



## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2015  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh presided and called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Roll call showed, Vice Chairman Bruce Bergen, Freeholder Linda Carter, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Sergio Granados, and Freeholder Vernell Wright were in attendance. Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella were absent.

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

The Prayer and Salute to the Flag was 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.

### APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh asked for a motion to approve the communication. On a motion by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, and Freeholder Mirabella absent.

Note and File

Oath of Office: Union County Transportation Advisory Board: John Stewart; and Union County Utilities Authority: Jeanette Criscione.

### ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

- 765-2015 **BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW ADDITIONAL FURNISHINGS, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES AND A NEW FIRE ENGINE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$44,904,146 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh called upon the Clerk of the Board to read the Ordinance by Title. Clerk of the Board Pelletiere read the Ordinance aloud

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

The meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance Number 765-2015 only.

Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh opened the meeting to the public for comments on Ordinance 765-2015.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, stated that he is concerned with the County debt and asked what is the County total debt was, inclusive of this Ordinance and (if possible) to include the UCLA debt as well.

Pat Mochetti, of New Providence, asked what the time frame was for the funds from the Bond Ordinance was going to be spent and how much of the \$45 million dollars is mandated by the State and Federal government. He questioned how much of the Bonded funds will be utilized for the essential operations of running the County.

Director Bibi Taylor stated the net debt of the County is \$584,277,145.84. She stated that this Ordinance appropriated funds and authorizes the issuance of debt. She stated that the County has approximately \$6.1 million of grant funds that offsets this Ordinance, noting that the remaining \$37.1 million of debt to is to be authorized. She stated that all of the projects are outlined in this Ordinance were all vetted by the department heads in consultation with the County Manager to make part of the 2015 Capital budget.

Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh closed the meeting to the public for comments on Ordinance 765-2015.

#### **FINAL READING STATEMENT**

Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, of the Fiscal Committee, moved Ordinance Number 765-2015, seconded by Freeholder Vernell Wright. Roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, and Freeholder Mirabella absent.

**766-2015 GUARANTY ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON CERTAIN COUNTY GUARANTEED REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2015 (OAK WOOD PLAZA-ELIZABETH) OF THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY IN AN AGGREGATE**

**PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$2,200,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL SECURITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE AUTHORITY'S BONDS AND DETERMINING CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN RELATION TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS.**

Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh called upon the Clerk of the Board to read the Ordinance by Title. Clerk of the Board Pelletiere read the Ordinance aloud.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

The meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance Number 766-2015 only.

Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh opened the meeting to the public for comments on Ordinance 766-2015.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, noted that Director Taylor stated \$584 million from the last Bond Ordinance and asked if it included Union County Improvement Authority debt. He asked when this Ordinance was on for first reading and asked for an overview and/or more clarification of the Ordinance.

Director Taylor stated the first reading took place on June 18, 2015. She stated that this Ordinance is a guaranteed Bond Ordinance authorizing up to \$2.2 million to provide supplemental financing for the acquisition and construction of an affordable residential development located at 350 Irvington Avenue in Elizabeth. She stated that it consists of the demolition of two 60 unit apartment buildings and the construction of approximately 96 new townhouses for affordable housing. She stated that this is a guarantee Ordinance and is not debt the County would pay. She added that under phase 2 and phase 3 of this project there is sufficient revenues that will pay for the debt service.

Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh closed the meeting to the public for comments on Ordinance 766-2015.

**FINAL READING STATEMENT**

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**PRESENTATION FROM THE BOARD**

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Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh called upon Freeholder Vernell Wright to make a presentation Anna Hopper and Lisa Adams, for their commitment to the fight against breast cancer.

Freeholder Vernell Wright said she was honored to make tonight's presentation to Anna Hopper. She congratulated Anna Hopper on being honored by the Susan G. Komen Foundation at their Volunteer Recognition Dinner for her commitment to the fight against breast cancer.

Freeholder Vernell Wright read the Resolutions aloud and presented such to Anna Hopper and expressed her personal appreciation to her as a survivor herself.

