



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2013
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Linda Carter called the meeting to order at 7:53 PM.

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

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

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.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

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, welcomed Freeholder Granados to the Freeholder Board. He asked that he consider the residents when voting and hopes he answers the public's questions.

Mr. Paterson stated that he appreciates the improvements mentioned in Resolution 2013-793, although, he made mention of the fines that were given to the company for over-billing. In reference to Resolution 2013-794, he thanked Deputy Director Rountree for the explanation. He

said he can only assume that a cost benefit analysis was done, and will submit an OPRA request. Mr. Paterson stated that he appreciates Freeholder Granados questions regarding Resolution 2013-804, and will also submit an OPRA request for the appraisals.

Mr. Paterson made comments regarding Vice Chairman Hudak replacing former Freeholder Sullivan's position as the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee. He claims that Vice Chairman Hudak does not have the qualifications to oversee a half billion dollar budget.

Jim Buettner, Cranford, made comments referring to Resolutions 2013-783 and 2013-784, stating that religious functions and County functions should be kept separate; adding that there should be no charge for these services. He urged the Board to table Resolution 2013-788 until a cost analysis is performed. He stated that in reference to Resolution 2013-794 an additional \$1.2 million dollars is being spent on the Galloping Hill Golf Course. He claims that there will be no funds remaining to improve the Ashbrook Golf Course. He asked how much money has been spent on improvements at the Galloping Hill Golf Course, to date. He questioned the capacity at the County golf courses, and echoed the comments of a previous speaker about Resolution 2013-804 pertaining to the appraisals. Mr. Buettner stated that the property should have been purchased 10 years ago. He asked for an explanation of "enhancement" referring to Resolution 2013-792. He said there was a loss of \$1.4 million from last year's budget for the County's transportation system.

Chairman Carter stated that the property noted in Resolution 2013-804 was not available for sale ten years ago.

County Counsel Barry confirmed Chairman Carter's statement.

Director Graziano explained that Resolution 2013-792 is for paving of roads and improving intersections for a culvert project. He said "enhancing" roadways refers to new ADA ramps and updating the traffic signals.

Chairman Carter stated that miles of roadway to be paved has been reduced due to the cut in funding, referring to Resolution 2013-792.

Deputy Director Rountree and Superintendent of Galloping Hill Golf Course Russell Harris were in attendance to answer questions pertaining to Resolution 2013-794.

Deputy Director Rountree explained that the dollars are coming from part of the 2011 and 2012 Capital Budgets and some dollars from the 2013 Capital Budget. She also added that they are looking to improve Ashbrook Golf Course. She said improvements need to be protected, which will reduce the maintenance costs.

County Manager Faella added that the DEP issues at Ashbrook Golf Course have slowed down the process to improve Ashbrook Golf Course.

Chairman Carter stated that in reference to Resolution 2013-788, Union County does not have a curriculum in place for training correction officers in-house, but the matter will be looked into.

Director Riordan added that in the meantime they cannot wait until a curriculum is in place. He said by passing tonight's Resolution, it will save in overtime costs. He said a study will need to be done to see if it is feasible to have in-house training for the County's correction officers.

Sara Todisco, President Council Member of Garwood, thanked the Board for supporting Resolution 2013-793.

Maria Echavarria, Elizabeth, asked why Runnells is the only hospital that is funding relative to receiving 2013-786.

Acting Administrator Sandra Adour explained that Runnells Specialized Hospital is a County facility, having 300 residents, 44 psychiatric patients, acute lab for blood and urine testing, adding that the vendor is awarded through a competitive bid process.

Tina Renna, Cranford, asked about the legal matter mentioned in Resolution 2013-801.

County Counsel Barry stated that Resolution 2013-801 refers to a potential litigation matter when a firm is retained. He stated that this Resolution is related to 61-99 West Grand Street. He explained that the County was the sub-lessee; the owner is Smith Motors and the Lessee is Positan Mancuso. He said it is based upon eviction precedings by Smith Motors and negotiations and potential condemnation precedings.

Director Graziano stated that in reference to Resolution 2013-793, they have not been over-billed. There are always inspections on the hours submitted and it is always verified with the Engineering Department.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

2013-782 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Amending Resolution Number 2012-883, to reflect the name change from Med-Care to Medicare Medical Supply, Inc/DBA: MMS, Inc., Toms River, New Jersey.

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

2013-783 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Reverend Betty Ann Miller, Plainfield, New Jersey, to provide Protestant religious services to the residents/patients of Runnells Specialized Hospital for the period November 1, 2013 through October 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00.

