



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2016
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bruce Bergen presided and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Vice Chairman Sergio Granados, Freeholder Linda Carter, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella and Freeholder Vernell Wright were in attendance, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

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

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Oath of Office: Union County Vocational-Technical School Board of Estimates: Jean Perkins; Workforce Development Board: Tina Earley.

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

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

Chairman Bergen asked Clerk of the Board Pellettiere to read the Ordinance by title.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere read the Ordinance by title.

781-2016 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS, COUNTY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT HEADS AS AMENDED.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance Number 781-2016 only.

Bruce Patterson, of Garwood, commented on the various percentage increases and commented on his concerns as to why they seemed higher than normal.

Chairman closed the meeting to public comments on Ordinance Number 781-2016, and asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 781-2016.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, Fiscal Committee Chairman, will move Ordinance Number 781-2016 for Final Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella, Fiscal Committee Chairman, and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, Ordinance Number 781-2016 was moved for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. Roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

The following Resolutions are being offered from the floor for adoption:

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, the Board suspended the rules to hold a public comment and consider Resolution No. 2016-987. Roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on resolutions From the Floor only.

Chairman Bergen advised the public that the reason for suspending the rules was due to the fact that this resolution was left off the agenda at the previous Agenda meeting, as a result it needs to be heard and considered separately.

- 2016-987 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Approving Community Education Centers (CEC), Inc. West Caldwell, New Jersey, as pre-qualified, through an RFQ process, for the provision of comprehensive inmate substance abuse treatment center/residential correction facility services for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

Bruce Patterson, of Garwood, asked why this resolution needed to be heard separately.

Chairman Bergen advised that the Board's rules provide that if a resolution is not listed or mentioned at the Agenda Setting Session, it would need to be brought from the floor separately, noting that the rule is set for transparency reasons.

Chairman closed the meeting to public comments on Resolution No. 2016-987, and asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2016-987.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

John Burry, of Kenilworth, made comments or inquiries relative to a number of resolutions. Relative to Resolution No. 2016-995, he asked if it pertained to the Runnells sale and if the County will continually hold the certification for the service. Relative to Resolution No. 2016-1009, he asked if this was subject to bidding and asked for clarification for the service. Relative to Resolution No. 2016-1034, he asked for an explanation of the work they provide.

Relative to Resolution No. 2016-995, County Counsel Barry advised that under the terms and conditions of the sale, the County of Union continues to operate the psychiatric unit. He added that it is a ten year agreement.

Relative to Resolution No. 2016-1009, Chairman Bergen advised that this service was not bid, but rather provided by state statute. County Manager Faella advised of a list of programs provided; including theatre group programming, high school theatre programming, sensory friendly programs and black history month programs.

Relative to Resolution No. 2016-1034, Director Wagner advised they provide an invaluable resource, noting their connections in Washington and in Trenton. She advised that they track bills for the County and help manage relationships with those elected officials. She stated that, in just this year alone, they assisted the County in preserving two important earmarks in the amount of \$20 million, which otherwise may not have been allocated.

Bruce Patterson, of Garwood, made comments or inquiries relative to a number of resolutions. Relative to Resolution No. 2016-994, asked who was receiving the professional service contracts. Relative to Resolution No. 2016-997, he asked what is the annual amount paid and asked if this is a new company. Relative to Resolution No. 2016-1004 through 2016-1007, he asked what the dollar amounts are and where were the dollars going. Relative to Resolution No. 2016-1011, he asked for an explanation of the plan. Relative to Resolution No. 2016-1014, he asked if all the money goes to Kemper Sports. Relative to Resolution No. 2016-1021, he asked if the employees match funds for this program. Relative to Resolution No. 2016-1037, he made comments relative to Sheriff Cryan and asked the Board to remove him from the resolution. Relative to Resolution No. 2016-1039, he asked for an explanation

of the health benefits provided in this specific agreement, and asked if he could OPRA the agreement.

