



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2014
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Chairman Christopher Hudak presided and called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Roll call showed Vice Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder Bruce Bergen, Freeholder Linda Carter, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Sergio Granados, 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.

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

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chairman Christopher Hudak called for a moment of silence in memory of the tragic attacks on September 11, 2001.

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE BOARD

A Certificate and Check Presentation was made to Austin Mathew, who was recognized by the NJAC Foundation and PSE&G Foundation as a recipient of the 2014 Scholarship Award. Freeholder Wright was joined by Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella and Peter Capodice, Superintendent of UC Vo-Tech. Freeholder Wright spoke on behalf of NJAC Foundation and presented Austin with certificate and check.

A Resolution Presentation was made by Vice Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Linda Carter to James H. Morris & Azana Crawley, NJ ACT-SO Gold Medalists to congratulate and commend the New Jersey ACT-SO Program and its 2014 Gold Medal Recipients. Vice Chairman Jalloh spoke about the talented recipients. He spoke on acknowledging the talented youths across the County and the importance of bringing that talent back after their college years.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Hudak 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

759-2014 BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW ADDITIONAL FURNISHINGS, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT AND NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$38,793,236 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance Number 759-2014 only.

Chairman Hudak asked Director Taylor to give an overview of Bond Ordinance Number 759-2014. Prior to opening the Public Comment Portion.

Director Taylor said the annual Bond Ordinance establishes appropriations to the Capital Budget which allows for various improvements of property in the amount of \$38,793,236.

John Bury, Kenilworth, said the County is spending \$100,000 for a video system for the Freeholders' meeting room, and he asked if we were replacing the current system. Mr. Bury asked if the house on Cooper Road in Scotch Plains is a Juvenile Detention Half Way House and asked why Open Space Funds are not being used.

Chairman Hudak asked Clerk of the Board Pellettiere to explain.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere said in February or early March the video system failed. He explained they have been operating on a temporary fix, but new equipment is needed. He explained the current equipment was originally purchased in the late 90's and early 2000's.

Director Taylor explained the issues pertaining to the egress to the site. She also explained that two appraisals were performed and this amount represents the appraised value.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, said he disagrees with Director Taylor's explanation. He stated we should buy the house with Open Space Trust Fund dollars. Mr. Paterson also spoke in regards to Ordinance Number 758-2014.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Vice Chairman Jalloh moved Ordinance Number 759-2014 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise the same in accordance with the law. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Kowalski. 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.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, questioned the federal funds revenue producing item relative to Resolution 2014-706.

Mr. Paterson questioned the total dollar amounts regarding the modification of the budget referring to Resolutions 2014-710 through 714.

Mr. Paterson also made comments regarding political contribution on the following: Resolutions 2014-710 through 714, 723, 724, 727, 728, 743, and 744. He suggested the Board pass a play to play Resolution.

County Counsel Barry stated that all the contracts are in full compliance with play to play laws of New Jersey.

Prior to moving Resolutions that are being offered for adoption, Chairman Hudak noted Resolution Number 2014-746 amended the Annual Meeting Schedule. He stated this Resolution effectively cancels our September 25, 2014 Regular Meeting, recognizing Rosh Hashanah, and is rescheduled as part of a double meeting, next week, on September 18, 2014.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

Chairman Hudak called for a motion to adopt Resolutions 2014-705 through 2014-758.

- 2014-705 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with NJ TRANSIT to accept FFY 2012 Round 14 JARC grant funding in the amount of \$195,000 with a 100% County match of \$195,000 for a total of \$390,000 for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015; inclusion in NJ Transit's Consolidated Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Grant Application submitted to the Federal Transit Administration for Federal

Transportation assistance authorized by Section 3037 of the Transportation Equity Act of 21st Century (TEA-21).

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2014-706 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (USDHHS), Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), Division of Unaccompanied Children's Service (DUCS) and accept 4th Quarter installment funding in the amount of \$275,190.00 to provide secure care and placement services to unaccompanied and undocumented children in the Union County Juvenile Detention Center by guaranteeing ten (10) secure beds at the rate of \$301.58 per bed per day for Year One, 4th Quarter funding period of July 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014, of a Three Year Agreement (Grant Funded).

