



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2015
MINUTES OF THE AGENDA SETTING MEETING

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

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

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Jalloh noted for the record that the Board would adopt the Communications at the Regular Meeting later in the evening.

Note and File

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Jalloh noted for the record that the Board would adopt the Minutes at the Regular Meeting later in the evening.

1. Thursday, April 9, 2015 - Agenda Meeting
2. Thursday, April 16, 2015 - Regular Meeting
3. Thursday, April 23, 2015 - Agenda Meeting
4. Thursday, April 30, 2015 - Agenda Meeting
5. Thursday, May 7, 2015 - Agenda Meeting
6. Thursday, May 14, 2015 - Regular Meeting
7. Thursday, May 28, 2015 - Agenda Meeting
8. Thursday, May 28, 2015 - Regular Meeting

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY CLERK

Joanne Rajoppi, County Clerk

Deputy Clerk Nicole DiRado represented the Office.

Freeholder Mirabella noted that while he appreciated Deputy Clerk DiRado for attending on the Clerk's behalf, he noted that with so many resolutions on the agenda from the Clerk's Office, he (Freeholder Mirabella) asked Deputy Clerk DiRado to advise the County Clerk that if he had any questions, that he would call the County Clerk directly.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the option to renew a contract with Royal Printing Services, West New York, New Jersey for an additional 24 consecutive months to provide general election printing services for the period February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$1,148,303.00. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the option to renew a contract with Full Service Mailers, Hackensack, New Jersey for an additional 24 consecutive months to provide election mail fulfillment services for the period February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$150,385.96. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
3. Authorizing the County Clerk to make any and all purchases of goods and/or services required in the process of preparing and conducting an election to be provided by various vendors and to provide miscellaneous election services which might arise, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for the 2016 elections. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Dominion Voting Systems, Denver, Colorado, for the purpose of providing licensing, maintenance and support for the WinEDS 4.0 voting system for the contract period April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017, in the amount of \$30,542.56. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
5. Approving the 2016 Union County Clerk Five Year Plan. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

Chairman Jalloh inquired if the approval of the Five Year Plan would commit the Board to any operational, decision, and usage of funds.

Deputy Clerk DiRado stated the Office's goals are included in the five year plan, which includes the expansion of a records database (deeds and mortgages), updates to the election mobile application, microfilm archiving and education and potential work in the record room. She noted that if any of those items may require approval from the Board to enter into a contract agreement. She noted that the funds for any such item would not come from the County operational budget, but rather from funds generated by recording fees and set aside in the County Clerk's Trust fund.

Chairman Jalloh asked if approval of the Five Year Plan would bind the Board to any action on the items listed within the plan.

Deputy County Clerk DiRado stated that if the Clerk's Office wanted to enter into a contract to renew its microfilm storage, the money would come from the trust account, but would need the Board's approval on the contract through a separate resolution. She advised that State Statute requires the Office to present to the Board with a five year plan that outlines the goals for the trust fund dollars at the beginning of each year, noting that the plan outlines the goals for the trust fund dollars.

Chairman Jalloh asked what are the highlights for this plan what is different from previous years.

Deputy County Clerk DiRado stated that many of the goals are on-going projects that were included in previous plans, noting that the Clerk's Office just finished the scanning and microfilming of election books dated back from 1917 through 1983. She advised that project was included in last year five year plan, but was not included in this year's plan.

6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Wisolmerski Associates, Inc., Pembroke Pines, Florida, for the purpose of providing technical support to the recording, indexing and accounting systems of the Office of the County Clerk for the

contract period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$41,350.00. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

7. Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the option to renew a contract with B&B Press, Lebanon, New Jersey for an additional 24 consecutive months from February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2018 for the purposes of providing print services for Mail in Ballots and Provisional Ballots for the 2016 and 2017 Primary and General Elections in the amount of \$514,714.78. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
8. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with County Business Systems, Pennington, New Jersey for the purpose of providing and installing 142 index book binders for the Office of the Union County Clerk in an amount not to exceed \$28,345. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

Chairman Jalloh asked for an explanation of item #8.

Deputy County Clerk DiRado advised that the Office Public Record room has index books and property documents dating back to 1857. She stated that they are replacing 142 binders on the index book, noting that the binders are falling apart and are worn since they are used on a daily basis by the public and title searchers. She added that in order to preserve the contents of the books, they are replacing the binders.

