



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2016
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bruce H. Bergen called the meeting to order at 7:42 PM.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Bruce H. Bergen	Chairman	Present	
Angel G. Estrada	Freeholder	Present	
Sergio Granados	Vice Chairman	Absent	
Christopher Hudak	Freeholder	Late	7:43 AM
Bette Jane Kowalski	Freeholder	Present	
Alexander Mirabella	Freeholder	Present	
Vernell Wright	Freeholder	Present	
Linda Carter	Freeholder	Present	
Mohamed S. Jalloh	Freeholder	Present	

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

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Thursday, December 3, 2015 - Agenda Setting Session

RESULT: ADOPTED [7 TO 0]; MOVER: Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSTAIN:** Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

Motion to Thursday, December 3, 2015 - Regular Meeting

RESULT: ADOPTED [7 TO 0]; MOVER: Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSTAIN:** Freeholder Hudak; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

Motion to Thursday, December 10, 2015 - Agenda Setting Session

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

Motion to Thursday, December 17, 2015 - Regular Meeting

RESULT: ADOPTED [7 TO 0]; MOVER: Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter; **ABSTAIN:** Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

The title of the Ordinance was read by the Clerk of the Board.
Public Comment Portion

The meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance Number 771-2016 only.

A stenographer was present. The transcript is attached.

Bruce Paterson of Garwood and John Bury of Kenilworth had questions. Executive Director of the Union County Utilities Authority Daniel Sullivan responded and the UCUA's counsel from the Decotiis, Fitzpatrick Law firm also gave an explanation of Ordinance 772-2016.

Final Reading Statement

Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Solid Waste Advisory Board liaison, moved Ordinance Number 771-2016 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

771-2016 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE UNION COUNTY DISTRICT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN TO MODIFY THE UNION COUNTY DISTRICT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN BY MODIFYING THE FACILITY LEASE AGREEMENT AND WASTE DISPOSAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNION COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY (UCUA) AND COVANTA UNION, LLC (COVANTA) BY EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE FACILITY LEASE AGREEMENT FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-TWO (22) YEARS FROM DECEMBER 15, 2031 TO DECEMBER 15, 2053, RESULTING IN SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS TO THE UCUA THROUGH THE ELIMINATION OF THE WASTE DELIVERY OBLIGATION FOR 100,000 TONS ANNUALLY FROM GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTY OF UNION.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Solid Waste Management Act, N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq., the County of Union is designated as a Solid Waste Management District and by law did develop and prepare a District Solid Waste Management Plan ("County Plan") that was adopted by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders on June 7, 1979, pursuant to and in accordance with the Solid Waste Management Act, N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the County Plan was approved, with modifications, by the Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP") on August 13, 1980, and has since been amended and modified from time to time; and

WHEREAS, on December 11, 1986, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders designated the Union County Utilities Authority (“UCUA”) as the agency responsible for the implementation of the County Plan, as amended from time to time, and the UCUA is empowered to plan, acquire, construct, maintain and operate facilities for the processing, disposal and/or recycling of solid waste generated in the County; and

WHEREAS, the UCUA has formulated a Plan Amendment, and recommends that this Board set a public hearing for the purpose of taking public testimony on the proposed plan amendment, and review and enact said amendment that is now on file with the Clerk of this Board and available for public inspection and is made a part hereof by reference; and

WHEREAS, the subject amendment is summarized as follows:

This Plan Amendment is prepared as a result of a determination by the UCUA to:

- 1) **TO INCORPORATE MODIFICATIONS TO THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THE FACILITY LEASE AGREEMENT AND THE AMENDED AND RESTATED WASTE DISPOSAL AGREEMENT WITH COVANTA UNION, LLC. FOR THE OPERATION OF THE UNION COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY TO EXTEND THE LEASE TERM AND REDUCE THE AUTHORITY’S WASTE DELIVERY OBLIGATIONS.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Solid Waste Management Act, the County’s Solid Waste Advisory Committee (“SWAC”) must be consulted with respect to amendment to the County Plan; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 90-2016, duly adopted February 3, 2016, the UCUA approved the Plan Amendment and recommended that the Plan Amendment be approved by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County, after public hearing in accordance with the Solid Waste Management Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Solid Waste Management Act, the Plan Amendment was presented to SWAC:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, that:

1. The aforesaid recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The Plan Amendment, as prepared and recommended by the Union County Utilities Authority, is hereby adopted as an Amendment to the Union County District Solid Waste Management Plan.
3. Any provision of the County Plan that is inconsistent with the Plan Amendment is hereby repealed to the extent of said inconsistency and the provisions of the Plan Amendment shall be fully effective and shall control.
4. A certified copy of this Ordinance, as finally adopted, together with the Plan

Amendment, shall be forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the County Clerk of the County of Union, and the Union County Utilities Authority.

5. The Clerk of this Board shall publish and disseminate notice of this Ordinance as provided by law.
6. The aforesaid Plan Amendment and a copy of the transcript of the public hearing to be held at such time as may be scheduled by said Board of Chosen Freeholders, and the necessary deliberations shall be submitted to the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.
7. This Ordinance shall take effect in the manner prescribed by law.

RESULT: ADOPTED [6 TO 2]; MOVER: Christopher Hudak, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Jalloh; **NAYS:** Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Carter; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

The title of the Ordinance was read by the Clerk of the Board.
First Reading Statement

Freeholder Linda Carter, Policy Subcommittee Member, moved Ordinance Number 772-2016 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The Final Reading and Public Hearing are scheduled for March 10, 2016.

772-2016 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND "THE LAWS OF UNION COUNTY: ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION" BY AMENDING PART 1, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE XIV, DEPARTMENTS; DIVISIONS; BUREAUS; ARTICLE XVI, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; ARTICLE XVII-ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES; ARTICLE XVIII, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION; CHAPTER 44, DEPARTMENT HEAD QUALIFICATIONS; CHAPTER 138, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC; DELETING CHAPTER 64, HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND ADDING CHAPTER 140, CONTRACTED OFF-DUTY EMPLOYMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; AND, ADOPTING THE 2016 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, FEES FOR RECREATION FACILITIES.

PART

I

ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

ARTICLE XIV, Departments; Divisions; Bureaus

[Amended 6-20-2002 by Ord. No. 553; Amended 12-20-2007 by Ord. No. 664; Amended 12-19-2013 by Ord. 2013-755]

§ 1-71. Departments enumerated.