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2014-707 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution 2014-538 to change the name of the vendor from Veolia Transportation, Inc. to Transdev Services, Inc. and to include an additional allocation in the amount not to exceed \$218,546.50 in grant funding for the contract period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 to Transdev Services, Inc. for the continued provision of the Paratransit services.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2014-708 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2013-1026, to extend the Lease Agreement with Morning Star Community Development Urban Renewal Corporation, Inc., Linden, New Jersey, for the purpose of leasing commercial space for Union County Division of Youth Services Bureau, 1130 East St. George's Avenue, Linden, New Jersey, on a month-to-month basis for a maximum period of two and one half (2 1/2) months commencing July 1, 2014 and ending no later than September 15, 2014; at a rate of \$6,732.00 per month for a total amount of not to exceed \$16,830 if the entire period is utilized.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed eight (8) members of the Board voted in the affirmative with one (1) abstention.

- 2014-709 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Shanthi Chezian, MD, South Plainfield, New Jersey, to provide professional psychiatric services to the patients/residents of Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 at the rate of \$112.5/hour for a total contract amount not to exceed \$147,378.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2014-710 VICE CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Resolution Modifying the 2014 Budget in the amount of \$4,963 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation for a program Entitled: Gordon Street Bridge.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2014-711 VICE CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Resolution modifying the 2014 Budget in the amount of \$202,632 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a program entitled: County Environmental Health Act (CEHA).

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2014-712 VICE CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Resolution modifying the 2014 Budget in the amount of \$32,526 as a Result of Notification Received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Law Enforcement Officers Training & Equipment Fund.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2014-713 VICE CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Resolution modifying the 2014 Budget in the amount of \$275,190 as a result of notification received from the US Department of Health and Human Services for a program entitled: Union County Residential Services for Undocumented Children.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2014-714 VICE CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Resolution modifying the 2014 Budget in the amount of \$545,204 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Community Service Block Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2014-715 VICE CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Resolution cancelling various grants appropriations and receivables.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2014-716 VICE CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-5, authorizing personnel to sign checks, approve all wire transfers and other disbursements, adding Michael Frank, Undersheriff, as a signer for the Union County Sheriff's Office Business Account.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2014-717 VICE CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-7, establishing petty cash funds for the year 2014, to change the Custodians of the Petty Cash Fund approved for the Juvenile Detention Center and Runnells Specialized Hospital.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2014-718 VICE CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to establish an additional \$1,000.00 in the Department of Parks and Recreation's annual change fund to be used at Union County's Harvest Festival on September 28, 2014.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2014-719 VICE CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Linden Pulaski Parade Committee in the amount of \$4,000 for their efforts in celebrating Polish heritage and bringing awareness of the Polish culture through several events; including their annual General Pulaski Memorial Parade.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2014-720 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to enter into a contract as an exception to bidding for a proprietary upgrade to the existing FATS Virtual Training System from Meggitt Training Systems Suwanee, Georgia in an amount of \$54,050.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2014-721 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey Police Training Commission for the 2014 Law Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment Grant, Part 3 for the period of March 2014 through June 2014 in the amount of \$24,182.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2014-722 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of the Union County Sheriff, to enter into a contract with Mack Camera and Video Service, Springfield, New Jersey, for the purchase and installation of a CaseCracker Premium System for investigative interviews in the amount of \$17,965.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2014-723 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Amending Resolution Number 2014-268, a contract with Ruderman & Glickman, P.C. , Springfield, New Jersey, special counsel for personnel matters to increase the cap for legal services in the amount of \$5,000 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2014-724 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to Harbor Consultants, Inc., of Cranford, New Jersey to provide engineering design services for the construction of a handicapped accessible fishing dock to be located on Warinanco Park Lake, Warinanco Park, Roselle, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$24,680.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2014-027)

