



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016
AGENDA SETTING 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 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 read by the Clerk of the Board.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Bergen noted the Board would adopt the Communications at the April 28, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Note and File

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Oath of Office: Advisory Board on the Disabled: Charles Newman; Advisory Council on Aging: Sharron Brown and Ellen Stauton; Mental Health Advisory Board: Lauren Kaplan-Sagal and Sonja Ash; Senior Citizen Disabled Resident Transportation Advisory Board: Kevin Illing and Stephen Thorpe; Union County Improvement Authority: Sebastian D'Elia, George H. Lattimore, John Salerno, Raymond J. Szpond and Bryan T. Tomko; Union County Transportation Advisory Board: Robert Ehrenbeck, Tony Hall, John Morgan, Dan Petrosky, Richard Templeton and Walter Tucker; Union County Air Traffic and Noise Advisory Board: Greg Bashkoff, Jerome Feder, Marconi Gapas, Jeanne Kingsley, Dennis Malinowski and Kathy Silance.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Grace H. Park, Acting Prosecutor

First Assistant Prosecutor Isenhour represented the office.

1. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into a contract with Fair and Impartial Policing, LLC for the purpose of supplying training during the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$21,000. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Carter inquired if this is a onetime training and if this training as been done in previous years.

First Assistant Prosecutor Isenhour advised that it is a new training endorsed by numerous law enforcement agencies to help officers recognize implicit biases they may have. He noted that the Academy certainly touches on this subject matter; however this program is more robust and has developed over the last several years as a result of recent law enforcement events. He advised that this program is a "Train the Trainer" program, designed to roll out later this year that would eventually train all law enforcement officer in the County; advising that there will be 25 Trainers that will train the rest of the law enforcement officers. He stated that Prosecutor Park introduced this to the Police Chiefs and noted how the program was positively received.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Michael Yuska, Acting Director

1. 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 Administrative Services, Division of Motor Vehicles, to: Wilfred MacDonald, Inc., South Hackensack, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Jacobsen OEM Replacement Parts for 24 consecutive months in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Kowalski asked for clarification as to what types of parts this resolution involves.

Acting Director Yuska advised that this resolution authorizes the purchase of Jacobson lawnmowers, advising that they are very large pieces of equipment that cover large areas at a time.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to designate the following vehicle as a surplus vehicle and no longer needed for County purposes: 2005 Ford E350 10 Passenger Bus VIN# 1FDWE35P25HA77525 with 195,523 miles. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to donate the following vehicle: One (1) 2005 Ford E350 10 Passenger Bus, VIN #1FDWE35P25HA77525 with 195,523 miles, to the Borough of Mountainside as this vehicle is no longer needed for County purposes pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-36(2). The Borough of Mountainside will assume all costs incurred with transfer and title. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amy Wagner, Acting Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award funding for the 2016 Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 to the twenty-one (21) municipalities in the County of Union identified in the attached hereto and made a part hereof. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Hudak asked if the municipalities receiving the grants have been notified.

Acting Director Wagner advised that they have been notified and will be coming to the Regular Meeting to receive their ceremonial checks.

Freeholder Hudak noted that he was aware of the match requirement, and asked Director Wagner to confirm that most of the projects are geared towards paving projects.

Acting Director Wagner advised that all but one municipality had requested for roadway improvements.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCEBibi Taylor, Director

There were no questions or comments.

1. Amending the 2016 Temporary Budget Ch. 96 P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20). (**Freeholder Alexander Mirabella**)

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICESFrank Guzzo, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award 2016 Homeless Trust Fund (HTF) subcontracts pursuant to the recent Request for Proposal (RFP) procurement process for the eight month budget period of May 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in the total amount not to exceed \$125,000 to deliver services as permitted by the Homeless Trust Fund regulations (P.L. 2009 Chapter 123 State Law); further authorizing the transfer of funds among the various agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation. (**Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh**)

Freeholder Carter asked for clarification as to why the contract is only from May through December and not a full year.

