

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2016 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pro Tem Sergio Granados presided and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Chairman Pro Tem Sergio Granados, Freeholder Linda Carter, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella and Freeholder Vernell Wright were in attendance, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

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

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Chairman Pro Tem Granados called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere read the Ordinance by title.

779-2016 AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE UNION COUNTY OPEN SPACE, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND, AS AUTHORIZED BY THE VOTERS OF UNION COUNTY ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016.

FIRST READING STATEMENT

Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Committee member, will move Ordinance Number 779-2016 for First Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The Public Hearing and Final Reading will be held on December 8, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella, Fiscal Committee Chairman, and seconded by Freeholder Carter, Ordinance Number 779-2016 was moved for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. Roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

Chairman Pro Tem Granados asked Clerk of the Board Pellettiere to read the Ordinance by title.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere read the Ordinance by title.

780-2016 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND "THE LAWS OF UNION COUNTY: ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION" BY AMENDING CHAPTER 107, PARKS AND RECREATION, ARTICLE IV FEES FOR RECREATION FACILITIES; AMENDING CHAPTER 26, BENEFITS, ARTICLE V, RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS PACKAGE; AND, AMENDING CHAPTER 49. FEES, ARTICLE VI, RETURNED CHECK FEES.

FIRST READING STATEMENT

Freeholder Linda Carter, Policy Committee member, will move Ordinance Number 780-2016 for First Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The Public Hearing and Final Reading will be held on December 8, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, Policy Committee Chairman, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, Ordinance Number 780-2016 was moved for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. Roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

John Burry, of Kenilworth, asked a few questions relative to Resolution Number 2016-929 and 2016-930. Relative to Resolution #2016-929, he inquired as to the new requirements of the program. Relative to Resolution #2016-930, he inquired whether or not the voluntary buyout pertains to the \$5,000 opt-out clause for employees; asking if it is, how much was spent on the program last year and how much did it save.

Director Yuska stated that Resolution #2016-929 adjust the health benefits for part-time employees to mirror the federal government's guidelines that require individuals to work a minimum of 30 hours in order to be eligible for health benefits. He stated that relative to Resolution #2016-930, the savings equate to approximately \$1.7 million, noting that the buyouts were \$5,000 for families and \$1,800 for individuals.

Bruce Patterson, of Garwood, made comments or asked questions on a number of resolutions. Relative to Resolution #2016-882, he asked if there is a breakdown of costs that he could obtain through OPRA. Relative to Resolution #2016-890, he thanked the Board for this service, and stated that he appreciates this shared service because the towns wouldn't have been able to afford it otherwise. Relative to Resolution #2016-909, he asked for an overview of the changes to the position controls of the county. Relative to Resolution #2016-911, he stated that Black History needs to be celebrated, but disagreed with supporting the Union County Performing Arts Center due to its previous involvement with MusicFest. Relative to Resolution #2016-915, he asked why there is a need to increase by only \$1,678. Relative to Resolution #2016-930, he asked for clarification that this is a result of the County going into the State Health Benefits. Relative to Resolution #2016-936, he asked for an explanation of the health benefits provided in the contract.

Relative to Resolution #2016-882, Director Graziano advised that the breakdown of the costs is as follows: to bring the courthouse tower up to code equates to approximately \$286,000; to bring the elevator and restroom up to code equates to approximately \$199,000; with the remaining amount attach to smaller fees.

Relative to Resolution #2016-915, Deputy Director Dinsmore advised that the amount is the seventh amendment this year, noting that the funds are received in installments. She added that the funds will be directed to the County's Meals on Wheels program.

Relative to Resolution #2016-929, County Counsel Barry stated that the County is not entering the state health benefits plan, noting that the County has been in the JIFF for three years.

Relative to Resolution #2016-909, County Manager stated that the position controls relate to positions within the Departments of Health and Human Services, Public Works, Parks, and Economic Development. Relative to Resolution #2016-936, this agreement allows for the same standard 2% increase and health benefits other bargaining units have agreed. Director Yuska stated that the MOA does not address any specific changes to the health benefits, adding that there is no language relative to "lifetime health benefits."