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2014-725 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement and accepting the funding in the amount of \$754,963.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation for the final design for the Gordon Street Bridge, Roselle and Roselle Park, County of Union, New Jersey. (ITF Swap Funding Agreement - 2014-DT-BLA-FEP-206) (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-051)

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2014-726 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Awarding a Professional Engineering Service contract to Hardesty & Hanover of West Trenton, New Jersey to provide Consulting Engineering Design Services and Construction Support for the Replacement of the Gordon Street Bridge over "Out of Service" Conrail Structure No. 205150, located in Roselle and Roselle Park, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$754,962.69. Federal funds for this project in the amount of \$754,963.00 will be provided through the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) and administered by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT). (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-051)

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2014-727 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to USA Architects Planners and Interior Designers, of Somerville, New Jersey to provide investigation, design and construction administration for the Wheeler Park Pool Renovations in Linden, in an amount not to exceed \$146,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2014-029)

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2014-728 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service contract to Maser Consulting, of Red Bank, New Jersey to provide design, engineering and consulting services for the bridge deck and beam replacement for the Mountain Avenue Bridge (SP-11) in the Township of Springfield in an amount not to exceed \$56,600.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2014-001)

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2014-729 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Amending Resolution Number 2014-444, approving the 2014-2015 Consolidated Action Plan to include the following projects funded with Community Development Program Income Funds: Rahway Office of Policy & Planning in the amount of \$80,000.00 and Plainfield Office of Community Development in the amount of \$110,000.00 for a total amount of \$190,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2014-730 **CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Developer's Agreement between the Township of Clark and Krame Development Company, Inc., of Paramus, New Jersey for the purpose offsite construction on County roadways. This Agreement is based upon the recommendation of the Union County Planning Board and will be acted upon at the September 10, 2014 Union County Planning Board meeting. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013 023)

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2014-731 **CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with NMS Laboratories, Willow Grove, Pennsylvania, to provide toxicological testing services for the period of August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00; at a cost of \$102.00 for basic toxicology panel and \$175.00 for expanded toxicology panel.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2014-732 **CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authoring the County Manager to enter into a contract with Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts to Provide Two Nation Preparedness Leadership courses to 100 responders from the UASI Region in an amount not to exceed \$94,711.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2014-733 **CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Kidde Fire Fighting, Martinez, California, to provide two specialized fire suppression courses to 55 firefighters in the UASI region in an amount not to exceed \$218,800.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2014-734 **CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Amending Resolution Numbers 2014-402, to reflect a name change from Hess Energy Marketing, LLC, to Direct Energy Business Marketing, LLC dba Direct Energy Business at the same address with no monetary value change.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2014-735 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Public Works & Facilities: Division of Facilities Management; DavEd Fire Systems, 307 W. Pleasantview Ave, Hackensack, NJ 07601, for the purpose of providing Fire Alarm Systems Services, twenty-four (24) consecutive months with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month optional extension, in the amount not to exceed \$314,560.00

