



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2015
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh presided and called the meeting to order at 7:09pm. Roll call showed, Vice Chairman Bruce Bergen, Freeholder Linda Carter, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella and Freeholder Vernell Wright were in attendance. Freeholder Sergio Granados was absent.

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

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

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter roll call showed 8 members voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

Note and File

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

Clerk of the Board Pelletiere read the Ordinance by title.

767-2015 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE UNION COUNTY DISTRICT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN MODIFYING THE INCLUSION OF A CLASS B RECYCLING FACILITY CURRENTLY OPERATED BY ROCKRETE RECYCLING CORPORATION IN THE CITY OF ELIZABETH.

FIRST READING STATEMENT

On a motion made by Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Fiscal Chairman, and seconded by Freeholder Estrdada, roll call showed 8 members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent. The Final Reading and Public Hearings are scheduled for December 3, 2015.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

John Bury, of Kenilworth, made comments and or inquires relative to a number of resolutions. Relative to Resolution Number 2015-869, he inquired as to the cost of \$1 million and the reason for the timing of the project.

Relative to Resolution Number 2015-893, he asked for an explanation of the contract with CME Associates; asking if the Trap and Skeet Range will be re-opened.

Relative to Resolution Number 2015-907, he asked the five-year agreement with Scotch Plains covers all dispatching: police, fire, first aide. He asked which towns are participating in the shared service, and for which dispatch services.

Relative to Resolution Number 2015-909, he asked for an explanation as to why it was settled for \$375,000.

He made comment relative to 2015-912 regarding the legal defense costs. He asked if Bauch, Zucker, Hatfield is the only outside firm hired for this case, and if not, what other firms, and at what cost, have been hired to represent the County.

With reference to Resolution Number 2015-869, Director Zuber stated the project calls for a new golf path, complete with an under base. He added that there will be no railings or lights. He noted that this project will cover seven miles of golf path. He added the County leases its golf carts, and the Department wants to have this project done before the spring season.

With reference to Resolution Number 2015-893, Director Graziano advised that the Licensed Site Remediation Professionals will conduct continual monitoring of the Trap and Skeet site, noting that the County will be doing soil investigation, water sampling ground water investigation, and lead contamination inspections. He stated that the site will not be open as a trap and skeet range.

With reference to Resolution Number 2015-907, Director Moran stated Scotch Plains will be the third police department the County provided dispatch, noting the County Police and Fanwood Police are the other two departments. He added the County provides fire and EMS dispatch for Hillside, Roselle, Roselle Park, and Springfield. He stated that that the County provides EMS dispatch service for Clark, Kenilworth and Mountainside.

With reference to Resolution Number 2015-909, County Counsel Barry stated the settlement of pending litigation was the result of an automobile accident involving a driver who sustained a serious injury when a tree limb from a county tree fell on his moving vehicle.

With reference to Resolution Number 2015-912, Mr. Barry stated this case has been an on-going litigation matter for some time ,and noted that the County was successful at the trial level. He stated that Ms. Figueroa has appealed the case,

resulting in the continued increase in costs. He added that Bauch, Zucker, Hatfield is not the only counsel in that matter, noting that the law firm of Weber Dowd is also in that case. He advised that he was not certain of their exact contract cost at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2015-869 FREEHOLDER 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 (BA#: 59-2015); Department of Parks and Recreation: J.A. Alexander, Inc., of Bloomfield, New Jersey, for the Galloping Hill Golf Cart Path Improvement Project, in an amount not to exceed \$1,090,400.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-870 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and further authorize to execute and all agreements for an electronic grant application identified as BIKE-2016-Union County Parks and Recreation Frederick Law Olmsted Greenway Ex-00024 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of Union County.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-871 FREEHOLDER 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 and Recreation: Country Feed & Grain, LLC., Haskell, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing horse feed, for twenty-four (24) consecutive months, in the amount of \$89,600.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-872 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to issue the incentive fee payment in the amount of \$134,000 to Kemper Sports Management as per the terms of the Management Agreement for the period of January 1, 2014 through November 16, 2014.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-873 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through the competitive contracting process in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSa 40A:11-4.1 Et seq, for the Department of Parks and Recreation to Professional Farrier Services, Inc. of Elizabeth, NJ, for the purpose of providing Farrier Services for the Watchung Stable for a period of December 1, 2015 through November 30, 2017, with an option to renew for one 24 month period and one additional 12 month period in the amount of not to exceed \$150,000. (\$75,000 per year)

