

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2014
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Christopher Hudak called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Bruce H. Bergen	Freeholder	Present	
Linda Carter	Freeholder	Present	
Angel G. Estrada	Freeholder	Present	
Sergio Granados	Freeholder	Present	
Bette Jane Kowalski	Freeholder	Present	
Alexander Mirabella	Freeholder	Present	
Vernell Wright	Freeholder	Present	
Mohamed S. Jalloh	Vice Chairman	Present	
Christopher Hudak	Chairman	Present	

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

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 read by the Clerk of the Board.

PRESENTATION FROM THE BOARD

A Resolution Presentation was made by Chairman Christopher Hudak, Vice Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella to Peter Capodice, Superintendent of Schools and various students of the Union County Vocational-Technical School, as the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders designates the month of February, 2014 as "National Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month in Union County.

A presentation by the students of the Union County Vocational Technical School to the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders as they celebrate "National Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month in Union County.

Chairman Hudak called upon Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Mirabella and Superintendent of the Vocational-Technical Schools, Peter Capodice.

Freeholder Mirabella stated that he was delighted to see the students from the Union County Vocational-Technical School in attendance. He said the Board takes great pride in these schools. He

added that Mr. Capodice is a terrific leader for the school district and the Board is proud of the students. He said that the Vocational-Technical schools are highly ranked and they are also pleased to have two world class colleges in the County, being Kean University and Union County College. He said our tax dollars that go towards education is the most rewarding.

Chairman Hudak said he attended the Information Centers at the Vocational-Schools and is proud to have top schools in the country.

Mr. Capodice introduced the staff who were in attendance. He said there is an \$11 million construction project under construction that will be able to serve more students. He said they are currently turning away 800 students per year. He thanked the Board for their support.

Mr. Capodice introduced 2 members of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) Group, and instructor Bonnie Baldasaar. He also mentioned the placement and rankings of the schools.

Vice Chairman Jalloh presented Mr. Capodice with a Resolution. He said he had the opportunity to interact with the students. He said the investment that is installed in these students will help them flourish.

He read the Resolution aloud.

A Resolution Presentation was made by Chairman Christopher Hudak to Mr. Patrick Scanlon on behalf of the Union County Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee members; Robert Jeans, Sr., Grand Marshal; Kathryn Noonan, Chairwoman; Bernadette Sullivan, Adjutant, as the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders recognizes of the 18th Annual Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on March 15, 2014.

Chairman Hudak called upon Freeholders Kowalski and Estrada and introduced the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

Grand Marshal Robert Jeans, Sr. Spoke on behalf of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

Chairman Hudak stated that the Parade will be in two weeks in Union at 1pm.

A Resolution Presentation was made by Freeholder Linda Carter and Vernell Wright to Central Jersey Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., as the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders recognize their efforts in providing programs to local communities since 1975 and for celebrating "Delta Day" in Union County on Thursday, February 27, 2014.

Chairman Hudak called upon Freeholder Carter and Freeholder Wright. Freeholder Carter acknowledged Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, whom she is a member of and stated that they are celebrating 100 years. She explained how the Sorority was established, adding that there are currently 200,000 members worldwide.

Freeholder Carter thanked the Sorority for spending the afternoon with her and Freeholder Wright commemorating Delta Day in Union County, as they celebrate 100 years, along with providing programs to local communities for so many years.

Freeholder Carter mentioned that the Central Jersey Alumni Chapter and the North Jersey Chapter are part of higher education schools, such as Kean University, Seton Hall University, NJIT, Bloomfield College and Montclair State, among others.

Loretta Bradley, of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority stated that she represents Union, Somerset and Middlesex Counties and stated that they awarded \$30,000 in scholarships. She stated that they were thrilled to participate in "Union County Day" and thanked Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Wright and the rest of the Board for their hospitality.