[Amended 7-7-1988 by Ord. No. 299; 7-18-1991 by Ord. No. 337; 6-20-02 by Ord. No. 553; 3-10-2005 by Ord. No. 611; 12-20-2007 by Ord. No. 664; 12-19-2013 by Ord. 2013-755]

The following are hereby established as the departments of the government of the County of

Union:

- A. Administrative Services.
- B. Finance.
- C. Human Services.
- D. Public Safety.
- E. Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management.
- F. Parks and Recreation.
- G. Correctional Services.
- H. Economic Development.

ARTICLE XVI, Department of Human Services

[Amended 7-18-1991 by Ord. No. 337; 6-20-2002 by Ord. No. 553; 4-10-2003 by Ord. No. 569; 9-14-2006 by Ord. No. 636; 4-30-2015 by Ord. 2015-764]

§ 1-90. General purpose; departmental organization.

- . There shall be a Department of Human Services for the purpose of promoting the coordination, integration, maximization and development of human services and providing for the planning, monitoring and administration of select human services. Such resources and services shall include, but not be limited to, those mandated by federal and state law and rules and regulations appertaining thereto. The Director of Human Services shall be the head of the Department and shall be responsible to the County Manager for its operation. The office staff of the Director shall include, but not be limited to, the Office of Paratransit, the George W. Herlich Juvenile Detention Center, the Office of Employment Services and Training, the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County and the Union County Office on Women.
- . George W. Herlich Juvenile Detention Center. The Superintendent of the Juvenile Detention Center shall be the head of this facility and shall be responsible to the Director of Human Services for its operation. Under the direction of the Superintendent, the Juvenile Detention Center's functions and responsibilities shall include:
 - (1) Providing for the temporary care (detention), in a physically restricting facility, of juveniles awaiting court disposition, in accordance with state law and rules and regulations appertaining thereto.
- . Under the direction and supervision of the Director of Human Services, the Office of Employment Services and Training's functions and responsibilities shall include:
 - () Providing job training and employment opportunities for economically disadvantaged, unemployed and underemployed persons and assuring that training and other services lead to maximum employment opportunities and enhanced self-sufficiency pursuant to authorizing federal legislation and rules and regulations appertaining thereto.
 - () Collecting, compiling and analyzing statistical data relating to programmatic activity of the Division.
 - () Preparing all mandated statistical programmatic reports.
 - () Disseminating programmatic reports to appropriate agencies and officials.
 - () Recruiting eligible participants to ensure compliance with authorizing federal legislation.
 - () Initial screening and intake of individuals eligible for participating in the program.
 - () Counseling of program participants for development of prospective employability plans, development of said plans and monitoring of program participants' progress in meeting said plans.
 - () Developing jobs, including location and negotiation of employment positions for

- program participants.
- () On-the-job training (OJT) including development and negotiation of OJT contracts.
 - () Directing placement of program participants in employment positions.
 - () Educating and training of program participants to facilitate their employability and eventual unsubsidized employment.
 - () Performing such other duties as may be required by the Director of Human Services.
- D. Assistant Director. The Assistant Director of the Department of Human Services shall:
- () Under the direction and supervision of the Director of Human Services, assist in the orderly and efficient administration of the Department of Human Services, performing whatever supervisory or administrative duties the Director of the Department of Human Services deems necessary and proper.
 - () Assure that all contract procurement and contract monitoring conforms to state and federal requirements.
 - () Serve as the Acting Director of the Department of Human Services during the temporary absence or disability of the Director of the Department of Human Services.
- E. Under the direction and supervision of the Assistant Director of Human Services, the Bureau of Veteran's Affairs' functions shall include:
- (1) Providing information and advocacy for veterans and their families.
 - (2) Coordinating flag placement on all veterans' graves.
- F. The Department of Human Services shall consist of the following divisions:
- (1) The Division of Aging.
 - (2) The Division of Youth Services.
 - (3) The Division of Planning.
 - (4) The Division of Social Services.
 - (5) The Division of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital.
- G. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Department of Human Services, the Union County Office on Women functions and responsibilities shall include:
- (1) Providing information to women in need of access to government services and resources.
 - (2) Shall serve as a referral source, an advocate and to coordinate programming such as "UC Women Means Business", the Rape Crisis Center and the UC Commission on the Status of Women.

ARTICLE XVII, Department of Administrative Services

[Added 7-18-1991 by Ord. No. 337, Amended 12-19-2013 by Ord. 2013-755]

§ 1-98. General purpose; departmental organization.

[Amended 12-11-1997 by Ord. No. 458; 6-20-2002 by Ord. No. 553; 3-10-2005 by Ord. No. 611; Amended 12-19-2013 by Ord. 2013-755]

There shall be a Department of Administrative Services for the purpose of conducting personnel management and labor relations, purchasing, coordinating and monitoring the administration of all County insurance programs, motor vehicle fleet management, mailroom & messenger services and telecommunication services. The Director of Administrative Services shall be the head of the Department and shall be responsible to the County Manager for its operation. There may be a Deputy Director of the Department of Administrative Services who shall under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Department of Administrative Services assist in the orderly and efficient administration of the Department, performing whatever supervisory or administrative duties the Director deems necessary and proper.

The Department of Administrative Services shall include the following:

- (1) The Division of Personnel Management and Labor Relations.

- (2) The Division of Purchasing.
- (3) The Division of Motor Vehicles and Telecommunications.
- (4) The Bureau of Asset Management and Labor Compliance.

§ 1-99.4. Bureau of Asset Management and Labor Compliance

[Added 12-19-2013 by Ord. 2013-755]

- A. There shall be under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Department of Administrative Services, the Bureau of Asset Management and Labor Compliance. The functions of the Bureau of Asset Management and Labor Compliance shall be:
- (1) To document the requirements and responsibilities necessary for the effective management of assets required to support departmental objectives within Union County Government.
 - (2) To inventory County assets which will be subject to its jurisdiction; maintain a central data base wherein assets will be inventoried; provide a mechanism for identification of assets and their location within the County and account for all additions and subtractions to County assets to prevent the loss of County assets.
 - (3) To ensure that the County vendor's comply with all applicable Federal, State and Local Government labor standards and requirements.
 - (4) To administer and manage the equipment maintenance service contract(s).
- B. Bureau head. The Bureau Chief of Asset Management and Labor Compliance shall be the head of the Bureau and shall be responsible to the Director of the Department of Administrative Services for its operation.