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-874 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award FY2016 Union County History Grants to nine recipients in the total amount of \$16,230.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-875 FREEHOLDER 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: Dimilia, Inc., of Montclair, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing the Rehabilitation of Warinanco Park Clay Tennis Courts, Warinanco Park, City of Elizabeth, Borough of Roselle, County of Union, New Jersey, for an amount not to exceed \$347,789.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2014-023)

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-876 FREEHOLDER 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: T. R. Weniger, Inc., of Piscataway, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing the replacement of two (2) pedestrian bridges - Green Brook Park, City of Plainfield and Rahway River Park, City of Rahway, for an amount not to exceed \$453,550.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-015)

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-877 FREEHOLDER 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: Applied Landscape Technologies of Montville, New Jersey, for the

purpose of providing Artificial Turf Field at Mattano Park, City of Elizabeth, County of Union, New Jersey, for an amount not to exceed \$1,598,284.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-878 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Appointing Michael DeRosa as a member to the Union County Planning Board to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-879 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2015 Budget in the amount of \$19,820 as a result of notification received from Union County College for a program entitled: Program Income - WFNJ - Union County College.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-880 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2015 Budget in the amount of \$58,346 as a result of notification received from the County of Union - Department of Human Services - Division on Aging for a program entitled: Paratransit - Aging.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-881 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2015 Budget in the amount \$158,272 as a result of notification received from the US Office of Justice for a program entitled: Justice Assistance Program (JAG).

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-882 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract pursuant to a RFP for Retirement Planning Services to Economic Planning Group, Edison, New Jersey, for the contract period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016 at no cost to the County.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-883 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2015 Budget in the amount of \$51,843 as a result of notification received from the State of New

Jersey, Division of Criminal Justice for a program entitled: Body Armor Replacement Fund Program.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-884 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Approving Transfer of Current Fund Appropriations.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-885 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution providing for the consent of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union to the issuance by the Union County Improvement Authority of its County Guaranteed Revenue Bonds, Series 2015 (Oakwood Plaza-Elizabeth) in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$2,200,000 for the construction of affordable housing units in the residential development known as Oakwood Plaza ("The Project").

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-886 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-984 to extend the contract period on the Youth Services Commission JDAI Spending Plan subcontracts through March 31, 2016 to permit expenditures of 2015 grant funds with no change in allocation amount; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the funded agencies/municipalities during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any fails to meet its contractual obligation, upon approval by the Juvenile Justice Commission.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-887 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-226 to extend the contract period on the Youth Services Commission Spending Plan subcontracts through March 31, 2016 to permit the expenditure of 2015 grant funds with no change in allocation amount; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the funded agencies/municipalities during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any fails to meet its contractual obligation, upon approval by the Juvenile Justice Commission.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-888 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for

the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 for reimbursement to the County of Union in the amount of \$7.00 per one way trip for the provision of transportation services through the Union County Paratransit System for partial care clients attending their programs based upon pre-scheduled trips provided by the County on Mondays through Fridays.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-889 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Inroads to Opportunities, Roselle, New Jersey, for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 for reimbursement to the County of Union in the amount of \$6.00 per one way trip for the provision of transportation services through the Union County Paratransit System for partial care clients attending their programs based upon pre-scheduled trips provided by the County on Mondays through Fridays.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-890 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with UCPC Behavioral Healthcare, Plainfield, New Jersey, for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 for reimbursement to the County of Union in the amount of \$7.00 per one way trip for the provision of transportation services through the Union County Paratransit System for partial care clients attending their programs based upon pre-scheduled trips provided by the County on Mondays through Fridays.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-891 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution No. 2015-586 to reflect a decrease in the amount of \$131,465 under the approved 2015 Area Plan Contract (APC) spending plan, for a new grand total of \$6,214,768, to be allocated as outlined and charged to account numbers specified for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-892 VICE CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Appointing Nick Polanin and Sean Ryan as members to the Shade Tree Advisory Board for terms ending December 31, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-893 VICE CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-596, a Professional Engineering Service Contract with CME Associates of Monmouth Junction, New Jersey to provide additional Environmental Consulting Services - Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) Services to perform Remedial Investigation at the Lenape Park Trap & Skeet, Township of Cranford, County of Union, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$157,740.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$340,911.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-029)

