



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bruce Bergen presided and called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

ROLL CALL

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

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

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

Chairman Bergen called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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.

779-2016 AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE UNION COUNTY OPEN SPACE, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND, AS AUTHORIZED BY THE VOTERS OF UNION COUNTY ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance Number 779-2016 only.

There were no comments from the public.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Open Space Recreation & Historic Preservation Trust Fund Chair will move Ordinance Number 779-2016 for Final Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski, Open Space Recreation & Historic Preservation Trust Fund Chair, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, Ordinance Number 779-2016 was moved for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. Roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

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

Clerk of the Board Pelletiere read the Ordinance by title.

780-2016 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND "THE LAWS OF UNION COUNTY: ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION" BY AMENDING CHAPTER 107, PARKS AND RECREATION, ARTICLE IV FEES FOR RECREATION FACILITIES; AMENDING CHAPTER 26, BENEFITS, ARTICLE V, RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS PACKAGE; AND, AMENDING CHAPTER 49. FEES, ARTICLE VI, RETURNED CHECK FEES.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance Number 780-2016 only.

John Bury, of Kenilworth, stated that he believed there were 434 employees who collectively received \$1.5 million in 2016 through the buyout package, and inquired as to how many retirees are affected by this change; and questioned how those retirees would receive insurance. He inquired if the County is moving to the State insurance.

Chairman Bergen stated this resolution has nothing to do with the County's insurance to the State Health Plan.

County Manager stated the retirees would have the opportunity to opt into the plan. He added that the Fiscal committee had considered this issue over the past few

months and stated that the amount projected to be affordable, noting that he did not have the number of projected retirees on hand. He offered that Director Yuska would make those numbers available.

(Later in the meeting, during Freeholder Comments, County Manager Faella advised that there are 47 retirees eligible for the Health Care Plan.)

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Vice Chairman Sergio Granados, Policy & Administrative Code Chair will move Ordinance Number 780-2016 for Final Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Sergio Granados, Policy & Administrative Code Chair, and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, Ordinance Number 780-2016 was moved for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. Roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Clerk of the Board Pelletiere 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.

FIRST READING STATEMENT

Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, will move Ordinance Number 781-2016 for First Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The Final Reading and Hearing is scheduled for December 22, 2016.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

There were no comments from the public.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2016-948 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-996 adopted on December 3, 2015; BA#58-2014 (Resolution Number 2014-1074, 12/18/14), a contract awarded through the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq., to Fai-Gon Electric, Inc., of Piscataway, New Jersey approving Change Order Number 2 (final) for the Intersection Improvements at Vauxhall Road (CR630) and Pine Avenue/Barbara Avenue, Vauxhall Road (CR630) and Caldwell Avenue/Glenn Avenue, Township of Union, County of Union, New Jersey for an additional amount not to exceed \$3,414.04 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$396,617.71. This project is funded by the New Jersey Department of Transportation, Federal Project Number HSP-7549 (103). (Union County Engineering Project Number 2012-017A)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-949 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Amending Resolution Number 2011-988 adopted on November 10, 2011, a Professional Engineering Service Contract with Maser Consulting, PA, of Red Bank, New Jersey to provide additional engineering design services and construction administration for the Three Replacement Minor Bridge Project, PL-75, SC-6, SP-39 for an additional amount not to exceed \$149,400.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$442,980.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-006)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-950 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Neglia Engineering Associates, of Clark, New Jersey to provide Engineering Design, Construction and Inspection Services for the Replacement of Passaic Avenue Bridge, Superstructure Ne60, Borough of New Providence, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$297,344.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-003)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-951 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: Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering: Lucas Construction Group, Inc., of Red Bank, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Rehabilitation of the Central Avenue Minor Bridge (Structure No. We69) Town of Westfield, County of Union, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$223,900.00. (BA#50-2016; UC Engineering Project #2013-026).