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2014-736 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Resolution concurring with the Borough of Fanwood granting permission to the Fanny Wood Day Committee, to close Martine Avenue from South Avenue to La Grande Avenue and South Avenue, from First Street to Second Avenue on Sunday, September 28, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to hold the 2014 Fanny Wood Day Celebration and to display a banner across Martine Avenue announcing the event.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2014-737 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Resolution concurring with the Township of Springfield, granting permission to the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce to close Mountain Avenue, between Caldwell Place and Morris Avenue, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 18, 2014 with a rain date of Sunday, October 19, 2014 for the Fall Festival and Car Show.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2014-738 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Resolution concurring with the Township of Springfield, granting permission to the Springfield Education Foundation Jersey, to the partial closing of County roads, Mountain Avenue, Meisel Avenue and Shunpike Road, for the purpose of holding a 5K run on Sunday, September 28, 2014 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2014-739 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Resolution granting permission to the Township of Springfield to close a portion of Meisel Avenue between Linden Avenue and Milltown Road from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 18, 2014 for the Re-enactment of a Revolutionary War Battle.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2014-740 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Resolution granting permission to the Township of Scotch Plains to hang a banner across Park Avenue at the intersection of Front Street and Park Avenue from September 25, 2014 through October 8, 2014 for Scotch Plains Day, which is sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation. Also, granting permission to close Park Avenue between Westfield Avenue and Grant Street from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 5, 2014.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2014-741 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Public Works and Facilities Management: Cargill, Inc, North Olmstead, Ohio, for the purpose of providing Rock Salt for a twelve month contract in an amount not to exceed \$587,900.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2014-742 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for the 2013 NJDEP Recycling Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$291,500, to execute all necessary documents and adopt the proposed spending plan. The grant will partially fund positions, fund Household Hazardous Waste Programs and other recycling programs as well as associated advertising costs.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2014-743 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Amending Resolution Number 2012-125, to increase the appropriation to LaCorte, Bundy, Varady & Kinsella of Union, New Jersey, in the matter entitled Kevin Kolbeck v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$14,845.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2014-744 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-206, to increase the appropriation to Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt & Fader of Rochelle Park, New Jersey, 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2014-745 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Concurring with the City of Elizabeth's resolution prohibiting the treatment, discharge, disposal, storage or other byproducts from natural gas exploration or production using hydraulic fracturing in the efforts of safeguarding the residents, environment and natural resources within the Greater Elizabeth community from potential negative effects.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2014-746 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Amending Resolution No. 2014-12 establishing the 2014 Annual Meeting Schedule.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2014-747 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Laudatory resolution congratulating Holocaust survivor Anitta Boyko Fox of Hillside, New Jersey, upon the occasion of her 90th birthday.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2014-748 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN & FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Laudatory resolution proclaiming the month of October as United Way Month in the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2014-749 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Laudatory resolution congratulating Reverend Tracey L. Brown as the Ruth Fellowship Ministries community celebrates Reverend Brown's 15th Pastoral Anniversary as the pastor and founder of Ruth Fellowship Ministries in Plainfield.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2014-750 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Laudatory congratulating Dr. Christopher Jones on his 14th Pastoral Anniversary at First Baptist Church in Hillside.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2014-751 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Laudatory resolution congratulating the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Committee Counsel for their work within the community and for coming together in the spirit of unity and progress.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2014-752 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Laudatory resolution recognizing Reverend David Mertz and First United Methodist Church of Westfield for hosting the “So Let Us United our Voices as One” on September 18, 2014 at the First United Methodist Church in Westfield.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2014-753 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Laudatory resolution congratulating Mobile Meals of Westfield on delivering its 1 Millionth meal served.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2014-754 VICE CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH & FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER: Laudatory resolution congratulating and commending the New Jersey ACT-SO Program and its 2014 Gold Medal Recipients for bringing great honor to themselves, the New Jersey NAACP Branches, and County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2014-755 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Laudatory resolution congratulating Reverend Miroslaw K. Krol of Linden on serving as the Contingent Marshall of the Linden General Pulaski Memorial Day Parade.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2014-756 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Laudatory resolution congratulating Tiffany Lukenda of Linden on being named Miss Polonia for the Linden General Pulaski Memorial Parade.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2014-757 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Laudatory resolution congratulating Sophie Kotulski of Linden on being named Junior Miss Polonia for the Linden General Pulaski Memorial Parade.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2014-758 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Resolution offering this Board's sympathies to the family of Bill Manhardt, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

This meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on any matter.

Mildred Purdy, Roselle, acknowledged Freeholder Estrada for writing a letter on behalf of her son who became a New Jersey State Trooper and her daughter who is attending the Police Academy to become a New Jersey State Corrections Officer.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, read an article regarding Acting Sheriff Cryan.

