



## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Chairman Bruce Bergen presided and called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Roll call showed, Vice Sergio Granados, Freeholder Linda Carter, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella and Freeholder Vernell Wright were in attendance.

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

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.

### **PRESENTATION BY THE BOARD**

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Chairman Bergen called upon Freeholders Carter and Mirabella to make presentation to the student winners of the 2015-2016 Union County Student Training and Enrichment Program (UC STEP).

Freeholder Carter gave a brief history about the program, which started three years ago. She noted that approximately 210 sophomore and junior high school students from 27 high schools throughout UC participated in the program. She noted that there were 11 teams from public, parochial, and charter schools. She stated that each team came up with a civic service concept, and of the five final projects, the "Red Team" won the civic engagement challenge: "Garments and Gear – Greatness for Years." Freeholder Carter called upon the students of the "Red Team" to introduced themselves and the school they attended.

Freeholder Carter stated that the "Garments and Gear – Greatness for Years" had received 27,913 votes out of a possible of 58,301 votes. She stated that they will focus on giving much needed equipment to less fortunate athletes so they could excel in sports, and give under-privileged athletes the opportunity to play a sport. She thanked the "the Red Team" for their work. She stated that the program will be launched at a kick-off day in the near future.

Jaquan Mile, John E. Dwyer Technology Academy, Elizabeth School District, on behalf of the Red Team, thanked the Freeholder Board for providing them with an opportunity to help the less fortunate through the UC STEP program, and thanked his fellow teammates for their teamwork and support.

Chairman Bergen called upon Freeholder Alexander Mirabella to make a presentation to Rocky Carle in acknowledgement of his 50 years of dedicated service with the Roselle Park Fire Department.

Freeholder Mirabella said he had the pleasure and honor to make a presentation to a Firefighter with 50 years of service with the Roselle Park Fire Department. He noted that Mr. Carle. Freeholder Mirabella called up Rocky Carle, Roselle Park Firefighter Chief Joseph Signorello. Freeholder Mirabella spoke on his time as the Fire Commission in Roselle Park while he served as a Roselle Park Councilman. He noted that Roselle Park residents have been in great hands during his 50 year tenure. He asked Chief Signorello to say a few words and offer a number of presentations.

Chief Joseph Signorello recalled his first fire truck ride, at the age of 5, with Rocky Carle on Engine #1. He stated that there was a fire on Tuesday where Rocky pumped Engine #1. Chief Signorello stated that Rocky officially celebrated 50 years of services on December 23, 2015 and he presented him with a President's Volunteer Service Award proclamation from President of the United States Barack H. Obama. He presented Rocky Carle with a Commemorative Pin and thanked the Board of Chosen Freeholders for recognizing Mr Carle.

Freeholder Mirabella asked Rocky's wife Lil, family members and fellow firefighters to join Rocky Carle, Chief Signorello and the Freeholders for pictures.

Chairman Bergen asked Freeholder Jalloh to join him in front of the dais. He stated that he wanted to take this opportunity to acknowledge his predecessor in the chairman's chair, Freeholder Jalloh, on a wonderful job leading the Board in 2015. He spoke to Chairman Jalloh's accomplishments, specifically noting the successes of the UC Act Program, and the job opportunities created by the Workforce Development Board. He thanked him for his guidance and assistance, and on behalf of all of the Freeholders he presented Freeholder Jalloh with a plaque to commemorate his 2015 Chairmanship.

Freeholder Jalloh stated that nothing done as Chairman is done alone, and requires the support of the entire Board. He stated that any accolades the Board bestows onto him are accolades that the Board deserves. He thanked the residents of Union County for their support and continued to support, adding that the Board is going to continue to make this County great.

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#### **APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Note and File

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

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#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Thursday, September 3, 2015 - Agenda Setting Session
2. Thursday, September 10, 2015 - Regular Meeting
3. Thursday, September 17, 2015 - Agenda Setting Session
4. Thursday, September 24, 2015 - Regular Meeting

Chairman Bergen called for a motion to waive the reading and accept the Minutes. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the Minutes of: September 3, 2015 - Agenda Setting Session and September 24, 2015 - Regular Meeting; eight members voted in the affirmative of September 10, 2015 - Regular Meeting and September 17, 2015 - Agenda Setting Session, with Freeholder Carter abstaining.