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-952 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** 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, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$240,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-953 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Laws, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, for the purpose of supplying snow plow, salt spreader equipment parts & accessories for a period of 24 consecutive months in the amount of \$231,950 to the following vendors: Bristol Donald Co., Inc., Newark, New Jersey: Lot 1-Viking Cives, Lot 2-Western, Lot 5-Warren, and Lot 8-Swenson; Cliffside Body, Fairview, New Jersey: Lot 3-Meyers; and Tony Sanchez, LTD, Ledgewood, New Jersey: Lot 6-Bonnell, and Lot 7-Gledhill.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-954 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Laws, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management: for the purpose of supplying snow plow, salt spreader equipment parts and accessories for period of 24 consecutive months in the amount of \$72,000 to the following vendor: Henderson Products, Inc., Flanders, New Jersey: Lot-4 Henderson.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-955 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution 2016-648 to reflect changes to account numbers and allocations as specified on the FY2015 SuperNOFA Continuum of Care (CoC) Spending Plan, with no change in total amount of spending plan.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-956 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the Countywide Code Blue Emergency Shelter Initiative for the winter months of 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to address the needs of the homeless during periods of extreme weather conditions.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-957 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with pre-qualified list of practitioners to provide professional medical services for the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital patients for the contract period of 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 Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-958 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a 2016-2017 subcontract to Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services, as lead agency to the Union County Housing First Consortium, for the six month budget period of December 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017 in the new total award amount not to exceed \$75,000 to provide support services funds to the Consortium in conjunction with the recently awarded NJ Department of Community Affairs 2016 Housing First Initiative for 35 State Rental Assistance Program (SRAP) vouchers.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-959 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to extend a contract pursuant to a RFP for Retirement Planning Services to Economic Planning Group, Edison, New Jersey, for the contract period October 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 at no cost to the County.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-960 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to adjust and/or change the Internal Position Control Schedules.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-961 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Amending resolution number 2016-912, a resolution sponsoring the United Youth of New Jersey - Play: Black Wall Street; A True Reflection of the Sun People in the amount of \$4,000, to allow for a change of scope. Funding amount remains at \$4,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak abstaining.

- 2016-962 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Inroads to Opportunities, Roselle, New Jersey, for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 for reimbursement to the County of Union in the amount of \$6.00 per one way trip for the provision of transportation services through the Union County Paratransit System for partial care clients

attending their programs based upon pre-scheduled trips provided by the County on Mondays through Fridays.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-963 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew a revenue agreement with Gateway Family YMCA, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 for reimbursement in the amount of \$5,500 per month to the County of Union for the provision of Transportation Service through the Union County Paratransit System for clients of the WISE Adult Day Care Program, based upon scheduled trips provided by the County on Mondays through Fridays; additionally, Gateway Family YMCA will provide one personal assistance aide on each vehicle to assist with passenger safety.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bergen abstaining.

- 2016-964 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Authorizing the County Manager to endorse the Union County 2016-2019 Comprehensive Alcohol and Drug Abuse Plan as required; and to apply for and accept grant funding from New Jersey Department of Human Services (NJ DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), in the amount of \$909,809 with a County Match requirement of \$120,036 in Contract Year (CY) 2017 Alcoholism/Drug Abuse (A/DA) Grant funding for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-965 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Authorizing the County Manager to award contracts to various agencies under the 2017 Alcohol/Drug Abuse Grant Spending Plan in the total amount not to exceed \$875,178 (State Grant: \$755,142/County Match: \$120,036) for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017; and further authorizing the transfer of 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-966 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to conduct the 2017 Deer Management Program for Union County, relative to the reduction of the white-tailed deer population within the Watchung Reservation, Nomehegan Park, Lenape Park, Summit portion of Passaic River Park, Ash Brook Reservation, the Hawk Rise Sanctuary and Plainfield (To Be Determined), during the permit season of January 7, 2017 through February 11, 2017 in the manner prescribed by the Fish and Game Code of the State of New Jersey and the 2017 Deer Management Program for Union County Guidelines in an amount not to exceed \$5,370.70. The County Manager is authorized to restrict areas when conditions necessitate.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-967 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Approving the 2017 Union County Clerk Five Year Plan.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-968 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with IBM, Piscataway, New Jersey for the purpose of providing hardware and software maintenance for the Union County Clerk's imaging and web servers in both the Elizabeth and Westfield locations for the January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 contract period in an amount not to exceed \$40,736.95.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-969 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Wisolmerski Associates, Inc., Boca Raton, 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, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$41,350.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-970 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** 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 \$35,000 for the 2017 elections.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-971 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution 2015-974, a contract with Full Service Mailers, Hackensack, New Jersey to increase the contract in the amount of \$23,132 for the 2017 election cycle to account for an overwhelming increase in voter registration in 2016 and an anticipated increase in 2017 for a new contract amount of \$173,517.96 for the Contract Term February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-972 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Intersection, Secaucus, New Jersey for the purpose of providing design and advertising space for the Union County Votes App at NJ Transit train stations in advance of the 2017 Gubernatorial Campaign in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-973 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to purchase computer servers from Spincube Inc., Jersey City, New Jersey by utilizing the pricing of NJ State Contract #40121 in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-974 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** 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 \$13,819 for the period of January 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-975 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution 2016-767, a resolution authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Police Training Commission, for the 2016 Law Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment Grant, to reflect a change in the grant period from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 to July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-976 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the award of a contract using NJ state contract #88230, vendor Hertrich Fleet, Milford, DE, to furnish and deliver three (3) 15 passenger vans to donate to municipalities and to transport visitors to UC Trailside in the amount of \$85,897.50 and one (1) 12 passenger van for a municipality using state contract #88229, vendor Mall Chevrolet, Cherry Hill, NJ in the amount of \$26,143.50.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-977 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract pursuant to competitive contracting law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 with GDC Correctional Services, I.L.C, Watchung, New Jersey to provide food services for the Union County Jail for a two (2) year period beginning January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018 with the option for three one (1) year extensions in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 and \$1,200,000.00 January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-978** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution 2016-725, to increase the appropriation to Bauch, Zucker, Hatfield, LLC of Springfield, NJ in the matter entitled Stephen Repella v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$30,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-979** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution 2016-777, to increase the appropriation to Bauch, Zucker, Hatfield, LLC of Springfield, NJ in the matter entitled Kevin Buckley/Ryan Wilson v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$80,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-980** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract obtained through a competitive contracting process in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-4.1 et seq: Office of the Clerk of the Board: Cityside Archives for the purposes of providing records storage and management services of the County's official documents for a period of sixty (60) months commencing January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2021, in the total amount not to exceed \$356,522.85.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2016-981** **FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Laurretta (Solewin) Roberts during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-982** **FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution congratulating Lucy Monahan, of Cranford, as she celebrates her 100th birthday.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-983** **FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Mary Frances Gavey upon her passing.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-984** **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN, FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA, FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution congratulating Kyle Z. Dziedzic, of Linden, and William T. Zagorski, of