Director Guzzo advised that this program requires the County to incrementally spend funds before they add additional funds, noting that the County must spend 63% of the total funding before receiving the remaining funds. He added that the County has collected \$143,109 in 2015.

2. 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, Union County Juvenile Detention Center: Aramark Correctional Services, LLC, Philadelphia, PA, for the purpose of providing Food Services and Food Service Management, for twenty-four (24) consecutive months in the total amount not to exceed \$1,080,000 or \$540,000 per year with the option to renew for one (1) twenty-four (24) month extension. (**Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski**)

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATIONRonald Zuber, Director

Director Zuber advised that the funding from Agenda Item #1 is coming from a Trust Account that was received from Barclay's for parking at an event at Oak Ridge in a previous year.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra for the performance of a Pops Concert on Friday, June 24, 2016 at Echo Lake Park in the amount of \$35,000. (**Chairman Bruce H. Bergen**)
2. Amending Resolution Number 378-2015 (BA#19-2015), a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law to Total Turf Golf Services, Inc., of Huntingdon Valley, PA, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Ash Brook Golf Course Renovation Project. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$885.02) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$1,032,639.98. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2014-028). (**Vice Chairman Sergio Granados**)

3. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to Neglia Engineering Associates of Clark, New Jersey to provide design, construction administration and inspection services for the Meisel Park Field Improvements, Township of Springfield for an amount not to exceed \$75,522.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-004) **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a professional services contract, through an RFQ process, with Funeral Services of NJ, Inc., Hillside, New Jersey, and Curry Funeral Home, Westfield, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Livery Services for the contract period of one year in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**

Freeholder Mirabella asked Director Moran to elaborate on the purpose for the Agenda Item.

Director Moran advised that they outsource the service of transportation of the deceased from the location of the scene of the death to a hospital (where the autopsies are conducted) or to a funeral home.

Freeholder Mirabella asked Director Moran if this service is just for the indigent or for all that require autopsies.

Director Moran advised that the service is provided for all Medical Examiner cases that require autopsies.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Robert E. Barry, Esq., County Counsel

County Counsel Barry advised that Agenda Item Number 1 was an item discussed in the previous executive session.

There were no questions or comments.

1. A Resolution approving the settlement of County of Union v. Amir Karni, Docket No.: UNN-L-703-15, in the amount of \$85,000.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2015-798, to increase the appropriation to Palumbo, Renaud & DeAppolonio of Cranford, New Jersey in the matter entitled Fowler v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$616.22 for a final sum not to exceed \$100,616.22. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulating Eli Matthew Zidel, Boy Scout Troop 273 of Westfield upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
2. Congratulating Miguel Meireles of Boy Scout Troop 101/Pack 101 of Elizabeth on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. **(Freeholder Hudak & Freeholder Estrada)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Preserve Union County grant, through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, to The Old First Historic

- Trust, Elizabeth, New Jersey, to provide emergency maintenance assistance for the protection of the historic site. This matching grant is in an amount not to exceed \$9,200.00. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Appointing the following members to the Union County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Public Advisory Committee: Charles Ekke and Michael Del Sordi (Public members) for terms ending December 31, 2016; Rose Checchio (Democratic Official) for a term ending December 31, 2016; Janice Siegel (Environmental) for a term ending December 31, 2017; and re-appointing Michael Yesenko (Historic Preservation) and Jim McManus (Labor Organization) for a term ending December 31, 2017. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
 5. Appointing Nicole DeAugustine to the Union County Cultural & Heritage Programs Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2018. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
 6. Acknowledging the efforts of the Union County Human Relations Commission and further congratulating the 20 recipients of the 2016 UCHRC Unity Achievement Awards. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
 7. Re-appointing the following members to the Fire Services Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2016: Joseph Moschello (Fire Prevention Assoc.), Steven Ruhl (Fire Academy Dean), Gary Steitz (Fire Investigation Rep), Andrew Moran (Public Safety Director), Christopher Scaturro (Emergency Services Director/Chief), William Kane (Emergency Services Deputy), Joseph Signorello (Chief, Volunteer Dept.), Thomas McNamara (Largest City Fire Chief), Thomas Byrne (2nd Largest City Fire Chief), Fred Fretz (County Fire Coordinator), Kristen Von St. Paul (Emergency Services Support staff) and appointing Eric Evers (Chief, Combo Dept.) and Brian Mecca (President, Fire Chief Assoc.) **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
 8. Appointing Sara Todisco, of Garwood, to the Union County Commission on the Status of Women for a term ending December 31, 2016. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
 9. Resolution appointing Andrew Beno as an Alternate #1 Member to the Union County Planning Board with a term ending December 31, 2017. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
 10. Laudatory resolution supporting Assembly Bill #3491, which establishes a Criminal Justice Reform Administration Fund through the increase of certain fees and assessments in criminal proceedings to help fund the costs associated with implementing and administering the criminal justice reform specific to pretrial release and pretrial detention proceedings. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
 11. Congratulating each recipient of the 2016 "Young Writers of Union County" Arbor Day Poetry Contest. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Cater advised that she would have a laudatory resolution to add to the Regular Meeting.