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

2013-784 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Rabbi Moshe A. Abramowitz, Elizabeth, New Jersey, to provide Jewish religious services to the residents/patients of Runnells Specialized Hospital for the period November 1, 2013 through October 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$6,600.00.

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

2013-785 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Authorizing the County Manager to renew a clinical affiliation agreement with Seton Hall University, School of Health and Medical Sciences, South Orange, New Jersey, to cooperate in providing educational experiences in clinical areas for students enrolled in the Physician Assistant Program for the contract period of December 1, 2013 through November 30, 2014 at no cost to the County.

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

2013-786 FREEHOLDER WRIGHT: Authorizing the County Manager to renew a contract with Aculabs Inc., East Brunswick, New Jersey, for the provision of laboratory services for the residents/patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period of November 1, 2013 through October 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$108,000.00.

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

2013-787 VICE CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Resolution Modifying the 2013 Budget in the amount of \$30,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs(DCA) for a Program Entitled: Post Sandy Planning Assistance Grant (PSPAG).

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

2013-788 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing County Manager to enter into an agreement with the County of Essex Police Academy, Essex County, Cedar Grove, New Jersey, to provide basic training courses for the Union County Correctional Officer Recruits for the contract period of October 1, 2013 through January 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

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

2013-789 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Resolution concurring with the Township of Scotch Plains approval granting permission to Summit Animal Rescue Association to hang a banner across Park Avenue from October 8, 2013 to October 21, 2013 to advertise the 4th Annual Pet Fair/Pet Adoptions to be held October 19 & 20, 2013.

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

2013-790 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Concurring with the Township of Cranford's Ordinance No. 2013-17, authorizing a uniform 25 mph speed limit reduction along Walnut Avenue, a County Road, Township of Cranford.

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

2013-791 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Amending Resolution Number 2013-689, awarding a contract to Rock Solid Construction, Inc., Fairfield, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Summer Street Bridge (EL4) Deck Replacement, Elizabeth, New Jersey, to establish an account number in accordance with Ordinance Number 752-2013.

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

2013-792 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for the Union County Annual Transportation Plan (ATP), and if approved, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for FY 2014 County Aid for an allotment of \$3,414,000.00 in order to maintain and enhance the County's transportation system.

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

2013-793 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service contract to The Louis Berger Group of Morristown, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Professional Engineering Services for Intersection Improvements at Center Street and South Avenue, Borough of Garwood, in an amount not to exceed \$57,500.00.

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

2013-794 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks and Community Renewal: Total Turf Golf Services, Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of the Galloping Hill Golf Course Renovation Project - BA-70-13, in the amount of \$1,219,219.00.

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

2013-795 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to award FY2014 History Re-Grants for the assistance in providing History Programming to the Historical Society of Elizabeth in amount of \$2,600; the Historical Society of Plainfield in the amount of \$2,500; the Plainfield Public Library in the amount of \$3,332; the Reeves-Reed Arboretum in the amount of \$2,000 and the Westfield Historical Society in the amount of \$2,000; for a total sum of \$12,432, funded through the New Jersey Historical Commission.

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

2013-796 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to award a five (5) year contract to Cooper Notification, a division of Cooper Industries, Long Branch, NJ to provide a hosted citizen emergency notification system under the name Union County First Alert for the purposes of providing Union County residents emergency notifications and other valuable countywide information for a contract period commencing November 1, 2013 through October 31, 2018 at a rate of \$41,370 per year and for a total sum in the amount of \$206,850. Use of the First Alert system is offered as a shared service to municipalities, schools and other non-profit entities at no charge for text and email alerts and \$0.15 per minute for voice messages.

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

2013-797 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract and a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”) for the AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador Program; establishing the responsibilities, procedures, and duties of both the host agency and the Watershed Ambassador for a contract period starting on September 16, 2013 through August 31, 2014 and at a rental fee rate of \$250.00/quarter payable to the County of Union.

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

2013-798 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Amending Resolution Number 2013-553, to reflect the correct account numbers to award contracts for the Work First New Jersey Program.

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

2013-799 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to extend a contract with ePlus Technology, Inc. Herdon, Virginia, to provide Managed Firewall and Intrusion Detection Services for the contract period of September 1, 2013 through October 31, 2013 at a rate of \$2,408 per month for a total sum of \$4,816.00.

