



## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015  
MINUTES OF THE AGENDA SETTING MEETING

Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh presided and called the meeting to order at 7:06pm. Roll call showed, Vice Chairman Bruce Bergen, Freeholder Linda Carter, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella and Freeholder Vernell Wright were in attendance. Freeholder Sergio Granados and Freeholder Hudak were absent.

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

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

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

### PRESENTATION FROM THE BOARD

Chairman Jalloh called upon the Chairman of the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Committee, Freeholder Mirabella, to make a check presentation to representatives from various municipalities for the "2015 Kids Recreation Trust" grants, "2015 Greening Union County" grants and "2015 Preserve Union County" grants. He thanked the Public Advisory Board members Michael Yesenko and Arthur Kobitz and asked them to come up for a photo.

Freeholder Mirabella, joined by Chairman Jalloh and various members of the Board, announced the scope of each project and called upon the recipients of the grant programs for a check presentation. The recipients provided brief comments and offered their thanks to the Board.

At this time Freeholder Hudak arrived at 7:17pm.

Freeholder Mirabella thanked the Trust Fund Staff on all their hard work in processing the applications and monitoring all the grants.

Chairman Jalloh thanked all of the recipients for their continued partnership with the County.

### APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

### DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Norman W. Albert, Esq., Director

There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award the Third Party Claim Administration contract for Workers' Compensation and Managed Care Services, General and Auto Liability,

Property and Auto Physical Damage with Dietz & Hammer Risk Solution, Newton, NJ, for the contract period of November 1, 2015 to October 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$517,450.00 per year for a total amount not to exceed \$1,034,900.00. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

William Reyes, Deputy County Manager / Director

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There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to change a project name within the 2014-2015 HOME Investment Partnership Consolidated Action Plan as adopted in Resolution #2014-444, from Heritage Village at Westminster Urban Renewal, LLC to Parker's Walk Urban Renewal, LLC (Resolution 2014-444). **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

Joseph Graziano, Director

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1. Authorizing the County Manager to execute a Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey, for the operations and maintenance of a Flood Monitoring System in the Lower Rahway River Basin, in an amount not to exceed \$15,520.00 beginning October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

Freeholder Kowalski inquired as to the role the Army Corps of Engineering would have with this resolution.

Director Graziano stated that this is an annual funding opportunity with the Department of the Interior. He stated that the gauges and levels are placed on our website, and that Army Corps does access the site for their projects.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to Neglia Engineering Associates, of Lyndhurst, New Jersey to provide Design, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the 2016 Road Resurfacing Project for an amount not to exceed \$390,794.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-003) **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

Chairman Jalloh asked for further clarification of Agenda Item #2.

Director Graziano stated this contract is awarded through a RFP process, noting the County sent requests out to a number of prequalified firms and that Neglia Engineering's proposal was the lowest. He stated that this resolution is for the County's paving project for 2016, noting the project is scheduled to pave 19 miles of roads next year (set to begin around May, 2016).

3. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering: JC Contracting, Inc., of Bloomfield, New Jersey, for the Intersection Improvement at East Broad Street and Elm Street, Town of Westfield, County of Union, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$435,465.91. This project is funded by the New

Jersey Department of Transportation, 2013 Local Safety Program; Federal Project Number HSP-7465 (106) (BA#27-2015; Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-007.)  
**(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

4. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq; Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering: GPC, Inc., of Millburn, New Jersey, for the Oriscello Correctional Facility - Electrical Room Fire Suppression System Project, City of Elizabeth, County of Union, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$68,000.00. (BA#57-2015; Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-033E.) **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
5. Amending Resolution Number 2013-526 (BA#47-2013), a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq., to Smith Soudy Asphalt Company, of Wallington, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the 2013 Road Resurfacing Project, Various Municipalities, County of Union, New Jersey. This Change Order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$425,420.04) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$5,588,109.18. This project was funded by the New Jersey Department of Transportation, 2012 Annual Transportation Program. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2012-026) **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
6. 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 on Sunday, October 25, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

Frank Guzzo, Director

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There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to extend the contract period on BA #76-2011 (Resolution #2013-1037) with Aramark Correctional Services, Philadelphia, PA, for an additional three (3) months for the period of October 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 for the continued provision of food services for residents and staff at the UC Juvenile Detention Center in an amount not to exceed \$135,000 for a new total amount not to exceed \$986,180. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Andrew Moran, Director

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There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq; Department of Public Safety (Bid Award, BA60-15): Northrop Grumman, Remotec, Inc., Clinton, TN, for the purchase of an Andros F6B explosive disposal equipment in the amount of \$172,422, paid for through insurance claim reimbursements and at no additional cost to the County. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

2. Amending Resolution 2013-454, authorizing the County Manager to provide funds in an amount not to exceed \$70,384.00 (\$17,596 quarterly) for Comprehensive Tuberculosis treatment services for year 2015, representing 50% of the costs of services, as per the MOA entered into between the County of Union and the New Jersey Medical School Global Tuberculosis Institute at Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences (RBHS). **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend \$158,272 from the Department of Justice's 2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Grant Program for the purpose of providing local law enforcement agencies with the necessary training and equipment to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the criminal justice system. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend the FFY 2015 Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant in the amount of \$1,527,870.11 from the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness in order to enhance the County and Region's ability to prevent, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
5. Authoring the County Manager to accept and expend \$378,518.96 from the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness under the FFY 2015 Homeland Security Grant Program, in order to enhance the County and Region's ability to prevent, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism and to further authorize the County Manager to utilize procurement options available under Local Finance Notice 2005-14. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

#### FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Appointing Marvin Gersten as an At-Large member to the Transportation Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2015. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
2. Resolution urging Horizon to postpone the implementation of the proposed Omnia Health Alliance Tiered Plan for a minimum of 90 days due to the dire ramifications the plan, as currently drafted, imposes onto urban hospitals and the communities in which they serve. **(Freeholder Hudak & the Entire Board)**
3. Laudatory resolution congratulating Steven Medina, of the Union Boy Scouts, on obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
4. Laudatory Resolution recognizing October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
5. Laudatory resolution recognizing the efforts of Community Access Unlimited as they celebrate their 3rd Annual Union County Youth Networking Conference on October 28, 2015. **(Freeholder Wright & the Entire Board)**
6. Laudatory resolution thanking Mr. Ernest Mathews, veteran of the Second World War, for his service to his Country, and further congratulating him on the honor bestowed upon him by the Vauxhall Historical Society on November 7, 2015. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**

7. Laudatory resolution congratulating Reverend George Britt and Mt. Teman A.M.E. Church as they celebrate 155 years of service to the greater Elizabeth community. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
8. Authorizing the County Manager to award Kids Recreation Trust Fund 2015 grants to nineteen (19) municipalities in the County of Union in accordance with the Kids Recreation Trust grant criteria, as stated in said grant application, through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund in an amount not to exceed \$999,614.07. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
9. Authorizing the County Manager to award Greening Union County 2015 grants to thirteen (13) municipalities in the County of Union in accordance with the Greening Union County 2015 grant criteria, through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund in an amount not to exceed \$75,159.50. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
10. Authorizing the County Manager to award Preserve Union County 2015 grants to fifteen (15) historic sites throughout the County of Union, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00; in conjunction with and for the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
11. Laudatory resolution acknowledging Ed McCormick for his dedicated service to the Union Knights of Columbus Council #4504 during his tenure as Grand Knight for 2014-2015. **(Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
12. Proclaiming the month of October, 2015 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Union County. **(Chairman Jalloh & the Entire Board)**

#### ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Jalloh asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, a voice vote showed 8 Freeholders voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Granados absent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

**UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2015 MEETING SCHEDULE**

Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 7:00pm in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified. In the event an Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting are held on the same night, the Agenda Setting Session will commence at 7:00pm and the Regular Meeting will commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter should contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 908-527-4140.

REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2015 at 12:00pm  
Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

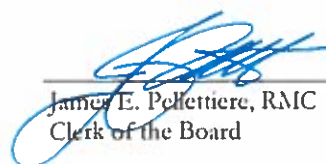
<u>AGENDA SETTING SESSION</u>	<u>REGULAR MEETINGS</u>
January 15, 2015	January 29, 2015
February 5, 2015 February 26, 2015	February 19, 2015 February 26, 2015
March 5, 2015 March 19, 2015	March 12, 2015 March 26, 2015
April 9, 2015 April 23, 2015	April 16, 2015 April 30, 2015
May 7, 2015 May 28, 2015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

Notice

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

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

\*Meeting postponed due to inclement weather.

  
James E. Pelletiere, RMC  
Clerk of the Board