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-894 VICE CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2013-202, a Professional Engineering Service Contract with Matrix New World Engineering Inc., of Florham Park, New Jersey to provide additional Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) Services for the following projects: Ash Brook Country Club and Maintenance Yard, Scotch Plains; Cherry Street Maintenance Garage, Elizabeth; County of Union Public Works Facility, Scotch Plains; Galloping Hill Golf Course, Kenilworth; Warinanco Park, Roselle and Elizabeth; Watchung Reservation, Mountainside; and Houdaille Quarry, Springfield in an amount not to exceed \$350,275.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$746,470.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-895 VICE CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** 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 (BA# 30-15): Department of Engineering, Public Works, and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering: Pravco, Inc., of Rahway, New Jersey, for the Union County Justice Complex Renovations - Phase III - Roof and Elevator Replacement, for an amount not to exceed \$3,322,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-896 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a professional services contract with T&M Associates, Middletown, New Jersey, for the provision of engineering services for the improvements to the Union County Pistol Ranges in an amount not to exceed \$74,068.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-897** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into a contract with O'Brien and Kolano, LLC, Glen Gardner, New Jersey, to provide Crisis Intervention Training to law enforcement and mental health personnel in an amount not to exceed \$22,400.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-898** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into a contract with IT for Professionals Inc., Hazlet, NJ, for the provision of network upgrades in the amount of \$6,600.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-899** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to enter into an agreement, as per New Jersey State Contract #A81348, with Lanigan Associates for the purchase of body armor vests and associated police equipment in an amount not to exceed \$25,800.00 and amend Resolution 2015-10 to add the vendor to the list of approved state contract vendors.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-900** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to purchase computer software from SHI of Somerset, New Jersey, through forfeiture funds, by utilizing the pricing of State Contract #89851, in an amount not to exceed \$325,000 and to amend Resolution 2015-10 to increase the estimate approved by said resolution by the \$325,000 amount.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-901** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** 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 Vehicle (BA# 26-15), to Hertrich Fleet Services, Milford, Delaware for the purpose of providing one (1) 2016 Ford SUV, for a total amount not to exceed \$39,389.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-902** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the option of the contract with Aramark Correctional Service, Atlanta, GA, as per Resolution No. 2011-894, for the provision of food services for the Union County Jail, for the period of November 13, 2015 through November 12, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$1,408,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-903** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract, per state code 10A:31-26.3, with Deacon Michael DeRoberts, Union, NJ, for the provision of religious services and counseling (5 hours per week) for the Catholic inmates in the Union County Jail, for the contract period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$3,218.80.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-904** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract, per state code 10A:31-26.3, with Minister Richard Hogans, Rahway, NJ for the provision of religious services and counseling (10 hours per week) for the Protestant inmates in the Union County Jail for the contract period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$6,438.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-905** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract, per state code 10A:31-26.3, with Patricia Kane, Newark, NJ for the provision of religious services and counseling (5 hours per week) for the Islamic female inmates in the Union County Jail for the contract period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$3,218.80.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-906** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, NJ for the provision of anger management training for the incarcerated male and females of the Union County Jail for the contract period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-907** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a five (5) year Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Scotch Plains for Dispatching Services, in the amount of \$150,000.00, with a 2% yearly increase through contract term.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mirabella abstaining and Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-908** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution 2014-822 to allow the County Manager to accept an addition \$17,500 from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-909** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the settlement of pending litigation entitled Thomas & Karen Durana v. UC, et als, Docket No.: UNN-L-3815-12, in an amount not to exceed \$375,000.00 in which the County of Union will pay \$250,000.00 and the JIF will pay \$125,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-910** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution 2015-81 dated January 29, 2015 to increase the appropriation for expert witnesses, examining physicians and other litigation support and specialists in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$60,000.00