Freeholder Vernell Wright proudly made a presentation to Lisa Adams. She congratulated Lisa Adams on being honored by the Susan G. Komen Foundation at their Volunteer Recognition Dinner for her commitment to the fight against breast cancer.

Freeholder Vernell Wright read the Resolutions aloud and presented such to Lisa Adams.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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

Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh stated, for those who printed out the draft agenda on-line, the issue regarding the Park in Rahway is not part of the evening's agenda and the appropriate time for public comment on that issue would be at during the Public Comment on any matter, not during public comment on resolutions.

Pat Mochetti, of New Providence, asked question regarding a number of resolutions. Regarding resolution number 2015-567, he asked how Elizabeth was selected, and if there were other towns participating. Regarding resolution number 2015-568, he asked for an explanation to the exception to the bidding process. Regarding resolution number 2015-573, he asked how many jobs the grant will generate. He asked how many of the individuals that have gone through the WIB program have obtained employment. Regarding resolution number 2015-577, he asked what the adjustments to the position control schedules are. Regarding resolution number 2015-590, he asked if the vendor was the previous vendor for the service and if so, how much was the last contract for. Regarding resolution number 2015-596, he asked for an explanation on what "...accountable work activities..." are. He asked if the money goes to the participants or the college. Regarding resolution number 2015-608, he asked why the County is looking to appraise and purchase private property. Regarding resolution number 2015-612, he asked when will the County begin negotiations with this union for their next contract beginning in the new year. Regarding resolution number 2015-613, he asked what is the county getting for this investment. Regarding resolution number 2015-615, he asked what lesson has been learned so that such an incident doesn't happen again.

Regarding resolution number 2015-567, Director Zuber stated that no other municipalities participate in the program, adding that the County has had this agreement with the City of Elizabeth for the past 15 years.

Regarding resolution number 2015-568, Director Yuska stated the county is utilizing the State contract pricing that was already bid by the State.

Regarding resolution number 2015-573, Deputy County Manager/Director Reyes stated that the resolution accepts money for Program Year 2015, indicating that this is the beginning of the program. He added that in regards to the results of the program, the county is still waiting for the numbers from June (the end of the program year 2014). He stated that one of the vendors from Program Year 2014 (Union County College) over 1,064 clients have been served. He clarified that the funds do not go to the clients directly, rather to Union County College for a number of programs.

Regarding resolution number 2015-590, Director Albert stated that it is not the same contractor. He added that the previous amount, over a 24-month period, was \$173,000.

Regarding resolution number 2015-577, County Manager Faella stated changes to the Internal Position Controls involve the Department of Public Works, the Sheriff's Office and the Board of Elections.

Regarding resolution number 2015-608, Director Graziano stated the resolution is relative to the Gordon Street bridge right of way project. He advised that there often on bridge projects, the county has to purchase parts of adjacent properties. He stated that there are seven properties affected by this project and the county has to appraise the properties before going back to the owners.

Regarding resolution number 2015-612, Director Albert stated that the county will negotiate when it is in the best interest of the county to do so. He cited that there can be changes in the law and changes in the health care that make it less advantageous for the county to settle. He stated that the county does try to stay current and schedule negotiations with the various unions.

Regarding resolution number 2015-613, County Manager Faella stated this agreement with Rutgers Cooperative Extension is an annual contract. He stated that the county pays a portion of their salaries; advising that the Rutgers Cooperative Extension provides training and education to seniors and youths regarding nutrition, gardening, and health nutrition programs.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, asked question regarding a number of resolutions. Regarding resolution number 2015-573, he asked of the 1,064 people being served, how many found employment. Regarding resolution numbers 2015-574 and 2015-575, he asked is this already accounted for in the budget. Regarding resolution number 2015-578, he asked for clarification. Regarding resolution number 2015-595, he asked a hypothetical question relative to receiving 2 quotes under this new threshold; asking if the county would be able to select the higher quote. Regarding resolution number 2015-606, he made comments relative to political contributions

and a need for pay to play laws. Regarding resolution number 2015-608, he asked where the seven properties are. Regarding resolution number 2015-612, he asked what the health benefits are in the collective bargain agreement. Regarding resolution number 2015-615, he asked what happened and if anyone was being penalized.