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

2016-882 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER: Amending Resolution Number 2015-527, adopted on June 18, 2015, a Professional Architectural Design and Construction Management Service Contract with Netta Architects, of Mountainside, New Jersey for additional architectural/engineering services associated with the Union County Courthouse Complex New Tower Stairwell Modernization Project, in an amount not to exceed \$510,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$4,328,330.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-883 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement between the County of Union, the property owner of One Springfield Avenue, and the City of Summit for the Installation of a Mid-Block Crosswalk at One Springfield Avenue, CR#527, at Park & Ride, City of Summit, New Jersey.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-884 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER: Amending Resolution Number 2014-396, (BA#17-2014) a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq., to Ritacco Construction of Belleville, New Jersey approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Rehabilitation of Lake Surprise Dam, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$214,936.10) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$3,393,063.90. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-015)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-885 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER: Supporting the Township of Berkeley Height's application for project funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP-2016 Berkeley Heights-00121) for streetscape, specifically on Springfield Avenue, CR512, a County Road.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-886 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract extension originally obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management: Pennetta Industrial Automation, LLC, Jersey City, NJ, for the purpose of providing computerized monitoring & controlling of automated systems

equipment, for twenty-four (24) consecutive months commencing November 25, 2016 through November 24, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$166,500.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-887 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER: Resolution granting permission to the City of Linden to close Wood Avenue from Elizabeth Avenue to Elm Street for the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony to be held on Friday, December 2, 2016 from the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-888 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER: 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 Engineering, Public Works & Facilities; Division of Public Works, R. J. Sherman & Associates, Inc., DBA: Vermeer North Atlantic Sales & Service, 7 Maple Lane, Lumberton, NJ 08048, for the purpose of providing 2016 Compost Turner, in the amount of \$519,857.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-889 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER: Resolution granting permission to the Township of Scotch Plains to close Park Avenue between Front Street/Bartle Avenue and Westfield Avenue/East Second Street on Sunday, December 4, 2016 from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM for the Holiday Celebration.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-890 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute a Cost Reimbursement Agreement, Agreement Number 2016-DT-BLA-FEP-205, from the New Jersey Department of Transportation, Division of Local Aid and Economic Development in the amount of \$203,720.00 for the Gordon Street Bridge ROW, Borough of Roselle and Roselle Park, County of Union, New Jersey. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-051)

2016-891 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Universal Uniform Sales Co., Inc., Newark, New Jersey, for the purchase of police uniform clothing to outfit the Union County Police Department

in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-892 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Techline Trauma, Willow Grove, PA to provide Active Shooter/Blood Control Training to 1600 Union County responders through the 2015 and 2016 Urban Area Security Initiative in an amount not to exceed \$305,600.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-893 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2015-1048, entering into a Shared Services Agreement with Bergen County to house Union County juvenile detainees on an as needed basis in the total amount of \$120,000, to reflect an increase in the amount of \$25,000 for a new total amount not to exceed \$145,000 for the same period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 with no other changes to the agreement.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-894 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to establish County funds to comply with State Legislative mandate N.J.S.A.40A:9-49.1 that establishes burial costs for Union County's indigent, unidentified or unclaimed deceased residents be the responsibility of Union County at a burial rate not to exceed \$1,550, in the total amount not to exceed \$60,000 for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017; no particular funeral home will receive more than \$17,500.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-895 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into agreements with various community based organizations to provide shelter night stays for TANF, GA, and/or Emergency Assistance recipients for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017; agencies will be reimbursed directly by the State of New Jersey based upon Individual Per Diem Rate(s) per family per night as agreed upon by said community based organizations and the State of New Jersey; County Match appropriation is required.

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2016-896 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to renew the contract with Unitronix Data Systems, Raritan, New Jersey, to provide services and maintenance for the Division of Social Services' software and hardware systems for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$95,798.30.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-897 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Lease Agreement with Immaculate Conception Church, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the rental of 85 parking spaces located at 425 Union Avenue, Elizabeth, for Division of Social Services' employee parking in the amount of \$80 per space per month or \$6,800 per month, in an amount not to exceed \$81,600 per year for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-898 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, 2017 through December 31, 2017 at no cost to the County of Union (State funded).