#### **ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION**

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

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere read the Ordinance by title.

**770-2016 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UNION COUNTY DISTRICT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN TO 1) INCLUDE THE WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEW JERSEY, INC., FACILITIES IN ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY AS THE COUNTY'S DESIGNATED FACILITIES TO WHICH SOLID WASTE TYPES 13, 13C, 23 AND 27 ARE DIRECTED FOR DISPOSAL; 2) INCORPORATE THE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE UNION COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEW JERSEY, INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF DISPOSAL SERVICES FOR SOLID WASTE TYPES 13, 13C, 23 AND 27; AND 3) DIRECT ALL SOLID WASTE TYPES 13, 13C, 23 AND 27 TO THE WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEW JERSEY, INC., FACILITIES IN ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY FOR DISPOSAL, PURSUANT TO REGULATORY WASTE FLOW CONTROL.**

#### **FIRST READING STATEMENT**

On a motion made by Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Solid Waste Advisory Board liaison, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella roll call showed 9 members of the Board voted in the affirmative. The Final Reading and Public Hearing are scheduled for February 11, 2016.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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

Chairman Bergen made a note to the public that at the Board's Reorganizational Meeting on January 3, 2016, the Board adopted some changes in the wording to the by-laws; in particular to the Freeholder Meeting and its public comments. He noted that the changes are posted on the doors leading to the chambers, and they do apply to all public comment sessions and asked the public to please abide to the rules, noting that the changes were made to clarify the rules.

Maria Echamaria, of Elizabeth, made some comments and/or inquires on a number of resolutions. Relative to Resolutions Numbers 2016-49 through 2016-51, she asked what is the purpose of the Boards; relative to Resolution Number 2016-90 and 2016-91, she asked if the public is eligible to have access to law books.

With reference to Resolution Numbers 2016-90 and 201691, County Counsel Barry stated the books are for the departments and agencies of the County and are not accessible by the public.

With reference to Resolution Number 2015-50, Director Guzzo stated the Advisory Board by-laws had not been updated since 1985. He added that this resolution updates them so that they meet the needs of today.

With reference to Resolution Numbers 2016-49, Chairman Bergen stated the Mental Health Advisory Board is a board of volunteers who help guide the county in its mental health services.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, New Jersey congratulated Chairman Bergen on being appointed Chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Mr. Paterson made comments and/or inquires on a number of resolutions. Relative to Resolution Numbers 2016-35, 2016-36, 2016-37, 2016-38, 2016-40, 2016-41, 2016-42, 2016-44, 2016-45, and 2016-60, he made comments regarding political donations made by the vendors, noting that there was no dollar amount for Resolution Number 2016-60; relative to Resolution Number 2016-61, he stated that the resolution for changing the Internal Position Control Schedules was not on the agenda meeting last week and asked for an explanation; relative to Resolution Numbers 2016-74 and 2016-75, he asked if the amount is inclusive of the cost for the talent; relative to Resolution Number 2016-79, he asked for an explanation as the cost of the contracts; relative to Resolution Numbers 2016-80 and 2016-81, he made comments relative to political donations made by the vendor; relative to Resolution Number 2016-98, he asked for an explanation of the collective bargaining agreement's health benefits; relative to Resolution Numbers 2016-96 and 2016-97, he made comments relative to political donations made by the vendors; relative to Resolution Number 2016-99, he asked for an explanation of the Winning Strategies contract.

With reference to Resolution Number 2016-61, Freeholder Mirabella stated that at the Agenda Meeting he said he would have an additional resolution from Fiscal and asked County Manager Faella to provide the specifics.

County Manager Faella stated the position control relates to the Department of Administrative Services.

With reference to Resolution Numbers 2016-74 and 2016-75, Director Zuber stated that the costs are inclusive of the price for the talent.

With reference to Resolution Number 2016-79, Acting Director Yuska stated the County has so much equipment that it is more prudent to hire an underwriter to manage those accounts. He advised that they arrange for the vendors the County chooses for repairs, but they monitor the billings. He provided a breakdown of the larger expenses, such as \$85,000 for the Prosecutor lab, \$50,000 for security equipment, and \$26,000 for facilities print shop and various electronic services.

