

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2014
AGENDA SETTING MEETING AGENDA

Vice Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh presided and called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Roll call showed, Freeholder Bruce Bergen, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Sergio Granados, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Vernell Wright were in attendance with Chairman Christopher Hudak was absent.

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 were 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

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF

Joseph Cryan, Acting County Sheriff

County Counsel Robert E. Barry represented the Office of the Sheriff.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Porter Lee Corporation, Schaumburg, Illinois, to provide a service upgrade to the existing "BEAST" evidence storage system in the Union County Sheriff's Office for an amount not to exceed \$4,900.00.
(Chairman Christopher Hudak)

County Counsel Barry said the Resolution provides service to upgrade the system (BEAST) in an amount not to exceed \$4,000. He said \$3,500 is for on-site training and \$1,400 is for the software.

Freeholder Kowalski asked for the meaning of BEAST.

County Counsel Barry said he was not certain but will get her the information.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTORGrace H. Park, Acting Prosecutor

First Assistant Prosecutor Tim Isenhour represented the Office.

1. Authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to purchase confidential equipment in an amount not to exceed \$31,500 without disclosing the type of equipment. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**

Freeholder Granados asked if it is customary that the confidential type of equipment being purchased is not disclosed referring to item #1.

First Assistant Prosecutor Isenhour replied yes it needs to remain confidential. He explained the equipment that we purchased previously needs to be updated regularly. It is a necessity.

Vice Chairman Jalloh asked if it is still within the same price range as the prior equipment that was purchased.

First Assistant Prosecutor Isenhour stated that the price range has remained consistent over the years.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICESNorman W. Albert, Esq., Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Administrative Services: T. Slack Environmental Services , for the purpose of providing Fuel Sight Maintenance Parts for the period of 24 months in an amount not to exceed \$52,720. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**

Freeholder Carter asked how much was approved this current cycle pertaining to item #1.

Director Albert stated that \$20,000 to \$25,000 in the last two years, and the lowest bidder was awarded the contract.

2. Renewing the New Jersey Counties Excess Joint Insurance Fund to administer and provide excess insurance for the following: Liability (other than motor vehicles), Property Damage (other than motor vehicles), Motor Vehicles, Public Officials Liability/Employment Practices Liability, and Workers Compensation for the budget period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$2,574,513 (Union County portion). **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**

Freeholder Mirabella asked if there has been an increase for item #2.

Director Albert replied yes, there has been an increase of \$110,000 over the last year, but if new entities join the insurance fund then it will help.

Freeholder Mirabella asked for the price history of item #2.

Director Albert said it started in 2013 at \$2.2 million, 2014 at \$2.464 million and 2015 it is now \$2.574 million.

Freeholder Mirabella asked if they looked into other alternatives.

Director Albert said the program we joined is growing and is beneficial. He said they did not cost compare.

Freeholder Carter asked how much was approved this current cycle.

Director Albert stated that he was uncertain but will provide the Board with the information.

3. Renewal of Public Official Bond with the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, Hartford, CT, for JoAnne Schwab, Office of the County Surrogate in an amount not to exceed \$137,000 for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**
4. Amending Resolution Number 2014-34, a resolution awarding state contracts, to add dollar figures and estimates for 2014 for individual state contract vendors which exceeded, will or may exceed \$36,000 in 2014. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**
5. Amending Resolution Number 2013-1071, a resolution approving the use of cooperative contracts awarded by the Somerset County Cooperative, to add dollar figures and estimates for 2014 for individual vendors which exceeded, will or may exceed \$36,000 in 2014. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**
6. Amending Resolution Number 2014-169, a resolution authorizing the use of the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission Cooperative, to add dollar figures and estimates for 2014 for individual cooperative vendors which exceeded, will or may exceed \$36,000 in 2014. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Brian Riordan, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the option to renew the contract with Education and Health Centers of America, Inc. Wall, New Jersey for the provision of Inmate Substance Abuse Treatment and Residential Correctional Facility Services to the County of Union, as per Resolution 2013-144, for an additional six (6) months beginning January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$880,000.00. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**

Vice Chairman Jalloh asked why it is only a six month contract renewal for item #1.