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-899 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 outstationing of County Welfare Agency staff (one part-time employee) to process Medicaid applications for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 at no cost to the County of Union (State funded).

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-900 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, 2017 through December 31, 2017 at no cost to the County of Union (State funded).

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-901 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution Modifying the 2016 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$9,090 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families for additional funds for a program entitled: Sexual Assault and Rape Care (SAARC) Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-902 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution Modifying the 2016 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$408,462 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a program entitled: Recycling Enhancement Act Tax Entitlement Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-903 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution Modifying the 2016 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$49,156.78 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Body Armor Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-904 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution Modifying the 2016 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$148,000 as a result of notification received from the County of Union, Department of Human Services for additional fares to be collected for a program entitled: Paratransit Fares.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-905 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution Modifying the 2016 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$50,500 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program Entitled: Child Passenger Safety Program Grant.

2016-906 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution Modifying the 2016 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$10,260 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Highway Traffic Safety Education Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-907 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution Modifying the 2016 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$13,819 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Megan's Law and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-908 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution Modifying the 2016 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$203,720 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation for a program entitled: Gordon Street Bridge (ROW).

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-909 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizes the County Manager to adjust and/or change the Internal Position Control Schedules.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-910 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Authorizing the sponsorship of the City of Rahway's Winter Wonderland held on November 25, 2016 in the amount of \$2,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-911 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Sponsoring the Union County Performing Arts Center's Black History Month Celebration held on February 11, 2017 in the amount of \$3,500.00.

2016-912 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Sponsoring the United Youth of New Jersey's "Black Wall Street: A True Reflection of the Sun People" celebration to be held on January 15, 2017 in the amount of \$4,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-913 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Sponsoring the Visions Community Development Corporation's Black Men Unity 5-K Run/Walk on November 25, 2016 in the amount of \$4,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-914 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Sponsoring the American Theatre Group High School DramaFest held at the Hamilton Stage in April 2017 in the amount not to exceed \$7,550.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-915 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT: Amending Resolution Number 2016-763, approving the 2016-2018 Area Plan Spending Plan, to reflect an increase in funding only in the amount not to exceed \$1,678 for a new grand total not to exceed \$4,929,232 to be allocated as outlined and charged to account numbers specified for the same contract year one period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 with no other changes to the 2016-2018 Area Plan.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-916 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT: Authorizing the County Manager to accept grant funding and enter into contract with the State of New Jersey, Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA), for the FY2018 Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Program award in the amount of \$536,201 for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-917 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT: Authorizing the County Manager to endorse the Union County 2018 Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA) Alliance Program Spending Plan, as required by the GCADA, awarding subcontracts in the total amount not to exceed \$536,201 for the grant period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 under the 2018 Municipal Alliance Program; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the municipalities during the contract period

should service needs change and/or if any of the various municipality/agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-918 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT: Amending Resolution Number 2016-661, a contract with Transdev Services, Inc. for the provision of transportation services in the form of Routing Scheduling and Dispatch and Road Operator Services for the Union County Paratransit System including the Route 22 Shuttle, to extend the contract for the one (1) month period of January 1, 2017 through January 31, 2017 in the amount not to exceed \$320,000 under the terms of the current contract to allow for completion of competitive contracting.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

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: John R. Knabb & Sons, for the purpose of providing straw, for the contract period of 24 months, in the amount of not to exceed \$152,500.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

VICE CHAIRMAN 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: Department of Parks and Recreation: Town and Country Veterinary Services of Chester, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Equestrian Veterinary Services for the Watchung Stable for a period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2021, in the amount of not to exceed \$170,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

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: Grade Construction, of Paterson, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Improvements to the Meisel Park Pond, for an amount not to exceed \$841,730.05.

VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution Number 2016-68, (BA#71-2015) a contract awarded through advertised public bidding process in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et. seq., to JC Landscape Construction Co., of Pequannock, New Jersey approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Improvements at Chatfield Gardens, Warinanco Park. This Change Order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$3,360.00) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$215,942.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2014-019)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution Number 2016-552, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding process in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq., to J C Landscape Construction & Management Co., Inc., of Pequannock, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 2 (BA#33-2015 - Resolution Number 2015-712, 9/10/15) for Improvements to the Watchung Stables Equestrian Center. This change order will reduce the contract amount by (\$14,972.95) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$2,276,665.35. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-020)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-924 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN: Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the option to extend a contract with Brown and Brown Metro, Inc., for the provision of General Insurance Consultant/Broker Services for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in the amount not to exceed \$40,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-925 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Cartegraph, Inc., Dubuque, Iowa, to provide the licensing, upgrade and maintenance of software to the web-based Operations Management System with Enterprise Licensing for a one year period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in the amount not to exceed \$78,873.75.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-926 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN: Request for Resolution in compliance with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) regulations, the County of Union as a self-funded group is required to pay a Transition Reinsurance Fee to the Department of Health & Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Baltimore, MD, in an amount not to exceed \$184,437.00.

2016-927 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN: Authorizing the County Manager to designate the following vehicle as a surplus and no longer needed for County purposes: One (1) 2009 Ford Escape Hybrid SUV, VIN #: 1FMCU59319KC38335 with 95,000 miles.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed five members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mirabella abstaining and Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-928 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN: Authorizing the following surplus-deemed vehicle for donation to the Township of Scotch Plains. The Township of Scotch Plains will assume all costs incurred with transfer and title. One (1) 2009 Ford Escape Hybrid SUV, VIN #: 1FMCU59319KC38335 with 95,000 miles.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed five members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mirabella abstaining and Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-929 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN: Resolution adjusting the requirements for the participation in the Union County Health Benefits Program for part-time employees.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-930 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN: Resolution discontinuing the Union County Voluntary Health Benefit Buyout Program effective January 1, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-931 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN: Amending Resolution Number 2015-902, an agreement with Aramark Correctional Service, Atlanta, Georgia, to provide meal services for the Union County Jail for an additional amount not to exceed \$154,000.00 for the period of November 13, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-932 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN: Authorizing County Manager to enter into a contract with Lombardy Door Sales & Services Corp., Belleville, New Jersey, in order to furnish and install one new rolling steel door and removal of existing one in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

2016-933 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to the United Way of Greater Union County for the fifteen (15) month period: December 1, 2016 through March 31, 2018 under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Youth Program. Funding will be utilized to provide a comprehensive Out-of-School Youth Employment & Training Consortium offering year-round youth programs that may include a paid work experience component. Total funding for the fifteen-month period will not exceed \$ 477,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-934 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with 4 Connections, L.L.C. for maintenance and lease of existing fiber optic cable previously installed throughout the City of Elizabeth connecting various County and City buildings in amount not to exceed \$509,258.40. The City of Elizabeth will reimburse the County of Union in the amount of \$267,159.60 for the City's share of usage and maintenance costs during the period of the contract. Contract period will commence on December 18, 2016 and terminate on December 17, 2021.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-935 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN: Authorizing the NJ Association of Counties, on behalf of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union to file a complaint with the NJ Council on Local Mandates that the Criminal Justice Reform Act N.J.S.A. 2A:162-15 et.seq. constitutes an unfunded State mandate in violation of Article VII, Section II, paragraph 5 of the NJ Constitution.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-936 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN: Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the PBA199-Correction Officers effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-937 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN: Appointing Dennis Hardie as a Delegate member to the Air Traffic & Noise Advisory Board to represent the Township of Scotch Plains for a term beginning January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017.

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2016-938 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER: Congratulating the African American Female Funeral Directors in the State of New Jersey who are being recognized by the Garden State Funeral Directors' Association on November 5, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-939 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER: Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Neval Greaves upon her passing.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-940 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER: Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Sheranda O'Bryant-Hopkins upon her passing.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-941 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER & FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:
Congratulating Charles and Anna Booker of Plainfield, heroes of New Jersey Public
School Desegregation as they are recognized on November 10, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-942 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Valentino D. Imbriaco upon his passing on October 28, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-943 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Congratulating the recipients of the Pride in Cranford Awards by the Cranford Chamber of Commerce at their 72nd anniversary celebration on November 2, 2016.