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

2013-800 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Amending Resolution Number 2013-578, to reflect date change in a Lease Agreement with the City of Linden for an ambulance facility located 12 North Stiles Street, Linden, New Jersey, for the period beginning August 1, 2013 through July 31, 2014 and to reflect the addition of an account number.

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

2013-801 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Amending Resolution Number 2013-630, to increase the appropriation to Palumbo & Renaud, Cranford, New Jersey, in a potential legal matter in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

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

2013-802 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Amending Resolution Number 2012-1091, to increase the appropriation to Law Offices of Antonelli Minchello, PC of Union, New Jersey, for Mental Health Patient Counsel Services in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

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

2013-803 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Amending Resolution Number 2013-581, to increase the appropriation to Bauch Zucker Hatfield, Springfield, New Jersey, in the matter entitled Beverly Figueroa v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$65,000.00.

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

2013-804 CHAIRMAN CARTER: A Resolution approving the purchase of the property located at 61-99 West Grand Street in Elizabeth for an amount not to exceed \$3,685,000.00.

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

2013-805 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Appointing Bryan Thomas Tomko to the Union County Improvement Authority to fill an unexpired term ending January 31, 2014.

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

2013-806 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Continuum Voice and Data Systems, Inc., Syracuse, New York, for the purposes of providing proprietary software maintenance services for the OnBase records management proprietary software system of the County, for a contract period of three (3) months commencing on October 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, exercising the County's option to renew using the exception to bidding: NJSA 40A: 11-15 (1) (dd), in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00.

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

2013-807 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Amending Resolution Number 2013-9, a resolution assigning members of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders to serve as Liaison to various Advisory Boards, to reflect the following changes: replacing Daniel P. Sullivan and assigning Freeholder Sergio Granados as Freeholder Liaison to the Union County Vocational-Technical School Board of Education, Labor Advisory Board, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Transportation Advisory Board and Union County Planning Board; replacing Daniel P. Sullivan and assigning Vice Chairman Christopher Hudak as Freeholder Liaison to the Union County College Board of School Estimates.

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

2013-808 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Amending Resolution Number 2013-8, a resolution assigning members of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders to serve on various Union County Freeholder Sub-Committees, to reflect the following changes: replacing Daniel P. Sullivan and assigning Freeholder Christopher Hudak as Chairman of the Fiscal Sub-Committee and assigning Chairman Linda Carter as member of the Fiscal Subcommittee; replacing Daniel P. Sullivan and assigning Freeholder Sergio Granados to the Shared Services Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

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

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2013-809 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA: Congratulating Elizabeth Councilwoman-at-Large Patricia Perkins-Auguste and Lois I. Bass, Community Relations Coordinator at Infineum USA, L.P., honorees at the YWCA Eastern Union County's 3rd Annual Empowering Women Cocktail Reception to be held on October 10, 2013.

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

2013-810 FREEHOLDER KOWALSKI: Congratulating Josephine's Place, a space dedicated to women, located in Elizabeth, New Jersey. Josephine's Place is celebrating 10 years as a place for women to come and meet other women, relax, pray, learn new skills, talk about what concerns them or discuss their problems.

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

2013-811 FREEHOLDER MIRABELLA: Commending Arthur Sobilo of Summit, New Jersey, for his outstanding service to the United States of America while serving in the Army during World War II.

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

2013-812 VICE CHAIRMAN HUDAK: Congratulating St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish, Linden, New Jersey on the establishment of the Archdiocesan Shrine of Blessed John Paul II in Linden.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Jim Buettner, Cranford, welcomed Freeholder Granados and said that he hopes that he keeps the constituents in mind when he votes, along with transparency. He also asked that Freeholder

Granados share his resume since he was appointed to office to fill an unexpired term.

Mr. Buettner clarified his comments made at the previous Freeholder Meeting. He said he was speaking about Pay to Play "ethics." He claims that Birdsall Services were making monetary donations to democratic campaigns and he believes the money should be given back. He also asked for the total amount of money that has been spent at the Galloping Hill Golf Course, to date.

Mr. Buettner agrees with Mr. Mochetti's comments about the Directors not being prepared to answer questions at the Meetings.

County Manager Faella stated that Director of Division of Golf Operations Armando Sanchez had a family emergency and was unable to be at tonight's meeting to answer the public's questions. He said the information will be made available for the next Freeholder Meeting.

Director DiRado stated that Director of Human Services Frank Guzzo was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but will have the information next week.

Clerk of the Board James Pelletiere stated that Director Guzzo submitted the information.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, referred to comments made by Freeholder Mirabella at the last meeting relative to Freeholder Jalloh not answering a question made by a speaker.

Mr. Paterson made comments referring to Freeholder Mirabella's brother, MusicFest funds, generators, and stated that the Open Space tax dollars are being used towards employment salaries. He also made comments about refinancing bonds for the UCUA, claiming that the DeCotiis Law firm fabricated the numbers. He complained about former Freeholder Scanlon's position with the County and made comments regarding Undersheriff Cryan and former Executive Director of Union County Improvement Authority Charlotte DeFillipo. He stated that she has no concept of building a \$45 million four story glass building, as she claims that it will be cost and energy efficient. He stated that former Freeholder Sullivan did not have any financial experience and asked how he will oversee the UCUA and the UCIA. He made comments about Director of Finance Bibi Taylor, stating that she is not qualified for the position.

Maria Echavarria, Elizabeth, spoke about Autism and asked about independent living.

County Manager Faella stated that Community Accesss Unlimited is available to provide her with this kind of information.

Tina Renna, Cranford, asked why Freeholder Granados abstained from Resolutions 2013-801, 2013-803 and 2013-804. She also asked if Acting Administrator of Runnells Hospital Sandra Adour is a County employee or a vendor. She said she is aware that the Deputy County Manager position will be filled, and he asked if Director DiRado's salary will be reduced as a result.

Chairman Carter stated that Runnells Hospital is not on the market for sale.

County Counsel Barry stated that the UCIA will be seeking out RFP/RFQ on all options identified in the study regarding the outcome of Runnells Hospital.

Chairman Carter stated that once all the information is accumulated, they will make a decision about Runnells Hospital.

County Manager Faella stated that Ms. Adour is a County employee.

John Bury, Kenilworth, stated that he appreciates that the Freeholder Meetings are now on the County's website. In respect to the Audit, there needs to be a Corrective Action Plan in place. He spoke about the County's Auditors recommendations and asked about the funds for OPEB costs.

Mr. Bury referenced the Open Space Trust Fund, asking if there is a Master Plan that includes maintenance, development and acquisitions, and asked when the last Master Plan was amended. He asked if there is a separate audit of the Open Space Trust Fund that can be audited and also if the Open Space Trust Fund Committee chooses the projects.

County Manager Faella stated that the audit that was received from the State declares that no revisions are needed.

County Manager Faella stated that Director Taylor could not be at the meeting. She asked that her comments be presented on her behalf and are as follows:

In accordance with the rules promulgated by the Local Finance Board, the County conducted its GASB 45 report. The last report was prepared for year-end 2011, which captured the OPEB liability for all employee groups who negotiated for lifetime benefits and exclusionary employees who received benefits in exchange for no salary increases for a three year period.

In the State of NJ, counties, report on the "other comprehensive basis of accounting" and as such do not have to report OPEB liabilities on their balance sheet or appropriate a minimum contribution in their budget. The calculation of OPEB costs and liabilities generally requires a study of long-term projections of program participation and health care costs.

The GASB standards allow for the accrual of reserves, the establishment of irrevocable trusts, and standards regarding the issuance of debt to fund the liability. The GASB highlights that these options are subject to individual state and local laws and regulations. It's important to note that New Jersey laws, however, currently do not provide the ability for counties to use the GASB provisions for accrual of funds. Fortunately and dissimilar to many other public entities, the County of Union has established and maintained a trust account to fund future year obligations. As of today's date, the County has reserved \$7.9 million to fund its future obligations while funding 11.23% of current retiree benefits obligation in its 2013 budget.

I am not in a position to speak to Mr. Bury's assumptions on the County's OPEB obligations. I can only rely upon the information prepared by the actuary engaged by the County and the independent analysis of our auditors and provide the information and guidance as it pertains thereto.

Administrator of Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Vikki Drake states that there is a Master Plan in place and there is a standing committee of Freeholders. She said there is also a Public Advisory Committee that meets regularly to give advice.

Chairman Carter stated that the municipalities request funds through that process.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Kowalski stated that the grants on the Agenda out of the Trust Fund, Historic Preservation. She thanked everyone who attended the POW/MIA Veterans event, stating that she was accompanied by Freeholders Wright and Freeholder Bergen. She stated that Undersheriff Vincent DeTrolgio gave a moving speech.

Freeholder Kowalski spoke about insects from Asia in the northern part of the County. She said the State Department of Agriculture released a statement that there has been infestation of 2,000 beetles in the Watchung Reservation.