The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority presented Freeholder Carter with a poster commemorating the Anniversary.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

1. Oath of Office: Advisory Board on Aging: Yves Aubourg, Pamela Capaci and Cathy Chin; Emergency Management Council: Sebastian D'Elia and Daniel Vaniska; Commission on the Status of Women: Michele Yamakaitis; Human Services Advisory Council: Debbie Morgan; Union County Utilities Authority Advisory Board: Charles Lombardo; Union County Voter Accessibility Advisory Board: John Becker and John DiSimone.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. December 05, 2013 – Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

RESULT: ACCEPTED [7 TO 0]; MOVER: Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Vernell Wright, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak; **ABSTAIN:** Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Mirabella;

2. December 05, 2013 – Regular Meeting Minutes

RESULT: ACCEPTED [8 TO 0]; MOVER: Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Vernell Wright, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak; **ABSTAIN:** Freeholder Carter;

3. December 19, 2013 – Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Vernell Wright, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

4. December 19, 2013 – Regular Meeting Minutes

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Vernell Wright, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter,

Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

EXECUTIVE BUDGET REMARKS

Chairman Hudak asked County Manager Faella to make remarks relative to the 2014 Executive Budget.

County Manager Faella made the following statement:

The 2014 Executive budget has been submitted to the Freeholder Board.

This year's executive budget maintains critical governmental services and invests in educational, recreational, infrastructure and economic development initiatives that ensure the high quality of life in Union County that is valued by our residents.

While our budgetary condition has somewhat improved, there is still attention required in some areas, that if left unaddressed, could potentially lead down the road to position eliminations and/or layoffs.

We've made progress aggressively pursuing revenue collections, and controlling our costs, but this is tempered by the need to address the annual subsidy required at Runnells Specialized Hospital and to explore efficiencies at the Union County Jail.

We began our effort two years at Runnells Specialized Hospital with the completion of the facility's privatization of housekeeping and dietary services, and a resolve to pursue outstanding debts. This year, I am pleased to report we were able to collect \$1 million owed by Middlesex County for the placement of psychiatric patients at the facility.

Nevertheless, the County's annual subsidy for Runnells was approximately \$13.5 million at the close of 2013 and more than \$30 million during the past two years. We also anticipate reductions in Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements this year.

We are now at the conclusion of the RFP process that will determine the future steps needed to ensure Runnells can operate in a fiscally sustainable manner, and anticipate a final decision to be made within the next few months.

Additionally, the County will soon be receiving a study I mentioned in last year's budget message focusing on the Union County Jail, which costs more than \$55 million to operate. The study will provide a thorough examination of the jail's management, personnel, staffing, custodial care, and labor contracts.

This study will supplement an ongoing policy initiative, conducted through Luminosity, which has continued to reap operational and cost efficiencies at the jail over the past two years.

Through the implementation of recommendations in the Luminosity report, we realized a 20% reduction in the jail's prisoner population. This reduction allowed us to re-negotiate two competitive contracts-- Medical Services and Food Services--with savings as follows:

Medical / Pharmaceuticals : Reduced by \$517,392;

Food Services : Reduced by \$248,336;

Totals Reduction in Contracts : \$765,728 annually.

A third area we targeted for reform last year included the operations of the Watchung Stables, which ran at a deficit of approximately \$600,000 in 2012. Utilizing a study we had commissioned, and

working with staff and the Auxiliary, I am pleased to report we were able to trim this deficit by \$200,000 through a programmatic restructuring that was completed. We look forward to more progress in the year ahead.

As we review this year's executive budget, the revenue increases realized in certain areas were offset by large federal and state grant reductions, some rising mandated costs, and continued softness in the real estate market. Overall, the ratable base declined by a total of \$1.6 billion or a 2.45 percent reduction year over year.

Some of the leading drivers that contributed to a \$15.5 million deficit included:

? The completion of the Federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP3) and a reduction in State Peer grouping funds (Medicare) totaling \$1.2 million;

? A reduction in red light cameras revenues by \$700,000 as it is possible this program may not be reauthorized by the State;

? An increase in pension costs by \$500,000;

? An increase in all insurances, including workman's comp, general liability, and prescription plans totaling \$1.8 million;

? Revenues for fringe benefits declined by \$300,000 due to a reduction in a variety of grants funding certain positions;

? An increase in debt service by \$3 million for public investments in our County College (expansion of the Cranford campus), and the new state-mandated Family Courthouse, which is expected to open next year in Elizabeth.

With regard to our debt service, thanks to our fiscal management and administrative oversight, the County's bond rating remains one of the highest attainable at Aa1. A recent report from Moody's, the leading provider of credit ratings, research, and risk analysis, reaffirmed the County's bond rating.