Freeholder Mirabella advised that he would have a number of sponsorship resolutions to add to the Regular Meeting.

Chairman Bergen advised that he will have a number of Advisory Board appointments to add to the Regular Meeting. He also noted that he would be adding a resolution amending Resolution Number 2016-2, adopting the meeting schedule; cancelling the meeting of May 19, 2016 and rescheduling the agenda meeting prior to the Regular Meeting of May 26, 2016.

County Manager advised he will have a position control resolution, previously approved by the Fiscal Committee, to add to the Regular Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- 1) Attorney-client privileged communication relative to ongoing contract negotiations with various collective bargaining units; and
- 2) Presentation and discussion of tactics, techniques and protocols in protecting the safety and property of the public relative to "critical incidents" within County facilities.

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.

He state that this Board wishes to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Attorney-client privileged communication relative to ongoing contract negotiations with various collective bargaining units, and to hear a presentation and discussion of tactics, techniques and protocols in protecting the safety and property of the public relative to "critical incidents" within County facilities.

He stated that the minutes of the Executive Session shall be separated from the minutes of the Open Public Session and that the minutes of the Executive Session, redacted as appropriate and necessary, shall be available in approximately 30 days. He stated that the Clerk of the Board shall retain the original minutes until such time as the confidential limitations have been removed, at which time they shall be made available.

He stated that upon affirmative vote of the majority of the members present, the Board may enter Executive Session and upon the Board's return, as it is an Agenda Meeting, it will not take formal action on the matters discussed.

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

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

County Counsel Barry stated that there was nothing to add as a result of Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bergen asked for a motion to adjourn. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Granados, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

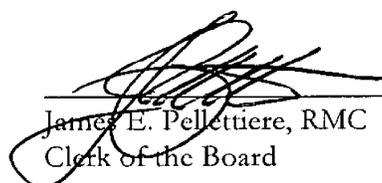
Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 7:00pm in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified. In the event an Agenda Setting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

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

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

2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

<u>AGENDA SETTING SESSION</u>	<u>REGULAR MEETINGS</u>
January 14, 2016	January 21, 2016
February 4, 2016	February 11, 2016
February 18, 2016	February 18, 2016
March 3, 2016	March 10, 2016
March 17, 2016	March 31, 2016
April 7, 2016	April 14, 2016
April 21, 2016	April 28, 2016
May 5, 2016	May 12, 2016
May 19, 2016	May 26, 2016
June 2, 2016	June 9, 2016
June 16, 2016	June 23, 2016
July 14, 2016	July 21, 2016
August 11 2016	August 18, 2016
September 8, 2016	September 15, 2016
September 22, 2016	September 29, 2016
October 6, 2016	October 13, 2016
October 20, 2016	October 20, 2016
November 10, 2016	November 22, 2016 (Tuesday)
December 1, 2016	December 8, 2016
December 15, 2016	December 22, 2016


James E. Pelletiere, RMC
Clerk of the Board

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