Chairman Jalloh inquired as to why the Clerk's Office does not use microfiche, or another type of technology, to satisfy this type of service.

Deputy County Clerk DiRado stated all of our books are available on microfilm (on a reel) and microfiche (on a card). She stated that the Office has one (older) microfilm machine and stated that it is easier to have the older books (dating back to 1900) physically available to the public, as they are often handwritten and difficult to read on a microfilm.

Chairman Jalloh asked are we still providing the book as an option.

Deputy County Clerk DiRado confirmed that was the case.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Grace H. Park, Acting Prosecutor

First Assistant Prosecutor Isenhour represented the Office

There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to apply for and accept funding from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, Megan's Law and Local Law Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$13,753 for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into a Professional Services contract with Kristen Balsamo-Kleinbach to serve as a DNA Analyst (forensic scientist) at the Union County Prosecutor's Forensic Laboratory for the period of February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$45,000. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

3. Resolution authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of the Prosecutor, 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, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in the amount of \$198,721, with a County match in the amount of \$49,680, for a total project obligation of \$248, 401. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Mall Chevrolet, Cherry Hill, NJ to purchase two 2016 Chevrolet Suburban 4WD vehicles at a total cost of \$83,780.00 obtained through the use of Cranford Police Co-Op #47-CPCPS. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Dennis Kobitz, Administrator

1. Approving a pre-qualified list of vendors to provide transportation services for the voting machines delivery and pickup. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

Freeholder Granados inquired as to how many vendors on the pre-qualified list are from Union County.

Administrator Kobitz stated that of the two vendors being prequalifies, one is from Union County (Liberty Group), noting that they were originally located in the Township of Union, but that they are now located in Berkeley Heights. He added that the other company is made up of some of the Liberty Group's former employees, and that they started their own company and qualify.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Norman W. Albert, Esq., Director

1. Amending Resolution Number 2015-476, a contract with Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey to include account number 5-01-23-738-480-326 and 6-01-23-738-480-326 only (no change in the contract amount). **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
2. 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, 2015 through December 15, 2016 for a contract amount not to exceed \$99,055.55. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

Freeholder Estrada inquired if the employees hired are required to have their own Medical Malpractice Policy, in reference to Agenda Item #2.

Director Alberts stated the policy covers all employees, not just those considered professional employees.

3. Amending Resolution Number 2015-018, a contract with Roth D'Aquanni, Springfield, New Jersey, Special Legal Counsel for personnel matters, to increase the cap for legal services in the amount of \$15,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$130,000. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

4. Request for a waiver of the County's residency requirement for Ronald Charles, an employee with the Department of Corrections. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chairman Jalloh stated let the record reflect the welcome addition of Freeholder Carter.

Clerk of the Board Pelletiere noted it for the record.

Prior to answering any questions the Board may have, Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes stated the reason for increasing Agenda Item #1 from \$60,000 to \$120,000 (of contingency funds) is to have a clear site for the new redevelopment, noting that without the extra funds for the clearing, the site would still have some sidewalk and curbing, which would hold up the new development.

William Reyes, Deputy County Manager / Director

1. Amending Resolution Number 2015-423, approving the 2015-2016 Annual Consolidated Action Plan, increasing the funding to the Plainfield Housing Authority Demolition of Elmwood Gardens Project in the amount from \$60,000 to \$120,000 from CDBG Contingency Funds as approved by the Administrative Subcommittee Meeting of the Union County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

Chairman Jalloh asked if the \$60,000 is for this year, referring to Agenda Item #1.

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes confirmed the money is for this year.

Chairman Jalloh inquired as to when the first \$60,000 was allocated and if it would complete the project.

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes stated that it was part of the 2015-2016 Annual Consolidated Action Plan, and that it would complete the project.

Chairman Jalloh inquired as to when the project will be completed.

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes advised that there is not a start date for the construction, but advised that it will consist of 60 affordable town house style units, which has received HUD approval.

Chairman Jalloh asked when the next Consolidated Action Plan is scheduled to come out.

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes stated the next year 2016-2017.

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes stated not sure will have to get back to you.

County Manager Faella advised that HUD typically notifies the County of funding availability in April or May.

Chairman Jalloh inquired as to how much the Plainfield Housing Authority received in prior years.