The report stated the county's debt burden to "remain manageable, given a currently modest direct debt burden," while also citing the County's "conservative" fiscal practices and diverse tax base.

It is important to note that we have also been able to increase our surplus by 25 percent or \$4 million more over the past year, a key indicator of our fiscal health, which the ratings agencies take note of.

The report, however, did reference Runnells Specialized Hospital, noting the County would be challenged "by volatile hospital revenues" should medical reimbursements continue to decline.

Apart from this positive report and continuing the good news, we settled with half of the County's collective bargaining units and realized savings by negotiating changes in co-pays for prescriptions, network deductibles and network reimbursements. The changes were also applied to exclusionaries, bringing the county savings to over \$1 million.

The Parks and Recreation Department, largely through its golf operations, exceeded last year's anticipated revenue total by an additional \$700,000.

Through our continued aggressive pursuit of revenues, we also managed to collect an additional \$3.2 million in welfare reimbursements from the state.

Overall, we managed to close the budget gap, meeting the state cap on spending. This year's Executive Budget is \$507.3 million. The executive budget would increase property taxes by an average of about \$84.

As I mentioned in my opening statement, this budget maintains our services and continues to make

public investments in quality of life initiatives that have made Union County's communities some of the most desirable places to live in New Jersey, according to articles in New Jersey Monthly and Money Magazine. This was also supported by the latest public safety statistics, as we recently received the news that Union County led the state with the largest decrease in crime--a 12 percent drop for 2012.

Chairman Hudak perfectly summarized our governing philosophy, through his initiatives this year, which are entitled "Strong Services, Strong Government and Strong Services." These endeavors included the creation of free Wifi in several County locations, and programs addressing gun control, economic development, planning, recreation, health and wellness.

We once more have another busy year ahead of us in achieving the many goals we have set. I look forward to working with the Freeholder Board, our residents and our employees in continuing our progress and moving Union County forward.

FISCAL COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chair of the Fiscal Committee urged the public to attend the upcoming public meetings of the Fiscal Committee. There will be a series of budget meetings, they are:

Tuesday, March 11th at 5:30pm at the Union County Vocational-Technical School Board Room in Scotch Plains; Tuesday, March 18th at 5:30pm at the Union County Trailside Nature and Science Center Auditorium, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside; Thursday, March 20th at 5:30pm in the County Administration Building in Elizabeth and Tuesday, March 25th at 5:30pm at the Park Madison Building, 200 West Second Street, Plainfield.

COMMENTS REGARDING THE UCUA

Chairman Hudak stated that the Board is aware of the matter involving the Union County Utilities Authority. He said there will be a Special Meeting held by the Authority and Special Counsel has been retained by their Board and they are working on resolving the matter. He also noted that the UCIA is an autonomous entity, separate from Union County government.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Pat Mochetti, New Providence, asked about the process of eligibility regarding Resolution 2014-170; he asked for an explanation of the project mentioned in Resolution 2014-176; he asked about the transfer of funds relative to Resolution 2014-183; he asked how many inmates are relocated to Hudson County referring to Resolution 2014-191 and finally, he asked about the probability of Resolution 2014-207.

County Counsel explained that Resolution 2014-207 is for retention of Counsel in anticipation to wrap up a condemnation matter regarding the West Grand Street, Elizabeth property.

Director Zuber explained that the food provided is a Federally Funded program for the children. This Resolution allows for the salaries of one supervisor and three employees. He said the County does not provide the food referring to Resolution 2014-170.

Director Guzzo stated that Resolution 2014-176 is a Federal Demonstration grant. He said the County was awarded dollars to this program. The contract was awarded via an RFP process and is assist ex-offenders who are re-entering the community. This program helps them get employment.

Director Taylor explained that the transfer of funds allows for expenses. She said Resolution 2014-183 is to transfer \$110,000 out of \$460,000 from the Department of Parks and Recreation to the Department of Economic Development leaving a \$350,000 balance from 2013.

Director Riordan stated that the maximum allowance is to house 100 inmates and the average has been 40 on a daily basis referring to Resolution 2014-191.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, asked if Resolutions 2014-165,166,167 and 168 will generate revenue. He said if Freeholder Estrada votes no for Resolution 2014-178, he would like to know his reason.