With reference to Resolution Number 2016-98, Chairman Bergen stated he was not going to have someone read the full extent of the insurance coverage into the meeting record, but advised the speaker that the information contained within those contracts are public documents and are available to the public for review once they are executed.

John Bury, of Kenilworth, made comments and/or inquires to a number of resolutions. Relative to Resolution Number 2016-60, he asked when did Suplee Clooney become the accountants for the County and who were the previous accountants. He also asked how many audits did they do for the County; relative to Resolution Number 2016-87, he asked what the Employee Assistance Program is and what type of assistance is provided.

With reference to Resolution Number 2016-60, Director Taylor stated Suplee and Clooney are contracted to perform the audit of the various departments and the various constitutional offices associated with the County of Union. She added that this resolution does not allow for audits for outside agencies. She stated that the County is required by law to do the statutory audit in compliance with state regulations, the A133 for federal and state grants, as well as the County's Deferred Comp Plans, and all of the Constitutional Offices, the Cornerstone Hospital, the County's Correctional Facilities, the County's CDBG Grants, and all grants that are in compliance with federal dollars.

With reference to Resolution Number 2016-87, Acting Director Yuska stated the EAP is a 24-hour a day, 365-days a year immediate access for emergency consultation, referral, conflict resolution, support services, problem solving, professional coaching and critical incident intervention. He added that this contract includes family members and significant others, and offers information and referral services in a number of areas.

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## RESOLUTIONS

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The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2016-34 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into and execute a Rights-of-Way Use Agreement between the County of Union and CenturyLink Communications, LLC of Maryland Heights, MO, for the installation and maintenance of a telecommunications service system.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-35 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to Remington & Vernick Engineers (RV) of Secaucus, New Jersey to provide Design, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Replacement of Irving Street Bridge, Ra-10, City of Rahway, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$353,154.76. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-018)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-36 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to Remington & Vernick Engineers (RV) of Secaucus, New Jersey to provide Design, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Replacement of Husa Street Bridge over Peach Orchard Brook, (Li-113), in the City of Linden, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$138,238.85. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-019)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-37 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to Neglia Engineering Associates, of Clark, New Jersey to provide Design, Construction Management and Inspection Services for the Replacement of W.R. Tracy Road Bridge (Mo-37) over the Green Brook in the Township of Mountainside, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$131,158.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-020)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-38 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service contract to Remington & Vernick Engineers (RV) of Secaucus, New Jersey to provide Design, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Replacement of Elm Street Bridge, We7, Township of Westfield, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$193,492.83. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-021)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-39 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to The RBA Group of Parsippany, New Jersey to provide On-Call Traffic Engineering Services for the County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, commencing February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-028)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-40 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to T&M Associates of Middletown, New Jersey, to provide On-Call Bridge Engineering Services for the County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 commencing February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-029)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-41 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to CME Associates, of Monmouth Junction, New Jersey, to provide On-Call Environmental Services for the County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, commencing February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-030)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-42 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to Neglia Engineering Associates, of Clark, New Jersey to provide On-Call General Engineering Services for the County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 commencing February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-031)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-43 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to French & Parrello of Wall, New Jersey, to provide dam inspection and engineering services for the 2016 Inspection of Union County Dams for an amount not to exceed \$16,850.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-032)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-44 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-893 adopted November 12, 2015, a Professional Engineering Service Contract with CME Associates of Monmouth Junction, New Jersey to provide additional engineering services related to the former Lenape Park Trap and Skeet facility located in Cranford, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$15,150.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$365,061.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-029)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-45 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to T&M Associates of Middletown, New Jersey, to provide underground storage tank design services for the replacement of underground storage tanks at the Department of Public Works Facility in Scotch Plains, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$122,050.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-038)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-46 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Amending Resolution 2014-311, a contract with Simplex Grinnell, Rockaway, New Jersey for the purpose of providing 2120 Fire Alarm and Sprinkler System Services, changing account numbers only (no change in contract terms or amount).