Tina Renna, Cranford, spoke in regards to the closing of the Union County Jail. Ms. Renna alleged that there are correctional officers who are afraid to come to the Freeholders' meeting and added that they under a lot of stress. Ms. Renna stated a parent of an inmate reached out to her on behalf of her son who losing his eyesight. Ms. Renna stated the parent claims the son did not receive the needed insulin, and that the Board needs to strive to do better.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Kowalski extended her condolences to the Bernier family. She made comments relative to the Mobile Document-Shredding event being held in Linden on Thursday, September 18th at the Recycling Center, 2 Donaldson Place, from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Freeholder Carter made comments relative to the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools; noting that all five of them placed highly in a new national survey published earlier this week.

Freeholder Estrada extended his condolences to the Bernier family. He made comments in reference to September as National Preparedness Month.

Freeholder Mirabella extended his condolences to the Bernier family. He made comments in reference to the Third Annual Sensory Friendly Theatre Series started on Sunday, September 21st with a live performance featuring the beloved Curious George classic children's character.

Freeholder Bergen extended his condolences to the Bernier family. He asked all to join the Board at the Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway on Tuesday, September 23rd at 1:00 pm to celebrate the restoration of the historic Wurlitzer organ, noting the Board will unveil the newly-restored Wurlitzer organ with a short concert by Bernie Anderson, Jr.

Freeholder Granados made comments relative to the New Jersey Food Stamp Challenge in recognition of New Jersey Hunger Action Month. He thanked the Jewish Federation of Greater Metro West and Jewish Family Services of Central New Jersey for leading this effort.

Freeholder Wright made comments relative to the County's Child Safety Seat inspections and the efforts to coordinate with the National Child Passenger Safety campaign. She said with so many new products on the market, even an experienced parent may need help learning how to fasten their child's seat properly, and our trained experts are there to assist residents.

County Counsel Barry extended his condolences to the Bernier family.

County Manager Faella said he would have two additional Resolutions for next week's meeting for Daniel Bernier's wife, Karen and Jim Edleton, former Roselle Councilman and Union County Human Services Mental Health Director.

Vice Chairman Jalloh extended his condolences to the Bernier family. He made comments in reference to the County's POW Remembrance Day ceremony on Friday, September 19th, reaffirming our government's commitment to fully account for those who have not returned and to demonstrate our support for the families and loved ones of these soldiers.

Chairman Hudak refuted some comments made by the public, stating Acting Sheriff Cryan does not have the qualifications to be the sheriff. He said on Monday morning he joined Freeholder Bergen and Freeholder Wright welcoming local business owners, managers, and entrepreneurs to the latest in the County's "Union County Means Business" networking events. He said the networking series was started in 2012 by Freeholder Mirabella to help connect our local business leaders with resources to help them grow.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

1. Attorney-Client privileged communication and pending negotiations with Mast Construction Services relative to the Union County Courthouse Complex/New Tower Stairwell Construction Project
2. Attorney-Client privileged communication and pending negotiations with Netta Architects relative to the Union County Courthouse Complex/New Tower Stairwell Construction Project.

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 1) Attorney-Client privileged communication and pending negotiations with Mast Construction Services relative to the Union County Courthouse Complex/New Tower Stairwell Construction Project; and 2) Attorney-Client privileged communication and pending negotiations with Netta Architects relative to the Union County Courthouse Complex/New Tower Stairwell Construction Project.

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.

Chairman Hudak asked for a motion to enter Executive Session. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

Chairman Hudak asked for a motion to return to the Regular Meeting. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Jalloh, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Hudak made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:24PM. On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2014 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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

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

AGENDA SETTING MEETINGS

January 16, 2014

February 6, 2014
February 20, 2014

March 6, 2014
March 20, 2014

April 3, 2014
April 24, 2014

May 1, 2014
May 15, 2014

June 5, 2014
June 19, 2014

July 10, 2014

August 7, 2014

September 4, 2014
September 18, 2014

October 2, 2014
October 16, 2014

November 6, 2014
Tuesday, November 25, 2014

December 4, 2014
December 18, 2014

* Special Meeting on May 15, 2014

REGULAR MEETINGS

January 23, 2014

February 6, 2014
February 27, 2014

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March 27, 2014

April 10, 2014
April 24, 2014

May 8, 2014
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