Director Riordan said we have been using Delaney Hall since 2001. He said they provide educational services, substance abuse and life skills training to inmates for low classification due six months to correspond with our calendar to State fiscal budget.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Community Access Unlimited Elizabeth, New Jersey to provide anger management training for the incarcerated male and females of the Union County Jail for the contract period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**

Freeholder Granados asked how many individuals take part with anger management training referring to Agenda Item #2.

Director Riordan said there are 138 individuals in 2014, but it does vary.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

William Reyes, Deputy County Manager / Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to renew a contract with All Covered, a Division of Konica Minolta Business Solutions, JSA, and as indicated and approved under Resolution 2013-375 and Resolution 2013-606, for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in the amount not to exceed \$294,000. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**

Freeholder Carter asked how much was spent against this contract this year referring to Agenda Item #1.

Deputy County Manager Reyes said we spent the full amount and used it after July 1st of last year. First full year all used. The amount included 56 servers for 2015. Right now over 60. We are going to have the number that they serice, but we will still have a full time to help our IT He said the amount will be lower as they will be reducing the number of services used, plus there will be full time employees to help the IT dept.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the New Jersey State AFL-CIO Community Services Agency, Inc., for the provision of social and human services that educate, empower and uplift working families in an amount not to exceed \$300,000. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**

Freeholder Kowalski asked for an explanation of item #2.

Deputy County Manager Reyes said 52,000 documented individuals are eligible to become US citizens. He said Jersey Garden Mall houses the WIB Center and the County can help them with the process because it is very complicated at a low or no cost. He said there is an application fee and if qualified that fee can be waived. He said there are other programs available to them and we could help them with both programs at the same time.

Freeholder Estrada said he would like the representative from AFLCIO to give some insight, and asked if this program has been used in Illinois.

Deputy County Manager Reyes said it is a national program and Hudson County uses the program as well.

Freeholder Estrada asked for a synopsis of the program.

Mr. Korosky, AFLCIO Community Service Agency, said the organization is part of a national campaign and the program has have been very successful in Illinois, California, New York and Chicago. He said people can become a US citizen within one or two years and have seen an annual income increase from 8 to 11 percent.

Freeholder Estrada asked if the AFLCIO Community Service is a nonprofit organization.

Mr. Korosky replied yes, it was conceived in 1994 and is considered to be in good standing.

Freeholder Granados made a comment stating that he feels that this is a great program that helps documented immigrants become citizens. He said Union County and the Freeholder Board is taking the right steps in helping these individuals become US citizens.

Vice Chairman Jalloh said he agrees that this type of program is great, but is unclear about how the \$300,000 will be utilized.

Deputy County Manager Reyes said the \$300,000 is for salaries, rent, and various items through the Union County Economic Development Department. It will be based upon a voucher system to control the expenditures.

Vice Chairman Jalloh asked of the Economic Development Department has \$300,000 to appropriate for the use of this program.

Deputy County Manager Reyes replied yes. It is a "not to exceed" amount and they are trying to lower the amount. He said they have already saved money on the rent and utilities because Jersey Gardens Mall is run by the County.

Vice Chairman Jalloh asked for the number of staffers and if they will be from the County's Economic Development Department.

Deputy County Manager Reyes said there are will be four staffers at most but will start the program with three. He said he will propose that one person be a County employee from the Economic Development Department to oversee the program and the others from a non-profit organization. He said they will start with 3, one to oversee the program (County employee) and an Executive Director and in-take person from a non-profit organization.

Vice Chairman Jalloh asked out of the 52,000 who are currently eligible.

Deputy County Manager Reyes said 52,000 are already documented and eligible to partake in the program. He said we can only help those who are documented become US citizens.

Deputy County Manager Reyes explained the process of the program. He stated that in the first couple of months the staff and center need to be certified. He said in March they can start taking applications. He said the first year they will be able to help 300 people become US Citizens and more the following year.

Vice Chairman Jalloh stated that Union County College has a similar program and asked how this program differs from theirs.

Deputy County Manager Reyes stated that the legal and intake parts of the program are missing from Union County College's program. He said they will be partnering with Union County College and this will help leverage the \$300,000.

Freeholder Granados asked if the proposed \$10,000 amount is for the legal part of the program.

Deputy County Manager Reyes stated that he has discussed with County Counsel that there are attorneys who are willing to represent these individuals for the first year pro bono and there will be a contract in place.