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-47 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Amending Resolution 2015-44 to extend the contract awarded to Funeral Services of New Jersey, Inc., of Hillside, NJ, pursuant to a fair and open process, for the period of January 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016 in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-48 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-682, a contract with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, Rahway, New Jersey, for the provision of space to perform autopsies and external exams for a period of July 1, 2015 through June 31, 2016, adjusting the contract terms to read April 1, 2015 through March 30, 2016 and to adjust the appropriation of the contract amount into each account number. A purchase order has been entered to reflect the additional money for 2015 #16001210.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-49 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Re-appointing the following to the Mental Health Advisory Board: Pam Eagan (County Advocacy Group) for a term beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2018 and Tiffany Wilson (Justice Involved Services) for a term beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-50 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Adopting the Union County Advisory Board on the Disabled (ABD) Bylaws as approved by the ABD membership on December 15, 2015.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-51 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Appointing Aaron S. Cohen to the Advisory Board on the Disabled for a term beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-52 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Agreement of Understanding between the Union County Division of Social



Services and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway for the out-stationing of County Welfare Agency staff (one part-time employee) to process Medicaid applications for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 at no cost to the County of Union (State funded).

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-53 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Agreement of Understanding between the Union County Division of Social Services and Overlook Hospital for the out-stationing of County Welfare Agency staff (one part-time employee) to process Medicaid applications for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 at no cost to the County of Union (State funded).

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-54 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Agreement of Understanding between the Union County Division of Social Services and Trinitas Medical Center for the out-stationing of County Welfare Agency staff (four full-time employees) to process Medicaid applications for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 at no cost to the County of Union (State funded).

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-55 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2016 Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) Spending Plan in the total amount not to exceed \$99,451 to provide program services for youth and families involved in the juvenile justice system for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, and further authorizing the transfer of funds among agencies/municipalities during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any fail to meet its contractual obligation, upon approval by the Juvenile Justice Commission.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-56 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-416 to extend the contract period on the 2016 Social Services for the Homeless (SSH) Spending Plan subcontract with PROCEED, Inc. through June 30, 2016 and increase funding to PROCEED in the amount of \$24,500, for salary and wages, for a new allocation not to exceed \$76,276, to provide the NJ Division of Family Development (DFD) Intensive Case Management (ICM) Program services for Union County residents; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the funded agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any fails to meet its contractual obligation.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-57 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Designating the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs as the Official County Cultural and Heritage Agency.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-58 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs to apply for private and public funding for the year 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-59 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Appointing the following members to the Human Services Advisory Council: Frank Caragher (Community at-Large) Tom Beck (Community at-Large) and Audria Russell (HIV/AIDS) for a term beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2018; and re-appointing Susan Spurr (Adv. Bd. On Disabled), Antoinette Wright (Community at-large); and Lu Archeval (Health Services) to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2017; and one year re-appointments: Janice Lilien (Domestic Violence) and Linda Tober (Target Pop: Homeless) ending December 31, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-60 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Awarding a contract to Suplee, Clooney & Company, Westfield, New Jersey, to provide statutory audits of accounts of the County of Union and its agencies from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-61 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizes the County Manager to adjust and/or change the Internal Position Control Schedules.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-62 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Pharma-Care Inc., of Clark, NJ, to provide pharmacy consulting services for the patients of the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in the amount not to exceed \$12,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-63 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with