2016-944 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Congratulating the 2016 Roselle Park Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-945 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT: Congratulating the Vauxhall Historical Society as they honor the Veterans of the Vauxhall community on November 5, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-946 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Congratulating the volunteers of the Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA) of Union County, Inc., at their 2016 Foster the Dream Gala on November 4, 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

2016-947 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Proclaiming November 18, 2016 as Adoption Day throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Bruce Patterson, of Garwood, offered his congratulations to Freeholder Granados, Carter and Kowalski on their re-election.

Mr. Patterson made comments relative his previous calls to the Board to rescind the Union County Voluntary Buyout program. He stated that he would like to know what is offered in the entire health package as mentioned in Resolution #2016-936.

He wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Carter made comments on behalf of Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi relative to the new requirements pertaining to passport pictures for those who wear glasses. She stated that as of November 1st, people who normally wear glasses will be required to take them off for their passport photo, noting that the new rule only applies to new passport applications. She spoke on the County Clerk's passport services offered and their office hours.

Freeholder Carter encouraged residents to check on their smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. She also encouraged residents to check on our senior neighbors with the winter weather season upon us.

Freeholder Carter thanked all the residents who exercised their right to vote.

Freeholder Estrada offered his congratulations to his colleagues on their re-election. He made comments on his disappointment relative to the outcome of the national election. He made comments relative to the overwhelming support of the referendum question pertaining to the Open Space, Recreation & Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

Freeholder Mirabella congratulated his colleagues on their overwhelming re-election victory, adding that he appreciates the work they all have done over the years and of the work they will do within the coming three years.

Freeholder Mirabella echoed Freeholder Estrada's remarks relative to the passage of the Open Space, Recreation & Historic Preservation Trust Fund referendum, noting he is proud of all the work the Board has accomplished through the Trust Fund; considering it one of the most important works of the Board.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to the annual Holiday Sound and Light Show at the Model Railroad Center in Union Township; the Trailside Science & Nature Center's Holiday Craft Show and Tree & Menorah lighting. He made comments relative to the 2016 Holiday Tree's arrival on December 6th, noting that the tree was donated by his friend and former councilman Mr. Victor Fuzo, and his wife, of Roselle Park.

Freeholder Mirabella encouraged all residents to shop local and shop small (on Saturday), and wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Freeholder Hudak congratulated his colleagues on their overwhelming re-election victory, adding that it confirms the great work they do on the Board. He made comments to his pleasure and gratitude in the voters of Union County to once again vote overwhelmingly for the Open Space, Recreation & Historic Preservation Trust Fund; adding that the Trust Fund is innovative and has done good work, and would continue to do good work for generations.

Freeholder Hudak made comments relative to his concerns pertaining to the national election, specifically relative to the rhetoric that has not died down post-election. He noted that New Jersey receives \$0.90 on the \$1 sent to Washington, and noted that he would welcome the President to offer a fair return on investment as he has been campaigning on. He added that holding elected officials accountable for the promises they make is a responsibility of the Constitution, and hoped the nation and its leadership will get off facebook and address the real issues at hand.

Freeholder Hudak wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Freeholder Wright congratulated her colleagues on their re-election, adding that all are pleased they will have an opportunity to continue the work they have been doing.

Freeholder Wright advised that nominations are still being accepted for the Women of Excellence awards, noting that the awards highlight the powerful impact women have on the Union County community and are a wonderful way to recognize and outstanding woman in a professional or volunteer service.

Freeholder Wright made comments relative to the continuing events of the Union County Aging Services Kiosk (ASK) program, noting that the ASK program brings experienced staff out to public places to provide residents with convenient access to information relative to senior services.

County Counsel Barry congratulated Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Carter, and Freeholder Kowalski on their re-election.

County Manager Faella congratulated Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Carter, and Freeholder Kowalski on their re-election. He wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Chairman Pro Tem Granados commended Union County Officer Daniel Fonsecca in his successful efforts in preventing a suicide after a three hour stand-off over the weekend.

Chairman Pro Tem Granados encouraged all to give back wherever they can during this holiday season.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Pro Tem Granados called for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, a voice vote showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent. Meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm.

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

AGENDA SETTING SESSION January 14, 2016	REGULAR MEETINGS 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 26, 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

⁴ As per Resolution Number 2016-372, the May 19, 2016 Agenda Setting Session was rescheduled to be held on May 26, 2016 at 7:00pm.

James E. Pellemere, RMC Clark of the Board