Regarding resolution number 2015-573 through 2015-575, Director Taylor stated that they modify the 2015 Adopted Budget, and were not previously anticipated.

Regarding resolution number 2015-578, Steve Rogut, Bond Counsel, stated that the new markets tax credits program was a federal program that gave incentives to investors to invest in projects in urban areas. He advised that US Bank made a nearly \$4 million investment in the parking garage project, adding that they received tax credits for a seven year period. He advised that this resolution allows for the amending of various documents since the tax credit period ended.

Regarding resolution number 2015-595, Director Yuska stated that it would be a very rare occurrence that the county would take a higher quote on any item below the bid threshold of \$40,000. He stated that the quality of the product and the similarity of the product would determine such an outcome. He advised that out of 15,000 purchases his department makes annually, maybe one or two may fit those criteria.

Chairman Mohamed Jalloh thanked the director for answering a hypothetical question.

Regarding resolution number 2015-608, Director Granziano listed the affected properties as: Lot #1 in Block 6103; Lot #13 in Block 6002; Lot #1 in Block 5301; Lots #8 & 9 in Block 101; Lot #1 in Block 2000; Lot #1 in Block 213; and Lot #1 in Block 314.

Regarding resolution number 2015-594, Richard Trenk, (of lawfirm - inaudible) stated they represent DRS Imaging. He stated that DRS was not the cheapest bid, but claimed DRS was the lowest responsible bid. He requested the Board to consider four areas of consideration: the facility's security and integrity requirements; the economics of accomplishing 2.3 million key strokes at five-tenths of one cent; the claim that Foveonics didn't meet the bid submission date; and concerns relative to the 60 day requirement to award a bid. He asked the Board to reject Resolution Number 2015-594.

A representative of Foveonics provided a statement relative to previous examples of their interactions with DRS that prove they undermine the bid process. He gave a long history and read a statement disputing DRS' claim. He stated Union County went through long and extensive process, adding that they provided the County with thirteen references and provided additional software references when asked. He spoke to a five-year contract with the State of New Jersey relative to their critical documents. He mentioned that Foveonics is a six-year contract holder for the Somerset Cooperative with 200 members. He spoke to DRS' 19 "no-charges" for critical functions on their bids. He thanked the Board for their time.

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2015-566 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Resolution to approve a License Agreement with Glory Race, LLC for use of the Watchung Reservation on September 19, 2015 to host their Obstacle Run.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-567 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the City of Elizabeth Recreation Department to run a Summer Playground Program which provides children with the opportunity to participate in supervised recreational activities with subsidized snack and lunch at no cost to the participants in the amount not to exceed \$8,280.00.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-568 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Rich Tree Service, South Plainfield, New Jersey, as an exception to bidding under NJSA 40A:11-12, New Jersey State Contract #80902/T-0465 for tree trimming, pruning and removal services in various parks throughout Union County in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-569 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; Parks & Recreation: Diaco Contracting, Inc. dba Grade Construction, for the purpose of providing State Flood Control-Passaic River Project, in the amount not to exceed \$296,154.65.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-570 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 and Recreation: Eastern Concrete Materials, Inc. Of Elmwood Park, NJ, for the purpose of providing mason sand (NJDOT approved), for the contract period of 24 months, in the amount of not to exceed \$19,200.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-571 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-599, (BA#23) a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A: 11-1 et seq., to Halecon, Inc., Bridgewater, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for Meisel Park Basketball Court Project. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$10,500.00) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$148,250.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2014-003)

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-572 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Re-appointing Andre Luboff as a member to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board to represent the Borough of New Providence for a term ending December 31, 2015.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-573 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution Modifying the 2015 Budget in the amount of \$2,840,447 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program Entitled: Work First New Jersey.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-574 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2015 Budget in the amount of \$4,392 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a program entitled: Older Americans Act - Title III.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-575 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2015 Budget in the amount of \$150,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey Transit for a program entitled: NJ Job Access Reverse Commute (NJ JARC).

