

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2015
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh presided and called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Roll call showed Vice Chairman Bruce Bergen, Freeholder Linda Carter, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Sergio Granados, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, and Freeholder Vernell Wright were in attendance. Freeholder Alexander Mirabella was absent.

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

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

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

PRESENTATION FROM THE BOARD

Chairman Jalloh called upon Vice Chairman Bergen to make a check presentation.

Vice Chairman Bergen presented a check to City Council President Robert Rubino, Reeves Reed Arboretum, Executive Director Frank Juliano and Summit Councilman Gregory Drummond to assist with emergency repairs at the historic Reeves Reed Arboretum in Summit.

Summit City Council President Rubino thanked the Board and Administrator of the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Victoria Durbin Drake for the County's quick response on behalf of the citizens of Summit.

Executive Director Frank Juliano thanked the Board and Ms. Durbin Drake and the Common Council of Summit for the efforts taken to remediate the safety concerns at Reeves Reed Arboretum.

Resolution presentations were made to the student winners of the 2014 Union County Student Training and Enrichment Program (UC STEP) civic engagement campaign.

Chairman Jalloh called upon Freeholder Carter and Freeholder Hudak to make a presentation to the student winners of the 2014 Union County Student Training and Enrichment Program (UC STEP) civic engagement campaign. Chairman Jalloh said the program was amazing, and commended the young people in Union County for their ability to come up with solutions that can make a difference. He turned the presentation over to Freeholder Carter.

Freeholder Carter spoke on the Union County Student Training and Enrichment Program. She stated that 192 juniors and seniors from 21 high schools participated in the second annual UC STEP. She commended the students for coming up with solutions in less time than most adults would be able to realize. She announced that the "Light Blue Team" was the 2015 winner. She stated she would let the students announce what their program would be. Freeholder Carter thanked the parents, teachers, mentors, Deputy Director of Economic Development Amy Wager, County staff and all volunteers. She called the students up to introduce themselves and the school they attended.

Freeholder Carter read the Resolution out loud.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

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

Chairman Jalloh called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mirabella absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Executive Minutes: May 1, 2014; May 15, 2014; May 29, 2014; June 5, 2014; June 19, 2014; July 10, 2014; July 17, 2014; August 7, 2014; August 14, 2014; September 4, 2014; September 11, 2014; October 2, 2014; October 9, 2014; November 6, 2014; November 13, 2014; December 11, 2014.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the Executive Minutes of August 14, 2014, September 4, 2014, September 11, 2014, October 2, 2014, October 9, 2014, November 13, 2014 and December 11, 2014; Executive Minutes of May 1, 2014, May 15, 2014, July 10, 2014 and November 6, 2014 seven member voted in the affirmative with 1 abstention (Freeholders Carter abstaining from the November 6, 2014 minutes, Freeholder Estrada abstaining from the May 15, 2014 minutes, Chairman Jalloh abstaining from the May 1, 2015 minutes, and Freeholder Kowalski abstaining from the July 10, 2014 minutes); Minutes of June 5, 2014, June 19, 2014, July 17, 2014 and August 7, 2014 six members voted in the affirmative with two abstentions (Freeholders Carter abstaining from the June 19, 2014 minutes, July 17, 2014 minutes and August 7, 2014 minutes; Freeholder Estrada abstaining from the June 19, 2014 and July 17, 2014 minutes; Freeholder Hudak abstaining from the June 5, 2014 and August 7, 2014 minutes; and Freeholder Wright abstaining from the June 5, 2014 minutes).

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

762-2015 REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF \$70,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING A SUM NOT EXCEEDING \$70,000,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$70,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF REFUNDING BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The County of Union (the "County"), State of New Jersey is hereby authorized to refund \$70,000,000 aggregate principal amount of outstanding bonds (subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities) dated February 15, 2008 and maturing on or after February 15, 2019 (the "Outstanding Bonds").