Mr. Paterson made general comments regarding Resolution 2014-195 and asked if the vendor mentioned in Resolution 2014-196 is the first time the County is using their services. He said the amount mentioned in Resolution 2014-207 is a substantial amount for potential litigation and asked if it involves the County's Motor Vehicle property.

Chairman Hudak acknowledged that the potential litigation mentioned in Resolution 2014-207 is for the Motor Vehicle site.

Director Zuber explained that there is no revenue associated with Resolutions 2014-165,166,167 and 168, only from the concession stands or the use of the driving range.

Deputy County Manager Reyes stated this is not the first time using the vendor mentioned in Resolution 2014-196, and added that the contract is for three intersections in Union and one intersection in Westfield.

Bill Narstadt, Garwood, which roads are being designed and paved. He asked for the amount of mileage and the start date.

County Engineer Tom Mineo stated that the paving is in the preliminary stages, there is 12 miles of repaving. He said the construction manager and the Public Works Department to finalize the project.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

2014-164 FREEHOLDER BERGEN: Appointing the following members to the Air Traffic and Noise Advisory Board for a term commencing January 1, 2014 and ending January 31, 2015: James Mathieu as a Delegate member to represent the Borough of Garwood; Jeffrey Robinson as a Delegate member and Joseph Paszek as an Alternate member to represent the City of Rahway.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-165 FREEHOLDER GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the First Tee of America Raritan Valley Chapter to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Practice Center to develop community outreach programs for the County's youth from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Alexander Mirabella; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-166 FREEHOLDER GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Girls for Golf Program, Daytona, Florida to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Practice Center to develop community outreach programs for the County's young girls from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Sergio Granados, Alexander Mirabella; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-167 FREEHOLDER GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the NJ Golf Foundation, South Plainfield, New Jersey, to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Practice Center to develop community outreach programs for the County's youth from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-168 FREEHOLDER GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Renaissance Jr. Golf, Inc., Newark, New Jersey, to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Practice Center to develop community outreach programs for the County's youth from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-169 FREEHOLDER GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to execute an Agreement with the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission to join its Cooperative Purchasing Pricing System.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-170 FREEHOLDER GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the City of Elizabeth Recreation Department to run a Summer Playground Program which provides children with the opportunity to participate in supervised recreational activities with a subsidized snack and lunch at no cost to the participants in the amount not to exceed \$6,950.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-171 FREEHOLDER 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 Community Renewal: Tri-State Materials, LLC/D/B/A Green Pro Materials, Bound Brook, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Stabilizer Binder for trails, in the amount of \$46,050.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-172 FREEHOLDER GRANADOS: Appointing Andre Luboff as a Delegate member to the Transportation Advisory Board to represent the Borough of New Providence; Tony Hall as a Delegate member to represent the City of Rahway and Francisco Ortiz as a Delegate member to represent the City of Elizabeth for a one year term from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-173 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Adopting the Homeless Trust Fund (HTF) Advisory Board Bylaws as approved by the HTF membership on August 19, 2013.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-174 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2012-399, to extend various Homeless Trust Fund Advisory Board appointment terms to be consistent with a calendar year.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-175 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2012-807, to extend Homeless Trust Fund Advisory Board appointment terms to be consistent with a calendar year.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-176 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to award a subcontract to The Urban League of Union County for rental and security assistance under the 2014 Union County Re-Entry Demonstration Program for the period of March 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014 and in the amount of \$50,000.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-177 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to award 2014-2015 Sandy Homeowners Renters Assistance Program (SHRAP) subcontracts in the total amount not to exceed \$2,214,208 for the period of March 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015, permitting a one-time advance payment of up to one month of the agency award amount to prevent undue hardship for the agency to carry out the program activities, and further authorizing the transfer of funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any fails to meet its contractual obligation.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-178 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Development Directions LLC, Rahway, New Jersey, in the total amount not to exceed \$456,232 for the period of February 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 to deliver Sandy Home Relief and related advocacy services to Union County residents 60 years of age or older and/or persons with disabilities.