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes stated that he did not have those numbers on hand, but would provide such to the Board.

Chairman Jalloh made comments relative to the project's history of funding and inquired as to the need to allocate the funds at this time, or simply wait until HUD's announcement in April to fund the remaining \$60,000 for the demolition. He acknowledged that it likely depends on the completion date.

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes state he will get those answer to the Board.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract, through a fair and open Request for Proposal process, for the administration of the Union County Housing Voucher Program (HAPP) (Section 8) to Development Directions for a two year period commencing January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$700,000. (Administrative fees are set forth annually by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).) **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

Freeholder Granados inquired as to the number of voucher County program provides, referring to Agenda Item #2.

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes stated that currently the County has 351 of 371 vouchers and currently 30 pre-applications that have been issued to fill the remaining vouchers, noting that there are about 8,479 on the waiting list with only 371 available to the County's program.

Chairman Jalloh said this will also depending on when the completion date is, if they're going to be complete before April and we need to get this done now that makes sense after April, why would we wait.

Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes stated for the next current year the application is due this Friday so they must have put in December of last year to be able to put in for the project and there was a gap in the project and they came back and asked for more.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Joseph Graziano, Director

1. Amending Resolution Number 2015-743, a contract awarded to Montana Construction Corporation of Lodi, New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq for the replacement of Madison Hill Road Bridge, reflecting a change in Account Numbers only. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2014-725, authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for the Gordon Street Bridge, Roselle/Roselle Park, County of Union, New Jersey, accepting additional funding in the amount of \$124,006.00, for a total funding amount of \$878,969.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-051) **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 2014-726, a Professional Engineering Design Service Contract with Hardesty and Hanover of West Trenton, New Jersey for additional design services associated with the Gordon Street Bridge over "Out of Service" Conrail Structure No. 205150 located in Roselle/Roselle Park, County of Union, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$124,006.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$868,969.69, as approved by the New Jersey Department of Transportation - TIF SWAP FUNDING

AGREEMENT - 2014-DT-BLA-FEP-206. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-051) **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

Freeholder Kowalski asked if the Gordon Street Bridge is funded by the State, and how much does the County fund this project.

Director Granziano stated that Agenda Items #2 and #3 are tied in together, with #2 accepting the funding from NJDOT to give to Hardesty and Hanover for the design of the project. He noted that the bridge's construction costs are estimated at \$4.3 million dollars. He advised that the project is completely funded through federal government, advising that the County is just part of the process.

Freeholder Kowalski inquired as to when the construction will begin.

Director Graziano stated the design phase is due by July 20, 2016, and noted that following that they will go out to bid and hope to be completed by late 2017 or early 2018.

4. Amending Resolution Number 2014-917, adopted on 11/13/14 authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) - FY 2014 Local Safety Program for the Intersection Improvements Vauxhall Road (CR630) & Pine Avenue/Barbara Avenue and Vauxhall Road (CR630) & Caldwell Avenue/Glenn Avenue, Township of Union, County of Union, New Jersey, accepting additional funding in the amount of \$4,915.67 for a total funding amount of \$393,203.67. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2012-017A) **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
5. Amending Resolution Number 2014-1074, (BA#58-2014) a contract awarded through advertised public bidding process in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A: 11-1 et seq., to Fai Gon Electric, Inc., of Piscataway, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 for the Intersection Improvements - Vauxhall Road (CR630) and Pine Avenue/Barbara Avenue; Vauxhall Road (CR630) and Caldwell Avenue/Glenn Avenue, Township of Union, County of Union, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$36,723.63 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$393,203.67. This project is funded by the New Jersey Department of Transportation, 2014 Local Safety Program Federal Project Number HSP-7549(103). (Union County Engineering Project Number 2012-017A) **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) 2013 Local Safety Program for the Intersection Improvement at East Broad and Elm Street, Town of Westfield, County of Union, New Jersey, accepting funding in the amount of \$410,465.91. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-007) **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
7. Amending Resolution Number 2015-604, authorizing the County Manager to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the County of Union and that the signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement. FY-2014-00029 Local Bridges, Future Needs for the replacement of Elm Street and Orchard Street Bridge over Stream 10-7-16, Town of Westfield, County of Union, New Jersey, Structure 2020-007 for an amount of \$750,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-021) **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
8. Amending Resolution Number 2015-603, authorizing the County Manager to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the County of Union and that the signature constitutes acceptance of