ARTICLE XVIII, Department of Parks and Recreation

[Adopted 6-26-1997 by Ord. No. 452; Amended 12-20-2007 by Ord. No. 664; Amended 12-15-2011 by Ord. 726-2011; Amended 10-11-2012 by Ord. 2012-7421; Amended 12-19-2013 by Ord. 2013-755]

§ 1-100. Department established; purpose; organization.

[Amended 6-20-2002 by Ord. No. 553; 9-14-2006 by Ord. No. 636; 12-20-2007 by Ord. No. 664; 6-25-09 by Ord. No. 686; Amended 6-10-2010 by Ord. 704-2010; Amended 8-19-2010 by Ord. 709-2010; Amended 12-15-2011 by Ord. 726-2011; Amended 12-19-2013 by Ord. 755]

- A. General Purpose; Departmental Organization. There shall be a Department Parks and Recreation for the purpose of the development of recreational programs and the development and maintaining of public parks, playgrounds, recreational places and facilities, the Watchung Reservation and open space within the County of Union. The Director shall be fully responsible for the Department's operation.
- B. There may be a Deputy Director who shall be responsible to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation.
- C. The Department shall have an Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.
The Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs functions and responsibilities shall include:
- (1) Create, support and encourage programs promoting public interest and participation in local arts, history and culture.
 - (2) Maintain an annual preservation awards program commending noteworthy historic preservation.
 - (3) Educate the public on local, state and municipal efforts to preserve historical sites.
 - (4) Maintain an historic inventory as a resource for federal and state agencies and local planners.

Chapter 44, DEPARTMENT HEAD QUALIFICATIONS

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union 8-26-1976 as Res. No. 472-76. Title amended 4-10-2003 by Ord No. 569. Other amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 44-1. Enumeration of qualifications.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union hereby sets forth below the qualifications for persons to be appointed as department heads in the County of Union:

- . *County Counsel.* The County Counsel shall be an attorney admitted to practice law in the State of New Jersey and shall have at least five years' experience in the practice of law in New Jersey.
- . *Administrative Services.* The Director of the Department of Administrative Services shall have attained a degree from an accredited college institution in the field of personnel or public administration or a law degree or, in lieu thereof, shall have at least five years of responsible professional supervisory experience
- . *Economic Development.* The Director of the Department of Economic Development shall have attained an educational equivalent of a bachelor's degree in economics, business, urban or regional planning, or a related field from an accredited college institution and shall be able to organize, develop, coordinate and administer the economic development and planning objectives and activities of the County. [Amended 9-9-1976 by Res. No. 534-76; 4-10-2003 by Ord. No. 569]
- . *Correctional Services.* The Director of the Department of Correctional Services shall have proven background in adult corrections with at least seven (7) years progressively responsible leadership, with at least four (4) of those years in a managerial or supervisory capacity. The Director of Correctional Services shall have attained a college or university degree in the areas of Criminal Justice, Social Science, Public or Business Administration or related areas from a recognized and accredited institution, or an equivalent combination of education and experience may be substituted.
- . *Human Services.* The Director of the Division of Human Services shall have attained a bachelor's degree from an accredited college institution in the field of psychology, sociology, social work, public administration or in any other field related to the administration of social service programs or shall have at least five years of commensurate experience in a supervisory capacity in related fields. [Amended 4-10-2003 by Ord. No. 569]
- . *Finance.* The Director of the Department of Finance shall have attained a college degree from a recognized and accredited college institution and shall have at least five years' experience in which supervision of fiscal affairs shall have been his major responsibility and shall possess a Certified County Finance Officer' License. He shall likewise possess a working knowledge and understanding of modern accounting and auditing plans and the law relating to the budgetary process of government.
- . *Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management.* The Director of the Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management shall have attained a college degree from a recognized and accredited institution, or shall have had five years' management experience in this area, and shall have at least five years' supervisory experience in the function and operations of public works or be a registered professional engineer with at least three years' experience in such fields. [Amended 11-29-1984 by Res. No. 743-84; 4-10-2003 by Ord. No. 569]
- . *Public Safety.* The Director of the Department of Public Safety shall have a college degree from a recognized accredited institution or, in lieu thereof, have at least five years' proven demonstrable ability in security, public safety, public works or building security, security

systems or commensurate training and experience.

Parks and Recreation. The Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation shall have attained a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in the field of public administration, recreational management or any other field related to the management of public park and recreation systems, and shall have at least five years of commensurate experience in a supervisory capacity. The Director shall have a thorough working knowledge and understanding of public park and recreational systems, supported by understanding of and training or education in related fields of business management, modern business practices and enterprise management. [Amended 6-24-1982 by Res. No. 349-82; 2-24-2000 by Ord. No. 511; amended 3-10-2005 by Ord. No. 611].

Chapter 64, (RESERVED)

Chapter 138, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

§ 138-7. Reserved parking.

[Amended 12-10-1992 by Ord. No. 371; amended 1-28-2009 by Ord. No 681-2009]

The locations as provided for in Schedule V (§ 138-35) are hereby designated as reserved parking spaces. Reserved parking spaces as may be established by the Department of Public Safety shall be used only by persons who have been issued special vehicle identification cards. No other person shall be permitted to park in these spaces as shown on the sketches attached to and made a part of this chapter.

Unauthorized parking; restricted access.

B1. The practice of persons parking in spaces under the Union County Administration Building produces the potential for a most serious safety hazard in the event of a fire or accident in this area. This location is hereby designated as an area which may be used only by persons who have been issued special vehicle identification cards issued by the Department of Public Safety and/or Clerk of the Board. No other persons are authorized to utilize such area. Any person who shall violate the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine not to exceed \$100 for each and every offense. [Added 6-25-1998 by Ord. No. 474]

ARTICLE XIV, Schedules

§ 138-35. Reserved

[Amended 12-10-1992 by Ord. No. 371]

§ 138-36. Schedule VI: Vehicle Weight Limits.

