



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2014
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Chairman Christopher Hudak presided and called the meeting to order at 8:19pm. Roll call showed Vice Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder Bruce Bergen, Freeholder Linda Carter, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Sergio Granados, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Vernell Wright were in attendance.

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

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

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

PRESENTATION FROM THE BOARD

A resolution presentation was made by Freeholder Bruce Bergen, who called upon Freeholders Granados, Estrada and Wright to join representatives from the United Way of Greater Union County in recognition of their many efforts in mobilizing thousands of volunteers dedicated to improving lives in Union County communities.

Freeholder Bergen asked representatives of United Way of Union County to come up; Jim Horne, and Joe Steiner. Freeholder Bergen read the Resolution aloud.

Freeholder Wright thanked the representatives from United Way of Greater Union County for all they do for Union County. Freeholder Granados said he was at their event two week ago and stated the Board appreciates your services to Union County.

James Horne acknowledged his campaign chair, Joe Steiner, and also some of the Board members, including Director Frank Guzzo and Director Bibi Taylor who serve on the board. Mr. Horne said they are in the midst of a fundraising effort to raise \$3.7 million. Mr. Horne thanked the board for the resolution.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

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

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

Chairman Hudak asked Clerk of the Board Pelletiere to read the Ordinance.

- 760-2014 BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FOLLOWING BOND ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY: (1) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 377-1993 ADOPTED ON JUNE 17, 1993, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 440-1997 ADOPTED ON MARCH 6, 1997 AND BOND ORDINANCE NO. 486-1998 ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 10, 1998; (2) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 455-1997 ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 16, 1997; (3) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 480-1998 ADOPTED ON JULY 23, 1998, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING THREE ORDINANCES: BOND ORDINANCE NO. 574-2003 ADOPTED ON APRIL 24, 2003; BOND ORDINANCE NO. 630-2006 ADOPTED ON JULY 20, 2006; AND BOND ORDINANCE NO. 674-2008 ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 4, 2008; (4) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 518-2000 ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 14, 2000; (5) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 536-2001 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 28, 2001, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING SIX ORDINANCES: BOND ORDINANCE NO. 543-2001 ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 13, 2001; BOND ORDINANCE NO. 547-2002 ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 28, 2002; BOND ORDINANCE NO. 556-2002 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2002; BOND ORDINANCE NO. 564-2003 ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 13, 2003; BOND ORDINANCE NO. 575-2003 ADOPTED ON APRIL 24, 2003; AND BOND ORDINANCE NO. 719-2011 ADOPTED ON MARCH 31, 2011; (6) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 555-2002 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 22, 2002; (7) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 578-2003 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 21, 2003, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 708-2010 ADOPTED ON JUNE 10, 2010; (8) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 601-2004 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 19, 2004, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 708-2010 ADOPTED ON JUNE 10, 2010 AND BOND ORDINANCE NO. 730-2012 ADOPTED ON MARCH 22, 2012; (9) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 616-2005 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 18, 2005, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 708-2010 ADOPTED ON JUNE 10, 2010 AND BOND ORDINANCE NO. 730-2012 ADOPTED ON MARCH 22, 2012; (10) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 632-2006 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 17, 2006, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING THREE ORDINANCES: BOND ORDINANCE NO. 673-2008 ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 4, 2008; BOND ORDINANCE NO. 708-2010 ADOPTED ON JUNE 10, 2010; AND BOND ORDINANCE NO. 730-2012 ADOPTED ON MARCH 22, 2012; (11) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 653-2007 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2007, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING THREE ORDINANCES: BOND ORDINANCE NO. 708-2010 ADOPTED ON JUNE 10, 2010; BOND ORDINANCE NO. 714-2010 ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 8, 2010; AND BOND ORDINANCE NO. 730-2012 ADOPTED ON MARCH 22, 2012; (12) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 665-2008 ADOPTED ON MARCH 13, 2008; (13) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 670-2008 ADOPTED ON JULY 24, 2008; (14) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 671-**

2008 ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 9, 2008, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING THREE ORDINANCES: BOND ORDINANCE NO. 714-2010 ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 8, 2010; BOND ORDINANCE NO. 730-2012 ADOPTED ON MARCH 22, 2012; AND BOND ORDINANCE NO. 741-2012 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2012; (15) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 687-2009 ADOPTED ON JULY 30, 2009, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING FOUR ORDINANCES: BOND ORDINANCE NO. 699-2010 ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 11, 2010; BOND ORDINANCE NO. 703-2010 ADOPTED ON MAY 13, 2010; BOND ORDINANCE NO. 714-2010 ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 8, 2010; AND BOND ORDINANCE NO. 741-2012 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2012; (16) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 713-2010 ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 8, 2010; (17) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 723-2011 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 25, 2011, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 741-2012 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2012; (18) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 740-2012 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2012; AND (19) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 752-2013 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 22, 2013.

