



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Christopher Hudak called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

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

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY CLERK

Joanne Rajoppi, County Clerk

1. Approving the Union County Clerk's Five Year Plan pursuant to New Jersey Laws of 2001, Chapter 371. (Chairman Christopher Hudak)

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Grace H. Park, Acting Prosecutor

County Counsel Robert E. Barry represented the Office of the Prosecutor.

There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey Police Training Commission for the 2014 Law Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment Grant, Part 2 for the period of November 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014 in the amount of \$8,344. (**Chairman Christopher Hudak**)
2. Authorizing the County Manager through the Office of the Union County Prosecutor's Office to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth, New Jersey to provide individual therapy sessions to victims of sexual assault for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 (Grant Funded). (**Chairman Christopher Hudak**)

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONSBrian Riordan, Director

Assistant Director George Blaskewicz represented the Office.

1. Authorizing County Manager to enter into an Inter-Governmental Agreement with the County of Essex, Department of Corrections, Newark, New Jersey, to provide security and supervision for the Union County inmates housed in the Secure Medical Unit located in the East Orange General Hospital for a contract period of one (1) year commencing on March 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$85,000.00. Further authorizing said agreement to automatically renew for two (2) one-year periods, upon the same terms and conditions, for a contract period commencing March 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$85,000.00; and March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$85,000.00. Said renewals automatically renew unless either County notifies the other at least ninety (90) days prior to the end of the then current term that it will not renew the Agreement. (**Chairman Christopher Hudak**)

Freeholder Estrada asked if item #1 has been an on-going Inter-Governmental Agreement.

Mr. Blaskewicz replied yes, and they are very pleased with the Agreement.

Freeholder Mirabella asked how much money this Agreement will save the County.

Mr. Blaskewicz stated that Essex County Correctional Facility charges the County of Union \$335 per inmate, per day. He explained that it would cost the County \$300 per inmate per shift, plus the cost of overtime if the County's Correction officers secured the inmates.

Freeholder Carter asked about the hours of the different shifts.

Mr. Blaskewicz stated that the shift are 7:00-3:00, 8:00-4:00 and 4-12.

PRESENTATION FROM THE BOARD

A Resolution presentation was made from Freeholder Linda Carter to Zachary Brooks, Autism Speaks Light It Up Blue Ambassador, for his efforts in raising Autism Awareness and declaring the month of April as Autism Awareness Month.

Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter and Freeholder Mirabella presented Zachary Brooks with a Resolution for his efforts in raising Autism Awareness.

Freeholder Carter said it was her first time and a pleasure to meet Zachary. She stated that Zachary's way of giving back is to raise Autism awareness.

Freeholder Carter recognized Zachary's brother who has Autism.

Zachary explained that wearing the color blue represents Autism Speaks Light It Up Blue for the month of April, Autism Awareness Month. He said he hopes when people see the color blue, they will think of Autism.

Scott Brooks, the father of Zachary and Jack stated that they are twins. He said Zachary is a big part of Autism Speaks and he often speaks to 300 to 400 people about Autism. He said he is passionate about the disorder. Mr. Brooks stated that he is very proud of Zachary and his accomplishments.

Freeholder Carter stated that she and the Board are also very proud of Zachary and Jack is very lucky to have him as his brother.

Freeholder Mirabella stated that he met Zachary at a Sensory Program two years ago. He said he often was proud to state that the Sensory Program was his initiative as Chairman of the Board and Freeholder Carter has continued with the program when she elected Chairman the previous year.

Chairman Hudak thanked the Brook's family for attending the Freeholder Meeting and for sharing their story.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

William Reyes, Deputy County Manager / Director

1. Amending Resolution Number 2011-1042, a contract awarded through the public bidding process to Riefolo Construction Company, Inc., Belleville, New Jersey, approving Change Order No. 1 (final) for the Echo Lake Park Maintenance Facility project. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$28,673.57) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$701,326.43. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2014-14, a contract to Manuel R. Grova, Esq., Mandelbaum & Salsburg, as Special Counsel to the Union County Planning Board, to reflect a change in the account number only. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to amend the limit of loans that a WIA (Workforce Investment Act) plan participant can have open at one time. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**

Freeholder Granados asked how item #3 will benefit the County.