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-911** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution 2014-1093 dated December 18, 2014 to increase the appropriation to Weber Dowd Law of Woodland Park, NJ in the matter entitled Shiquon Fowler v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$50,000.00

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-912** **CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution 2015-278 dated March 26, 2015 to increase the appropriation to Bauch, Zucker, Hatfield, LLC of Springfield, NJ in the matter entitled Beverly Figueroa v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$235,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2015-913 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA & FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Laudatory resolution congratulating Girl Scout Troop 40409 of Our Lady of Fatima Church as they celebrate their 38th Anniversary; and further congratulating the 2015 Girl Scout Silver Award recipients: Sara Antunes, Marina Pereira and Gianni Raimundo.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-914 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Laudatory resolution congratulating the Summit Volunteer First Aid Unit on being selected as "NJ Squad of the Year" by the EMS Council.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-915 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Laudatory resolution congratulating Christian A. Wurzbarger, of Boy Scout Troop 75 of Cranford, for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-916 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Earl Williams, of Linden, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-917 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Laudatory resolution congratulating William G. Pritchett, of Boy Scout Troop 75 in Cranford, New Jersey, on obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-918 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Laudatory resolution acknowledging the impact of THEATRE IN MOTION, an award-winning, repertory company founded by Leslie Fanelli; and further

congratulating Mrs. Fanelli on the recent recognition from the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for her production of original, orchestral, multi-media music videos about Frederick Law Olmstead.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-919 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Laudatory resolution declaring the month of November 2015, as "Adoption Awareness Month" throughout the County of Union, recognizing the compassion of all parents of adopted children; and further acknowledging the efforts of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Union Vicinage, Family Division, the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P), the Union County, NJ Surrogate, and CASA of Union County, Inc, as they celebrate Adoption Day on November 20, 2015.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-920 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Laudatory resolution congratulating Alexander Kornberger, of Boy Scout Troop 80, on obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-921 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution offering this Board's sincere condolences to the family of Jack McGovern, husband of Fanwood Administrator and Clerk Eleanor McGovern, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-922 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Thomas Gialanella Jr, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-923 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Edward Tobe, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-924 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Reverend Kelmo Porter, of Saint John's Baptist Church, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-925 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH, & VICE CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Laudatory resolution congratulating 2015 Rahway High School graduate and talented actress, Shanice Williams on landing the starring role of Dorothy in the NBC live production of "The Wiz, Live!" scheduled to air on December 7, 2015.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-926 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Laudatory resolution congratulating Mr. Harold Faye, of Shaefer Gardens Senior Housing, on the celebration of his 100th birthday.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-927 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Laudatory resolution acknowledging the efforts of the Vauxhall Historical Society, and further thanking Veteran Ernest Matthews, World War II, for his service and commending him for speaking at the Vauxhall Historical Society's Veterans Day event.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-928 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT & CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Laudatory resolution congratulating the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Ebenezer Church of Rahway, as they celebrate their recent purchase of the culturally and historically significant property known as "Rahway School for Colored Children.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-929 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT & CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Laudatory resolution acknowledging the rich history of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Ebenezer Church of Rahway, as they celebrate their mortgage burning service on December 12, 2015.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-930 VICE CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Laudatory resolution congratulating the Jewish Federation of Metro West on hosting their Super Sunday Phonathon.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-931 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Laudatory resolution acknowledging the efforts of Community Access Unlimited and congratulating the three (3) Community Award recipients: Union County Sheriff Joseph Cryan - Public Leadership Award; Pastor Howard S. Bryant - Humanitarian of the Year Award; and Valley National Bank's Financial Literacy Program - The Ira Geller Award.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-932 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Susan Helen Kornblum, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-933 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Laudatory resolution congratulating two Union County theatres: Premiere Stages and Dreamcatcher Repertory, on their recognition by the New Jersey Theatre Alliance at their Gala.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-934 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH & FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Congratulating the Snyder Academy of Elizabethtown on celebrating their First Annual Snyder Academy Awards recognizing community leaders for their contributions to the City of Elizabeth and recognizing the 2015 honorees: Katherine Craig-Dorothy Snyder Award; Sister Jacinta Fernandes-Hannah Caldwell Award; Gordon Haas-Alexander Hamilton Award; Stanley Neron-Frances Barber Award and Dario Scholis-Frederick Olmsted Award.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-935** CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH: Laudatory resolution recognizing and congratulating the nine (9) honorees of the 2015 Rahway Branch NAACP Freedom Fund Awards for the work they have done in helping to advance the mission of the NAACP and the role they have played in helping to promote its values within the community.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