Chairman Hudak asked Director Bibi Taylor to give a brief statement regarding Bond Ordinance 760-2014.

Director Bibi Taylor said Bond Ordinance Number 760-2014 amends previously adopted bond ordinances to expand the description to accommodate projects and/or acquisitions not considered at the time of adoption of the original bond ordinance. She added no additional debt is authorized as a result of adopting this ordinance.

Director Taylor said in total, the ordinance seeks to expand the description of capital authorizations. This ordinance does not obligate the County to spend monies; however, it provides the authorization to spend funds should the County wish to pursue a specific project and/or acquisition consistent with the description contained therein. She added, should the County ever wish to cancel a project, a resolution to cancel unspent capital balances can be adopted at that time.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, asked for an explanation of the various projects. Mr. Patterson made comments relative to the former Director of Finance (Director Lawrence Caroselli) utilization of bonds and how they could be used to offset taxes. He questioned what projects the County now planning on funding (not previously identified) and asked why there is no cost to the County.

Director Taylor said we are not cancelling the Bond Ordinance we are repurposing the money for projects within the Bond Ordinance. She provided an example of the use of the bonds to include "engineering costs" associated with the Wheeler Park project. She

explained that no capital funds can be used for operating costs. She advised that if the Bonds are cancelled, they would offset the debt service only.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Vice Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh, Fiscal Chairman, will move Ordinance Number 760-2014 for Final Reading and authorizing the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

Vice Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh, Fiscal Chairman moved Ordinance Number 760-2014 for Final Reading and authorizing the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The Motion was seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, and a roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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Pat Mochetti, New Providence, made comments to Resolution Number 2014-796. He questioned the \$600,000 increase and the purpose of the additional funding.

Mr. Mochetti made comments to Resolution Number 2014-802. Noting that the resolution extended the contract until December 31, 2014, he questioned when the contract began.

Mr. Mochetti commented on Resolution Number 2014-815. He questioned the Verizon telecommunication bills and asked who from the County was monitoring the day to day operations. He made comments relative to New York City's phone bills to an empty office building.

Mr. Mochetti commented on Resolution Number 2014-829. He questioned the major terms of the agreement, such as any salary increases or decreases, and health care terms.

County Manager Faella stated that there was another resolution from last week's Agenda meeting that corresponds with Resolution Number 2014-796, but due to minor contractual details the resolution was pulled and will be rescheduled for the October 16th meeting.

Director Sanchez stated that there is no increase to the operational budget, rather this resolution simply moves funds from November and December, which would have been part of the new contract, into the current contract so that bills can be paid (referring to Resolution Number 2014-796).

County Counsel Barry stated that the original contract was awarded through December 31st and that the amount is changing; adding an additional "not to exceed" \$22,000 for a total amount of \$70,000 (referring to Resolution Number 2014-802).

Director Albert assured the Board that the County is overseeing the telecommunication bills. He stated that the County spent \$1,430,000 in 2012 & 2013 in telecommunication services. He stated that the County is in the process of transitioning to two new vendors on the State Contract and anticipate a saving of \$230,000 this year (referring to Resolution Number 2014-815).

Director Albert stated that this agreement includes the same terms and concessions as all the new collectively bargained agreements; noting that they have accepted the healthcare changes (referring to Resolution Number 2014-829).

Linda Flores, Elizabeth Executive Director, Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless and Chairperson of the Cease Committee said she was speaking on the behalf of both groups. She said during the winter of 2003-2004 there were 82 straight nights of code blue. Ms. Flores said the temperature was below 25 degrees. She said 10 years later, in 2013-2014, the term polar vortex became the new word in our vocabulary. She said this September they saw more and more homeless coming into their office looking for help, many had no access to the shelter. Ms. Flores said that code blue took them off the streets during the extreme weather conditions and thanked the Board for the contract and the program.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, said he needs more clarification to the Director's explanation of why the County is moving funds and increasing the operational budget of the golf courses (referring to Resolution Number 2014-796).

Mr. Paterson questioned the resolutions modifying the budget in the amount of \$2.1 million dollars (referring to Resolution Numbers 2014-803 through 2014-807).