Relative to Resolution No. 2016-1039, Chairman Bergen advised that this agreement follows a set pattern of agreements with other collective units. He stated that if he wanted the details of the agreement, the County could provide them, but that he wasn't going to spend time during the meeting detailing every aspect of the negotiated agreement. He advised that once those agreements are signed they are OPRA-able documents.

Relative to Resolution No. 2016- 994, Director Guzzo advised that amount is for on-call psychiatrists for weekends and holidays. He added that this allows the Department to reduce its salary line. He added that there are three psychiatrists are made available. Relative to Resolution No. 2016-997, he advised that the lease agreement is a 2% increase in ten years in the amount of \$400,000 for 22,000 square foot facility. He added that they changed their name from Center Management to BH Operating. He added in addition to the \$400,000, the other costs include taxes and ancillary costs and the actual services we contract for. Relative to Resolution No.2016-1011, stated that this funds are used to provide an array of services to seniors in Union County including Meals on Wheels and respite care.

Relative to Resolution No. 2016--1004 through 2016-1007, Director Taylor stated that the cancelling capital balances is a year-end bookkeeping measure the County takes on in order to reduce the County's net debt for projects that are complete. She advised that a portion of those funds (\$5.9 million) go towards the reduction of the County's deferred charges unfunded and the remaining balance goes towards building capital surplus for future projects deemed necessary by the Board and approved in the capital budget. She stated that the list of cancelled grant accounts account for a sum-zero effect, as they are cancelling the receivable and the appropriation. She added that they are typical resolutions at year-end. She advised that the current fund transfer is a statutory item that is allowable by statute. She added that this resolution allows for the transfer of funds in excess from one department into another department in order to accommodate an unforeseen need. She added that these resolutions are needed to ensure that the County's books are reconciled by years-end.

Relative to Resolution No. 2016-1014, Director Zuber stated that Kemper Sports utilizes these funds to operate both golf courses in Union County.

Relative to Resolution No. 2016-1021, Director Yuska advised that this contract calls for employee contributions in the amount of well over 60%.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2016-988 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-271, (BA#1-2015) a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq., to Tiffany Electric, of Fairfield, New Jersey approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Intersection Improvements at Magie Avenue at Summit Road and Magie Avenue/Lincoln Avenue at Galloping Hill Road, City of Elizabeth, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$26,981.45) for a new

contract amount not to exceed \$428,795.75. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-010)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-989 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-465, (BA#21-2015) a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq., to Yannuzzi Group, Inc., of Kinnelon, New Jersey approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Replacement of Raritan Road Culvert, SC-6, Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$40,527.20) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$346,608.55. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-006B)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-990 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** 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: Elevator Maintenance Corp. (EMCO), Kearny, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Elevator Maintenance and Repair Services, for twenty-four (24) consecutive months commencing January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$391,173.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-991 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Amending Resolution Numbers 2016-194, 2015-111, (BA#67-2014), a contract awarded through the public bidding process, with Core Mechanical, Inc., Pennsauken, New Jersey approving Change Order No. 2 for Pipefitting & Heating Services, in an amount of \$75,000.00 for a new contract amount of \$346,400.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-992 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-610, (BA#22-2014), a contract awarded through the public bidding process to Core Mechanical, Inc. Pennsauken, New Jersey, providing air conditioning and refrigeration systems, repairs, maintenance & installation services, to reflect a change in account numbers only.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-993 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJS/A 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management: Elite Demolition, LLC, for the purpose of providing snow removal services, for twenty-four (24) months, in an amount not to exceed \$140,000, with a second 24 month option.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-994 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award professional services contracts in an amount not to exceed \$63,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 to provide additional professional psychiatric medical services to patients of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-995 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to certify to the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health Services that there have been no changes to the plan for the delivery of mental health services and that the County will continue to operate a psychiatric facility during calendar year 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-996 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award professional services contracts in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 for Specialty Medical Consultants to provide services to patients of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-997 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to continue a Lease Agreement with Runnells BH Operating Inc., for the operations of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital including 44 beds and office space with a 2% increase as per sale agreement for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-998 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into agreement with Language Line Services, Inc., Dallas, Texas on an as needed basis not to exceed the total amount of \$39,000 to provide translation services for the large volume of non-English speaking refugee clients of the Division of Social Services and the Department of Public Safety for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-999 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Language Line Services, Inc., Dallas, Texas on an as needed basis not to exceed the total amount of \$39,000 to provide translation services for the large volume of non-English speaking refugee clients of the Division of Social Services for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1000 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award subcontracts under the 2017 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Spending Plan in a total amount not to exceed \$218,304 for the period of January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017 for the purpose of providing community programming for low income residents of Union County as permitted by NJ Department of Community Affairs (DCA) regulations; further authorizing a one-time advance payment of up to one month of the agency award amount to prevent undue hardship for the agency to carry out program activities; and further authorizing the transfer of funds among awarded agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bergen abstaining and Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1001 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 by providing a maximum of five (5) secure beds at a per diem cost of \$215 per juvenile per day for a total amount not to exceed \$50,000 per year nor \$250,000 for the five (5) year period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2021.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1002 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a shared services agreement with Bergen County to house Union County juvenile detainees on an as needed basis by providing secure beds at a per diem cost