- 2015-936** CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH: Laudatory resolution congratulating Kiana Harris, of Elizabeth, on being crowned Miss Tourism USA, and further wishing her well as the first representative of the United States at the Miss Tourism Queen of the Year International pageant held December 12-31, 2015 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Greg Robrick, of Elizabeth, made remarks in reference to the Rahway River Park. He made comments relative to his visit to Warinanco Park as advised by the County to come to a better understanding of the field's use. He noted that when the soccer field and track are not in use by UCC, they are indeed open to the public. He stated his concerns relative to potential use, and dangers thereof, of the shot put and discus throwing ring by the public.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Hudak made comments relative to the American Medicine Chest Challenge on Saturday, November 14, 2015, noting that this one-day nation-wide event draws attention to the crisis of prescription drug abuse and stated where the collection sites were located throughout the County.

Freeholder Hudak congratulated Chairman Jalloh, Vice Chairman Bergen and Freeholder Mirabella on their victorious election. He noted that it was a big win, and stated that it is an honor to work with each of them.

Freeholder Wright made comments relative to the annual Caregiver Conference on Saturday, November 21, 2015, encouraging those that care for someone with Alzheimer's disease or memory loss, to come to this free event, presented by the Alzheimer's Association with the Union County Division on Aging, the Essex County Division of Aging, and Union County College.

Freeholder Kowalski congratulated Chairman Jalloh, Vice Chairman Bergen and Freeholder Mirabella on their recent election, stating that she was glad to continue serving together.

Freeholder Kowalski made comments relative to the agreement by State and Federal officials on the Gateway Tunnel project; the building of an additional tunnel between New York and New Jersey under the Hudson River, noting that the Federal government will provide 50% of the funding. She spoke to the dedicated efforts on the Rail Coalition and the NJTPA on this issue. She offered special thanks to Senator Menendez and Senator Booker for their efforts, noting that they have been working with the County on this project since Governor Christie cancelled the ARC Tunnel project.

Freeholder Carter congratulated Chairman Jalloh, Vice Chairman Bergen and Freeholder Mirabella on their re-election. She congratulated all the winners throughout the county and made comments relative to the continued partnerships with all the municipalities.

Freeholder Carter made comments on two annual award programs that honor people who make outstanding contributions to the quality of life here in Union County; Union County Women of Excellence, recognizing achievement by women from all walks of life as a project of the Union County Commission on the Status of Women, and the Unity Achievement Awards, offered by the Union County Human Relations Commission to honor those who strengthen our respect for human rights and diversity.

Freeholder Estrada congratulated Chairman Jalloh, Vice Chairman Bergen and Freeholder Mirabella on their re-election. He also congratulated the participants in the election process throughout the County, regardless of their victory or loss.