Mr. Paterson spoke in reference to the increase payment of telecommunication bills from Verizon. He recalled that Kathy Villagio under took a study which saved about \$4,000-\$5,000 in telecommunication costs, and questioned the additional \$200,000 (referring to Resolution Numbers 2014-815).

Mr. Paterson made comments relative to political donations made by the vendor associated with Resolution Number 2014-820.

Mr. Paterson questioned the need to spend \$244,000 for fencing and asked what was spent last year (referring to Resolution Number 2014-827).

Mr. Paterson made comments regarding the collectively bargained agreement with Local 86-Operating Engineers. He asked for further clarification to Director Albert's explanation relative to salary and health benefit changes (referring to Resolution Number 2014-829)

Chairman Hudak noted that many of Mr. Paterson's questions were already answered and asked Director Graziano to elaborate on Resolution Number 2014-827.

Director Graziano said this is an annual public bid that the County does every year for fencing. He stated that this resolution will be for the repair of a damaged fence in the

approximate amount of \$150,000 and for new fencing in the approximate amount of \$100,000 near the border of the quarry.

Chairman Hudak asked Director Graziano are the County is still dealing with Superstorm Sandy damage. Director Graziano replied yes.

Chairman Hudak state that Resolution Numbers 2014-803 through 807 are relative to the County accepting grant, which will be added to the budget. He noted that Director Taylor was at the meeting and directed him to speak with her after the meeting for any clarification.

John Bury, Kenilworth, questioned the \$600,000 for the golf course budget (reference to Resolution Number 2014-796).

Chairman Hudak asked Director Sanchez to explain Resolution Number 2014-796.

Director Sanchez stated that the additional \$800,000 is from revenue from January through October 31st. He said we're moving November and December's funds into the current contract because the County will not be responsible for the expenses and salaries associated with the food and beverage contract, stating that they will have a separate budget moving forward.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

Chairman Hudak called for a motion to adopt Resolution Numbers 2014-795 through 2014-849.

2014-795 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks & Recreation: Louis Barbato Landscaping, Inc., Holbrook, New York, for the purpose of providing annual tree planting, for the period of twelve (12) consecutive months beginning October 12, 2014 through October 11, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$35,602.00.

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

2014-796 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution Number 2014-534 to increase the operational funding for golf course operations through October 31, 2014 in the amount of \$600,000.00 for a new total not to exceed \$5,951,183.00.

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

- 2014-797 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-176, to extend the subcontract with The Urban League of Union County for rental and security assistance under the Re-Entry Demonstration Program for the one year period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 at no additional cost.

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

- 2014-798 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-262, to extend the subcontract with Trinitas Hospital for mental health services under the Re-Entry Demonstration Program for the one year period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 at no additional cost.

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

- 2014-799 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the Countywide Code Blue Emergency Shelter Initiative for the Winter of 2014-2015 in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 to address the needs of the homeless during periods of extreme weather conditions.

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

- 2014-800 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2014-2015 HEARTH Emergency Solutions (HES) Grant Program Spending Plan in the total amount not to exceed \$314,871 for subcontracted services to be provided during the period of August 1, 2014 to July 31, 2015; and further authorizing the transfer of funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the various agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed 8 members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Bergen abstaining.

- 2014-801 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award subcontracts under the 2014-2015 Social Services for the Homeless (SSH) Spending Plan in the total amount not to exceed \$195,496 for the period of November 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the awarded agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any fails to meet its contractual obligation; and further authorizing a one-time advance payment of up to one month of the award amount to prevent undue hardship for the agencies to carry out the program.

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

- 2014-802 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Amending Resolution Number 2013-895, an agreement with various Practitioners/Psychiatry to provide professional services for the patients/residents of the Cornerstone Units at Runnells Specialized Hospital,

extending the contracts through December 31, 2014 in an additional amount not to exceed \$22,000, for a new sum not to exceed \$70,000.

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

- 2014-803 VICE CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Resolution modifying the 2014 Budget in the amount of \$5,618 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: SmartSteps Program.

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

- 2014-804 VICE CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Resolution modifying the 2014 Budget in the amount of \$409,710 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for a program Entitled: State Homeland Security Program. (SHSP)

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

- 2014-805 VICE CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Resolution modifying the 2014 Budget in the amount of \$1,675,627 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for a program entitled: Urban Area Security Initiative. (UASI)

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

- 2014-806 VICE CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Resolution modifying the 2014 Budget in the Amount of \$33,864 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities.