of \$225 per juvenile per day for a total amount not to exceed \$150,000 per year nor \$750,000 for the five (5) year period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2021.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1003 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Appointing/reappointing the following members to the Human Services Advisory Council beginning January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019: Debbie Anderson (Family & Children Services); Al Donnarumma (Legal Aid); Marconi Gapas (Major City: Township of Union); Carmen Hernandez (Domestic Violence); Susan Pepper (Target Population); Florence Peterson (Consumer Advocate); Carol Presley (Consumer Advocate); Ella Teal (Target population); Charles Gillon (County Welfare Agency); Frank Guzzo (County Manager designee); Larisa Hernandez (Service Sector); James Horne (Volunteer Sector); Stanley Neron (Major City: City of Elizabeth); and Cathy Chin (Business Sector) for a term ending December 31, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1004 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Cancelling Capital Balances to Capital Surplus and Deferred Charges Unfunded.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1005 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Cancellation of unexpended balances in the listed Grant Accounts.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1006 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Approving Transfer of Current Fund Appropriations.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1007 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Cancelling Current Fund Budget Appropriations.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

2016-1008 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract pursuant to an RCCP (2016-10) for Retirement Planning Services to Economic Planning Group, Edison, New Jersey, for the contract period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018, with the option to award one additional 24 month extension option beginning January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020 and a final 12 month extension option beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, at no cost to the County.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

2016-1009 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the Union County Performing Arts Center in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for the purposes of developing support for the arts in Union County and creating cultural and educational opportunities for Union County residents.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

2016-1010 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT: Authorizing the County Manager to renew a revenue agreement with Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 for reimbursement in the amount of \$7.00 per one way trip to the County of Union for the provision of Transportation Service through the Union County Paratransit System for Partial Care clients attending their programs, based upon scheduled trips provided by the County on Mondays through Fridays.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

2016-1011 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT: Amending Resolution Number 2016-915, approving the 2016-2018 Area Plan Spending Plan, to reflect an increase in funding only in an amount not to exceed \$2,080 for a new grand total not to exceed \$4,931,312 to be allocated as outlined and charged to account numbers specified for the same contract year one period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 with no other changes to the 2016-2018 Area Plan.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