Deputy County Manager Reyes stated that item #3 is beneficial to participants of the 401 (a) Profit Sharing Plan. He said the purpose of this Plan: will reduce the number of loans allowed per calendar year (2), resulting in the reduction of the number of loans; will help to budget their loans avoiding having a small amount in their pay checks; Plan loans are withdrawn from the participant's account; the 401A account is intended as a retirement savings account; and the loans that go into default will continue to accrue interest until they are paid off.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCEBibi Taylor, Director

There were no questions.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2014-5, replacing Anne K. Frawley, First Deputy Assistant as signatory for the Prosecutor's Office with Ann M. Luvera, Deputy First Assistant Prosecutor effective May 1, 2014. **(Vice Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
2. Resolution to exceed the County tax levy limit and to establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S. 40A: 4-45:14). **(Vice Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
3. Resolution Adopting the 2014 Budget as Amended **(Vice Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICESFrank Guzzo, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2014 - 2015 Ryan White Spending Plan in the total amount of \$502,752 awarding subcontracts to various agencies to provide support services to people with HIV/AIDS for the period of March 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015 and further authorizing the transfer of funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any agency fails to meet its contracted obligation (Grant funded). **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Estrada asked for an explanation of item #1.

Director Guzzo explained that Union County is part of Essex County, the Newark area. He said the County sits on that seat and develops plans for those residents who need assistance. He said this Resolution is to award subcontracts to various agencies to provide primary medical, mental health, substance abuse, and related professional services for persons with HIV/AIDS.

Chairman Hudak asked if the amount allocated by the State is the same amount as last year.

Director Guzzo said that the same amount is anticipated, adding that the dollars have been awarded in quarterly installments in the past.

2. Amending Resolution Number 2013-841, applying for and entering into contract with the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs (NJDCa) for the first installment of the FY2014 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), to insert the following language as required by NJDCa "for the purpose of providing community programming for low income residents of Union County" with neither a change in dollars, allocations, nor term. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to award subcontracts, pursuant to a Request For Proposals (RFP) procurement process, for a portion of the funding under the 2014 Alcohol/Drug Abuse Grant for the period of May 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 in the total amount not to exceed \$66,758.00, and further authorizing the County Manager to transfer funds among the awarded agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation (Grant Funded). **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

4. Authorizing the County Manager to approve the Ryan White Spending Plan in the total amount of \$41,216.00 awarding subcontracts to various agencies to provide support services to people with HIV/AIDS for the period of March 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015 and further authorizing the County Manager to transfer funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the various agencies fails to meet its contracted obligation (Grant Funded). **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
5. Amending Resolution Number 2014-177 for a revised Spending Plan in the amount of \$865,139.20 and a change in contract period to March 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015 for the Sandy Homeowner Renter Assistance Program (SHRAP) grant award. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Mirabella asked for an explanation of item #5.

Director Guzzo stated that he submitted a Memo to the Freeholders regarding item #5. He explained that this item is to amend Resolution 2014-177 for the Sandy Homeowner Rental Assistance Program (SHRAP) grant. These dollars are awarded by the State for eligible residents for mortgage assistance and rental assistance; and stated that the award is for additional contracts for four non-profit agencies for the purpose of continuing this Renters Assistance program. The State is giving dollars to the most affected counties.

The Memo explaining item #5 in detail is attached.

6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (USDHHS), Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), Division of Unaccompanied Children's Service (DUCS) and accept 2nd and 3rd Quarter installment funding in the amount of \$550,384.00 to provide secure care and placement services to unaccompanied and undocumented children in the Union County Juvenile Detention Center by guaranteeing ten (10) secure beds at the rate of \$301.58 per bed per day for Year One, 2nd and 3rd Quarter funding period of January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014, of a Three Year Agreement (Grant Funded). **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept and expend State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Funds for Successful Applicants Funded through the FY 2013 Emergency Management Performance Grant in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.00; consisting of up to \$55,000.00 Federal Award (with a County in-kind match of up to \$55,000.00) and an additional \$25,000.00 Federal Award to the County for disbursement to three predetermined municipalities (Elizabeth: \$15,000, Rahway and Union: \$5,000 each) identified through guidelines set forth by the NJ State Police Office of Emergency Management. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSELRobert E. Barry, Esq., County Counsel

There were no questions.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2014-276, to increase the appropriation to Bauch, Zucker, Hatfield of Springfield, New Jersey, in the matter entitled Beverly Figueroa v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$165,000.00. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2014-79, to increase the appropriation to Palumbo & Renaud of Cranford, New Jersey, in the matter entitled Richmond Lapolla v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$40,000.00. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 2012-239, to increase the appropriation to LaCorte, Bundy, Varady & Kinsella of Union, New Jersey, in the matter entitled Richmond Lapolla v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$30,000.00. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Union County Improvement Authority for the Development of an RFP/RFQ relative to Galloping Hill and Ash Brook Golf Courses. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

Freeholder Granados asked to join Chairman Hudak in sponsoring item #13.