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

- 2014-807 VICE CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Resolution modifying the 2014 Budget in the amount of \$50,750 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: Work First NJ - Need Based Work Support.

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

- 2014-808 VICE CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing Governing Body Certification of the 2013 Audit.

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

- 2014-809 VICE CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution co-sponsoring the City of Linden's Annual Halloween Parade to be held on October 26, 2014 and authorize funding the City of Linden's Department of Public Property and Community Services in the amount of \$4,000.00 for their efforts associated in benefiting the general welfare of the City's youth and community at large.

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

- 2014-810 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager exercise the 24-month extension option to the current vendor obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Office of the Union County Clerk: ACES Imaging Systems, Inc., Mount Laurel, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing microfilm services for the contract period December 6, 2014 through December 5, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$22,350.

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

- 2014-811 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Clerk to make any and all purchases of goods and/or services required in the process of preparing and conducting an election to be provided by various vendors and to provide miscellaneous election services which might arise, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for the 2015 elections.

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

- 2014-812 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Wisolmerski Associates, Inc., Pembroke Pines, Florida, for the purpose of providing technical support to the recording, indexing and accounting systems of the Office of the County Clerk for the contract period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$41,350.00.

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

- 2014-813 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Dominion Voting Systems, Denver, Colorado, for the purposes of providing licensing, maintenance and support for the WinEDS 4.0 voting system for the contract period April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016 in the amount of \$29,088.15.

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

- 2014-814** **CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Visual Computer Solutions, Inc., Freehold, New Jersey, for the purchase of COSS compatible computer hardware in an amount not to exceed \$23,549.00.

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

- 2014-815** **CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-62, increasing the amount for the execution of invoices and relative documents as are necessary to effectuate the payment of telecommunication bills from Verizon, Inc., a Board of Public Utilities regulated supplier in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for a new sum not to exceed \$1,000,000 through December 31, 2014.

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

- 2014-816** **CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Amending Resolution Number 2013-434, (BA#39-2013), a contract awarded through the public bidding process to Fai Gon Electric, Inc., of Piscataway, New Jersey, approving Change Order No. 1 (final) for the Intersection Improvements at Centennial Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey. This Change Order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$2,444.02) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$819,260.98. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-007)

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

- 2014-817** **CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Service Agreement with the City of Summit for the purpose of providing shared services to the City for the replacement of the Locust Drive Culvert near Tulip Street over Stream 3-51 (Su105) and to provide for reimbursement to the County of Union for the costs associated with the design and relocation of the sanitary sewer line. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-005C)

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

- 2014-818** **CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Amending Resolution Number 2012-754 (BA#53-2012), a contract awarded through the public bidding process, to Let It Grow, of River Edge, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Nomahegan Park Lake Restoration Project, to reduce the original contract amount by (\$1,081.41) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$1,494,277.09. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-014C)

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

- 2014-819 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the Housing Assistance Payment Program 5 Year/Annual PHA Plan (Section 8) as required by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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

- 2014-820 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Amending Resolution Number 2010-348, Replacement of Three Culverts in Berkeley Heights, Roselle and Summit, New Jersey, a Professional Engineering Service Contract with Alaimo Group, of Mt. Holly, New Jersey, approving Amendment Number 1 for additional engineering services associated with the Replacement of Locust Drive Culvert (Su105) City of Summit, in an amount not to exceed \$19,300.00 for a new contract amount of \$359,300.00. As part of this project, and a shared service agreement with the City of Summit, the County will be reimbursed \$12,800.00 for the design of the sanitary sewer siphon relocation under this bridge. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-005C)

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

- 2014-821 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend \$409,709.74 of State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant funds from the Fiscal Year 2014 New Jersey Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) in order to enhance the County's ability to prepare for, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism. This Resolution shall also authorize the procurement options available under Local Finance Notice 2005-14.

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

- 2014-822 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend \$1,675,627 of State Homeland Security Program funds from the Fiscal Year 2014 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant (UASI-Local Share) in order to enhance the County and Region's ability to prepare for, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism. This Resolution shall also authorize the procurement options available under Local Finance Notice 2005-14.