In accordance with the provisions of § 138-8, trucks over four tons' gross weight are hereby excluded from all streets in the Union County park system except for the pickup and delivery of materials as excepted:

Location

ASH BROOK GOLF COURSE

All streets

ASH BROOK RESERVATION

All streets

BRIANT PARK

All streets

BLACK BROOK PARK

All streets

CEDAR BROOK PARK

All streets

ECHO LAKE PARK

All streets

ELIZABETH RIVER PARKWAY

All streets

GALLOPING HILL GOLF COURSE

All streets

GREEN BROOK PARK

All streets

HIDDEN VALLEY PARK

All streets

MATTANO PARK

All streets

NOMAHEGAN PARK

All streets

OAK RIDGE GOLF COURSE

All streets

PASSAIC RIVER PARKWAY

All streets

RAHWAY PARK

All streets

RAHWAY RIVER PARKWAY

All streets

UNAMI PARK

All streets

WARINANCO PARK [Added 12-21-1982 by Ord. No. 176]

All streets

WATCHUNG RESERVATION*Cataract Hollow Road: entire length**Sky Top Drive: entire length**Wood Road: between Valley Road (Berkely Heights) and Glenside Avenue (Scotch Plains)*WHEELER PARK

All streets

CHAPTER 140, CONTRACTED OFF-DUTY EMPLOYMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

[Adopted 3-10-2016 by Ord. No.]

§ 140 OFF-DUTY WORK BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

The County of Union ("County") establishes the following policy and procedures relating to the performance of services by off-duty law enforcement officers at events held on County Property.

A. General Provisions

1. Officers shall be permitted to perform police-related services for private entities or persons ("applicants") at events held on County property during off-duty hours and at such times that such services will not interfere with the efficient performance of regularly scheduled or emergency duties for the County.
2. All services performed by off-duty officers serving in the Union County Police, the Union County Sheriff's Office, or the Union County Department of Corrections shall be in his/her official capacity as an employee of the County and shall be subject to the control and supervision of the Director of Public Safety, the Union County Sheriff, or the Director of Correctional Services, or their designees, as applicable.
3. Officers performing off-duty police-related services shall be in full uniform unless otherwise approved by the Director of Public Safety, the Union County Sheriff, or the Director of Correctional Services, or their designees, as applicable.
4. The Director of Public Safety, the Union County Sheriff, or the Director of Correctional Services, or their designees, may preclude any officer in his or her charge from working any such off-duty assignment. The Director of Public Safety, the Union County Sheriff, or the Director of Correctional Services, or their designees, shall also have the right to order any off-duty assignment to be terminated.

B. Costs and Fees

1. To assure the timely payment of wages to officers who perform off-duty services, the Director of the Department of Finance shall establish a trust fund known as the "Jobs in Blue Employment Trust Account," which trust fund shall be dedicated for the receipt of costs and fees collected from applicants. The Jobs in Blue Employment Trust Account ("Trust Account") shall be administered by the Department of Finance.
2. Applicants shall estimate the number of hours of service required, which estimate must be approved or disapproved in writing by the Director of Public Safety, the Union County Sheriff, or the Director of Correctional Services, or their designees. A copy of said approval or disapproval shall be forwarded to the Director of the Department of Finance. If services are approved, the applicant shall forward payment to the Department of Finance for the total estimated hours of service prior to the commencement of any work. The Director of the Department of Finance shall deposit said payment into the Trust Account. Any unused portion of the deposit shall be returned or credited. Any amounts owed for services in excess of the estimate shall be paid within 48 hours of the event.
3. No officer shall provide any services for more hours than are estimated without the prior approval of the Director of Public Safety, the Union County Sheriff, or the Director of Correctional Services, or their designees, as applicable.
4. Services shall be performed, and officers shall be paid, at a rate of \$55 per hour. Payment shall be made through the County's payroll process in accordance with its regular practices. No officer shall be paid directly by any applicant.
5. The County shall charge an additional 10% administrative fee for such work performed

by its employees.

6. County vehicles shall not be used during the performance of off-duty police-related services unless authorized by the Director of Public Safety, the Union County Sheriff, or the Director of Correctional Services, or their designees. The County shall impose a vehicle use fee of \$50 for a patrol vehicle and \$100 for an ambulance.

C. Public Emergency

The Director of Public Safety, the Union County Sheriff, or the Director of Correctional Services, or their designees, shall have the authority to order any officer engaged in off-duty assignments within the County to respond to an emergency situation within the County. In the event that an officer is assigned to an emergency situation in the County, the applicant shall not be responsible for the payment of the officer's hourly rate, administrative fee or any other fees to the County until such time as said officer returns to the off-duty assignment.

D. Indemnification

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the applicant shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County, its agents and employees, from and against all claims, damages, losses, liabilities, and expenses, including but not limited to attorney's fees and court costs arising out of, resulting from or in any way relating to either directly or indirectly the services of the officer.

ARTICLE IV, Fees for Recreation Facilities

2016 PROPOSED NEW FEES

*** Note all fees not included herein will remain the same as 2015

DESCRIPTION		2015	PROPOSED 2016
INFLATABLE(s) AT PICNICS, SPECIAL EVENTS	NEW		\$25.00
GOLF			
Player's Card - 7 day	Non-resident	\$150.00	\$175.00
Player's Card - 7 day Senior	Non-resident	\$125.00	\$150.00
Player's Card - 14 day	Non-resident	\$400.00	\$425.00
GREEN FEES: 18 Holes		Weekdays	
Player's Card Open (until 11AM)		\$29.00	\$31.00
Player's Card Midday (11AM- 3PM)		\$27.00	\$29.00
Player's Card Twilight (3PM - Close)		\$25.00	\$27.00
Gold/Black Card Open till 3pm		\$26.00	\$28.00
Gold/Black Card Open 3pm on		\$19.00	\$20.00
Non Card Holder Open		\$60.00	\$62.00
Non Card Holder Midday		\$53.00	\$55.00
Non Card Holder Twilight		\$47.00	\$49.00
9 hole rate seasonal w/ card		\$18.00	\$19.00
9 hole rate seasonal w/o card		\$18.00	\$21.00
Senior Reciprocity Mon to Fri only		\$31.00	\$33.00