The Outstanding Bonds consist of the following two issues of bonds, bearing interest at the rates per annum, payable on February 15 and August 15 of each year until maturity or prior redemption, and maturing in annual installments on February 15 in each year, as follows:

\$65,501,000 General Improvement Bonds of 2008

Principal Year	Interest Amount	Rate
2019	\$5,875,000	4.00%
2020	5,875,000	4.00
2021	5,875,000	4.50
2022	5,876,000	4.50
2023	7,000,000	4.50
2024	7,000,000	4.50
2025	7,000,000	4.50
2026	7,000,000	4.50
2027	7,000,000	4.50
2028	7,000,000	4.50

**\$4,499,000 County Vocational-Technical School Bonds of 2008
(New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act)**

Principal Year	Interest Amount	Rate
2019	\$1,125,000	4.00 %
2020	1,125,000	4.00
2021	1,125,000	4.50
2022	1,124,000	4.50

The Outstanding Bonds are subject to optional redemption on or after February 15, 2018 at a redemption price of 100%.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders may determine by subsequent resolution not to refund a portion of the Outstanding Bonds.

Section 2. The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County has ascertained and hereby determines that the Outstanding Bonds set forth in Section 1 of this ordinance have not been paid or discharged and that the County is authorized by Section 51(a) of the Local Bond Law of New Jersey (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law") to issue its refunding bonds as hereinafter provided to refund the Outstanding Bonds. The object of the refunding is to effect debt service savings for the County.

Section 3. A sum not exceeding \$70,000,000 is hereby appropriated (a) to refund the Outstanding Bonds set forth in Section 1 of this ordinance in the aggregate principal amount of \$70,000,000 and (b) to pay an amount not exceeding \$450,000 for the cost of the issuance of the refunding bonds, including underwriter's compensation, printing, advertising, financial and legal expenses therefor, as permitted by Section 51(b) of the Local Bond Law (collectively, the "Purpose").

Section 4. To finance the Purpose, refunding bonds of said County in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$70,000,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law (the "Refunding Bonds"). The Refunding Bonds shall be sold at private sale by resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and shall be in registered form and shall contain the word "refunding" in their title and shall recite that they are issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law and shall bear such date or dates, mature at such time or times not exceeding 40 years from their date, bear interest at such rate or rates per annum, be payable at such time or times, be in such denominations, carry such registration privileges, be executed in such manner consistent with the provisions of the Local Bond Law for bonds of a county, be payable at such place or places, and be subject to such terms of redemption, with or without premium, as may be hereafter determined by resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders within the limitations prescribed by law.

Section 5. The Refunding Bonds shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the County and the County shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all taxable real property within the County for the payment of the principal of and the interest on the Refunding Bonds without limitation as to rate or amount. The full faith and credit of the County are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the Refunding Bonds. Each Refunding Bond issued pursuant to this ordinance shall recite that all conditions, acts and things required by the Constitution or statutes of the State of New Jersey to exist, to have happened and to have been performed precedent to and in the issuance of the Refunding Bond exist, have happened and have been performed, and that the Refunding Bond, together with all other indebtedness of the County, is within every debt and other limit prescribed by the Constitution or statutes of said State.

Section 6. The Director of Finance is hereby authorized to execute a certificate addressed to the underwriters of the Refunding Bonds stating that the preliminary

official statement to be prepared by the County with respect to the Refunding Bonds is "deemed final" as of its date within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The distribution of such preliminary official statement to potential purchasers of the Refunding Bonds is hereby approved.

Section 7. All matters with respect to the Refunding Bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by subsequent resolution or resolutions to be hereafter adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County, or the performance or determination thereof delegated by resolution or resolutions, to the Director of Finance.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of said County, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said County, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$70,000,000, but \$70,000,000 (the principal amount of the Outstanding Bonds being paid from the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds) shall be deducted from gross debt pursuant to Section 52 of the Local Bond Law, and that the issuance of the bonds authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 9. It is hereby determined and stated that no sum need be appropriated hereby as a down payment.

Section 10. The County is hereby authorized to enter into any agreements that may be necessary to affect the purchase of securities, as permitted by Sections 53(c) and 60 of the Local Bond Law, to accomplish the refunding.

Section 11. This refunding bond ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage as provided by the Local Bond Law.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak, Fiscal Chairman, and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed 8 members of the Board voted in the affirmative. The Final Reading and Public Hearings are scheduled for February 19, 2015.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Robert Rubino, Summit Councilman, thanked the Board for installing a traffic signal at the new headquarters of Celgene (referring to Resolution Number 2015-79).