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

- 2014-823 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER 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: Department of Public Works and Facilities: H. A. DeHart & Son, Inc., Thorofare, New Jersey, Lot 1 – Viking Cives, Lot 3 – Meyers; Henderson Products, Inc., Flanders, New Jersey, Lot 4 – Henderson; Trius, Inc., Bohemia, New York, Lot 2 – Western, Lot 5 – Warren, Lot 8 – Swenson; Tony Sanchez, Ltd, Ledgewood, New Jersey, Lot 6 – Bonnell, Lot 7, Gledhill, for the supplying of Snow Plow & Salt Spreader Equipment Parts and

Accessories for a contract period of 24 consecutive months in the amount not to exceed \$307,100.

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

- 2014-824** **CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution concurring with the Township of Hillside granting permission to the Hillside Historical Society to hang a banner, from October 6, 2014 to October 20, 2014, across Liberty Avenue and Ryan Street for the 4 Century Weekend.

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

- 2014-825** **CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution granting permission to the City of Linden to close Wood Avenue from U.S. Routes 1 and 9 to East Gibbons Street to hold their Annual Halloween Parade to be held on Sunday, October 26, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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

- 2014-826** **CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER 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: Department of Public Works; Division of Facilities Management and Runnells Specialized Hospital: Pennetta Industrial Automation, LLC, for the purpose of providing Computerized Monitoring & Controlling of Automation Systems, for twenty-four (24) consecutive months with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) months optional extension, in an amount not to exceed \$182,880.00.

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

- 2014-827** **CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER 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: Department of Public Works; Division of Facilities Management and Division of Park Maintenance: National Fence Systems, for the purpose of providing Fencing Systems, for twenty-four (24) consecutive months with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) months optional extension, in an amount not to exceed \$244,690.00.

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

- 2014-828** **CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contracts obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Public Works & Facilities; Division of Facilities Management: Weldon Materials, Inc., for the purpose of providing Ready Mix Concrete, for two twelve month contracts, the

initial in an amount of not to exceed \$32,400.00 and the second in an amount of not to exceed \$33,850.00.

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

- 2014-829 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a collective bargaining agreement with Local 68-Operating Engineers effective January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015.

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

- 2014-830 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Amending Resolution #2013-32 to reflect a correct term for Ralph Salerno (Business) as January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014 for the Union County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Public Advisory Committee as per Resolution #2009-50.

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

- 2014-831 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution appointing and/or re-appointing the following individuals to the Workforce Investment Board: appointing Yoshi Manale (Category: Adult Education or Literacy) to fill the unexpired term ending June 30, 2016; and re-appointing Pat Dobson (Category: Workforce New Jersey) for a term of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017, Charles Gillon (Category: Public Assistance Representative) for a term of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017, and Erich Peter (Category: Economic Development) for a term July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017.

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

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2014-832 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Laudatory resolution congratulating Sharron Smith on her retirement after 28 years of dedicated service to the Elizabeth Local Office of the NJ Division of Child Protection and Permanency.

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

- 2014-833 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Resolution offering this Board's sincere condolences to the family of former Plainfield Councilwoman Joann Hollis, during their time of sorrow.

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

- 2014-834 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Laudatory resolution recognizing the Yvonne McCalla Foundation for their work around Breast Cancer Awareness.
- On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.
- 2014-835 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Laudatory resolution celebrating the 45th Anniversary of Collaboration between Elizabeth and Sister City, Kitami, Japan.
- On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.
- 2014-836 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Laudatory resolution recognizing October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month.
- On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.
- 2014-837 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Laudatory resolution recognizing the Junior League of Summit for their exemplary work they are doing throughout the community.
- On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.
- 2014-838 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution expressing this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Charles Mancuso, during their time of sorrow.
- On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.
- 2014-839 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Laudatory resolution congratulating Rev. Kelmo Porter of St. John's Baptist Church in Scotch Plains on celebrating his 48th Pastoral Anniversary.
- On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.
- 2014-840 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution offering this Board's sincere condolences to the family of William H. Frey, Sr, during their time of sorrow.
- On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.
- 2014-841 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Laudatory resolution acknowledging the Columbus Parade Association of Union County "500th" INC., for their many efforts in supporting and enhancing Columbus related Italian-American Cultural Activities throughout the County of Union.

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

- 2014-842 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Laudatory resolution congratulating UNICO District X, and Plainfields' UNICO for co-sponsoring Union County's sixth annual Columbus Day Flag Raising Event on Friday, October 10, 2014.

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

- 2014-843 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Beatrice Lee, during their time of sorrow.

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

- 2014-844 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, VICE CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH & FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Laudatory resolution congratulating Steve Nagy, Union Knights of Columbus Grand Knight for all his work and dedication to the Union Council #4504 during his tenure as Grand Knight.