Tee time Pass	\$55.00	\$60.00
NJSGA	\$55.00	\$60.00
GREENS FEES- 9 Holes (Learning Center 9)		
Player's Card Holder	\$14.00	\$15.00
Non Card Holder	\$19.00	\$20.00
League 18 holes	\$45.00	\$49.00
league 9 holes	\$35.00	\$39.00
League 9 holes on 9 hole course	\$25.00	\$29.00
Weekends/Holidays (holiday defined as MAY 1st to September 30th)		
Player's Card Open (until 3pm)	\$31.00	\$33.00
Player's Card Twilight (3PM - Close)	\$26.00	\$28.00
Gold/Black Card Open till 3pm	\$28.00	\$30.00
Gold/Black Card Open 3pm on	\$24.00	\$26.00
Non Card Holder Open	\$64.00	\$66.00
Non Card Holder Twilight	\$49.00	\$51.00
GREENS FEES- 9 Holes (Learning Center 9)		
Player's Card Holder	\$15.00	\$16.00
Non Card Holder	\$20.00	\$21.00
Outing Price AB	\$95.00	\$105.00
Outing Price GH	\$99.00	\$109.00
Range Balls		
Small	\$5.00	\$6.00
Medium	\$10.00	\$11.00
Large	\$15.00	\$16.00

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Linda Carter, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

John Bury, Kenilworth, asked for the deficiencies and how they will be resolved relating to Resolution 2016-165.

Freeholder Taylor explained that there were three deficiencies; require additional monitoring of sub-grantee to ensure that the inkind match are met for each of the federal grants; the federal financial progress reports are available at the time of audit and expenditure of funds coincide with the grant year.

Freeholder Taylor stated that the Corrective Action Plan developed in consultation with each of the departments is required to create a log for each of the departments and prepare paperwork to identify the match during the site visits; and the Division of Reimbursements will be working with the departments when the progress reports are submitted that they coincide and are submitted simultaneously to the Federal and State government in the grant year.

Director Taylor stated that it essentially is that to be mindful in working with the departments affected, which were the Prosecutor's Office and Public Safety that when they submitted the reports that they match and coincide with our financial system.

Chairman Bergen asked if these changes have already been done.

Director Taylor replied, yes, this Resolution is for the Board to gratify the action.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, asked if there is any retro-activity going back two years, and if so, he asked if the entities of the grants will come up with the match, referring to 2016-165. He asked why the United Way is receiving only \$118,000 this year compared to last year at \$168,000 referencing Resolution 2016-175. He suggested that the County not get involved in donations for charitable funds.

Mr. Paterson asked if County Counsel Barry was once a part of the firm mentioned in Resolution 2016-176. He asked for an overview of Resolution 2016-185. He believes that the amount is substantially high for consulting services for the preparation of indirect costs relating to Resolution 2016-164.

Director Taylor explained Resolution 2016-164. She stated that at year end 2015, through the efforts of the Pino Group and consultation with the Finance Department, the County was able to recoup \$2.8 million in reimbursement to offset administration and indirect costs. She said although it costs \$164,000 annually, it recoups on an average of \$2.5 million, but last year it was \$2.8 million. She said it maximized all eligible reimbursements under our federal program, adding a plan needs to be in place to apply for the reimbursement on an annual basis.

Director Taylor explained that in reference to Resolution 2015-165, it is not an issue of the inkind match but the documentation for the inkind match. She said the system established with the Human Services and Economic Development Departments and procurement process that required updating. She said they will be monitoring on site, using the new forms and this will be done on a

monthly basis. She said they will be working aggressively with the departments to make sure that the documentation that is submitted to the auditors is compliant.

Chairman Bergen stated that it is not a donation. It is for payment for the services rendered to the County by the United Way.

Acting Director Amy Wagner stated that in reference to Resolution 2016-164, \$158,000 has been budgeted for this program. She said \$40,000 was approved by the Board at the Re-organization meeting; and the amount is the same as last year.

County Counsel Barry stated that the firm he was associated with 12 years ago is no longer in existence relative to Resolution 2016-176. He said he believes that Mr. Booth has been a private practitioner for the past 4 years.

Director Hudak made comments regarding Resolution 2016-185. He stated that the Board has been supportive of infrastructure improvements in New Jersey and the County. He said this piece of legislation will improve water distribution in the State and the County. He stated that the Board believes it is important and relevant considering what is happening in degradation in Michigan and other places in the country. Freeholder Hudak said we all take for granted the supply of clean water and the Board believes that the federal government has been negligent of providing funding for infrastructure improvement.

Chairman Bergen thanked Freeholder Hudak for bringing this important issue to the Board's attention.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

2016-158 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Professional agreement with four per diem pathologists to be available in the absence of the County Medical Examiner, at a cost of \$900.00 per autopsy, \$200.00 per external exam and \$600.00 per day for court testimony for the 2016 calendar year, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

2016-159 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution 2006-980, for clarification of the authorization of grant awards.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

2016-160 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2012-847, for a change in account numbers only.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

2016-161 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the Union County Performing Arts Center, 1601 Irving Street, Rahway, New Jersey to provide services necessary for the execution of the 2016-2017 season of the Sensory Friendly Theater program, which will include six (6) performances designed and adapted for children with autism and related disabilities, in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00. The Sensory Friendly Theater program will include securing artists, rental of theater and equipment, provision of all technical crew and personnel as needed for each performance, services of professionals in the field of autism services, and all related needs.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

2016-162 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA: Amending the 2016 Temporary Budget Ch. 96 P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20).