Mike Blackwell, First Tee of Raritan Valley, made comments relative to Resolution Number 2015-48. He stated that they are celebrating their 10th Anniversary of First Tee and are happy it is located at the Galloping Hill Golf Course. He stated there are approximately a thousand kids in our certifying program; which is a twenty week comprehensive program. He spoke about the 49,000 kids in their entire program and noted that they were ranked in the top ten percent and received the ACC accreditation. He said they are doing well because of the partnership with the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. He also mentioned

that this year, Isabella Gonzalez received the First Tee scholarship and went to Pebble Beach to participate in the Senior Tour.

Pat Mochetti, New Providence, had questions relative to Resolution Numbers 2015-45, 46, 47, and 48. He asked how many young people will participate in the programs and how many events will be held. He asked if the County would lose any revenue as a result of this program, and how much will it cost to host the events.

Mr. Mochetti, had a question relative to Resolution Number 2015-54. He asked how much the County was transferring and for what purposes.

Mr. Mochetti made comments relative to Resolution Numbers 2015-85, 86, 87 and 88, requesting someone to determine if they are truly necessary.

Director Sanchez explained that the four programs are held at the back of the Galloping Hill Driving Range, resulting in no loss revenue. He stated that the instructors of the program are volunteers through First Tee. He added that the PGA Professionals, through KemperSports, donate their time as well. He stated that when the kids do use the golf course, they pay the junior rate.

Chairman Jalloh asked if the public can golf while this program is going on.

Director Sanchez replied that they could.

Director Taylor stated that \$799,161 will be transferred to the accumulated absence appropriation that comes from the salary adjustment appropriation for those retired with benefits based upon years of service (referring to Resolution Number 2015-54).

York Cook, Springfield, made comments relative to Resolution 2015-79. He asked how the light will be triggered.

Director Granziano stated there will be extensive traffic studies done before the light is installed. He added that the light will be triggered based on the traffic times.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, made comments relative to Resolution Number 2015-37. He asked if the contract with PSE&G and JCP&L reflects the drop off in oil prices

Mr. Paterson had a question relative to Resolution Number 2015-39. He asked if the County will have someone on-site personnel all the time and will the Garwood First Aid Squad receive any dollars.

Mr. Paterson asked for explanation of "All Hazard Mitigation" in Resolution Number 2015-40.

Mr. Paterson had two questions relative to Resolution Numbers 2015-45, 46, 47, and 48. He asked about the revenues of the golf operations were for 2014. He also asked if the young adults play during the day.

Mr. Paterson asked why the government is getting involved with a resolution referring to Resolution Number 2015-53.

Mr. Paterson had a question relative to Resolution Number 2015-54. He asked if the \$799,000 being transferred is an accumulation of sick days and if it is due to the Runnells turnover.

Mr. Paterson asked for an explanation of the Internal Position Controls referring to Resolution Number 2015-55.

Mr. Paterson had a question relative to Resolution Number 2015-58. He asked if there was a stipend along with the appointment to the Construction Board of Appeals.

Director Yuska responded. He stated the amounts for the utilities are set by the State Board of Public Utilities. He added that if there were to be an adjustment to the rates due to any decrease in oil or electric prices, the Board of Public Utilities would have to lower the rates. (referring to Resolution Number 2015-37).

Chairman Jalloh asked Director Yuska to advise the Board if there is any decrease in dollar amounts.

Director Moran said the Union County Child Safety Seat is staffed by the Union County personnel Wednesday and Thursday from 7:30am – 12:30pm. He added the usage fee is \$200 per month and was negotiated by the AAA Northeast and the Garwood First Aid Squad. He added that this will be at no cost to the County. (Referring to Resolution Number 2015-39).

Director Moran stated that FEMA requires that all municipalities or government agencies that apply for FEMA relief (in case of disaster) have a mitigation plan. He stated that 20 of the 21 municipalities are participating in this plan and that a few of the agencies needed additional time to get their information to our contractor so that the County could complete its plan. (Referring to Resolution Number 2015-40)

Director Sanchez said he does not have the Junior Golf Program revenues but will get the numbers to the Board. (Referring to Resolution Numbers 2015-45, 46, 47, and 48)

Director Taylor stated that the transfer is centralized to all County employees and not specific for one department. (Referring to Resolution Number 2015-54)

Director Albert said the position controls refer to a variety of position control in the Sheriff's Department. (Resolution Number 2015-55)

County Manager Faella said the Internal Position Controls consist of the Sheriff and the Prosecutor Department.

