Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Assistant Prosecutor's Association, Prosecutor's Office, effective January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**

Chairman Hudak asked why the MOA is for 2011 and 2012, and not through 2014.

Director Albert responded. He stated there was no increase for 2011 and 2012 which allows for an increase of 2.25% of the base salary. He said the County decided to negotiate 2013/2014 separately due to various factors that did not apply to 2011 and 2012 contracts.

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

Freeholders Carter, Granados and Bergen stated that they will have Laudatory Resolutions for the next Freeholder Meeting.

Freeholder Kowalski stated that she will have a Laudatory Resolution and a Resolution for the Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

Chairman Hudak stated that he will have a Laudatory Resolution and possible Advisory Board appointments. He asked the Board to join him in item #6.

1. Laudatory resolution recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Smith-Lever Act that established the Rutgers Cooperative Extension. **(Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Granados)**
2. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Richard Joseph Hammerl, during their time of sorrow. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. A laudatory resolution congratulating the Greater Plainfield Habitat for Humanity on the completion of their "Builders Blitz" campaign, where they built a house over a five day period for a family affected by Hurricane Sandy. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
4. Laudatory resolution congratulating the 2014 Plainfield High School Hall of Fame inductees being honored at their Induction Luncheon on June 21, 2014. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
5. Resolution authorizing this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of John G. Hudak, Jr, grandfather of Freeholder Chairman Christopher Hudak, during their time of sorrow. **(Vice Chairman Jalloh, And The Entire Board)**
6. Laudatory resolution acknowledging and thanking Herman Zeitchik for his service to his Country during WWII and further recognizing him on receiving an Honorary Diploma from the Linden High School at their graduation ceremony on Friday, June 20, 2014; representing the 70th Anniversary of his "blanket credit" for his senior year of high school and receipt of his High School diploma. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- 1) Pending/Anticipated Contract Negotiations for continued Health Care coverage for County employees.

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 pending/anticipated contract negotiations for continued Health Care coverage for County employees.

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 as it is an Agenda Meeting.

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: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder;
SECONDER: Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

Motion to return from Executive Session.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM.

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

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

July 17, 2014

August 14, 2014

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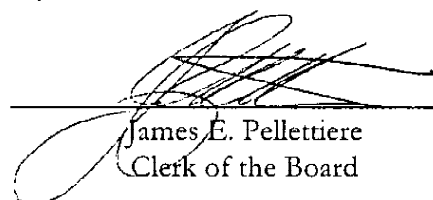
November 13, 2014

Tuesday, November 25, 2014

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* Special Meeting May 15, 2014



James E. Pellettiere
Clerk of the Board

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