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

2016-163 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2015-506, for a change in account numbers only.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

2016-164 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Pino Consulting Group, West Windsor, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing consulting services for preparation of the Indirect Cost Plan and Medicare and Medicaid Cost Reports for Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County for the contract period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017 in the total amount of not to exceed \$164,000.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

2016-165 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA: Resolution Approving the Corrective Action Plan.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada,

Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

2016-166 VICE CHAIRMAN GRANADOS: Approving the Union County Watchung Reservation Trails Plan.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

2016-167 VICE CHAIRMAN GRANADOS: Amending Resolution Number 2014-920, (BA#50-2014) a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A: 11-1 et seq., to Pennetta Industrial Automation, of Jersey City, New Jersey for the Warinanco Park Ice Rink Refrigeration System Improvements, Roselle, New Jersey. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$264.00) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$808,136.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2014-021)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

2016-168 VICE CHAIRMAN GRANADOS: Amending Resolution Number 2015-78, (BA#65-2014) a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A: 11-1 et seq., to Rochelle Contracting Company, Inc., of Landing, New Jersey for the Wash-Down Stations at Rahway River Park Maintenance Facility located in Clark and Warinanco Park Maintenance Facility located in Elizabeth. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$11,876.72) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$165,123.28. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2012-002)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

2016-169 CHAIRMAN BERGEN: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement with Tele-Measurements, Inc. as per New Jersey State Contract #81123-T1466, to provide services associated with the Union County Sheriff's Office training facility for the provision of, but not limited to, K-9 training involving legal updates and recertifications, and continuing education for EMTs while acting as a satellite CPR training program through Trinitas in the amount of \$142,478.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

2016-170 CHAIRMAN BERGEN: Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Public Official Bond with the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, Hartford, CT, for Anthony Ugoaru from March 09, 2016 through March 08, 2017 in the amount of \$1,150.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

2016-171 CHAIRMAN BERGEN: Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Public Official Bond with the CNA Surety Company, Sioux Falls, SD, for Charles Gillon from March 09, 2016 through March 08, 2017 in the amount of \$1,050.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

2016-172 CHAIRMAN BERGEN: Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Public Official Bond with the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, Hartford, CT, for John A. McGarry from March 09, 2016 through March 08, 2017 in the amount of \$1,150.00

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

2016-173 CHAIRMAN BERGEN: Authorizing the County Manager to award the Short Term and Long Term Disability Insurance Policy with the Standard Insurance Company for the 2016 calendar year in an amount not to exceed \$224,450.84. The total represents the negotiated County portion of \$116,000.00 and the payroll deduction contribution of the 1,160 unionized employees of \$108,450.84.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

2016-174 CHAIRMAN BERGEN: Authorizing the County Manager to renew a contract with All Covered, a division of Konica Minolta Business Solutions, Cherry Hill, NJ, through the competitive contracting process, to provide the necessary technical support for the networks, servers and computer system throughout the County of Union for the 2016 calendar year, in an amount not to exceed \$281,580.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

2016-175 CHAIRMAN BERGEN: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to the United Way of Greater Union County, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the provision of annual support and operation of the Family Success Center in Rahway (of the Family Strengthening Network) and the continuation of the Focus on Families Task Force, Community Conversations and the Parent Advisory Boards for the period of March 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$118,000.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

2016-176 CHAIRMAN BERGEN: Amending Resolution Number 2015-276 to increase the appropriation to Alexander W. Booth, Esq. Jersey City, NJ in the matter entitled Laquan Kearney v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$20,000.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2016-177 FREEHOLDER CARTER: Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Marjorie Hollis, daughter of Plainfield Council Member Bridget Rivers, during their time of sorrow.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

2016-178 FREEHOLDER CARTER: Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Anthony John Wood, during their time of sorrow.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

2016-179 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA, FREEHOLDER CARTER: Resolution offering this Board's most sincere gratitude to the Honorable Judge Joan Robinson Gross for her many years of dedicated public service in her impartial decision-making towards the pursuit of justice within our court system; and further wishing her well upon her retirement.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

2016-180 FREEHOLDER JALLOH: Recognizing the week of March 7, 2016 through March 13, 2016 as Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Week in the County of Union to increase public awareness to MS.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

2016-181 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI, AND THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution declaring the month of March 2016 as "Youth Art Month" throughout the County of Union, and further encourages the advancement of the arts throughout the County of Union.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

2016-182 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA, VICE CHAIRMAN GRANADOS: Laudatory resolution declaring March 2016 as "Autism Awareness Month" throughout the County of Union, and further acknowledging the efforts made throughout the nation to call attention and bring awareness to Autism.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

2016-183 VICE CHAIRMAN GRANADOS, FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: A resolution supporting Make the Road New Jersey's efforts in support of the amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court supporting President Obama's executive action on expanded consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA).

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

2016-184 VICE CHAIRMAN GRANADOS: Laudatory resolution commending the efforts of Dr. Joao A. Camacho, Educator at Elizabeth Public Schools and Professor at Kean University, on welcoming Professor Adao do Nascimento, Minister of Higher Education of Angola, to the County of Union; and further celebrating the occasion of the Flag Raising ceremony held on February 22, 2016 in the City of Elizabeth.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

2016-185 CHAIRMAN BERGEN, FREEHOLDER HUDAK, FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Resolution supporting, in full recognition of the need to invest immediately in Union County's water infrastructure, the goals of the Sustainable Water Infrastructure Investment Act of 2016 and urges both the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate to approve and adopt said legislation.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Bruce H. Bergen, Alexander Mirabella; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

2016-186 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Edna Hayes, during their time of sorrow.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

John Bury, Kenilworth, stated that in reference to Covanta, there was something that was not answered on a question he asked if Covanta pressed their contract rights. He asked why Freeholders Carter and Estrada voted no on Ordinance 771-2016. He said it looks like a great deal, but asked if the Freeholders could explain what part of the Ordinance they don't agree with.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, stated that there is an ongoing Transportation Master Plan in the County. He said he spoke to Garwood Council and hoping that they will reach out to the entities involved regarding North and South Avenue corridors. He said there is much new construction along these roadways in Cranford, Garwood and Westfield. He said there are major issues regarding these two roads being over-used and over-crowded. He said the roads are over-crowded; and he urged the Board to visit this issue.

Mr. Paterson stated that there are serious issues that were not addressed in reference to Ordinance 771-2016, adding that two Freeholders voted no. He stated that the attorney who spoke on this Ordinance from DeCotiis and Fitzpatrick stated it is only a lease with Covanta. He said he was confused.

Chairman Bergen stated that Transportation Master Plan is a County document and there have been 2 opportunities so far where the public can interact and give their opinions. He said he is certain South and North Avenues are a major portion of that plan.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Wright thanked all the talented people who came together to participate in the wonderful celebration of Black History Month yesterday afternoon at Union County College. She said the invocation provided by Reverend Marion J. Franklin from the First Baptist Church of Vauxhall set

the tone for a very reflective and inspirational event. She mentioned the students who sang beautifully and said the creative talent of students from the Bufford School of Music, present a spellbinding brief history of music and dance from Africa to the New World with present achievements.