Chairman Jalloh said there is no stipend with reference to the Union County Construction Board of Appeals.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2015-36 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract as an exception to bidding for Public Work & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management: NJ American Water, Pittsburgh, PA 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 \$400,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-37 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract as an exception to bidding for 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-38 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained as an exception to bidding for the use of Department of Public Work & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management: Elizabethtown Gas, New Jersey, for the purpose of the delivery only of commercial natural gas, for twelve (12) consecutive months commencing January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, in the amount not exceed \$430,000.00

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-39 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-40 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-41 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)

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-42 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-682 to show an \$8,000 increase in the grant award from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-43 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-44 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-45 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Renaissance Jr. Golf, Inc. 2410 Springfield Avenue, Vauxhall, New Jersey 07088 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-46 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with NJ Golf Foundation, 225 Old New Brunswick Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-47 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Girls for Golf Program, 1000 Champions Drive, 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-48 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the First Tee of America Raritan Valley Chapter, 1 Golf Drive, Kenilworth, NJ 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-49 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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 \$17,120.00. (Revenue Generating)

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-50 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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)

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-51 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Appointing Steven Le to the Union County Planning Board to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-52 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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 Town of Westfield; Hugh Welsh (Delegate) and Ronald Zuber (Alternate) to represent the Township of Cranford and Renee Banks (Delegate) to represent the City of Linden.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-53 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

- 2015-54 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Approving Transfer of Current Fund Appropriations.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-55 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizes the County Manager to adjust and/or change his Internal Position Control Schedules.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed 7 members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Vice Chairman Bergen abstaining.

- 2015-56 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution commending the NY/NJ Port Authority for its decision to table indefinitely the cancellation of the overnight service and the privatization of the PATH; and further urging the NY/NJ Port Authority to permanently abandon said plan by adopting a resolution opposing the Bi-State Special Panel's recommendations to implement PATH services changes.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-57 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Appointing Brandon Givens to the Homeless Trust Fund Advisory Board for a two year term commencing January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2016 (UC Div. Of Planning); and the following re-appointments to a three year term commencing January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2017: Joanne Rajoppi (County Clerk); Cory Storch, Sidney Blanchard, Janice Chapin and Linda Flores-Tober (non-profit organization); and Maureen Segale-Glenn and Janice Lilien (Local Planning Committee).

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-58 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Re-appointing Charles Medallis (Electrical Sub-Code Official) to the Construction Board of Appeals for a two year term commencing January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-59 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-60 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to designate the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs as the official County Cultural and Heritage Agency.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-61 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-62 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-63 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-64 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-65 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative and Freeholder Bergen abstaining.

- 2015-66 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-67 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.)

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-68 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** 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 the Cornerstone Hospital at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in the amount not to exceed \$18,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-69 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-70 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-71 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-72 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-73 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-74 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-75** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-76** **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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-77** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-78** **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: 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-79** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-80** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-81** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-82** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-744, to increase the appropriation to Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt & Fader of Rochelle Park, NJ 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-83** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-627, increase the appropriation to Jardim, Meisner & Susser, P.C. of Florham Park, NJ 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.