2016-1012 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT: Amending Resolution Number 2016-64, approving the 2016 Youth Services Commission Comprehensive Spending Plan, to extend the termination date an additional three (3) month period through March 31, 2017 for all 2016 grant funded subcontracts and program management funds as permitted by the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission; to reallocate \$5,355.85 in funds from the UC Juvenile Detention Center detention alternative services contract

to the UC Division of Youth Services detention alternative case management contract to be charged to account numbers specified, with no change in the total amount nor further changes to the 2016 Youth Services Commission Comprehensive Spending Plan.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1013 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** 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 Human Services/Paratransit System: Shepard Bros, Inc., Canandaigua, New York, for the purchase and replacement of two (2) ten passenger buses with two wheelchair positions and one (1) 16 passenger bus with two wheelchair positions, in an amount not to exceed \$163,831.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1014 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Approving the operational budget for golf course operational expenses for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in the amount of \$4,492,114 as procured through the competitive contract process.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1015 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with PowerDMS, Inc., Orlando, Florida, to renew subscription and licensing of Document Management Software, November 2016 through November 2017 in the amount of \$4,992.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1016 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with The Liberty Group, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, for the purpose of transporting Dominion voting machines to and from polling places throughout the County for the contract period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1017 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Royal Printing, West New York, New Jersey, for the purpose of

printing voting authority books, poll books and all other printing needed to run an election in the County for the contract period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1018 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Main Street Movers, Irvington, New Jersey, for the purpose of transporting Dominion voting machines to and from polling places throughout the County for the contract period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1019 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Resolution authorizing employee tuition reimbursement for Kean University for the following programs: Certificate in Public Administration (Undergraduate Program), Certificate in Public Management (Graduate Program), Certificate in Public Management Enhancement Program (Master's Program). The County will partially reimburse for the cost of tuition and course fees, excluding books and miscellaneous expenses, for qualified employees for the 2017 program in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1020 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-76, a contract with Elizabeth Truck Center, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Collision Repair Services, to reflect the contracted term of initial agreement to be 36 consecutive months.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1021 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew the County's Dental Insurance Contract with Delta Dental and Flagship Health Systems, Parsippany, New Jersey to provide Dental Coverage for the contract period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in an estimated, non-guaranteed amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1022 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the annual Short Term and Long Term Disability Insurance Policy with the Standard

Insurance Company, Murray Hill, New Jersey, for the 2017 calendar year in an estimated amount not to exceed \$230,000.00. The total includes the current negotiated County portion of \$116,326 and the payroll deduction contribution for 1,150 unionized employees of \$106,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1023 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Equipment Maintenance Policy with Specialty Underwriters, Oak Creek, Wisconsin, from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$240,000. This policy provides coverage for maintenance costs for electronic office equipment due to mechanical failure.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1024 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital-Medical Malpractice Policy, General and Professional Liability Umbrella Policy, and Excess Umbrella Liability Policy with Princeton Insurance Company, Princeton, New Jersey, for the period of December 15, 2016 through December 14, 2017 in an amount of \$110,884.05.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1025 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Deacon Michael DeRoberts, Union, New Jersey, to provide 5 hours of religious services and counseling per week for the Catholic Inmates at the Union County Jail for the contract period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$3,418.80.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1026 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Minister Richard Hogans, Rahway, NJ, to provide 10 hours of religious services and counseling per week for the Protestant Inmates at the Union County Jail for the contract period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$6,638.00

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1027 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Patricia Kane, Newark, NJ, to provide 5 hours of religious and

counseling services per week for the Islamic female inmates in the Union County Jail for the contract period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$3,418.80.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1028 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, NJ, to provide anger management training for the incarcerated male and females of the Union County Jail for the contract period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1029 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing County Manager to enter into an agreement with CEC, Inc., West Caldwell, NJ, to provide comprehensive Inmate Substance Abuse Treatment and Residential Correctional Facility Services for Union County Jail inmates daily for a one year period starting January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 with an option to extend for a two (2) year period in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1030 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Global Tel Link (GTL) Reston, Virginia, pursuant to State Contract No. A88935-T1934 to provide telephone services for the inmates at the Union County Jail and the residents housed at the Union County Juvenile Detention Center at no cost to the County for the contract period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1031 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a shared services agreement for fiber optics communications services between the County of Union and Union County College building and offices for a period of five years commencing on January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2021 at the same terms and conditions, at no cost to the County.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