Freeholder Hudak stated that he has been a staunch advocate for the Tremley Point Connector Road project and was pleased to join Senators Scutari and Sweeney and Chairman Bergen at the event that was held in support of a renewed Transportation Trust Fund in Linden. He stated the construction of the Tremley Point Connector Road is vital to the economic and public safety to the region as a whole and to the residents of the City of Linden, especially those who are impacted by the current truck and industrial traffic to this area. He stated that last year there was a horrific crash on the New Jersey Turnpike temporarily knocked out the Wood Avenue Bridge which is the main road of access to this industrial section of Tremley Point. He said as a result of the accident, workers and trucks were stranded in the Tremley Point area for hours. The construction of a connector road would have helped emergency management workers better access the site of the accident and ease traffic pressures.

Freeholder Hudak stated that the Freeholder Board supported a Resolution calling upon the New Jersey Turnpike Authority to restore more than \$80 million in funding to construct the long-awaited Tremley Point Connector road and immediately add it to their capital program. He stated that in terms of economic benefit, the roadway would ensure the smooth flow of commerce to existing business and industry in the location. It would free up the development of nearly 400 acres of brownsfields that could create as many as 2,000 new jobs. He said the connector road would also encourage the potential development of Tremley Point as a multimodal freight village that involves rail, barging and value-added warehouses and distribution centers. He said the Board urges Governor Christie to work in bipartisan cooperation to advance this project and replenish the Trust Fund. He added that the Governor Christie did his budget addressed earlier in the week and he said that there is a misconception that there is a problem with infrastructure funding. He said he hopes Governor Christie will reinstate funding as it will help grow the Port of Elizabeth and develop brownsfields for Linden. He said it will also help with Tremley point to remove trucks and heavy vehicles off the road, but also to address a larger problem in New Jersey. He said our roads are not being funded properly. He stated that Freeholder Estrada, the leader of the Authority and is well aware that there is no funding, nor is there funding for this project and projects are being put on the wayside. He said there will be an important debate within the next few months and he hopes that Governor Christie will do the right thing and steps up for the voters of New Jersey.

Freeholder Mirabella announced that County Surrogate, James LaCorte will be visiting several Elizabeth neighborhoods in the months of March and April to provide information about wills and estate planning. The first event is scheduled for 2:30pm at Farley towers on Thursday, March 3rd. And four more are scheduled. He urged the public to contact the Surrogate's office for the full schedule.

Freeholder Estrada spoke about the serious issues that New Jersey Transit is facing with the possible strike. He stated that the NJTPA has been funding the one-seat ride to NYC on the Raritan Valley line because NJ Transit cannot afford it. He said the NJTPA has been funding it for the last 3 years.

Freeholder Estrada stated that the Tremley point project was a bi-county, project with Union County and Middlesex County in order to reduce traffic to Elizabeth and Linden and going south in Middlesex County. He said overnight the project was defunded with no explanation as to where the money has been reallocated. He said hopefully there will be changes with the new leadership in the

State.

Freeholder Estrada spoke about North and South Avenues. He said as a result of new construction of buildings, traffic always increases. He said Economic Development Department and the Public Works Department have been tracking all these improvements and that is the reason for the transportation study. He said the last study was done 10 years ago. Freeholder Estrada stated that municipalities are always trying to maximize on revenue in terms of taxes and this is one way to do it and is agrees that there is a lot of growth on those roadways. He said County Engineer Mineo is consistently looking at these issues. He said it has not gone unnoticed.

Freeholder Estrada explained the reason for voted no to Ordinance 771-2016 for the extension of the lease to 2053. He said that a lease is an understanding between two .He said he has the understanding that a lease is a binding and understand between two parties. He said he supported the transaction in 2013, but he is not 100% confident this is the way to go. He said he has not heard any results He said he is aware that the UCUA is in a difficult situation and they want to cut the gap, but he questions how revenue can be maximized. He said he respects his colleagues who support the Ordinance and added that they all do not have to agree.

Freeholder Estrada stated that the NJTPA infrastructure programs do not have any capital to fund. He said they have one more year to fund bridge replacements or re-work. He said they have also seen a reduction of those funds. He said something drastic needs to happen or there is going to be a serious problem in our infrastructure. He said the State with Federal Assistance needs is needed, this issue is not on the local level. He said safety is premier in this country.

Freeholder Carter stated that she believes that Ordinance 2016-771 has strong points but she wants to evaluate it further, so she voted no. She said the Board as a whole discusses items on the Agenda together, but they do not always agree on everything.

Freeholder Carter also spoke about Black History Month. She said she was honored to host the County's fourth annual Black History Month event at Union County College in Cranford, which is co-sponsored through Union County College. She said they presented a program that was a kaleidoscope of local talent, featuring dancing, singing, musical performances and speeches. She said it was an afternoon that produced a great deal of pride and joy in all the participants and visitors. She said Black history is American history and it is extremely important that our institutions continue to celebrate it, not just in February, but all year-round.

Freeholder Carter recognized two students from the college, Kayla Marie-Miller people of Union who sang the National Anthem and a motivated Tara Dowdell of Hillside. She also stated that Assemblyman Jerry Green gave an emotional speech and Senator Lesniak and Senator Kean were in attendance.

Freeholder Kowalski thanked everyone who participated in the Black History event and congratulated Freeholder Jalloh on a successful event. She mentioned the upcoming Union County Means Green seminar and the registration for the event is now open. It is designed to connect our local owners and managers with new green strategies for attracting customers and boosting the bottom line.

Freeholder Kowalski congratulated the Cranford Football Team on their victory.

County Manager Faella released the 2016 Executive Budget to the Freeholder Board for review and stated as follows:

This is not the final budget, but rather a starting point that the Fiscal Committee and Freeholder Board will continue to amend before final adoption this Spring. The Fiscal Committee has scheduled hearings on the Executive Budget for March 7th and 8th beginning at 5:30 p.m., and on March 17th, beginning at 5 p.m.

The hearing on the 17th will be held here at the Administration Building in Elizabeth, while locations will soon be announced for the 7th and 8th.

While tempered by some additional costs, this year's Executive Budget demonstrates Union County's continued economic growth and the success of our "sound management and budgeting" practices as validated by Moody's recent determination of an Aa1 bond rating.