- the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement. FY-2015-00026 Local Bridges, Future Needs for the Renovation of Husa Street Bridge over Peach Brook, City of Linden, County of Union, New Jersey, Structure number 2009-113 for an amount of \$700,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-019) **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
9. Amending Resolution Number 2015-603, authorizing the County Manager to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the County of Union and that the signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement. FY-2015-00028 Local Bridges, Future Needs for the Renovation of WR Tracy Drive (Route 645) over Surprise Lake, Mountainside, Structure Number 2010-037 for an amount of \$300,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-020) **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
 10. 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: Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management; Division of Engineering: Fai Gon Electric, Inc., of Piscataway, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Intersection Improvements at Chestnut Street and Crawford Terrace/Parkview Drive, Township of Union, County of Union, New Jersey, in the amount not to exceed \$358,582.30. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2012-017B) **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
 11. 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 Public Works & Facilities; Division of Facilities Management: Pennetta Industrial Automation, for the purpose of providing Electronic & Electro-Mechanical System Services, twenty-four (24) consecutive months with the provision of a twenty-four (24) month optional extension in the amount of \$64,775.00. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
 12. 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 Public Works & Facilities; Division of Facilities Management: Pennetta Industrial Automation, for the purpose of providing Correctional Facility Lock & Slider Monitoring and Control System Services at various locations throughout the County, twenty-four (24) consecutive months with the provision of a twenty-four (24) month optional extension in the amount of \$51,425. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
 13. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract for the Department of Public Works: Division of Facilities Management to the City of Elizabeth Parking Authority, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Jury Parking, as per state mandate, for a contract period of twelve (12) consecutive months from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$240,000.00. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

Chairman Jalloh asked is this the same rate as previous years and did we receive an increase in the requested amount for this service.

Director Graziano stated that last year the County paid \$225,000 for 125 parking spaces and this year the County is paying \$240,000 for the same number of spaces, noting that the \$15,000 difference is due to the rate change from \$6.00 to \$8.00 a space. He added that the year before the

County paid \$180,000, but noted that prior to that the rate had remained the same for several years. He added that while this contract provides for 125 parking spaces, that they allocate 200 spaces for the County's juror parking.

Chairman Jalloh made comments relative to the possibility of awarding a 24 month contract in an attempt to lock in a lower price.

Director Graziano stated the County is in line with parking prices throughout the County.

14. Resolution granting permission to Berkeley Heights for the hanging of a banner on Springfield and Plainfield Avenue from November 12, 2015 to December 7, 2015 for the Berkeley Heights Tree Lighting and Winter Walk. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
15. Resolution granting permission to the Borough of Kenilworth for the closing of the Boulevard from 14th Street to 24th Street on Sunday, May 22, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Spring Street Fair. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
16. Resolution granting the Borough of New Providence permission to close various roadways and for the hanging of banners for the following events for the 2015 Calendar Year: Monday, May 25, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the Annual Memorial Day Parade; Springfield Avenue from Central Avenue to Gales Drive; Friday, July 3, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for the "Downtown Fireworks Spectacular; South Street from Gales Drive to Springfield Avenue. Sunday, November 1, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Annual Street Fair: Springfield Avenue, from South Street to Gales Drive. The Borough is also requesting the approval for hanging of banners on South Street and Springfield Avenue for the following events: New Providence Business and Professional Association 5K Race; Bikers for Brooke; Summer Concert Series and Centennial Park Anniversary; Independence Day; Farmers Market; NP Alliance – Red Ribbon Week **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Bibi Taylor, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract through an RFP process to TD Merchant Services of Piscataway, to provide credit card/merchant services to the County of Union (County Clerk, County Surrogate, Tax Board and Parks and Recreation) for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 with an option to extend the contract for four (4) additional twelve (12) month extension options. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
2. Cancellation of the remaining balance in the Reserve for Peer Grouping accounts. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
3. Cancelling Capital Balances to Capital Surplus, Deferred Charges Unfunded and Accounts Receivable. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
4. Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for Environmental Quality Enforcement Fund and Waste Flow Enforcement Fund required by NJSA 40A: 4-39. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**

Freeholder Kowalski asked for an explanation of Agenda Item #4.