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

- 2014-845 VICE CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Laudatory resolution congratulating the Crime Stoppers of Union County for celebrating its 30th Anniversary and recognizing their success in encouraging members of the community to assist local law enforcement agencies in the fight against crime.

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

- 2014-846 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Laudatory Resolution recognizing the month of October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and encourages residents to raise awareness and create an early detection plan for themselves and their loved ones.

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

- 2014-847 CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Laudatory resolution congratulating Courtney Dreyfus, of Scotch Plains, for placing Silver in the Triathlon at the Special Olympics National Games and on her selection to represent Team USA in the 2015 Special Olympics World Games.

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

- 2014-848 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Laudatory resolution honoring Carole Driscoll for her extensive volunteer work with CASA of Union County.

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

- 2014-849 **FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Laudatory resolution extending the Board's sincere congratulations to Chief Frederic A. Fretz upon his retirement from the Union Police Department after 43+ years of dedicated public service.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Joseph Krech, Linden, President of PBA 199, stated that he was before the Board on behalf of the Union County Correctional Officers. Mr. Krech said the Union County Correctional Officers are truly committed to the public safety in the county. He said it has come to their attention that the County is seeking to transfer inmates to Hudson County in order to close the jail as a cost saving measure. He said if the Board is considering such action, he would ask that they would advise the PBA 199 because there are numerous public safety issues at stake. He made comments relative to the hundreds of families that will be affected. Mr. Krech further stated PBA Local 199 is trying to find a solution to work with the Board in order not to lay off any correctional officers.

Patrick Colligan, State PBA President, stated that he was before the Board on behalf of the 33,000 members of NJ PBA throughout the State of New Jersey. He said he represent 300 brothers and sisters PBA in Union County. He made comments relative to being notified, nearly two years ago, of the County's intention to close both Runnells and the Jail. He said the officers filed an OPRA request with the County for documents, however the County's response stated there were no documents to be provided. He spoke of meeting they had with County Manager Faella, where it was indicated that there were 160 spots open with the NJ Department of Corrections. Mr. Colligan questioned the County's transparency and made comments relative to the responsibility concerning the OPRA law. He made comments relative to the differences between the training of correctional officers and municipal police officers. He asked the Board to keep this facility open.

Joseph Krech, Linden, President of PBA 199, stated he would like to clarify that he didn't meet with County Manager Faella he met with Director Guzzo a couple days ago about bed space at Hudson County.

County Manager Faella stated that Union County has had preliminary discussions with Hudson County relative to the possibility of expanding the number of Union County prisoners to be housed at Hudson County Correctional Center. He said discussion also includes the possibility of sending juveniles detainees to Union County Juvenile Detention Center. County Manager Faella said these are still preliminary nothing has been finalized and no recommendation has been made to the Union County Board of Freeholders.

Marie Soyka, Clark, 3rd Ward Councilwoman spoke in regards to the proposed ballfield to be located in Rahway River Park, stating most of the residents (including the Mayor and herself) found out about the project about three weeks ago. She stated that she opposes the plan of a 5,000 seat stadium. She acknowledged that she herar Chairman Hudak spoke about this

project in his January address, but that she didn't read about it until just recently. She stated that the residents in the 3rd Ward also oppose this project and wished they had been notified much earlier. She said she contacted Cherron Rountree, Rahway Business Administrator who provided her with a footprint, but offered nothing else to show the residents.

Chairman Hudak said that the County has been upgrading parks for years and there are multiple benefits to artificial fields, including saving the cost of repairing sod and the fact that they are safer. He spoke of the demand for field time in Rahway River Park. He spoke of a similar project in Warinanco Park. He said the Mayor of Rahway came to the Board last year regarding the flooding in Veterans Field. He said the request was to add bleachers and bathrooms to the scope of work of the County's Rahway River Park field enhancement project. Chairman Hudak acknowledged that a "5,000 seat facility" is too large for the park and the County will work with the City of Rahway to plan to reduce the scope for an astatically appealing and size-appropriate facility for a more safe and responsible project. He further stated that the City of Rahway would be responsible for the costs associated for any scope of work not already planned by the County.

Kelly Tropeano, Clark, said her property is adjacent to the park. She made comments relative to her concerns to a recent NBC report linking cancer to turf fields. Ms. Tropeano expressed her concerns relative to the flooding of the Valley Road Bridge during Hurricane Irene. She also expressed her concerns relative to the current parking availability (approximately 400 cars) and if the plan is to include adding more parking. She expressed her desire for the public to receive more information on this project.