the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq; Department of Human Services/Paratransit System: Shepard Bros, Inc., Canandaigua, New York, for the purchase, and replacement, of four (4) ten passenger buses with two wheelchair positions in the total amount not to exceed \$205,300.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-64 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Authorizing the County Manager to award Union County Youth Services Commission Spending Plan subcontracts to provide program services based on the Juvenile Justice Commission Points of Continuum: Prevention, Diversion, Detention, Disposition and Reentry in the total amount not to exceed \$511,656 for the grant period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, and further authorizing the transfer of funds among the funded agencies/municipalities during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the funded agencies/municipalities fails to meet its contractual obligation, upon approval by the Juvenile Justice Commission.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-65 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Re-appointing the following members to the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse: Alexander J. Rasi (Criminal Justice) and Reverend Pamela Jones (Clergy/Religious Group) for a term beginning January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-66 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Re-appointing the following members to the Union County Commission on the Status of Women: Nora Mislán, Joan Abitante, Cheryl Pantina, Jane O'Hara, Donna Brothers and Mary Jean Hoelzel for a term beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-67 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Modifying and re-appointing membership to the Senior Citizen Disabled Resident Transportation Advisory Board as follows: Kevin Illing, January 1, 2015 to December 2016; Stephen Thorpe, January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016; William Totten, January 1, 2015 to December 2016; Patricia Rufolo, January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016; and Rosemary Coppola, January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016; Tony Hall, January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017; Ina White, January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017; Thelma Smith, January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017; and Sonja Ash, January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-68 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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 Parks & Recreation: JC Landscape Construction & Management Co., Inc., for the purpose of providing Improvements to the Chatfield Gardens, Warinanco Park, City of Elizabeth, Borough of Roselle, County of Union, New Jersey, in the amount not to exceed \$219,302.00. (BA#71-2015; Union County Engineering Project #2014-019)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-69 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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: Parks & Recreation: Ralph Checchio, Inc., of Scotch Plains, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing 2015 various asphalt overlay for Park Maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$270,674.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-70 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the First Tee of America Raritan Valley Chapter to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Practice Center to develop community outreach programs for the County's youth from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-71 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Girls for Golf Program, Daytona, Florida to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Practice Center to develop community outreach programs for the County's young girls from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-72 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with NJ Golf Foundation to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Practice Center to develop community outreach programs for the County's youth for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-73 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Renaissance Jr. Golf, Inc. of Newark, NJ to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Practice Center to develop community outreach programs for the County's youth from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-74 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to This Is It! Productions, Inc., Hoboken, New Jersey to provide the planning, production and management services for the 2016 Concert Series in the amount not to exceed \$109,650.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-75 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to This Is It! Productions of Hoboken, New Jersey to provide the planning, production and management services for the 2016 Rhythm and Blues by the Brook Concert at Cedar Brook Park, Plainfield to be held on June 4, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-76 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Re-Appointing the following members to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board: Robert Ehrenbeck as a Delegate member to represent the Borough of Garwood; John Morgan as a Delegate member and George Lanzano as an Alternate member to represent the Town of Westfield; Hugh Welsh as a Delegate member and Ronald Zuber as an Alternate member to represent the Township of Cranford and Louis DeSocio as a Delegate member to represent the City of Summit for a term beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-77 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Re-appointing Michael Timoni to the Union County Planning Board for a term beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-78 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of the Prosecutor, to award a Professional Services contract through an RFQ process to Life Technologies for Validation Testing Services at the Union County Laboratory, as per State requirements; for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$150,000. (Grant funded)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-79 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Awarding a contract to Specialty Underwriters Insurance Company, Oak Creek, Wisconsin, to provide insurance coverage to the

County's office machinery, laundry equipment and lab equipment, for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in the amount not to exceed \$300,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-80 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Renewal of Public Official Bond with the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, for JoAnn Schwab, Office of the County Surrogate in an amount not to exceed \$137.00 for the period of December 31, 2015 through December 30, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-81 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing a payment to Brown & Brown, County General Insurance Agent of Record, to renew the Horse Accidental Death Policy with Great American Assurance Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, to cover accidental death of horses by fire, electrocution or transportation vehicle overturn from January 16, 2016 through January 15, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$1,559.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-82 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing a payment to Brown & Brown our General Insurance Agent of record to renew the Marine Insurance Policy covering UC Marine 1 and UC Marine 2, Union County Police Fire Boats, with the Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company from January 22, 2016 through January 21, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$17,150.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-83 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Approving the list of pre-qualified vendors for the provision of providing Psychological Examinations to the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-84 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Kanen Psychological Associates, P.A., Ridgewood, NJ, for the provision of Psychological Evaluation Services (Fitness for Duty Examinations) for the Department of Administrative Services (Personnel), Department of Human Services (Juvenile Detention), and the Department of Correctional Services for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 for a total amount not to exceed \$49,500.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-85 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to The Institute for Forensic Psychology, Oakland, New Jersey, to provide Psychological Evaluation Services to the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Personnel, and The Office of The Union County Prosecutor, for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in a total amount not to exceed \$29,500.00

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-86 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract for Telecommunication Services with Verizon Inc. of New Jersey, a Board of Public Utilities regulated supplier, for an estimated not to exceed amount of \$700,000.00 for a period of twelve consecutive months.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-87 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Intervention Strategies, International, Inc., Midland Park, NJ for the purpose of providing a comprehensive Employee Assistance Program (EAP) to County Employees and their Families for the period of February 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$52,360.00