Another significant measure of Union County's economic growth is the increase in our ratable base by 2.5 percent or \$1.6 billion in equalized value over 2015. This is the largest increase since 2007 and our second consecutive annual increase. On a related note, the strong real estate market has resulted in an increase of more than \$1 million in realty transfer fees realized through the County Clerk's Office.

Total revenues have also continued to increase:

- The Union County Emergency Medical Services, a key shared service offered by the County, brought in more than \$1 million this past year. That figure represents an increase in revenue by more than 46.8% over 2014, when revenues totaled just under \$700,000.
- The Union County Regional Dispatch, which provides services to 17 agencies, realized just over \$386,000 in revenue this past year.
- The Parks Department also enjoyed another profitable year with revenues totaling more than \$6.4 million, an increase of almost \$183,000 over the previous year. A substantial part of that is due to our Golf Division, which this year will host the annual NJ State Golf Association Open Championship at our Galloping Hill Golf Course. As a testimony to the high quality of the Golf Division, this will be the first use of a public golf course in the 96-year history of the NSJGA Open. As the County's financial position improved over the past few years, we have continued to build surplus. Over the past year alone, we boosted our surplus by 77 percent, from \$31 million to \$55 million. The increase to surplus is vital to maintaining our bond rating, which is among the highest obtainable. In reaching its most recent determination, Moody's cited our "improved financial position" among other strengths.

Moody's also cited our manageable debt levels. Our overall debt service remained flat this year, as we've taken advantage of lower interest rates. Net debt expressed as a percentage of the equalized valuation basis is 0.885 percent, substantially less than the maximum of 2 percent authorized by the State.

These achievements are all the more significant because they have occurred during a long period of fiscal turbulence in the State of New Jersey, which has experienced a record nine credit downgrades since 2009.

Overall, this year's Executive Budget is approximately \$508 million. The Executive Budget, which meets the state cap, would increase property taxes by an average of 3.25 percent over last year. Among the highest revenue offsets to our budget this year is the implementation of the Speedy Trial and State Bail Reform law, which is going into effect in New Jersey in January 2017. This unfunded mandate will require an extraordinary amount of resources including the hiring of additional Sheriff's Officers, Prosecutor's Office staff and Public Works employees, along with associated operating and capital costs.

The County's anticipated startup cost for this program will be \$1 million. The cost will increase next year to a total of \$1.8 million annually, adding to the existing programs and services that we provide as required by State law, but for which we receive no offsetting State funds.

The new Family Court building on Cherry Street, anticipated to open by the end of the year, will also require additional County staff, totaling as much as \$400,000 annually moving forward.

In addition to mandatory programs, Union County has diligently pursued opportunities to invest in community health and the economic well-being of our citizens. In particular, our substantial investments in our parks and educational institutions have made Union County's quality of life one of the most highly regarded in the nation. Some highlights include:

- Expansion and renovation of our Watchung Stables;
- Construction of the new Warinanco Park Ice Skating Center;
- Construction of new playgrounds with water features in Warinanco Park and other County parks;
- Reconstruction of historic Briant Park in Summit;
- Mattano Park renovations;
- Expansion of Union County College campuses in Cranford and Plainfield
- The West Hall expansion at the award-winning Union County Vo-Tech Schools campus in Scotch Plains

We have also budgeted an additional \$1.5 million for the continuation of the municipal infrastructure grant program, funded through revenues from the sale of Runnells Hospital in 2014. We have doubled the amount of funding for the popular Library Grants program from \$75,000 to \$150,000.

This budget also funds the operations of the United Way's Family Success Center at \$158,000 and the We Are One New Jersey Advocacy and Naturalization Center for immigrants at \$245,000.

Many of the investments above were noted by Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen during his reorganization speech in January, as he announced his "One County, One Community" initiatives for 2016.

With all these exciting plans in place, I look forward to once again working with the Freeholder

Board and our County employees in achieving another successful year in 2016.

Chairman Bergen stated that yesterday was a busy day here in Union County. He said the day began by speaking and meeting with many members of the business community at the ELC breakfast at the Holiday Inn in Clark. He said there was a productive exchange about various issues including the One Seat Ride, taxes, flooding and other matters. He said they joined with State Senators Sweeney and Scutari in an event highlighting the need to fund an important regional infrastructure project in Linden through the Transportation Trust Fund. He said the afternoon ended with an incredible showing of unity at the County's fourth Annual Black History Month event at Union County College. He said during the event the County announced a new program that the County is offering through the Union County Economic Development Corporation, the 3 Percent Working Capital Loan. He said this program offers up to \$25,000 at 3 percent over a maximum of five years to qualified businesses. He said they will continue to partner with UCEDC and Workforce Development to announce various incentive programs for our businesses and our residents.

Chairman Bergen also stated announced that the Workforce Business Innovation Center is offering yet another round of jobs for County residents. This time, 100 new full-time "work at home" customer service and tech support jobs will be made available to our residents. He said they are aware that many residents face different living situations and with this in mind, the Board is proud to present job opportunities for our residents and their families to help meet some of the challenges they face.

Chairman Bergen said that information sessions for the new jobs will be held at the Union County Workforce Innovation Business Center at the Mills at Jersey Gardens in Elizabeth on March 1st.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To the extent known, the Following item is scheduled to be discussed in Executive Session:

- 1) Attorney -Client privileged communication and discussions relative to potential contract negotiations for a Food Truck /Music Carnival 2016.

County Counsel Barry stated that pursuant to provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act a public body may enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing certain enumerated subjects. This Board will now enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing attorney -client privileged communication and discussions relative to potential contract negotiations for a Food Truck /Music Carnival 2016.

The minutes of the Executive Session shall be separated from the minutes of the Open Public Session. The minutes of the Executive Session, redacted as appropriate and necessary, shall be available in approximately 30 days. 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.

Upon the Board's return, it will not take formal action on the matters discussed.

Upon a majority vote of the members present, the Board may now retire to Executive Session.

Motion to enter Executive Session.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder;
SECONDER: Linda Carter, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

Motion to return from Executive Session.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder;
SECONDER: Linda Carter, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 PM

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder;
SECONDER: Linda Carter, Freeholder; **AYES:** Chairman Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Jalloh; **ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Granados;

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

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December 8, 2016

December 22, 2016


James E. Pelletiere, RMC
Clerk of the Board

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