RESULT: ADOPTED [7 TO 2]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak; **NAYS:** Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh;

2014-179 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2014 Coordinated Community Care Spending Plan in the total amount not to exceed \$100,000.00; entering into agreements with various agencies, pursuant to a Request for Proposal for contract year two of a three year cycle with renewal contingent upon receipt of additional grant funding from New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division on Aging Services, to provide Home Care and Nursing services to Union County residents 60 years or older for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014; further authorizing the County Manager to transfer funds among the

funded agencies, during the contract period, should services needs change and/or if any of the funded agencies should fail to meet its contractual obligation.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-180 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2014-51, and the agreement with the YMCA of Eastern Union County, Elizabeth, New Jersey, effective March 1, 2014 through August 31, 2014 for an amended reimbursement amount of \$4,500.00 per month to the County of Union for the provision of additional Transportation Service through the Union County Paratransit System for clients of the WISE Adult Day Care Program.

RESULT: ADOPTED [8 TO 0]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak; **ABSTAIN:** Freeholder Bergen;

2014-181 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Authorizing the County Manager to renew the contract with Partners Healthcare, LLC, 70 Jackson Dr., Cranford, NJ for the Provision Of Pharmacy Services For The patients/residents Of Runnells Specialized Hospital for a contract period of March 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015, and in an amount not to exceed \$900,000.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-182 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Re-appointing Sonja A. Ash to the Senior Citizen Disabled Resident Transportation Advisory Board for a term commencing January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-183 VICE CHAIRMAN JALLOH: Approving Transfer of Current Fund Appropriations.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-184 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Dominion Voting Systems, Denver, Colorado, for the purpose of providing licensing, maintenance and support for the WinEDS 4.0 voting system for the contract period April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015, in the amount of \$20,000.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-185 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Royal Printing, West New York, New Jersey, for the purpose of printing voting authority books, poll books, and all other printing needed to run an election within the County for the contract period of February 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015, in the amount of \$100,000.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-186 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Approving a pre-qualified list of vendors to provide transportation services for voting machines delivery and pickup.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-187 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with The Liberty Group, Union, New Jersey, for the purpose of transporting Dominion Voting machines to and from polling places through the County for the contract period of February 2, 2014 through January 31, 2015 in the amount of \$70,000.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-188 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Runnells Specialized Hospital-General and Professional Liability, Umbrella and Excess Umbrella Liability with Princeton Insurance Company, Princeton, New Jersey, for the policy period of March 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015 for a contract amount not to exceed \$426,243.98. (Renewal reflects a cost savings of \$56,320.32)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-189 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Third Party Claim Administration Contract for Workers' Compensation, Auto and Property Claims with PMA Insurance Company from March 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$242,000.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-190 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to approve the Third Party Claim Administration contract for general liability, professional liability, and employment practices with Dietz and Hammer Risk Solutions for the contract period of March 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$97,500.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-191 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Authorizing County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with Hudson County for the relocation of inmates from Union County to Hudson County for a period of March 14, 2014, to September 14, 2015 for an amount not to exceed \$2,100,000.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-192 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Economic Development, Division of Engineering: Rencor, Inc., Somerville, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing the replacement of Raymond Avenue Bridge, City of Plainfield, New Jersey, three hundred (300) calendar days from the date of the Notice to Proceed, in the amount of \$1,935,808.41.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-193 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Amending Resolution Numbers 2001-650, 2013-412 and 2013-413 which adopted the 2001 Consolidated Action Plan, the 2010-2014 Consolidated Action Plan and the 2013 Consolidated Action Plan respectively to reallocate funds in the amount of \$1,001.00 To Magill Real Estate Holdings, LLC, Elizabeth, New Jersey for the 806 E. Jersey Street, Elizabeth Project.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-194 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Architectural Service Contract for the purpose of providing "on call" Architectural Services for the Year 2014, commencing January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 to the following consultants in the

sum not to exceed \$125,000.00 to be distributed as follows: Netta Architects (\$75,000.00) and USA Architects (\$50,000.00).