Pat Mochetti, New Providence, made comments relative to the locations of Glenside Park and Snyder Field and how they are different from Rahway River Park. He thanked Tina Renna for speaking on the County agreement with Hudson County. He spoke on the topic of workforce initiatives; how many people are currently getting trained, how many are going back to school, how many have obtained a part-time job or a full-time job.

Mr. Mochetti asked what the County is doing to lower the percentage of UC households with single parents, associating such with lower levels of education and higher levels of crime. He also questioned what the County was doing to ensure better graduation rates at Union County College, noting the County's annual funding.

Ken Burkett, PBA 199, clarified that his membership was made aware of the discussions pertaining to the Hudson County agreement. He noted that the Local had been in negotiations with the County and had its first mediation session, where they spoke to Director Frank Guzzo. He said he believes the Board will look closely at what may happen and the PBA will wait patiently for any figures to surface. He stated that the Local will review such and actively protect the membership of PBA 199.

George Cassidy, Rahway, said he lives across the street from the park and is a frequent user of the park. He stated that he was excited to hear of the park improvements at Mayor Steinman's annual address at the beginning of the year. He said it is his understanding that the improvements will be made on the same footprint. He thanked the Board for working with the City to improve the park.

Lorie Saxon, Rahway, said she use the Rahway Park often, especially for walking. She spoke of the NBC report. She made comments relative to her concerns regarding tax implications, pollution, and parking. She made comments relative to the Warinanco Park's \$4 million improvements. She said she would rather see the \$2 million be spent on aerating the pond in Rahway River Park.

Tom Lewis, Clark, stated that he is the Rahway Athletic Director, thanked the Board and County Manager for the improvement of the Madison School Project and Madison Field. He does understand the concerns of the Clark 3rd Ward residents. He hoped that both Mayors work slowly and diligently together on this project. He said that the student athletes of Rahway have a dire need for this project and it is unfair for any student athletes to play on current fields. He spoke of the beautiful fields in Elizabeth and Plainfield, and noted that Rahway deserves the same. He commended the Board on their work on the Madison School field.

Peter Coyal, President, Rahway Board of Education, thanked the Board for moving ahead with this project. He spoke on behalf of the kids he said they play on one of two dirt fields in Union County. He spoke on how the Rahway student athletes often have to play on other fields in other towns due to the conditions of the fields in Rahway. He encouraged the Board to coordinate a joint meeting among the multiple towns and boards of education affected to come up with a plan for a field that the Rahway student athletes deserve.

Guy Ewings, Rahway, said the children need a world-class facility, adding that such a facility would allow the children to reach their full potential.

Margaret Shannon, Clark, read from a flyer from Mayor Steinman regarding the planned features for the Rahway River Park project. She noted that while Rahway needs a field, other towns have their fields in town parks, not in County parks. She stated they will be taxed for the maintenance of the park. She questioned if church groups and the general public will be able to use the park if this project moves forward. She questioned if there will be a public accounting of the money spent on this project.

Chairman Hudak reiterated that the County has preliminary conversation with the City of Rahway and the Rahway Board of Education. He stated that the County is in the planning

stages, and while the City may have a vision for the park, the park is a County park and the project will be a joint effort. He stated that the project was announced in January and that it was included in the capital budget. He advised that the information is subject to OPRA.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, made comments relative to the public participation in the night's meeting. He made comments relative to the politics of the County's decision making. He made comments relative to the Union County College park proposal in Oakridge Park. He made comments relative to transferring inmates to Hudson County and questioned why the County has been spending money on renovating the Union County Jail. He stated that the County should maintain the Jail, as it is one of the true purposes of County government.

Tina Renna, Cranford, spoke in regards to the Union County Alliance. She stated that the Alliance is supposed to produce newsletters which are to be mailed to every home in Union County and produce several more newsletters on-line. Ms. Renna stated that the newsletters have not been put on-line. She questioned who is monitoring their contractual obligations, and if the County will consider a refund. Ms. Renna spoke about a similar Bergen County newsletter, stating that the County Administrator pulled the newsletter due to concerns regarding potential election law violations. She asked if the County Counsel's office has advised if such potential election law violations exist.

Mrs. Renna made comments about the role of County government, including operating a hospital and jail, compared to golf courses and banquet halls.