New Providence, as they are honored for achieving Scouting's highest rank, the Eagle Scout Award.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-985 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating and commending the Jewish Federation of Greater Metrowest, NJ on their Big Give Fundraiser event on December 4, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-986 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Congratulating the award recipients of the Jewish Family Services of Central New Jersey at their annual gala on December 8, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

There were no comments from the public.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Wright made comments relative to her attending a awards and promotions ceremony for the Union County Department of Corrections. She advised that seven officers received awards for outstanding service and twenty-two officers were promoted.

Freeholder Kowalski made comments relative to the Union County Homeless Trust Fund, noting that the services are made possible through a collection of \$3.00 fee ascribed to each document processed by the County Clerk's office. She stated that since the establishment of the Trust Fund in 2010, the Fund has generated over \$900,000 to be used for prevention services, rental assistance, supportive services and permanent affordable housing for the homelessness.

Freeholder Carter made comments relative to the 4th Annual UC-STEP program, noting that she would be joining a number of her colleagues on the Board at the annual summit held on Friday. She stated that this year almost 200 students from 21 schools will be participating. She stated that this year's theme will be "Ending Childhood Hunger", in partnership with the Community FoodBank of New Jersey. She thanked the Board for their continued support of this program.

Freeholder Estrada made comments relative to the death of Cuban dictator Fidel Castro, and the nation's reaction to his death. As a Cuban-American who proudly holds a dual citizenship, he spoke to his personal feelings towards his death. He stated that Cuba is a

beautiful country and the Cuban people are a proud people. He stated that he prays for change within the Cuban government.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to the annual Christmas Carol Sing –a-long around the Rotunda Christmas to be held on December 23rd. He thanked Mr. and Mrs. Victor Fuzo for donating this year's Christmas Tree, and invited the public to join in the festivities.

County Manager Faella, in response to the speaker's question during the Public Comment portion relative to Ordinance 786-2016, advised that there are 47 retirees eligible for the Health Care Plan.

Chairman Bergen made comments relative to the 75th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Chairman Bergen provided an update relative to the Union County App, one of the 2016 Initiatives of his chairmanship, advising that it would launch next week. He added that it will be available to be downloaded to mobile and tablet users, allowing individuals to connect quickly and easily with information about County government. He noted that Union County was one of the first in New Jersey to launch a Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bergen called for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, a voice vote showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative. Meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm.

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

AGENDA SETTING SESSION

January 14, 2016

February 4, 2016

February 18, 2016

March 3, 2016

March 17, 2016

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May 5, 2016

May 26, 2016*

June 2, 2016

June 16, 2016

July 14, 2016

August 11, 2016

September 8, 2016

September 22, 2016

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November 10, 2016

December 1, 2016

December 15, 2016

REGULAR MEETINGS

January 21, 2016

February 11, 2016

February 18, 2016

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September 29, 2016

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October 20, 2016

November 22, 2016 (Tuesday)

December 8, 2016

December 22, 2016

James E. Pelletiere
Clerk of the Board
Union County Board
of Chosen Freeholders

* 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.