Director Taylor stated the "Dedication by Rider" Resolutions are resolutions where the estimate of revenues are not readily available, adding that in order to expend the funds the County has to request from the state establishing a trust fund for use. She added that those Resolutions are essentially completing our file with the State in order to maintain those trust accounts.

5. Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for Security/Escrow accounts required by NJSA 40A: 4-39. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
6. Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for the Division of Corrections Inmate Welfare Fund required by NJSA 40A: 4-39. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
7. Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for the Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund required by NJSA 40A: 4-39. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
8. Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for Prosecutors Police Academy required by NJSA 40A: 4-39. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
9. Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for Prosecutors Forensic required by NJSA 40A: 4-39. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
10. Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for Prosecutors Justice Department required by NJSA 40A: 4-39. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
11. Unexpended balances in the listed Grant Accounts are cancelled. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
12. Resolution modifying the 2015 Budget in the amount of \$124,006 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation for a program entitled: Gordon Street Bridge. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
13. Resolution modifying the 2015 Budget in the amount of \$41,480 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Child Passenger Safety Program. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
14. Resolution modifying the 2015 Budget in the amount of \$250,000 as a result of notification received from the US Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency for a program entitled: Energy Allocation Initiative Program. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
15. Resolution modifying the 2015 Budget in the amount of \$36,724 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation for a program entitled: Vauxhall Road Intersection Improvements. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
16. Resolution modifying the 2015 Budget in the amount of \$18,494 as a result of notification received from the Union County Department of Human Services for a program entitled: Intoxicated Drivers Resource Center - IDRC. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
17. Resolution modifying the 2015 Budget in the amount of \$90,000 as a result of notification received from the Visting Nurse Association of Central Jersey for a program entitled: Central New Jersey Care Transitions Program. (CNJCTP) **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICESFrank Guzzo, Director

There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to renew the contract with Unitronix Data Systems, Raritan, New Jersey, to provide services and maintenance for the Division of Social Services' software and hardware systems for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$88,702.12. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2015-817 to include an additional allocation in the amount of \$300,000 in Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) grant funding for the contract period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 to Transdev Services, Inc. for the continued provision of Paratransit services. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a lease agreement with the Gateway Family YMCA, Elizabeth Branch, to rent space for the Intoxicated Driver Resource Center (IDRC) education classes to be held at 1564 Irving Street, Rahway, New Jersey, at a rate of \$520 per day, for a minimum of 52 scheduled days during the period of January 5, 2016 through December 28, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$27,040. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. 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, 2016 through December 31, 2016; 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; County Match appropriation is required. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract in the amount of \$5000 for the contract period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 for Specialty Medical Consultants to provide care to Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital patients. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract in the amount of \$58,000.00 for the contract period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 to provide additional professional psychiatric/medical services to Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital patients. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Robert Restifo, D.O., Summit, New Jersey, to provide respiratory care services for Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital patients for the contract period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$2,000. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
8. Amending Resolution Number 2015-416 to extend the contract period on the 2016 Social Services for the Homeless (SSH) Spending Plan subcontract with Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Newark through February 29, 2016 to permit the expenditure of 2016 grant funds only with no change in allocation amount; further authorizing the transfer of funds

among the funded agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any fails to meet its contractual obligation. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

9. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with practitioners to provide professional medical services for the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital patients for the contract period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
10. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement to provide evening weekday beeper coverage on a rotating basis ensuring medical psychiatric evening coverage at \$30 per day for the patients of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$7,800. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
11. Authorizing the County Manager to approve the Countywide Code Blue Emergency Shelter Initiative for the Winter of 2015-2016 in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 to address the needs of the homeless during periods of extreme weather conditions. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
12. Amending Resolution 2014-939, the lease agreement in the amount of \$300,475 for the period of December 15, 2014 through December 31, 2015 and to change name on lease to Runnells BH Operating LLC. Adjust percentage of property taxes and common area costs, and lease payment through December 31, 2015 to 13.48% and add funds of \$300,475 to cover property taxes and lease payment thru 12/31/2015 and common area in a new amount of \$4,315,572.00. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
13. Authorizing the County Manager to award contracts to various agencies under the 2016 Alcohol/Drug Abuse Grant Spending Plan in the total amount not to exceed \$897,415 (State Grant: \$772,720/County Match: \$124,695) for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016; and further authorizing the County Manager to transfer funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies fail to meet its contractual obligation. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Ronald Zuber, Director

1. Approving the operational budget for golf course operational expenses for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in the amount of \$4,337,887. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Mirabella asked for further explanation for Agenda Item #1.