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-88 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Edmunds & Associates, Inc., Northfield, New Jersey, for the provision of maintenance and technical support for the County's Financial and Electronic Requisition System for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$20,580.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-89 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the Union County Workforce Development Board request to the New Jersey State Employment & Training Commission for initial designation of the Union County Local Area as required under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-90 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter agreements with Thomson Reuters, Stamford, CT, for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$99,200.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-91**     **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter agreements with Gann Law Books, Newark, NJ, for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$38,675.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-92**     **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter agreements with LexisNexis, Philadelphia, PA, for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$58,450.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-93**     **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter agreements with various vendors for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$24,102.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-94**     **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the Office of the County Counsel to engage and compensate experts such as court reporters, expert witnesses, examining physicians and other litigation support and specialists which are essential to the defense of the County of Union in amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-95**     **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** A resolution awarding a contract to Judith L. DiAntonio, Clark, NJ, for Court Reporting Services for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-96**     **CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution 2015-393 dated April 30, 2015 to increase the appropriation to Bauch, Zucker, Hatfield of Springfield, NJ in the matter entitled Kevin Buckley & Ryan Wilson 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 Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.



- 2016-97 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution 2015-694 dated August 20, 2015 to increase the appropriation to Weber Dowd Law of Woodland Park, 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 \$46,956.48.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-98 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with PBA 108A--Sheriff Superior Officers effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-99 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Winning Strategies Washington, Washington DC, to provide services for comprehensive federal government relations and lobbying services for the contract period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 in the amount of \$138,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-100 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2016-3, designating official newspapers as recipients of legal notices of the County of Union for the Year 2016, to include Luso Americano Co., Inc.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-101 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution 2015-69 for Jim Mathieu as a member to the County Air Traffic and Noise Advisory Board to represent the Borough of Garwood to reflect a term ending December 31, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

#### **FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

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- 2016-102 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Laudatory resolution acknowledging the efforts of the 2015 Union County Student Training and Enrichment Program (UC STEP) participants, and further congratulating Team Red on their successful "Garments and Gear – Greatness for Years" campaign; after receiving 27,913 of a possible 58,301 votes.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-103 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Esther M. Harris, lifelong resident of Elizabeth and retired music teacher of the Linden School District, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-104 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Laudatory resolution commending Virginia Sleiger on her many years of public service; and further congratulating her on her retirement from the Linden School District.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-105 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Laudatory resolution congratulating Nick Florio, Roselle Park Art Teacher, on his many years of dedicated public service to the students of Roselle Park; and further wishing him well upon his retirement.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-106 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Recognizing Roselle Park firefighter Nelson "ROCKY" Carle for his 50 years of dedicated active public service.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-107 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Laudatory Resolution recognizing the many efforts of the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless and wish them well on their 22nd Annual "Hoops to End Homelessness" event on January 30th.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-108 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution supporting the efforts of Union County College in their pursuit to be the first community college in New Jersey to award a Bachelors of Nursing completion degree.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-109 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Laudatory resolution recognizing the honorees of the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame's 80th Annual Hot Stove League Awards Dinner held on February 21, 2015; and further acknowledging the Guest Speaker, Major League Baseball pitcher and 1977 Cy Young Award Winner, Sparky Lyle.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-110 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Laudatory resolution congratulating Detective Keith Medvedich on being honored as the "2015 Sheriff's Officer of the Year" in Recognition of his exemplary performance and Professionalism.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-111 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of the Paper Mill's Theatrical Angel, Mickey McNany, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

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### **PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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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.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, complimented Acting Director Yuska on his knowledge and financial acumen.

He commended Chairman Bergen's initiatives as having "teeth" and made comments to the new loans for small businesses through the Union County Economic Development Corporation, Union County Workforce Innovation Center, the "Seniors in Motion" Program which provides vans for senior transportation, the initiative concerning the Fire Departments with compatible radios and animal control services.

He made comments about the lack of details offered by the Board concerning the public comment notification, the resolutions concerning the internal position controls and the health benefits.

Chairman Bergen clarified that he did not say the public comments were a waste of time, rather reading a lengthy legal document into the record, when it is available to any member of the public to read, was not appropriate use of time for the meeting.

Maria Echamaria, of Elizabeth, made comments in relative to the public using law books, suggesting that all members of the public should have access to the county's law books.