2016-1032 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with The United Way of Greater Union County, Elizabeth, NJ, to continue to provide annual support and operation of the Family Success Center in Rahway (of the Family Strengthening Network), Multicultural Family Success Center in Elizabeth, and the continuation of the Focus on Families Task Force, Community Conversations and the Parent Advisory Boards for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$266,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

2016-1033 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract pursuant to a fair and open process, "Request for Proposals" (RFP), to Millennium Strategies for the purpose of grant writing and procurement services in an amount not to exceed \$36,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Estrada voting in the negative and Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

2016-1034 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract pursuant to a fair and open process, "Request for Proposal" (RFP), for the purpose of providing Comprehensive Federal Government Relations/Lobbying services to the County of Union, for a period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 to Winning Strategies, Washington/Hoboken Strategy Group.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

2016-1035 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN: Authorizing the County Manager to extend the agreement with We Are One New Jersey Inc., Trenton, NJ, to provide social and human services that educate, empower and uplift working families, under the We Are One New Jersey Project, for the period commencing January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$245,000; the County is exercising the option of an additional one year extension as stated in the RFP of December 2015 ,

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

2016-1036 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN: A resolution appointing John R. Boles as the Public Agency's Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) for a term effective January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1037 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing Salary Increases for County Constitutional Officers.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1038 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to adopt the 2017 exclusionary wage increases as follows: Salary increases for 2017 shall be based upon each employee's performance evaluation score, pursuant to Resolution 2129-2002, and shall not exceed 2%, and shall be effective January 1, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1039 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Supervisor's Association (Public Works) effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2016-1040 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Thanking the Plainfield Fire Department for their hard work and dedication and congratulating them on their new Fire Engine at their dedication ceremony on December 17, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1041 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Congratulating the Westfield High School Football Team on winning their second straight North Jersey, Section 2, Group 5 Championship with a 15-13 victory over Bridgewater-Raritan.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1042 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Congratulating James Lynch of Cranford, Boy Scout Troop #80, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1043 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Congratulating Robert Edward Scott, Michael Martins and Samuel Christian Venturella of Boy Scouts of America, Troop #1, New Providence, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1044 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Supporting Legislative Bills A222/S2171, authorizing a public vote next November for the "New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act."

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1045 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Fire Chief Louis Kelly, Mutual Aid Coordinator 7 and retired Chief of the Elizabeth Fire Department upon his passing on December 16, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1046 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Walter Halpin, former Union County Clerk of 30 years.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2016-1047 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Bris Avrohom upon the annual Chanukah Candle lighting ceremony on December 23, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

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.

Bruce Patterson, of Garwood, made comments relative to the new County Calendar, noting that the calendar needs a nail hole. He made comments relative to the salary ordinance, stating that the budget can't afford those increases. He encouraged the Board to introduce a zero increase 2017 budget. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

John Burry, of Kenilworth, inquired as to the email the public would use to send the Board additional public comments.

Chairman Bergen stated that the emails have always been available, but thought that it would be worthwhile to remind and/or advise the public. He stated that if there is something the public would like to see added to the agenda, they could submit it to the Clerk of the Board.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Vice Chairman Granados congratulated Chairman Bergen on a successful year as Freeholder Chairman. He noted the many initiatives and accomplishments; inclusive of programs for individuals with special needs, job opportunities, veteran programs. He commended the Chairman on his efforts to ensure that every residents and each freeholder's voice was heard.

Vice Chairman Granados called on the Board to join him in presenting Chairman Granados with a gift.

Freeholder Mirabella congratulated Chairman Bergen on navigating a difficult year. He noted that his initiatives were strong and that he was happy to support his agenda.

Chairman Bergen stated that any success was due to the team effort of the Board. He stated he appreciated everyone's support and thanked his colleagues.

Freeholder Hudak noted the County received its first snow fall last week. He made comments relative to the County's designated sledding slopes and cross-country skiing opportunities throughout the County. He advised that ice skating at county ponds is available where designated.