Director Sanchez, Director of Golf Operations, stated the budget for the operation of both golf courses is a \$4.3 million, with an increase of \$200,000 over last year's \$4.1 million operating budget. He stated that they anticipate approximately \$4.9 in revenues against the operation budget for this year, and advised that they project next year's revenues to be closer to \$5.0 million for both golf courses.

Chairman Jalloh asked what the difference in the projection in revenues are between this year and next year.

Director Sanchez advised that they anticipate approximately \$100,000 difference in revenue, noting that figure is very conservative. He stated that the increase is geared towards getting prepared for more staff for the State Open in July.

Freeholder Mirabella inquired if the County is realizing an increase in revenue, given the good weather during the summer months.

Director Sanchez stated that January, February and March offered significant harsh weather to the courses, where the County didn't have a lot of play and provided for a wet April and May. He advised that even with the harsh conditions, the courses had a very good summer and the County is ahead of budget projections.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to Rees Jones, Inc., of Montclair, New Jersey to provide design, construction administration and inspection services for the Improvements at Galloping Hill Learning Center, Borough of Kenilworth, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$41,847.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-023) **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to conduct the 2016 Deer Management Program for Union County, relative to the reduction of the white-tailed deer population within the Watchung Reservation, Nomahegan Park, Lenape Park, Summit portion of Passaic River Park, Ash Brook Reservation and the Hawk Rise Sanctuary, during the permit season of January 3, 2016 through February 14, 2016 in the manner prescribed by the Fish and Game Code of the State of New Jersey and the 2016 Deer Management Program for Union County Guidelines in an amount not to exceed \$5,000. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Mirabella asked for an update of the Deer Program, and how this year's plan is different from last year's plan.

Dan Bernier, Director of the Deer Management Program, stated the major different this year is the past two winter have been very severe (particularly at the time when the last two hunts were conducted) which had a great effect on the deer that was harvested; particular Lenape Park and the Ash brook Reservation both of which are low line swamps with a lot of snow and ice conditions which causes deer to just lay down for days and not move around. He advised that they are looking to put hunters in Nomahegan Park (specifically two hunters) to pick up that density in the Lenape area, and noted that Nomahegan Park becomes a place of refuge for the deer. He stated that they are finding that deer are using Oakridge Park as refuge for the Ashbrook Park hunt. He stated that overall they are looking to use 40 hunters, which is two more than last year (to be used at Nomahegan Park). He stated that all their numbers are based on spotlight counts conducted in April and May, which they run formulas for projected density for the hunt.

Freeholder Mirabella stated that he was glad to hear of the expansion to other areas. He commended Director Bernier for doing a terrific job, noting that the residents and streets are safer.

Chairman Jalloh inquired as to the overall population of deer in Union County parks system.

Director Bernier advised that there is no number for an overall population, but that they could advise of the various densities or the projected number of deer within specific park areas; stating, for example, that the Watchung Reservation population is approximately 150, where the preferred density is about 20 per square mile, noting that it equates to approximately 87 excess deer in the

Watchung Reservation. He made comments relative to the partnerships with Summit and Linden with the Deer Program.

Chairman Jalloh asked is there any place where there is not enough deer.

Director Bernier replied no.

Freeholder Estrada asked for an update of the bear in Summit.

Director Bernier stated he received a call from a resident who stated that he put his trash out and a half hour later he found a bear going through it. He stated that the County typically only hears about a bear in the Watchung Reservation area about once a year or every other year; usually a report that they pass through. He advised such reports typically come in late spring or early summer when the young male bears are being forced out of their family area and have to find some new property. He advised that in his opinion the Watchung Reservation does not have enough space for a bear, noting they often just check out the site and keep moving on.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$700,000.00 (\$250,000 from FEMA and \$450,000 from the State Subgrantee) for the purpose of acquiring two (2) Permanent Gas Generators to be permanently installed at the Union County Public Works facility, 2325 South Avenue, Scotch Plains and the Union County Police Academy, 1776 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, 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 from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. (No County Match) **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with ICL Performance Products LP, Wilmington, DE to provide a fire suppression course to 30 firefighters from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Region, through the 2015 UASI Grant, in an amount not to exceed \$119,500. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

Freeholder Mirabella asked, of the 30 firefighters, how many are from Union County, and inquired if the \$119,500 amount is the County portion of the training, referring to item #3.