- 2015-84** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-931, to increase the appropriation to Kologi Simirtz of Linden, NJ 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-85** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-86** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-87** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-88** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-89** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-90** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-91 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-23, to include Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh as the Freeholder Liaison to the Voter Accessibility Advisory Committee.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-92 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Appointing Charles Newman (Disabled) and William Smith (trained in provisions of ADA) to the Voter Accessibility Advisory Committee for a term commencing January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-93 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Re-appointing the following members to the Commission on the Status of Women for a three year term commencing January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2017: Carol Ann Lombardo, Sally Samuel, Esq., Jennifer Erdos, Carolyn Vollero and Judi Jenkins-Guadino.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-94 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Appointing the following members to the Advisory Council on Aging to their respective terms: Joe Fox from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016; Terry Tainow from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015; Yvonne Thomas from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015; Phyllis Monguso from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016; Sharron Brown from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015 and Elaine Haith from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2015-95 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Rasheed Abdul-Haqq, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-96 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Dorothy Doyle James, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-97 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-98 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution recognizing the efforts of the Garden State Ryderz for their continued support in raising funds for the Special Olympics.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-99 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Laudatory resolution congratulating the Peruvians for Progress for a successful 2014 and wish them equal success in the coming year; and further congratulating their recently sworn in 2015 Executive Board members.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-100 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Bishop Jean Pericles Francois, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-101 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Laudatory resolution designating the month of February, 2015 as "African American History Month" throughout the County of Union; and further encouraging residents and municipalities to celebrate and participate in African American History events countywide.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-102 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Charlie Crane, former 6th Ward Councilman, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-103 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution congratulating Groundwork Elizabeth as they celebrate their 11th Annual Snow Ball and recognizes their many worthwhile endeavors and accomplishments.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-104 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & VICE-CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Laudatory resolution congratulating Joseph A. Steiner on being named "Rotarian of the Year" by the Rotary Club of Summit- New Providence.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-105 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of former Roselle Park Councilman Patrick Riley, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-106 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Bishop Samuel Leak, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-107 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-108 VICE-CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Laudatory resolution congratulating the four (4) 2015 Union County Baseball Association's Hall of Fame inductees to be honored at the 79th Annual Hot Stove League Baseball Dinner on February 8, 2015.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-109 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-110 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to former Acting Administrator of Runnells Specialized Hospital and longtime dedicated county employee, Joan Wheeler, and the entire Wheeler family, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Robert Rubino, City of Summit Council President, thanked Freeholder Bergen and Freeholder Wright for attending their organization meeting this year. He stated some of the fiscal hardships at the onset of the year: noting that they settled voluntarily with Merck to reduce their taxes by 15%. He said the sale of Runnells should be applied to this year's budget to help keep taxes flat, and requested the County consider combining the Sheriff and Police forces. He invited County Manager Faella and Director Taylor to have another joint-meeting with their Finance Department.

Pat Mochetti, New Providence, read an article regarding merging Bergen County Police. He stated that there are two counties left that have not merged.

Mr. Mochetti stated that Mercedes Benz is leaving the state and moving to Georgia, resulting in a thousand jobs lost in New Jersey. He noted that the New Jersey tax credits were not good enough.

Mr. Mochetti made general comments about taxes, noting an article from NJ.com, relative to residents leaving the state ("outward migration") due to property taxes. He referred to a Wall Street Journal stating that Governor Cuomo is proposing tax reductions for homeowners due to high property taxes chasing away young people and small businesses. Mr. Mochetti also spoke in regards to the Union County Alliance \$1.4 million lawsuit and investigating a new lawsuit regarding the County Seal. He made comments relative to how the County is preparing their budget. He stated there is not a need for 21 Counties, alleging they can be reduced to 6.

York Cook, Springfield, spoke in regards to a public safety issue regarding undercover police cars. He is requesting the Board's opinion on the utilization of undercover police cars for routine traffic stops.

Tina Renna, Cranford, asked why 169 employees, totaling \$630,000 were given raises. She made comments relative to the names of those employees. She made comments to those employees that work hard and are overlooked for promotions or raises due to politics. She made comments relative to prior County Manager George Devanney and his consulting firm. She made comments relative to the UC Alliance and stated that no one is held accountable and questioned the accountability and effectiveness of the UC Prosecutor Office.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, made comments relative to the potential conflict of interest with Freeholder Mirabella, who was appointed as Scotch Plains Business Administrator. He made comments to Mr. Rubino's statement encouraging the Board to remove the matching grant requirement with Open Space Trust Fund grants. Mr. Paterson suggested that the Board allow the Watchdog Association to have access to all their financial books. He also read an article regarding the Elizabeth Board of Education's President.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Kowalski made comments relative to Union County being established in 1857.

Freeholder Carter made comments in reference to "February Festivities" she recommended family activities at Trailside Nature and Science Center from February 13th to the 16th. Trailside's "February Festivities" will run from the 13th to the 16th, including a historical reenactment, a chance to meet live turtles and snakes, a magical comedy show, and a demonstration of maple syrup-making. We're also very pleased to present a very special, free "Winter Wonderland" event on Sunday February 15. This outdoor event begins with a guided nature walk and a real Sled Dog demonstration, and then you can warm up with hot chocolate and campfires, while enjoying a sing-a-long screening of the hit movie Frozen.

Freeholder Estrada welcomed the Boys Scout from St. Genevieve's School. He welcomed the seniors to the meeting.

Freeholder Hudak made comments to car seat program and congratulated the Public Works Department on a job well done during the snow storm.