John Bury, Kenilworth, made comments relative to "open government preliminary". He questioned how "preliminary" the Rahway River Park really is. He made comments to the closing of Oakridge Golf Course and disagreed with PBA Local 199 for not negotiating at the Freeholder Meeting. He said this seems like a done deal and now they're just bargaining for severance pay.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Kowalski made comments relative to a dedication ceremony for the new Reverend Russell C. Block affordable housing in Elizabeth, including the City of Elizabeth, the housing advocacy organization Brand New Day, and Magill Real Estate Holdings. Public funding included a grant from the state's Neighborhood Stabilization Program, as well as \$300,000 in HOME Investment Partnership Program funds through the Freeholder Board. She thanked all of the partners who contributed to this project, the founder of Brand New Day, Reverend Russell C. Block, whose long history of advocacy for affordable housing is an inspiration to us all.

Freeholder Carter made comments relative to Galloping Hill networking clubhouse.

Freeholder Estrada made comments relative to Four Centuries in a Weekend countywide history tour coming up on Saturday and Sunday, October 18th and 19th. Freeholder Estrada said as a longtime resident of Elizabeth, he hope that you get a chance to retrace our proud history with a visit to Boxwood Hall and the First Presbyterian Church, both of which are included Four Centuries tour.

Freeholder Mirabella invited the public to the sixth annual Columbus Day Flag Raising event on Friday, October 10th at 1:00 p.m. on the steps of the historic Union County Courthouse. The keynote speaker and guest of honor will be Congressman Frank Pallone Jr., who has represented central New Jersey in Congress since 1988; also, officials with UNICO, the nation's largest Italian-American service organization.

Freeholder Bergen made comments relative to apply for a passport as soon as possible. He said it takes up to six weeks for a regular passport application to be processed, even if you pay for the expedited delivery option, it can take up to three weeks. If you already have a passport, be sure to check the expiration date; if it expires within six months of your travel date, you may need to renew it beforehand. Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi has two convenient locations for passport applications, in Westfield and Elizabeth.

Freeholder Granados said it was a great pleasure to join with Acting Sheriff Joseph Cryan, and Roselle Mayor Jamel Holley, at the Roselle Walks for Cancer fundraiser in Warinanco Park this past weekend. He congratulated the organizers of the event on a successful fundraiser. He was very impressed with the turnout of more than 200 participants, and, thanked all of those who walked for pitching in and contributed to the search for more effective cures, for better prevention, and for improved treatment.

Freeholder Wright said it was a pleasure to attend the recent opening of the Raymond Lesniak Experience, Strength and Hope Recovery High School in Union Township. Having spent many years living and working in the Union school district, she stated it is an honor for Union Township to host this institution. This is the first high school of its kind in New Jersey. I would also like to point out that it is the newest addition to the award-winning Union County Vo-Tech School District, which has its main campus in Scotch Plains. On behalf of the Freeholder Board, we are proud to welcome Recovery High School to our Vo-Tech academic community.

Vice Chairman Jalloh made comments to the residents of Clark and thanked them for their concerns. He stated that some of the details have not been made by the Board and some of the communication was not accurate. Vice Chairman said he didn't know about the closing of the jail two years ago, he hasn't seen the numbers and have not made any decision. Vice Chairman Jalloh said higher education is the Board top priority.

Chairman Hudak made comments relative to the first Union County Mayor's Roundtable program which was held at the Clubhouse at Galloping Hill on September 29th. The goal is to help our local governments connect more closely with County and State resources in support of economic development. Chairman Hudak thanked all of the mayors who came out to support these efforts, by participating in the Roundtable. Chairman Hudak also made comments relative to the gun buyback and amnesty program. He said before Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich untimely passing last summer, he was a strong advocate for firearm safety. The locations are in Linden at the Morningstar Community Center on 1009 Chandler Avenue, and in Plainfield at the Visions of God Family Worship Church on 350 Leland

Avenue, Saturday October 25th from 9:00am to 5:00pm. If you have an unused or unwanted gun, bring it in, and you could be eligible to receive up to \$250 in cash.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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 1) Attorney-Client privileged communications and potential additional contract negotiations with Center Management Group, LLC relative to Runnells Specialized Hospital; and 2) Attorney-Client privileged communications relative to ongoing litigation in the matter of Lapolla v. Union County et, als. 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, 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.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:32pm

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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
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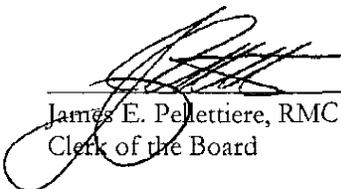
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** As per Resolution # 2014-746



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