Director Moran stated that the funding is from a UASI grant, and that there are no County dollars involved. He advised that of the 30 firefighter, ten from Union County; noting that Linden, Elizabeth, Rahway, Roselle and Union all participate in our Neptune Deployment System.

Freeholder Mirabella asked if their participation with the Neptune Deployment System is why they are participating in this particular training opportunity.

Director Moran confirmed that was the case.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGERAlfred J. Faella, County Manager

There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local 102-Primary Supervisors effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2017. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with PBA 73A--County Police Superior Officers effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Amending Resolution Number 2014-351 to extend the terms for members to the Advisory Board on the Disabled: Susan Spurr, Claire Schuster, Sean Dineen and Alfredo Gonzalez to expire on December 31, 2017, which would allow for an appropriate stagger. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
2. Appointing Charles Newman as a member to the Advisory Board on the Disabled for a term beginning January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018 and re-appointing Ina White and Edward Heaton for a term beginning January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
3. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Hugh Bisset, former member of the Union County Advisory Board on the Disabled, during their time of sorrow. **(Freeholder Hudak & the Entire Board)**
4. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Mary B. Bodek, mother of Linden City Clerk Joseph Bodek, during their time of sorrow. **(Freeholder Hudak & the Entire Board)**
5. Resolution expressing the Board's gratitude to the Congressional leaders in restoring funding to NJ Transit, whose cuts would have had an adverse effect on commuters in Union County, and further urges the continued funding in the final bill. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
6. 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 Caldwell Parsonage, 909 Caldwell Avenue, Union, NJ 07083, to assist in the replacement of a heating system in disrepair in an amount not to exceed \$1,800.00. (matching grant) **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
7. Laudatory resolution acknowledging the many years of dedicated public service of Councilman Richard Madden. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
8. Resolution authorizing funding of the Union County Advancing Community Theater "UCACT" Program in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 and further authorizing the County Manager to execute any and all agreements with community theater groups for the UCACT Program. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

9. 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. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
10. Laudatory resolution acknowledging the exemplary work and dedicated service of Union County Dispatcher Art Braunschweiger and congratulating him on receiving the Dispatcher of the Year Award by the New Jersey Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) and the New Jersey Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Council. **(Chairman Jalloh & the Entire Board)**
11. Laudatory resolution acknowledging the efforts of the Egenolf Early Childhood Center in Elizabeth, New Jersey, as they celebrate their 125th Anniversary. **(Chairman Jalloh & the Entire Board)**
12. Laudatory resolution acknowledging the many years of dedicated public service of Union Township Committeeman Anthony Terrezza. **(Chairman Jalloh & the Entire Board)**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To the extent known, the following item will be discussed in Executive Session:

- 1) Attorney-Client privileged communication and discussion relative to a potential settlement in the matter of Shiquon Fowler v. County of Union.

County Counsel Barry stated that pursuant to provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act a public body may enter into Executive Session to discuss certain enumerated subjects. He advised that, at this time, this Board wishes to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Attorney-Client privileged communications and discussions relative to potential settlement in the matter of Shiquon Fowler v. County of Union.

He advised that the minutes of the Executive Session shall be separated from the minutes of the Open Public Session and the minutes of the Executive Session, redacted as appropriate and necessary, shall be available in approximately 30 days. He advised the Clerk of the Board shall retain the original minutes until such time as the confidential limitations have been removed, at which time they shall be made available. He advised that upon the affirmative vote of the majority of the Board members present, the Board may retire into Executive Session. He advised that upon the Board's return, it will not take formal action on the matters discussed as a part of the Agenda Session.

Chairman Jalloh asked for a motion to enter Executive Session. 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 Christopher Hudak absent.

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

County Counsel Barry stated that as a result of Executive Session, he would have a resolution for the next Regular Meeting relative to a settlement in the matter of Shiquon Fowler v. County of Union in the amount of \$475,000.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Jalloh called for a motion to adjourn the Agenda Meeting. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak absent. Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

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

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

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.

*Meeting postponed due to inclement weather.



 James E. Pelletiere, RMC
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