Chairman Bergen clarified that the law books are for the County to conduct its business and that the public can access such law books at the various public libraries or online.

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### **FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

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Freeholder Kowalski noted the anticipated winter storm and commended the County's Department of Human Services, and all of its partner agencies, for their efforts to ensure that every Union County resident has a warm, safe place to stay. She made comments relative to the County's "Code Blue" system that activates a network of County and municipal offices, and non-profit organizations, that coordinate the delivery of extra beds, transportation, and other services that come into play during cold weather emergencies.

Freeholder Carter made comments relative to the UC STEP program. She said almost 200 students from 27 high schools joined the County's 3rd Annual Union County Student Training and Enrichment Program Summit at Kean University last December. She noted that the UC STEP program provides an opportunity for students to develop important life skills and collaborate on community service projects that unite the entire community. She noted that this year's winning community service project is called Garments & Gear – Greatness for Years will be raising funds and collecting athletic gear for donation to student in need, to help ensure that every youth athlete in Union County has the equipment they need to participate.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to Winter Activities in County Parks. He reminded everyone that Echo Lake Park has some of the County's best sledding. He noted that some of our parks are also open for cross-country skiing, and that there are miles of trails for winter hiking and snow-shoeing.

Freeholder Hudak noted that as the County prepares itself for the first significant snow storm for 2016, he would like to announce that the County is seeking lifeguards for the two Union County Pools. He advised that both full time and part time schedules are available for residents ages 16 and up.

Freeholder Wright made comments relative to the Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade in her hometown of Union Township. She said the event is one of the largest of its kind in New Jersey, and it is a great source of pride for the whole community. She noted that the Freeholder Board is supporting the parade and acknowledged being joined by Vice Chairman Sergio Granados, and Freeholders Hudak, Kowalski and Carter in presenting a sponsorship check to the parade committee during its annual fundraiser at the Kenilworth Veterans Center. She encouraged residents to attend and enjoy the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, which draws thousands of people from Union County and beyond, on Saturday, March 12th at 1:00 p.m..

Vice Chairman Granados made comments relative to the efforts of the Department of Human Services, the Sheriff's Office and the County's partner agencies as they will be spending the early morning hours surveying and assisting the homeless. He advised the County conduct this annual survey as part of a national effort by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, with the aim of identifying needs so that we may leverage federal and state support to help people transition to permanent, safe housing. He thanked the volunteers in advance for their assistance with this effort.

Chairman Bergen made comments relative to the importance of "transportation" to the County of Union. He stated he pledged that the Freeholder Board would step up

its work on upgrading and expanding our transportation network during his Chairman's Address. He noted that tonight the Board adopted four resolutions concerning engineering contracts as a significant step to ensure that our County bridges are up to date with modern safety and transportation standards.

Chairman Bergen noted that the County recently received word of an award of a \$1.1 million grant through the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for intersection improvements along East Front Street in Plainfield. He stated that the new upgrades will improve traffic flow along this key hub, while contributing to a downtown that is friendlier to pedestrians and cyclists. He made comments relative to the Planning Authority's critical role in the County's ability to advocate for transportation improvements.

Chairman Bergen congratulated Freeholder Angel Estrada on his recent election to serve as First Vice-Chair of the Planning Authority Board. He stated that as a member of the Planning Board, Freeholder Estrada has been a tireless advocate for Union County, and the Board is looking forward to many more years of progress as he takes on this new position of leadership.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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Chairman Bergen called for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative. Meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

**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, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified. In the event an Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting are held on the same night, the Agenda Setting Session will commence at 7:00pm and the Regular Meeting will commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session.

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

**REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2016 at 12:00 pm**  
**Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ**

**2016 MEETING SCHEDULE****AGENDA SETTING SESSION**

January 14, 2016

February 4, 2016

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September 8, 2016

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October 20, 2016

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December 1, 2016

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January 21, 2016

February 11, 2016

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April 14, 2016

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May 12, 2016

May 26, 2016

June 9, 2016

June 23, 2016

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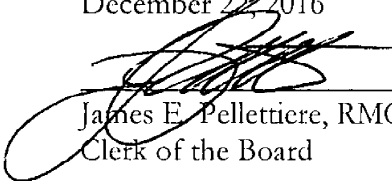
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