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-576 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-6, establishing petty cash funds for the year 2015, to change the Department/Division title of Runnells Specialized Hospital to Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-577 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizes the County Manager to adjust and or change the Internal Position Control Schedules.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-578 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution authorizing the County Manager to unwind and exit the new markets tax credits transactions entered into to finance the Christian J. Bollwage Garage in Elizabeth and authorizing the execution of an amendment to the License Agreement and other matters in connection therewith.



On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-579 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Sponsorship Agreement with the General Pulaski Memorial Parade Committee, Linden, New Jersey, in the amount of \$4,000.00. This sponsorship agreement will assist in promoting and celebrating the culture and heritage of the Polish community.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-580 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Sponsorship Agreement with Morris Midtown Business Association, 294 Morris Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07208 for the Colombian Day Festival in the amount of \$4,000.00. This sponsorship will assist in promoting and celebrating the culture and heritage of the Colombian community.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-581 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept State of New Jersey, Juvenile Justice Commission, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Innovations Funding in the amount of \$123,633 for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 to serve youth in the Union County juvenile justice system.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-582 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution 2015-260, with Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth for the period of February 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015 for an additional \$3,000.00 needed to cover psychiatric services rendered.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-583 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Approving a pre-qualified list of professional medical services for the patients of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-584 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2015 Aging GAP Spending Plan in the total amount not to exceed \$562,232 for subcontracted services to be provided during the period of January 1, 2015 through December 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 agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-585 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Shared Services Agreement with the County of Mercer for the purposes of providing secure detention beds for its juvenile detention population at the Union County Juvenile Detention Center, on an as needed basis, effective for the initial period commencing upon the date on which both parties have fully executed the Agreement and concluding on August 31, 2016 at a per diem rate of \$225.00 per juvenile as specified in the Shared Services Agreement.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-586 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution 2015-113 to increase the 2015 Area Plan Contract (APC) spending plan in the total amount not to exceed \$2,256,161, for a new grand total of \$6,346,233, to be allocated as outlined and charged to account numbers specified for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any should fail to meet its contractual obligation.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 5 members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Bruce Bergen abstaining; and Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, and Freeholder Mirabella absent.

- 2015-587 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-896, to reflect a reallocation of funds between subcontracted agencies by decreasing JFK Steps Recovery Center award in the amount of \$40,327 and increasing UCPC Behavioral Healthcare award in the amount of \$40,327; further endorsing the amended 2015 Alcohol/Drug Abuse Spending Plan, with no change in the total award ceiling, for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, as approved by LACADA on June 9, 2015.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-588 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to the Union County Performing Arts Center, Rahway, New Jersey, to provide services necessary for the execution of the 2015-2016 season of the Sensory Friendly Theatre program, which will include six (6) performances designed and adapted for children with autism and related disabilities, in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00. The Sensory Friendly Theatre program will include securing artists, rental of theater and equipment, provision of all technical crew and personnel as needed for each performance, services of professionals in the field of autism services, and all related needs.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-589 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Appointing Alexander J. Rasi (Criminal Justice) as a member to the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to an unexpired term ending December 31, 2015.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-590 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** 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 Administrative Services, Division of Motor Vehicle, to Union County Collision, Roselle Park, NJ, for the purpose of providing the County with automobile and light truck collision repair, painting and refinishing for a period of 24 months, not to exceed \$200,000.00.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-591 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to designate the following vehicle as a surplus vehicle and no longer needed for County purposes. (1) 1988 GMC Suburban 4X4, 2500 Series Truck VIN#: 1GKGGK26R7WJ714385, 125,171 Miles.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-592 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to donate the following vehicle: One (1) 1988 GMC Suburban 4X4, 2500 Series Truck, to the Roselle Park Fire Department as it is no longer needed for County purposes pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-36(2). VIN# 1GKGGK26R7WJ714385, 125,171 Miles.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-593 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Renewing the Accident Insurance policy for Directors and Public Officials with Hartford Insurance Company for the period of April 1, 2015 through April 1, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$1,955.00 per year.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-594 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract for On Call Digital Imaging Services obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq; Available to all County users to: Fovconics, 310 Main St., Toms River, for the purpose of providing digital imaging services, for a contract of 36 consecutive months and the award of the initial three projects using the unit pricing of the bid