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-195 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract for the purpose of providing "on call" Engineering Services for the Year 2014, commencing January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 to the following consultants in the sum not to exceed \$223,800.00 to be distributed as follows: Parsons Brinkerhoff of Newark, New Jersey (\$25,000.00); Pennoni Associates, Cranford, New Jersey (\$60,000.00); Neglia Associates, Lyndhurst, New Jersey (\$38,800.00); and T&M Associates, Middletown, New Jersey (\$100,000.00).

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-196 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service contract to Parsons Brinkerhoff, Newark, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Engineering Design Services and Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the 2014 Road Resurfacing Design and Construction Management Project in an amount not to exceed \$269,500.00. (Union County Engineering Project No. 2013-022)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-197 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to Matrix New World, Florham Park, New Jersey, to provide Stormwater Compliance Services for the County of Union commencing March 1, 2014 to February 28, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$20,500.00. (Union County Engineering Project No. 2014-004)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-198 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service contract to Pennoni Associates, Edison, New Jersey, to provide UST Environmental Compliance Services for the County of Union commencing March 1, 2014 to February 28, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$27,500.00. (Union County Engineering Project No. 2014-005)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter,

Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-199 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a negotiated agreement with iRobot, Bedford, Massachusetts, for the purchase of a HazMat Robot for the Urban Area Security Initiative Region (Jersey City) in an amount of not to exceed \$249,961.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-200 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Princeton Hydro LLC, Ringoes, New Jersey, to update the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in an amount not to exceed \$220,350.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-201 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Products Unlimited, Justin, Texas, to purchase a Mercury Analyzer for the UASI Region in the amount of \$54,942.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-202 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Amending Resolution Number 2013-344, to increase the appropriation to Kologi Simitz, Linden, New Jersey, in the matter entitled Robert L. Morgan v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$25,971.47.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-203 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Amending Resolution Number 2013-702, to increase the appropriation to LaCorte, Bundy, Varady & Kinsella, Union, New Jersey, in the matter entitled Arthur Sabatino v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$8,575.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-204 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Amending Resolution Number 2013-929, to increase the appropriation to Palumbo & Renaud, Cranford, New Jersey, in the matter entitled Kevin Kolbeck v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$27,350.47.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-205 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Amending Resolution Number 2013-161, to increase the appropriation to Weber Dowd Law, Woodland Park, New Jersey, in the matter entitled Laquan Kearney v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$16,956.48.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-206 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Appointing Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt & Fader, LLC, Rochelle Park, New Jersey, to replace Bhalla & Cho, LLC, Jersey City, New Jersey, as Special Counsel to represent Correction Officer William Burkert in the matter entitled Laquan Kearney v. UC, et als, in the amount of \$10,000.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-207 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Amending Resolution Number 2013-801, to increase the appropriation to Palumbo & Renaud, Cranford, New Jersey, in a potential litigation matter in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$59,917.30.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-208 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the option with Cityside Archives, Edison, New Jersey, a contract to provide state mandated records management services for government records, for a contract period of twenty-four (24) months commencing on February 16, 2014 and ending on February 15, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$172,366.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2014-209 FREEHOLDER CARTER, FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Recognizing the Central Jersey Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for their efforts in providing programs to local communities since 1975; and further proclaiming Thursday, February 27, 2014 as "Delta Day" in Union County.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Vernell Wright; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-210 FREEHOLDER GRANADOS: Recognizing the Elizabeth Portuguese Lions Club as they celebrate their 35th Anniversary, and further congratulate the nine (9) charter members for all their dedicated work and devotion in helping advance the mission of the club throughout Union County.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-211 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI, VICE CHAIRMAN JALLOH, FREEHOLDER GRANADOS: Recognizing the month of March, 2014 as "Youth Art Month" in Union County.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-212 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Recognizing the Crane's Ford Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution as they celebrate their 70th Anniversary.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-213 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Congratulating Justin Sitler, Boy Scout Troop 80 of Cranford, New Jersey, on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-214 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Congratulating Colin Henderson, Boy Scout Troop 80 of Cranford, New Jersey, on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-215 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Congratulating Lucas Jayne, Boy Scout Troop 80 of Cranford, New Jersey, on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-216 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT, FREEHOLDER CARTER, FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI, MR. BOARD: Congratulating the following women for being chosen as the 2014 Women of Excellence by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women: Debora Brody for Business; Marilyn Coplan for Lifetime Community Service; Kathleen DiChiara for Community Service; Carolyn Dorfman for Arts & Humanities; Trisha Espinoza for Women's Advocacy; Colleen Gialanella for Government; Geraldine Hickey for Medicine/Health Care; Donna Hofer for Education; Bernice Jalloh for Law; LaTia McNeely-Sandiford for Entrepreneurship and Mary Robinson for Mental Health Advocacy.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-217 CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Expressing this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Donna Rothstein during their time of sorrow.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-218 CHAIRMAN HUDAK, MR. BOARD: Recognizing the month of February, 2014, as "National Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month," as designated by the National Association for Career and Technical Education, throughout County of Union.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-219 CHAIRMAN HUDAK, MR. BOARD: Congratulating the dedicated members of the 2014 St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee and acknowledging all their efforts for coordinating the 18th Annual Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on March 15, 2014.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter,

Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-220 CHAIRMAN HUDAK, MR. BOARD: Congratulating Robert Jeans, Sr., on being named the 2014 Grand Marshall of the 18th Annual Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-221 CHAIRMAN HUDAK, MR. BOARD: Congratulating Kathryn Noonan for serving as General Chairwoman of the 18th Annual Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

2014-222 CHAIRMAN HUDAK, MR. BOARD: Congratulating Bernadette Sullivan for serving as the Adjutant of the 18th Annual Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Dr. Rubino, President of the Summit Council, Summit, said he is disappointed in the overall increase in the Executive Budget. He asked the Board to consider merging the Sheriff's Office and the County Police Department and to reconsider the Open Space tax.

Chairman Hudak stated that they are working on trying to get the numbers down with the hard work of County Manager Faella.

Pat Mochetti, New Providence, spoke about the tax increases to the Borough of New Providence. He said it is happening throughout the County and it is forcing residents to leave the County.

Mr. Mochetti spoke about salary increases and promotions.

Tina Renna, Cranford, spoke about the Union County Utilities Authority matter.

Jim Buettner, Cranford, spoke about an article in the Westfield Leader on February 13th referring to a comment made by Undersheriff Cryan. He asked why there are County vehicles having no County license plates. He asked about the cost of building the Galloping Hill facility, MusicFest funds and the full cost of healthcare for employees. He asked for the status of Oak Ridge Park and Runnells Hospital.

Mr. Paterson asked for an explanation for the flowers and boxes that were on the dais.

Mr. Paterson commented on the Union County Utilities Authority bonds and questioned Executive Director Sullivan's qualifications. He asked that you consider rescinding a Resolution that involves Gary Taffett.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Bergen stated that he appreciates Dr. Rubino's comments. He said being the Chairman of the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, he said there is no legal way to suspend the Trust Fund. He added that the City of Summit has received more than \$10 million from the Trust Fund.

Freeholder Bergen stated that he regrets that Congressman Rush Holt is not running for another term.

Freeholder Bergen stated that the State Budget is put in place by the Governor. He said the real estate and sales taxes are too regressive and are headed in the wrong direction.

Freeholder Bergen announced that the Union County means Business Networking Breakfast series is set to kick-off this March 18th "Outlook 2014: Legislative Update."

Chairman Hudak stated that the flowers and cookies were provided by the students of the Union County Vocational-Technical Horticulture and Cooking classes.

Freeholder Granados announced the partial closing of the Pulaski Skyway effective April 12th for 2 years. He said as a result of lobbying with the State DOT, he is pleased to report a park and ride bus beginning at the Sears in Watchung that will service several towns along Route 22, including Mountainside, Springfield and Union. Effective Monday, March 3rd the State will sponsor this new us route to help mitigate roadway congestion and delays due to the Pulaski Skyway Construction project.

Freeholder Granados stated that on Friday, February 28th, he will be visiting the Embassy Suites Hotel in Elizabeth where 40 Union County residents realized their dreams through a new job and a new career through the efforts of the Union County Workforce Investment Board and the Elizabeth Development Company.

The Economic Development Corporation launched this new initiative to help train and fill the jobs through countywide on-the-job training program run by these agencies and several partners. He said he is pleased that Embassy Sites Elizabeth-Newark Airport has joined the ranks as one of our dedicated employers.