Freeholder Carter asked how much of the \$300,000 will be going towards salaries. Deputy County Manager Reyes stated that approximately \$100,000 will be salary-based and the remaining amount is for resources and set-up.

Freeholder Wright stated that once the intake process is completed is it at that time when it is determined which resources will be needed and if three staffers will be sufficient.

Deputy County Manager Reyes replied yes, and through Union County College they will acquire translators to be used throughout their process. He said there are 40 different languages spoken in Union County and they will have to identify the large groups of various languages spoken in the community. He said once the application is submitted it is at that point they will deal with the translation.

3. Amending Resolution Number 2010-350, a Professional Engineering Service Contract with T&M Associates of Middletown, New Jersey, to provide, in accordance with the NJDEP, an Asphalt Core Drilling and Testing for the Centennial Avenue Corridor Intersection Improvement, Township of Cranford, in an amount not to exceed \$1,660.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$163,560.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-007) **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**
4. Amending Resolution Number 2014-194, a resolution awarding a contract with Netta Architects, Springfield, New Jersey for On-Call architectural services, to reflect a change in Account Number only. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Frank Guzzo, Director

There were no questions

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into agreements with various community based organizations to provide shelter night stays for TANF, GA, and/or Emergency Assistance recipients for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. Agencies will be reimbursed directly by the State of New Jersey based upon Individual Per Diem Rate(s) per family per night as agreed upon by said community based organizations and the State of New Jersey. No appropriation is required by the County. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountainside, New Jersey, for the provision of the Special Child Case Management and Early Intervention Program, for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in the amount not to exceed \$39,200; funds represent the match as stipulated by State Statute (Title 9:13-7 and 8) requiring the County to match the Special Child Case Management and Early Intervention grant from NJ Department of Health and Senior Services. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2015 Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) Spending Plan in the total amount not to exceed \$114,000, entering into agreement with various agencies/municipalities to provide court ordered disposition program services for youth in the local juvenile justice system for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, and further authorizing the transfer of funds among the

agencies/municipalities during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any fail to meet its contractual obligation, upon approval by the Juvenile Justice Commission. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES

Joseph Graziano, 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: Public Work & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management: Elevator Maintenance Corp. (EMCO), Kearny, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Elevator Maintenance and Repair Services, twenty-four (24) consecutive months with the provision of a twenty-four month optional extension, in the amount not exceed \$387,300. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**

Freeholder Carter asked if item #1 is a contract renewal.

Director Graziano replied yes. He said the last contract was for \$391,000 of which \$225,000 was used. He said this contract is for \$42,000 lower and they added 4 elevators. He said the last few contracts have been substantially reduced.

2. Resolution ratifying permission that was granted to the Township of Scotch Plains to close Park Avenue from East 2nd Street to Front Street on Sunday, December 7, 2014 from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for a Holiday Celebration. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**
3. Resolution ratifying permission that was granted to the City of Linden to close North Wood Avenue from Blancke Street to Elm Street, on Friday, December 5, 2014 from the hours of 4:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the second 24 month option of the contract awarded to Sage Landscaping Contractors, Inc., (BA #7-2013) for Snow Removal Services, obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Laws, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Public Works & Facilities, for a contract not to exceed \$158,160. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**

RUNNELLS SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL

Michael Flemming, Acting Administrator

There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the Practitioners/Psychiatry to provide professional services for the patients/residents of the Cornerstone Units at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in the amount not to exceed \$48,000. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Shanthi Chezian, M.D., Behavioral Medicine Associates, PA, South Plainfield, New Jersey, for the purpose of Professional Fees for Medical Psychiatric Evening Coverage for the patients/residents of the

Cornerstone Units at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$6,500. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**

3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with practitioners to provide professional medical services for the patients/residents of the Cornerstone Units at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement for the purpose of providing professional fees for Specialty Medical consultants to provide services to the patients/residents at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Robert Restifo, D.O., Summit, New Jersey, to provide for a Director of Pulmonary Medicine/Respiratory Care in order to maintain standards for the State of New Jersey Department of Health for the contract period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$2,000. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Robert E. Barry, Esq., County Counsel

There were no questions

1. Amending Resolution Number 2014-80 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 for an additional amount not to exceed \$22,500.00 for a total not to exceed \$57,500.00. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

Alfred Faella, County Counsel

1. Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Supervisors Association, effective January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2015. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**

Freeholder Mirabella asked how many members are associated with item #1.