1. Laudatory resolution declaring the month of May as National Community Action Month; acknowledging and highlighting Community Action Agencies' role in helping low-income families to move out of poverty and achieve economic security. **(Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen)**
2. Laudatory resolution thanking Janet Ettelman for her willingness to share her childhood memories of growing up in pre-war Germany so that future generations will continue to remember the Holocaust. **(Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen)**
3. Laudatory resolution congratulating the individuals being honored by the National Council of Negro Women at their Annual Breakfast on April 26, 2014. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
4. Laudatory resolution congratulating the individuals being honored by the Union County Club of The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. at their 42nd Annual Founders' Day Luncheon on Saturday, April 26, 2014. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
5. Resolution opposing Kean University exercising its right of first refusal to purchase the property at 1011 Morris Avenue in Union, adjacent to Kean University property. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
6. Appointing Ludwig Anton Evers as a Delegate member and Louis DeSocio as an Alternate member to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board to represent the City of Summit; and Jorge Casacuberta as a Delegate member and Jeanne Kingsley as an Alternate member to

represent the Township of Berkeley Heights for a term commencing January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**

7. Laudatory resolution recognizing and congratulating the six (6) 2014 Freedom Fund Honorees for the work they have done in helping to advance the mission of the NAACP and the role they have played in helping to promote its values within the community. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
8. Laudatory Resolution congratulating the 15 honorees being recognized by the Union County Human Relations Commission at their 13th Annual Unity Achievement Award Presentation on May 5, 2014. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
9. Re-appointing the following members to the Union County Advisory Board on the Disabled for a three year term commencing January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2016: Harold Aguilar, Sean P. Dineen, Leslie Fanelli-Pavone, Alfredo Gonzalez, Matthew Petrusko, Elisa Sananman, Claire Schuster and Susan C. Spurr. **(Vice Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
10. Appointing the following members to the Homeless Trust Fund Advisory Board: Jennie Crespo, Donna Morris, Carolyn Cole, Mary Ellen Tango and Stelio Papadopoulos for a term commencing January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015. **(Vice Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
11. Laudatory resolution congratulating Pastor Allen Thompson, Jr., on his 30th Anniversary with Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**
12. Laudatory resolution acknowledging and congratulating Dolores Hynes as the City of Linden's "2014 Outstanding Senior Citizen." **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**
13. Laudatory resolution joining the Elizabeth New Jersey Firemen's Federal Credit Union in sponsoring the 2014 Play Ball for Miracles Charity Softball Tournament to be held Saturday, May 3, 2014, at Warinanco Park to raise money for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and the families of firefighters and police officers who have children with specials needs. **(Chairman Christopher Hudak)**
14. Laudatory resolution thanking Deputy First Assistant Prosecutor Anne Frawley for her 29 years of dedicated services in law enforcement and congratulate her on her retirement. **(Chairman Hudak, Mr. Board)**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM.

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

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2014 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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

AGENDA SETTING MEETINGS

January 16, 2014

February 6, 2014

February 20, 2014

March 6, 2014

March 20, 2014

April 3, 2014

April 24, 2014

May 1, 2014

May 15, 2014

June 5, 2014

June 19, 2014

July 10, 2014

August 7, 2014

September 4, 2014

September 18, 2014

October 2, 2014

October 16, 2014

November 6, 2014

Tuesday, November 25, 2014

December 4, 2014

December 18, 2014

REGULAR MEETINGS

January 23, 2014

February 6, 2014

February 27, 2014

March 13, 2014

March 27, 2014

April 10, 2014

April 24, 2014

May 8, 2014

May 29, 2014

June 12, 2014

June 26, 2014

July 17, 2014

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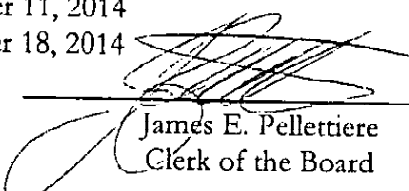
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