for the Office of the Surrogate: not to exceed \$23,000, the Clerk of the Board: not to exceed \$8,000 and Human Services - Cornerstone: not to exceed \$100,000.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-595 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 2010-602 which previously set the bid threshold to allow for a new threshold of \$40,000 as per N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-596 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Union County College for the twelve (12) month period: July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 under the WorkFirst New Jersey Program. Funding for the twelve-month period will not exceed \$500,000.00, to provide recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and General Assistance (GA) Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) with countable work activities that provide opportunities to acquire the general skills, training, knowledge and work habits necessary to obtain employment.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-597 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Rutgers, The State University, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, to conduct the Union County Baselines for the Future Study in an amount not to exceed \$48,400.00. The study will serve as a foundation document of baseline information that establishes a common base of knowledge from which long-range plans and strategic initiatives can be developed.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-598 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution No. 2014-681 extending the contract period from June 30, 2015 to June 30, 2016, to utilize PY 2014 Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funding allocated for Individual Training Contracts (ITAs) to the end of the grant period: June 30, 2016. This resolution would extend the period to June 30, 2016 at no additional cost.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-599 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with PowerDMS, Inc., Orlando, Florida, to renew subscription and licensing of Document Management Software, April 2015 through April 2016 in the amount of \$3,006.00.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2015-600 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to accept two (2) pieces of Homeland Security Equipment, purchased by Morris County through the Urban Area Security Initiative grant initiative in the combined amount of \$135,505 to enhance the County of Union's response capabilities.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2015-601 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Allowing the County Manager to include the sale/trade-in of (2) Air Compressors no longer functioning as part of specifications to offset the price of a new Air Compressor for the Union County Fire Academy.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2015-602 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Roselle Park for the County of Union to provide Emergency Medical Services (EMS) coverage from Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00am to 7:00pm.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2015-603 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, and if awarded, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) - Local Aid, FY 2015 Local Bridge Future Needs Program (CA 2015) for the renovation of Hussa Street Bridge over Peach Orchard Brook, City of Linden, Structure 2009-113, in the amount of \$700,000.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-019) and WR Tracy Drive Bridge (Route 645) over Surprise Lake, Mountainside, Structure 2010-037 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-020), in the amount of \$300,000.00 for a total amount of \$1,000,000.00.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2015-604 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, and if awarded, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) - 2015 Discretionary Funding Program (CA 2015) for the replacement of Elm Street and Orchard Street Bridge Over Stream 10-7-16, Town of Westfield, Structure 2020-007 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-021) in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2015-605 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 2012-696, (BA#51) 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 Construction Company, Wallington, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number

1 (final) for 2012 Road Resurfacing Project. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$5,861.38) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$5,467,508.24. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-038)

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-606 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-425, a Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) Service Contract with T&M Associates of Middletown, New Jersey to provide environmental consulting services for the groundwater remediation and monitoring at the Venneri Complex located in the Township of Westfield in an amount not to exceed \$114,260.00. (NJDEP Case #88-02-03-1732, Pl #004896; Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-031)

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 5 members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Chairman Mohamed Jalloh voting in the negative; and Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Kowalski, and Freeholder Mirabella absent.