Freeholder Estrada provided a status report relative to the 2015 Recycling Event. He stated that there were over 6,100 residents who participated in 14 Mobile Paper Shredding Events resulting in the recycling of 209,705 pounds of confidential documents. He noted that Union County's electronics recycling program consists of 15 municipal drop-off locations and three one-day events which resulted in the recycling of 1,580,841 pounds of e-waste as of October. He noted that over 2,200 residents participated in county-sponsored one-day events. He noted that Union County's Household Hazardous Waste program resulted in 2,158 participants and netted 188,750 pounds of toxic waste for proper disposal. Freeholder Estrada stated that Union County's florescent bulb collections resulted in the collection of 41,064 feet of bulbs. He stated that Union County held bi-monthly scrap metal collection events at three different drop-off locations and collected 51,600 pounds of scrap metal. Freeholder Estrada stated that 597 tires and 376 propane tanks were collected and recycled in conjunction with Union County's four Household Hazardous Waste events.

Freeholder Estrada commended County Recycling Director Joanne Gemenden on her efforts, and made comments relative to legislative bill S2973, noting that the bill may help alleviate some of the problem with electronic recycling. He also made comments relative to Paint Care Legislation that has passed in the Senate (S1420) and is still pending in Assembly (A1603), noting that the legislation puts a small tax (\$.35/cents) on a gallon of paint that would put in place a permanent collection program for all types of paint and is run by Paint Manufacturers, though he stated that the Governor's Office is not in favor of the legislation.

He commended Vice Chairman Bergen on his efforts with the Gateway Tunnel Project.

Freeholder Mirabella made remarks in reference to Veterans Day; reminding veterans of the services available to them throughout Union County. He called upon County residents to thank a veteran, quoting from an earlier event: "the United States is the land of the free, Because of the brave."

Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to the re-opening of the supermarket program at Union County Vocation-Technical School, and of the County's partnership with Wakefern Corp. He thanked Pete Capodice for his efforts.

Freeholder Mirabella congratulated his running mates Vice-Chairman Bergen and Chairman Jalloh on their re-election, along with County Clerk Rajoppi. He noted that he was discouraged with the low voter turnout, but commended all of those who participated in the election process.

County Counsel Barry congratulated the candidates on their recent re-election.

County Manager Faella congratulated the candidates on their recent re-election.

Vice-Chairman Bergen congratulated his running mates Chairman Jalloh and Freeholder Mirabella on their recent election, as well as County Clerk Rajoppi and all the elected officials in Union County.

Vice-Chairman Bergen made comments relative to the county's first public hearing on the County's Transportation Master Plan, conducted by staff from the County's Department of Economic Development and other experts. He advised that the event was designed to encourage County residents to contribute their thoughts and concerns to the planning process. He noted that the Transportation Master Plan is a blueprint for the future of travel in our area, and we are very excited about the project. He stated that the last Master Plan was completed in 2002 and many changes have taken place in our transportation system over the last 13 years.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2015 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 4, 2015 at 12:00pm
Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ**

<u>AGENDA SETTING SESSION</u>	<u>REGULAR MEETINGS</u>
January 15, 2015	January 29, 2015
February 5, 2015 February 26, 2015	February 19, 2015 February 26, 2015
March 5, 2015* March 19, 2015	March 12, 2015 March 26, 2015
April 9, 2015 April 23, 2015	April 16, 2015 April 30, 2015
May 7, 2015 May 28, 2015	May 14, 2015 May 28, 2015
June 11, 2015	June 18, 2015
July 9, 2015	July 16, 2015
August 6, 2015	August 20, 2015
September 3, 2015 September 17, 2015	September 10, 2015 September 24, 2015
October 1, 2015 October 15, 2015	October 8, 2015 October 15, 2015
November 5, 2015	November 12, 2015
December 3, 2015 December 10, 2015	December 3, 2015 December 17, 2015

Notice

Regular Meetings of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders
Public Comment Portion

Pursuant to the provisions of the N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(a) and the By-Laws of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders the "Public Comment Portion" of Regular Meetings is reserved for public comment on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.

*Meeting postponed due to inclement weather.


 James E. Pelletiere, RMC
 Clerk of the Board

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