Freeholder Wright announced that the Women of Excellence Event will take place on Friday, March 21st to honor eleven woman whom have given to the community. She stated that it will take place at the Galloping Hill Inn in Union at 6:30pm.

Freeholder Mirabella invited residents to the 150th Anniversary of the American Civil War to the next event hosted by the Union County Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee on Wednesday, March 19th at 2:00pm at the First Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth.

Freeholder Carter stated that the Union County Teen Arts Festival is a two day celebration of the arts held annually at Union County College in Cranford. The event is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, March 20th and 21st.

Freeholder Kowalski stated that on March 3rd for the first time ever, NJ Transit will begin offering mid-day "one-seat" direct rail service to Penn Station in New York City on the Raritan Valley Line. That includes Plainfield, Fanwood, Westfield, Garwood, Cranford, Roselle Park and Union, direct into Penn Station without changing trains in Newark.

Freeholder Kowalski announced that this past week there was an information session for the new African American Cultural and Learning Center in Elizabeth, which Freeholder Granados attended. It will be housed in the new mixed use Spring Street Project at Routes 1&9 and Spring Street. Union County was awarded \$850,000 in Neighborhood Stabilization Program funding to assist with the residential portion of this project. She stated that the Learning Center will be the first of its kind in New Jersey. It is designed to bring many different elements of the community together with programs that include career development classes, senior citizen programs, social services programs, and even culinary classes.

Chairman Hudak stated that a group of participants in last year's Union County Step youth leadership program designed a new countywide community service campaign that the Freeholder Board is proud to support; Support 4 Soldiers. He explained that the goal is to coordinate a countywide drive to collect items for care packages for active duty military personnel. The campaign with a kick-off event on March 19th at 7:00pm at the Westfield Armory on Rahway Avenue in Westfield. The program will run through May, 2014.

Chairman Hudak announced that Union County will soon launch his gun control initiative. He said Union County is now prepared to ask that potential vendors who wish to sell guns to the County's law enforcement agencies answer socially responsible questions on gun safety. He thanked the County's Purchasing Agent, Mick Yuska and Deputy County Counsel Rose Comas, as well as the directors of our law enforcement agencies, including Sheriff Froehlich for working on this effort.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To the extent known, the following items are scheduled to be discussed in Executive Session:

- 1) Attorney-Client privileged communication on potential litigation relative to the Tax Appeal regarding Galloping Hill Clubhouse.
- 2) Anticipated contract negotiations with the Union County Improvement Authority relative to the Shared Services Agreement - RFP regarding golf operations.

County Counsel Barry stated that pursuant to provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act a public body may enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing certain enumerated subjects. This Board will now enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing attorney-client privileged communications on potential litigation relative to the Tax Appeal regarding the Galloping Hill Clubhouse and anticipated contract negotiations with the Union County Improvement Authority relative to the Shared Services Agreement - RFP regarding golf operations.

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

Upon the Board's return, it will not take formal action on the matters discussed.

Upon a majority vote of the members present, the Board may now retire to Executive Session.

Motion to enter Executive Session.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

Motion to return from Executive Session.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Linda Carter, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 PM.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER: Linda Carter, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Chairman Hudak;

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2014 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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

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

AGENDA SETTING MEETINGS

January 16, 2014

February 6, 2014
February 20, 2014

March 6, 2014
March 20, 2014

April 3, 2014
April 24, 2014

May 1, 2014
May 15, 2014

June 5, 2014
June 19, 2014

July 10, 2014

August 7, 2014

September 4, 2014
September 18, 2014

October 2, 2014
October 16, 2014

November 6, 2014
Tuesday, November 25, 2014

December 4, 2014
December 18, 2014

REGULAR MEETINGS

January 23, 2014

February 6, 2014
February 27, 2014

March 13, 2014
March 27, 2014

April 10, 2014
April 24, 2014

May 8, 2014
May 29, 2014

June 12, 2014
June 26, 2014

July 17, 2014

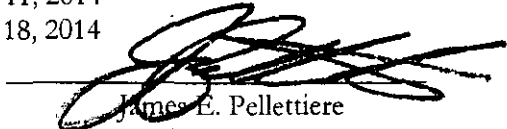
August 14, 2014

September 11, 2014
September 25, 2014

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