- 2015-607 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-1076, a Professional Construction Management Service Contract with Pinnacle Consulting and Construction Services, Inc., of Newark, New Jersey, for additional construction management services associated with the Union County Justice Complex Renovations - Phase 3 Elevator Modernization and Roof Replacement Project in an amount not to exceed \$506,000.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$1,910,404.52. This amendment will extend the construction management services for an additional 22 month duration.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-608 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Service Contract to PATJO Appraisal Services Inc., of Kendall Park, New Jersey to perform an appraisal of the market value of various private-owned properties associated with the Gordon Street Bridge ROW Project for an amount not to exceed \$10,900.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-051)

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2015-609 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** 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 Work & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management, Eagle Building Services, LLC, for the purpose of providing Window Cleaning Services, twenty-four (24) consecutive months, in an amount not exceed \$70,500.00.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2015-610 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Resolution concurring with the Borough of Roselle Park to close Chestnut Street between East Grant Avenue and Clay Avenue on August 4, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. for Roselle Park National Night Out event.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2015-611 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Resolution granting permission to the Township of Scotch Plains to hang a banner across Park Avenue at the intersection of Front Street and Park Avenue from August 1, 2015 to September 8, 2015 for the Annual St. Bartholomew's Labor Day Italian Festival which will be held September 4, 2015 through September 7, 2015.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2015-612 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local 102-Secondary Supervisors effective January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2015.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2015-613 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Rutgers Cooperative Extension c/o Cook College of New Brunswick, New Jersey, for the Purposes of utilizing the educational services of certain members of the Rutgers faculty and staff of Cook College for the period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 in the amount of \$91,331.00.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2015-614 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending a contract with The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, Madison, New Jersey for an additional amount of \$400.00, with a total contract not to exceed \$2,950.00 for six (6) live productions in various outdoor venues throughout the summer of 2015.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2015-615 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** A resolution authorizing Settlement of pending litigation in the consolidated matter entitled Twanda Brown vs. UC, et als and Yuri Rayford vs. Brown, et als, Docket No. UNN-L-3564-13, in the total amount not to exceed \$335,000.00 to be charged to Account No. T-03-56-850-000-537.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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**FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

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**2015-616 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Laudatory resolution congratulating the Sisters Network of Essex County, a National African American Breast Cancer Survivorship Organization, on the celebration of a successful 6th Annual Pink Ribbon Tea.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2015-617 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Resolution congratulating Hester Thomas on her retirement.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2015-618 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating Colombians Without Borders as they celebrate Colombian Independence Day and further honoring Freeholder Angel Estrada as the Grand Marshal of the Fourth Annual Colombian Independence Day Parade.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2015-619 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Laudatory resolution congratulating Kiana Dominique Harris, of Elizabeth, on being crowned 2015 Miss Grand New Jersey, and wishing her well as she proudly represents the State of New Jersey at the national Miss Grand United States pageant being held July 24-26 in Ontario, California.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2015-620 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Laudatory resolution congratulating Kyle Dedinsky, of the St. John the Apostle Scout Troop #330, on obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2015-621 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution opposing the New Jersey Transit's proposed fare increase.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2015-622 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Laudatory resolution thanking Correctional Services Director Brian Riordan for his eight years of dedicated service to the County of Union and wishing him well on all his future endeavors.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.



**2015-623 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Laudatory resolution congratulating Marlan DeFatta, of Clark, Ana Harper, of Springfield, and Lisa Adams, of Union, on their honor by the Susan G. Komen Volunteer Recognition Dinner for their commitment to the fight against breast cancer.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2015-624 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Carlos Guevara, beloved uncle of Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2015-625 CHAIRMAN MOHAMED S. JALLOH & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's most sincere condolences to the family of Edward "Ned" Lewis, grandfather of Freeholder Chris Hudak, father-in-law of John Hudak, and father of Linden Board of Education Member Sue Hudak, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion by Freeholder Angel Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Linda Carter, roll call showed 6 members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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This meeting is open to the public comment on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.

Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh opened the meeting to the public for comments on any matter.

Roselle Mayor Christine Dansereau stated that she was joined by members of the youth employment program: Roselle Youth First Program. She thanked the Board for the grants provided to the program which help the youth of Roselle in preparing for their future. