

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015 AGENDA SETTING MEETING AGENDA

Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh presided and called the meeting to order at 7:11pm. Roll call showed Vice Chairman Bruce Bergen, Freeholder Linda Carter, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Sergio Granados, 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

1. Oath of Office: <u>Human Services Advisory Council</u>: Laurie Egeth, Susan Grinkevich, Larisa Hernandez, Richard Hlavacek, Michael Litterer, Joseph McTernan, Donna Morris, Thomas Reedy, Teresa Soto-Vega and Ravenell Williams; <u>Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse</u>: Nadina Baskerville-Thomas, Carol Berger and Charles Watts; <u>Mental Health Advisory Board</u>: Lisa Casey.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Grace H. Park, Acting Prosecutor

Tim Isenhour, First Assistant Prosecutor represented the Department.

1. Authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to apply for and accept funding from the Division of Criminal Justice, State Office of Victim Witness Advocacy for the project entitled: Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Program for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in the amount of \$211,157. There is a required county match in the amount of \$52,789. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)

Vice Chairman Bergen asked if the County Match fund is out of the Prosecutor's regular budget and asked if there is a slight reduction.

First Assistant Prosecutor Isenhour replied yes, with a County Match of \$52,000; representing a slight reduction from last year and is budgeted into the Office's budget. He added that the grant pays for six employees.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Norman W. Albert, Esq., Director

Michael Yuska, Purchasing Director, represented the Department.

- 1. Authorizing the execution of invoices and relative documents as are necessary to effectuate the payment of monthly telecommunications bills from Verizon Inc., a Board of Public Utilities regulated supplier, as they become due and owing for an estimated not to exceed total figure of \$1,200,000 for a period of twelve consecutive months. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)
- 2. Amending Resolution Number 2014-1063 approving the list of pre-qualified vendors for the provision of providing Psychological Examinations to the County of Union to include: The Institute for Forensic Psychology, Oakland New Jersey and Intervention Specialists, LLC, Elizabeth, New Jersey. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)

Freeholder Hudak, referring to Agenda Item #2, asked what the expense for the Verizon service was last year.

Director Yuska replied the cost approached \$1.2 million. He elaborated on the County's attempts to moving to a VOIP system, where all systems will be on-line together. He added that the \$1.2 million represents a worst-case scenario, but indicated that the County will realize a savings and it will come before the Board for a reduction from the \$1.2 million.

- 3. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to The Institute for Forensic Psychology, Oakland, New Jersey, to provide Psychological Evaluation Services to the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Personnel and The Office of The Union County Prosecutor, for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$22,000.00. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)
- 4. Authorizing the County Manager to retain the services of arbitrators, mediators, and fact finders through the New Jersey State Board of Mediators, New Jersey Public Employee Relation Commission Staff, Certified Panel of Interest Arbitrators or Certificate Panel of Grievance Arbitration in connection with collective negotiations and employment litigation for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$17,500 per Arbitrator and a total contract amount not to exceed \$30,000. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)
- 5. Authorizing the County Manager to award the Short Term and Long Term Disability Insurance Policy with the Standard Insurance Company from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$246,540.12. The total represents the negotiated County portion of \$119,500 and the payroll deduction contribution of the 1,195 unionized employees of \$127,040.12. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)
- Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Elizabeth Truck Center, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Collision Repair Services for Trucks, Buses and Specialty Equipment to the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Motor Vehicle, for the period of 24 consecutive months in an amount not to exceed \$237,000. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)

Freeholder Kowalski, referring to Agenda Item #6, stated that at first the amount seemed large, but realizes it is for a twenty-four month contract. She asked how much has the county used for this collision repair service from the last contract.

Director Yuska stated that through the last contract, the County spent \$309,000 over four years. He added that this is a "not to exceed" contract, and the \$237,000 amount is a worst-case scenario.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Brian Riordan, Director

Chairman Jalloh asked for an explanation of Agenda Item #1.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to extend the agreement between the County of Union and Global Tel Link, Mobile, Alabama pursuant to state contract #A61618 for the purpose of providing, an on premise based inmate telephone system that will create revenue for the County of Union, at no cost to the County, for the contract period of December 4, 2014 through February 2, 2015. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)

Director Riordan stated the County has been under a State Contract with Global Tel Link (GTL) since 2006. He stated this is a revenue producing contract at no cost to the County. He explained that while it is a State Contract, the law allows each County to enter into specific contract with GTL. He added that the FCC is rumored to undertake some changes to the rates that Counties can levy, and as such the state only allows month-to-month contract extensions with GTL until those rates are established. Director Riordan added that the County has put out an RFP, but is still in the process of reviewing the proposals. He stated that the County is very happy with the services of Global Tel Link.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

William Reyes, Deputy County Manager / 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: Economic Development, Division of Engineering: Rochelle Contracting Company, Inc., Landing, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Union County Wash-Down Stations at Rahway River Park Maintenance Facility located in Clark and Warinanco Park Maintenance Facility located in Elizabeth, in an amount not to exceed \$177,000.00. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)

Freeholder Carter had asked a number of questions to Agenda Item #1.

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes stated it is a new wash down station. He added that the Department of Environmental Protection requires that these stations provide the ability to treat and recycle water so that it can be used on other equipment without having any oil or sediment go into the sewer system. He added that this is for the construction costs.

Freeholder Kowalski asked if the water is processed.

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes replied that the water does get processed and recycled. He said this is specific to lawn mowers and other such equipment.

Freeholder Kowalski asked if there will be additional resolutions relative to this project.

Deputy County Manager/Director replied that he would not have an additional resolution.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Service Agreement between the County of Union, City of Summit and Celgene to install a Traffic Signal at Celgene's Headquarters Driveway, Intersection of Morris Avenue and Shunpike Road and the Celgene Driveway, City of Summit, County of Union, New Jersey. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)

Freeholder Hudak asked who will be paying the cost of the installation regarding Agenda Item #2.

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes stated that Celgene will pay 100% of the cost, adding that this is purely a permission request and that there is no cost to the County.

3. Authorizing the County Manager to appoint Amy Wagner Deputy Director of Economic Development to serve as the Union County Fair Housing Liaison; serving as point person for all Fair Housing activities and information. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Frank Guzzo, Director

County Manager Faella represented the Department.

1. 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 Year 2, 1st Quarter installment funding in the amount of \$275,192 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 at the rate of \$301.58 per bed per day for Year 2, 1st Quarter funding period of October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 of a Three Year Agreement. (Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)

Freeholder Hudak, referring to Agenda Item #1, asked if this is a renewal program to secure 10 beds at Juvenile Detention Center.

Deputy County Manager replied, yes.

Freeholder Hudak stated that he understands that the 10 beds are rarely filled, but asked for the occupancy numbers for 2014.

County Manager Faella said he did not have the information, but would have Director Guzzo provide the Board with the information.

- 2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth, New Jersey, in the amount not to exceed \$44,076 to provide case management and mental health services for juveniles in the Union County Juvenile Detention Center consistent with the federal DUCS Year 2, 1st Quarter grant agreement for Year 2, 1st Quarter period of October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. (Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)
- 3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a shared services agreement with Morris County to house Union County juvenile detainees on an as needed basis at a per diem cost

of \$215 per juvenile per day for a total amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the period of February 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. (Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)

- 4. Authorizing the County Manager to award Union County Youth Services Commission Spending Plan subcontracts to provide program services based on the Juvenile Justice Commission Points of Continuum: Prevention, Diversion, Detention, Disposition and Reentry in the total amount not to exceed \$461,656 for the grant period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, and further authorizing the transfer of funds among the funded agencies/municipalities during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the funded agencies/municipalities fails to meet its contractual obligation, upon approval by the Juvenile Justice Commission. (Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)
- 5. Amending Resolution Number 2014-258 to extend the 2014-2015 Homeless Trust Fund Spending Plan contract end date only from March 31, 2015 to April 30, 2015 to allow for expenditures in accordance with the Homeless Trust Fund regulations; all other provisions in the prior resolution remain intact. (Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)
- 6. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Visual Computer Solutions Inc., Freehold, New Jersey, in the total amount not to exceed \$21,976 for the purchase of Police Officer Schedule System (POSS) for the UC Juvenile Detention Center for an employee fingerprint/scheduling system. (Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Ronald Zuber, Director

Director Zuber gave an explanation of agenda items #1 through #4; stating that they are annual MOU's, adding that this year represents the 5th year working with the youth golf programs; focusing on golf and life skills. He added that over the past year the County has had over 600 participants.

- 1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Renaissance Jr. Golf, Inc. Newark, New Jersey, to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Practice Center to develop community outreach programs for the County's youth from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. (Freeholder Sergio Granados)
- 2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with NJ Golf Foundation to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Practice Center to develop community outreach programs for the County's youth for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. (Freeholder Sergio Granados)
- 3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Girls for Golf Program, Daytona, Florida to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Practice Center to develop community outreach programs for the County's young girls from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. (Freeholder Sergio Granados)
- 4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the First Tee of America Raritan Valley Chapter to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Practice Center to develop community outreach programs for the County's youth from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. (Freeholder Sergio Granados)

5. Authorizing the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs to apply for private and public funding for grants to be used for the purpose of developing and implementing programs and services in the arts, education, history and preservation for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. (Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)

Freeholder Mirabella, referring to Agenda Item #5, asked for clarification as to the reason the County needing a Resolution to identify the Office of Cultural and Heritage to apply for grant funds.

County Manager Faella replied that it is a state requirement, similar to the Department of Economic Development's Agenda Item #3.

Chairman Jalloh asked if the same applied to Agenda Item #6.

Director Zuber replied yes, it is.

Freeholder Granados asked what the participation statistics were for 2013.

Director Zuber stated that 800 kids participated in the 2013 program.

Freeholder Granados asked why there was a decline in participants.

Director Zuber stated he wasn't sure of the reason for the decline, but he would speak with this department staff and provide an answer to the Board.

- 6. Authorizing the County Manager to designate the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs as the official County Cultural and Heritage Agency. (Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)
- 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: Department of Parks and Recreation: Fred Dellano-Dellano's Food, Long Valley, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing food concession at Rahway River Park/Ulrich Pool, for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months, in the amount of \$17,121.00. (Revenue Generating) (Freeholder Sergio Granados)
- 8. 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: Ray's Food & Ice Cream Concessions, Inc., Woodland, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing food concessions at Echo Lake Park, for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months, in the amount of \$11,214.00. (Revenue Generating) (Freeholder Sergio Granados)

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a 2 year agreement with the Garwood First Aid Squad, 501C3, for operational use of the Facility located at, 401 2nd Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey, for the purpose of car seat inspections. The AAA Northeast, 1 Hanover Road, Florham Park will also partner with the County of Union for the payment of the "Operational Use Fee" associated with the use of the Garwood First Aid Squad facility. (Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)

Chairman Jalloh asked for an explanation of Agenda Item #1.

Director Moran stated that the car seat program has been located at the AAA office on Route 22 in Springfield for several years. He stated that it is a very popular program and have inspected over 1,600 car seats last year at no cost to the County. He added that AAA is giving up that location and has agreed to pick up the cost associated with the new location at the Garwood First Aid Squad.

Chairman Jalloh said it is a great program.

- 2. Amending Resolution Number 2014-200 to grant a no cost six month extension to Princeton Hydro for the purposes of completing the County's All Hazard Mitigation Plan. (Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)
- Authorize the County Manager to apply, accept and expend a grant award from the NJ Department of Health for continuing the Right to Know compliance program in Union County in an amount not to exceed \$16,401.00. (No County Match) (Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)
- 4. Amending Resolution Number 2014-682 to show an \$8,000 increase in the grant award from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. (Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)

Vice Chairman Bergen, relative to Agenda Item #4, asked what the grant is for.

Director Moran stated that this involves the County's annual CEHA grant for environmental enforcement. He stated that the increase is due to the State's determination of a typographical/calculation error; realizing the award was \$8,000 short. He added that this resolution corrects the error.

5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with National Foam, Inc, Westchester, Pennsylvania to provide a fire suppression course to 76 firefighters from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Region, through the 2014 UASI Grant, in an amount not to exceed \$304,000. (Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)

Freeholder Hudak, referring to Agenda Item #5, asked how many of the 76 fire fighters are from Union County.

Director Moran said there is a total of sixteen firefighters from municipalities that house NEPTUNE firefighting equipment: Elizabeth, Union, Cranford, Kenilworth, Rahway, Linden, Springfield, Hillside and Union County Hazmat Unit.

6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Funeral Services of New Jersey, Hillside, New Jersey, to provide livery services for deceased for the contract period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00. (Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES

Joseph Graziano, Director

Director Graziano stated that there is a misprint on items #2, 3 and 4; it should read "to be awarded as an exception to bidding." He added that he advised the Clerk of the Board of this error just before the meeting.

- 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: Public Works & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management: Burlew Mechanical, LLC, South Amboy, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Pipefitting & Heating Systems Services, twenty-four (24) consecutive months with the provision of a twenty-four month optional extension, in an amount not exceed \$182,750. (Freeholder Linda Carter)
- 2. 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: Public Work & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management: NJ American Water and Liberty Water, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Public Utility service for water, for twelve (12) consecutive months commencing January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, in the amount not exceed \$1,000,000.00. (Freeholder Linda Carter)
- 3. 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: Public Work & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management: PSE&G in the amount not to exceed \$4,030,000.00 and JCP&L in the amount not exceed \$70,000.00, for the purpose of the delivery and transmission of service for electricity, for twelve (12) consecutive months commencing January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, in the amount not exceed \$4,100,000.00. (Freeholder Linda Carter)
- 4. 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: Public Work & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management: Elizabethtown Gas, New Jersey, for the purpose of the delivery of commercial natural gas, for twelve (12) consecutive months commencing January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, in the amount not exceed \$1,800,000.00. (Freeholder Linda Carter)

RUNNELLS SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL - CORNERSTONE UNIT

Michael Flemming, Acting Administrator

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Pharma Care Inc., of Clark, NJ to provide pharmacy consulting services for the resident/patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in the amount not to exceed \$18,000.00. (Freeholder Vernell Wright)

Freeholder Hudak made a general comment to Chairman Jalloh relative to the Cornerstone Unit asked if the separate entity will remain or if the County was planning to reorganize or restructure the Cornerstone Unit as part of another Department.

County Manager Faella said he had some preliminary discussion with Director Guzzo and the Finance Director Michael Drummond concerning that very concept. He added that the Policy and Administrative Code Committee will be meeting to discuss if Cornerstone will be part of another department.

Freeholder Estrada asked if Pharma Care is the same contract that was used at Runnells Specialized Hospital. He further asked if the County put this work out to bid; noting that the pharmacy receives a tremendous amount of money in terms of the sales of the drugs (which are charges to the customers) and yet they still charge the County a fee.

Acting Administrator Flemming stated that the County went out for an RFP in December and that Pharma Care was the only responder.

Chairman Jalloh asked Acting Administrator Flemming to give an explanation of the services.

Acting Administrator Flemming stated that they review medication consumed by the patients, and assure proper medication are given and dispensed. He added that he anticipates this contract to allow for 10-15 hours per month; noting that this is just for the Cornerstone Unit and not the entire Hospital facility.

Chairman Jalloh asked if people are purchasing pharmaceutical items from them.

Acting Administrator Flemming replied that they do not.

Chairman Jalloh asked if they are just providing consultation and oversight as to the drugs the patients are using.

Acting Administrator Flemming replied that yes, it is correct.

Freeholder Granados suggested that since the County historically receives just one response to the RFP they look at other ways to seek out more responses to the RFPs.

Freeholder Estrada asked how much was billed to the County last year.

Acting Administrator Flemming replied that they were billed \$72,000 for the entire year for the entire facility.

Acting Administrator Flemming clarified that Pharma Care doesn't provide medication, just consultation towards which medicine and how it is dispensed.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Robert E. Barry, Esq., County Counsel

There were no questions

- 1. A resolution authorizing the Office of the County Counsel to engage and compensate experts such as court reporters, expert witnesses, examining physicians and other litigation support and specialists which are essential to the defense of the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)
- 2. Amending Resolution Number 2014-744, to increase the appropriation to Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt & Fader of Rochelle Park, New Jersey in the matter entitled Laquan Kearney v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$40,000.00. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)
- 3. Amending Resolution Number 2014-627, increase the appropriation to Jardim, Meisner & Susser, P.C. of Florham Park, New Jersey in the matter entitled Shiquon Fowler v. UC, et

als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$20,000.00. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)

- 4. Amending Resolution Number 2014-622, to increase the appropriation to Kologi Simitz of Linden, New Jersey in the matter entitled Shiquon Fowler v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$30,000.00. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)
- 5. A resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter agreements with Thompson West for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$91,941.00. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)
- 6. A resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Gann Law Books for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$36,200.00. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)
- 7. A resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Lexis Nexis/Matthew Bender for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$60,590.00. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)
- 8. A resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter agreements with various vendors for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$22,325.00. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)
- 9. A resolution awarding a contract to Judith L. DiAntonio for Court Reporting Services for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

Freeholder Bergen stated he would like to join Freeholder Mirabella in item #10 and would have a Laudatory Resolution regarding the Union County Baseball Association's Hall of Fame for the next Freeholder Meeting.

Freeholder Kowalski stated she would like to join Freeholder Granado in item #6 for the next Freeholder Meeting.

Freeholder Granados stated he has two laudatory resolutions: one for Garden State Ryderz Special Olympic and one for the Peruvians for Progress. He asked Freeholder Estrada to join him.

Freeholder Hudak stated that he would have a slight change in the language to #8 and a few resolutions as a result of the Fiscal Committee Meeting at the next Freeholder Meeting.

1. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Rasheed Abdul-Haqq, during their time of sorrow. (Freeholder Linda Carter)

- 2. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Dorothy Doyle James, during their time of sorrow. (Freeholder Linda Carter)
- 3. Laudatory resolution acknowledging the efforts of the 2014 Union County Student Training and Enrichment Program (UC STEP) participants, and further congratulating Team Light Blue on their successful "Donate to Educate" campaign; after receiving 1,772 of a possible 3,200 votes. (Freeholder Carter & the Entire Board)
- 4. Appointing Steven Le to the Union County Planning Board to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2016. (Freeholder Sergio Granados)
- 5. Appointing the following members to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board for a one year term commencing January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015: Francisco Ortiz (Delegate) to represent the City of Elizabeth; Steven Hund (Delegate) to represent the Township of Clark; Robert Ehrenbeck (Delegate) to represent the Borough of Garwood; Rupin Shah (Delegate) and Dan Petrosky (Alternate) to represent the Borough of Roselle Park; Sandy Weinger (Delegate) to represent the Township of Springfield; Kevin Leary (Delegate) to represent the Borough of Kenilworth; Salvatore Terrezza (Delegate) and Joseph Venezia (Alternate) to represent the Township of Union; Louis DiSocio (Delegate) to represent the City of Summit and Jorge Casacuberta (Delegate) and Jeanne Kingsley (Alternate) to represent the Township of Berkeley Heights; John Morgan (Delegate) to represent the Township of Scotch Plains; John Morgan (Delegate) and George Lanzano (Alternate) to represent the Township of Cranford and Renec Banks (Delegate) to represent the City of Linden. (Freeholder Sergio Granados)
- 6. Resolution encouraging United Airlines to comply with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey's Executive Director Patrick Foye's directives concerning subcontracted workers relative to wages and paid holidays, increased standards, and the right to organize. (Freeholder Sergio Granados)
- 7. Appointing Brandon Givens to the Homeless Trust Fund Advisory Board for a term commencing June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2017. (Freeholder Christopher Hudak)
- 8. Resolution urging the NY/NJ Port Authority to reconsider the cancellation of the overnight service and the privatization of the Path. (Freeholder Christopher Hudak)
- 9. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Preserve Union County grant, through the Office of the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, to the Reeves-Reed Arboretum, Summit, New Jersey, to assist in providing needed safety up grades in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. (This is a matching grant.) (Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)
- 10. Laudatory resolution congratulating Joseph A. Steiner on being named "Rotarian of the Year" by the Rotary Club of Summit- New Providence. (Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)
- 11. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of former Roselle Park Councilman Patrick Riley, during their time of sorrow. (Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)

- 12. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Bishop Samuel Leak, during their time of sorrow. (Freeholder Vernell Wright)
- 13. Laudatory resolution congratulating Lieutenant Michael O. McNany on his retirement from the Springfield Police Department, and further expressing this Board's deep appreciation to Lieutenant Michael O. McNany for protecting and serving his community for more than 26 years. (Vice Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)
- 14. Appointing the following members to the Air Traffic & Noise Advisory Board for a one year term from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015: Catherine Flynn (Delegate) to represent the Township of Springfield; Jerome Feder (Delegate) and Greg Baschkoff (Alternate) to represent the Town of Westfield, James Mathieu (Delegate) to represent the Borough of Garwood; Barbara Krause (Delegate) and William Ilaria (Alternate) for a two year term from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016 to represent the Township of Cranford. (Vice Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)
- 15. Amending Resolution Number 2015-23, to include Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh as the Freeholder Liaison to the Voter Accessibility Advisory Committee. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)
- 16. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to Union County Sheriff Joseph P. Cryan and his family, for the passing of his mother, Mrs. Mary Cryan. (Chairman Jalloh & the Entire Board)
- 17. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Continuum Voice and Data Systems, Inc, Syracuse, New York, for the purposes of providing proprietary software maintenance services for the OnBase Records Management proprietary software system of the County, for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, exercising the County's option to renew using the exception to bidding NJSA 40A 11-15 (1) (dd), in an amount not to exceed \$36,000. (Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To the extent known, the following item(s) are scheduled to be discussed in Executive Session:

- 1) Attorney-Client privileged communication regarding potential litigation relative to the New County Courthouse; and
- 2) Attorney-Client privileged communication and discussion as to potential settlement in the matter HC Equities v. County of Union; and
- 3) Potential contract negotiations relative to a potential professional service contract with the Union County Alliance.

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 regarding potential litigation relative to the New County Courthouse; and Attorney-Client privileged communication and discussion as to potential settlement in the matter

HC Equities v. County of Union; and Potential contract negotiations relative to a potential professional service contract with the Union County Alliance.

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.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Jalloh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52PM. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, 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, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified. In the event an Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting are held on the same night, the Agenda Setting Session will commence at 7:00pm and the Regular Meeting will commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter should contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 908-527-4140.

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

AGENDA SETTING SESSION	REGULAR MEETINGS
January 15, 2015	January 29, 2015
February 5, 2015	February 19, 2015
February 26, 2015	February 26, 2015
March 5, 2015	March 12, 2015
March 19, 2015	March 26, 2015
April 9, 2015	April 16, 2015
April 23, 2015	April 30, 2015
May 7, 2015	May 14, 2015
May 28, 2015	May 28, 2015
June 11, 2015	June 18, 2015
July 9, 2015	July 16, 2015
August 6, 2015	August 20, 2015
September 3, 2015	September 10, 2015
September 17, 2015	September 24, 2015
October 1, 2015	October 8, 2015
October 15, 2015	October 15, 2015
November 5, 2015	November 12, 2015
December 3, 2015	December 3, 2015
December 10, 2015	December 17, 2015

<u>Notice</u>

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Public Comment Portion

Pursuant to the provisions of the N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(a) and the By-Laws of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders the "Public Comment Portion" of Regular Meetings is reserved for public comment on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.

James E. Pellettiere, RMC

Clerk of the Board

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