Freeholder Hudak congratulated Chairman Bergen, the County Manager and county staff on a successful year. He wished all a happy holiday season.

Freeholder Wright made comments relative to efforts individuals can take to help prevent theft during the holiday shopping season. She wished all a happy holiday season.

Freeholder Kowalski made comments relative to the Plainfield Area YMCA's Second Chance program for young people in Union County. She advised that it is a free program designed to help youth complete their education and find work.

Freeholder Kowalski made comments relative to the Division on Aging's ASK program, noting that it will travel to six different locations in January.

Freeholder Kowalski wished all a happy holiday season and best wishes to the entire Union County family.

Freeholder Carter congratulated Chairman Bergen on a successful year and commended his leadership; uniting the Board behind a series of great initiatives.

Freeholder Carter made comments relative to the UC STEP civic engagement project. She stated that there were eleven projects that were narrowed down to three: Red Team's "Miles for Meals"; the Light Blue Team's "Flip for Food"; and the Orange Team's "Cans for Kids". She stated that the voting closes on January 5th. She thanked the Board for its continued support of her initiative while chairman in 2013. She thanked Director Wagner and her staff for their efforts in ensuring the success of this program.

Freeholder Carter wished everyone a happy holiday and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Freeholder Estrada made comments relative to the importance of family and wished everyone a happy holiday, and healthy and prosperous New Year.

Freeholder Mirabella thanked the County Manager and the Directors for their dedicated service all year. He thanked all of the employees for their dedicated service. He wished all a happy holiday season.

County Counsel Barry wished all a happy holiday and a happy New Year.

County Manger Faella thanked the Board for its support. He thanked his Department heads and the 2,700+ county employees for all the work they do throughout the year.

County Manager Faella thanked all the county employees who donated food and gift cards to those less fortunate, noting that the County was able to help 340 families and 1,100 children. He thanked Director Guzzo and Mary Kretch on leading this effort.

County Manager Faella wished everyone a happy holiday season, noting that he is looking forward to becoming a grandfather.

Vice Chairman Granados wished the Union County family and Union County residents a healthy and happy holiday season. He thanked those who were able to assist in the charitable endeavors this holiday season.

Chairman Bergen made comments relative to the launching of the new Union County application, which is designed to assist the public in obtaining information about County government. He added that as is the case with all applications, it will grow as time goes on. He stated that it is only the second app in the State of NJ.

Chairman Bergen made comments relative to the Christmas caroling event held tomorrow, noting that this year marks the 61st year of the Christmas tree in the Courthouse building.

Chairman Bergen thanked his colleagues on the Board for the work accomplished in 2016, and that he looked forward to working with the Board again in 2017. He wished all county employees and residents of the County happy holidays and a happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bergen called for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, a voice vote showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent. Meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2016 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 3, 2016 at 12:00 pm Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

<u>AGENDA SETTING SESSION</u>	<u>REGULAR MEETINGS</u>
January 14, 2016	January 21, 2016
February 4, 2016 February 18, 2016	February 11, 2016 February 18, 2016
March 3, 2016 March 17, 2016	March 10, 2016 March 31, 2016
April 7, 2016 April 21, 2016	April 14, 2016 April 28, 2016
May 5, 2016 May 26, 2016*	May 12, 2016 May 26, 2016
June 2, 2016 June 16, 2016	June 9, 2016 June 23, 2016
July 14, 2016	July 21, 2016
August 11, 2016	August 18, 2016
September 8, 2016 September 22, 2016	September 15, 2016 September 29, 2016
October 6, 2016 October 20, 2016	October 13, 2016 October 20, 2016
November 10, 2016	November 22, 2016 (Tuesday)
December 1, 2016 December 15, 2016	December 8, 2016 December 22, 2016

* As per Resolution Number 2016 372, the May 19, 2016 Agenda Setting Session was rescheduled to be held on May 26, 2016 at 7:00pm.


James E. Pelletiere, RMC
Clerk of the Board