Freeholder Granados made comments to the Continuum of Care Grant. He said he is very pleased to report that Union County has received a share of \$1.8 billion in new federal grants for homeless housing and service programs. These federal new grants are designed to support programs and services in the community that help prevent families in need from living in unsafe conditions. The funding goes only to existing programs that have been proven to work, and to innovative new programs that show exceptional promise. He said he was pleased to note that Union County and the City of Elizabeth received a total of almost \$4.5 million covering 30 programs and initiatives. He said Additionally, Union County received one of the top federal awards in the State of New Jersey, adding that this is a clear demonstration that our programs are held in high regard. On behalf of the Freeholder

Board, he congratulated the Director of Human Services, Frank Guzzo, and his staff for their part in helping to bring these new funds into Union County.

County Counsel Barry stated salaries adjustments are based on evaluations performed by their respective department heads.

Vice Chairman Bergen made comments to the new Safety Car Seat program's location. He said he is proud to announce that there will be a ribbon cutting on Wednesday, February 4th at 10 a.m. He said our safety seat program guarantees that every resident can have their child's car seat inspected by a trained expert. These inspections also help to reveal any possible defects in the child's seat, point out installation errors and teach parents how to put these seats in properly. Since 1999, nearly 50,000 inspections were made. The County believes that each resident should have access to this important program, and we have picked a central location at 401 Second Avenue in Garwood. He thanked the Garwood First Aide Squad for agreeing to allow us to utilize their building. The hours of operation will be Wednesdays and Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. The safety seat program is offered through the Union County Public Safety Department, and is in part funded by the AAA (TRIPLE A), and the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety. We urge our County's parents and families to avail themselves of this very important service.

Chairman Jalloh congratulated Director Moran and Director Graziano on a job well done during the snow storm. He thanked all of the Union County personnel, especially in our Public Works Department, who went the extra mile to make sure that our County roads were ready for the storm earlier this week. Although our snowfall was far less than forecasted, our crews still took all the steps needed in case of a major event. He said during the storm they kept our County roads as safe as possible for emergency crews and public safety officials, and as the weather eased they continued working to restore our roads to dry-weather conditions. Chairman Jalloh urged the public keep an eye on the weather, drive safely, and limit travel if necessary.

Chairman Jalloh updated the Board on the progress made with the FAMILIES FIRST program, which is one of his "Investing in Union County" Chairman's Initiatives for 2015. He said even as we enjoy an upswing in our economy, it is important to keep in mind that not every household can grasp the benefits of a rising tide. The result is that some children are still raised in circumstances that block their path to success, despite the opportunity that surrounds them. United Way of Greater Union County has already identified these "communities of concern," characterized by high unemployment, inadequate housing, and a stressed family structure. He said the next step is to leverage this research with programs that effectively integrate workforce development, economic development, and family services. To put that into action, we have partnered with United Way in the creation of a task force that will bring all stakeholders to the table: public, private, and non-profit. We expect the task force to launch formally soon, so that we can mobilize the resources we need to ensure that every child in Union County faces a more promising future.

Chairman Jalloh made comments about Union County Advancing Community Theatre, (UCCAT) one of his 2015 "Investing in Union County" Chairman's Initiatives. He said the arts are an economic engine, and it is also clear that Union County residents are avid supporters of community theatre. UCCAT puts those two together with seed money to help our local theatre groups stage high quality productions at first class venues, and to reach wider audiences. Those venues are the Mainstage and the Loft at the historic Rahway

Theatre in Rahway, and Hamilton Stage in Rahway, all of which are run by the nonprofit Union County Performing Arts Center. To learn more about UCACT or to apply for a grant, visit ucnj.org/ucact. That's ucnj.org/ucact. The application deadline is March 1, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak, seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight 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

January 15, 2015

February 5, 2015

February 26, 2015

March 5, 2015

March 19, 2015

April 9, 2015

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May 28, 2015

June 11, 2015

July 9, 2015

August 6, 2015

September 3, 2015

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December 3, 2015

December 10, 2015

REGULAR MEETINGS

January 29, 2015

February 19, 2015

February 26, 2015

March 12, 2015

March 26, 2015

April 16, 2015

April 30, 2015

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May 28, 2015

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July 16, 2015

August 20, 2015

September 10, 2015

September 24, 2015

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December 17, 2015

Notice

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

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

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