Freeholder Kowalski stated that she attended an event at the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition, where the mayors were invited to petition NJ Transit for a one-seat ride (not to change in Newark) from the western part of the State into New York City. She stated that more information will be available on the County's website.

Freeholder Mirabella said that he regrets that Mr. Paterson left the meeting before it ended. He said he is uncertain of Mr. Paterson's motives, who has shown a tendency to twist Freeholder comments in the past.

Freeholder Mirabella stated that he was happy to see that Freeholder Granados was comfortable at his first meeting and was asking questions.

Freeholder Mirabella announced the 5th Annual Columbus Day Flag Raising will be held on Friday, October 11th at 1:30pm at the Courthouse to celebrate Italian heritage and culture. This year guests will be from noted TV and Radio Broadcaster Frank Cipolla and Union County's Unico chapters as well as leaders of the Italian American One Voice coalition, the national anti-bias organization.

Freeholder Granados explained his reason for abstaining on tonight's Resolutions, stating they were discussed in Executive Session prior to his appointment to the Freeholder Board.

Freeholder Bergen stated that he agrees with Freeholder Mirabella, about Mr. Paterson twisting their comments and criticizing the Freeholders. He believes that Freeholder Mirabella's past comments which were clear. He said that Mr. Paterson claims that there is a motive behind the Freeholders questions and he also made comments about Mr. Paterson's statement about Vice Chairman Hudak being Chairman of the Fiscal Committee and having no finance experience. He said the Freeholders are all elected officials, who rely on the guidance of the Finance Department.

Freeholder Bergen stated that Mr. Buettner's implications are not true regarding Birdsall Services. He stated that there was no wrong doing involving the County and there is no evidence that the County is involved with their illegal activity. Hence, there were no illegal dollars received, so there is no money to give back.

Freeholder Estrada announced that the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools for 2013 are being awarded for the Blue Ribbon winner. He stated that 15 New Jersey schools are among 286 National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2013. The schools were named to the national list because of their overall excellence and their academic achievement. It reflects the belief that every child in America deserves a better education. He stated that Union County Magnet High School in Scotch Plains was among the Vo-Tech schools honored this year.

Freeholder Estrada spoke about the Master Gardeners Graduation with Freeholder Kowalski. He said they attributed 9,500 hours of their time and it was a huge commitment. He said they beautify the County's open space and they updated their green houses.

Freeholder Estrada welcomed Freeholder Granados to the Board. He said he is a dedicated young man. He said this is your best listening ground; it is not what you say, but how and how it is perceived.

Vice Chairman Hudak announced that on Sunday, the Department of Parks & Community Renewal will host the 32nd annual Union County Harvest Festival, rain or shine at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Vice Chairman Hudak welcome Freeholder Granados to the Board. He said he has been active and present. He said he attended his appointment and it was unanimous. He said he wished him many years on the Board.

Freeholder Mirabella interjected adding to Freeholder Estrada's comments about the Union County Vocational-Technical School. He stated that they are considered a "Blue Ribbon" school. They won 2 out of 15 in the State, adding it is an excellent school.

Chairman Carter stated that Union County School students are thriving and learning. There are two additional schools that are Blue Ribbon schools. She stated that she attended the information day on Saturday and it was filled to capacity. She congratulated the schools, administration and the superintendent of schools.

Chairman Carter stated that the next Union County Means Business event be held on Oct. 1st from 8-10 a.m., at Overlook Medical Center in Summit, which is titled The Affordable Care Act and its Impact on Businesses.

Chairman Carter agrees with Freeholder Mirabella and Freeholder Bergen's comments. She said the public has two sections within the Agenda to ask questions and they should have the same respect to the Freeholders for asking questions. They should also be respectful and remain within the 5 minute time frame allotted. She stated that she is not sure about Mr. Paterson's motives. She said the Board is always open to questions at the meetings and outside of the meetings via emails or telephone calls.

County Manager Faella congratulated Freeholder Granados on his appointment as Freeholder and welcomed him to the Board.

County Manager Faella stated that in reference to the DOT grant, he will be attending a meeting tomorrow in Trenton and will provide the Board with the information.

Chairman Carter welcomed Freeholder Granados to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 PM.

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

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2013 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.

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REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2013 at 12:00pm Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

AGENDA SETTING MEETINGS

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REGULAR MEETINGS

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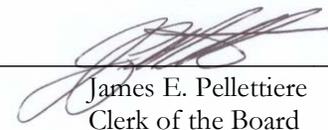
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