County Manager Faella asked the Director of Administrative Services Norman Albert to respond.

Director Albert said there are eleven members.

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

Freeholder Wright stated she would have a Laudatory Resolution for the next Freeholder Meeting.

Freeholder Granados stated he would have an additional Resolution for the next Freeholder Meeting.

Freeholder Bergen stated that he would have two Laudatory Resolutions for the next Freeholder Meeting.

Freeholder Carter stated that she would have a Laudatory for the next Freeholder Meeting.

Freeholder Kowalski stated that she would have a Laudatory for the next Freeholder Meeting.

Freeholder Estrada said the United Youth of New Jersey Annual Showcase with a Twist of Fashion is having an event on December 6, 2014 at Union County College in Elizabeth at 12:00pm and he will have a Resolution for them.

Chairman Jalloh asked John Hudak, Esq., to speak on Freeholder Sponsored Resolution #3.

John Hudak, Esq., said the Union County Improvement Authority (UCIA) was contacted by the Borough of Roselle. He said ten years ago the Borough through the Improvement Authority financed and purchased this facility, a low income senior housing and the Borough has decided to sell the facility. There will be no cost to the Improvement Authority or the County. He said the purchaser will pay off the bonds.

County Manager Faella said that he would have an appointment to fill a vacancy for the Planning Advisory Board for the next Freeholder Meeting.

1. Laudatory resolution proclaiming December 16, 2014 through April 7, 2015 as "113 Days of Education" and recognize and congratulate the efforts of Bris Avrohom of Hillside, New Jersey. **(Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen)**
2. Laudatory resolution acknowledging the nurses and the participants of the JFK Medical Center's Plainfield Health Connections Program. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
3. Resolution providing the consent of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union to the sale of the Sheridan Gardens Housing Project financed with the Union County Improvement Authority's Guaranteed Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2003 (Sheridan Gardens Housing Project - Roselle) and providing for the refunding of said bonds. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**
4. Laudatory resolution acknowledging Dominick DeJohn and Angelo Monaco for their service during World War II and congratulating them on receiving their High School diploma. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**
5. Resolution expressing this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Cristian T. Ganz, during their time of sorrow. **(Chairman Hudak & the Entire Board)**
6. Resolution offering this Board's sincere condolences to the family of Isabelle Kologi, during their time of sorrow. **(Chairman Hudak & the Entire Board)**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn at 9:24 PM

On a motion made by Frecholder Mirabella, seconded by Frecholder Wright roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Chairman Hudak absent.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2014 MEETING SCHEDULE

Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 7:00pm in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified. In the event an Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting are held on the same night, the Agenda Setting Session will commence at 7:00pm and the Regular Meeting will commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session.

Persons requiring a sign language interpreter should contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 908-527-4140.

REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2014 at 12:00pm
Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

AGENDA SETTING MEETINGS

REGULAR MEETINGS

January 16, 2014

January 23, 2014

February 6, 2014
February 20, 2014

February 6, 2014
February 27, 2014

March 6, 2014
March 20, 2014

March 13, 2014
March 27, 2014

April 3, 2014
April 24, 2014

April 10, 2014
April 24, 2014

May 1, 2014
May 15, 2014

May 8, 2014
May 29, 2014

June 5, 2014
June 19, 2014

June 12, 2014
June 26, 2014

July 10, 2014

July 17, 2014

August 7, 2014

August 14, 2014

September 4, 2014
September 18, 2014

September 11, 2014
September 18, 2014**

October 2, 2014
October 16, 2014

October 9, 2014
October 16, 2014

November 6, 2014
Tuesday, November 25, 2014

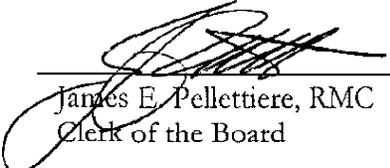
November 13, 2014
Tuesday, November 25, 2014

December 4, 2014
December 18, 2014

December 11, 2014
December 18, 2014

* Special Meeting May 15, 2014

** As per Resolution Number 2014-746



James E. Pelletiere, RMC
Clerk of the Board

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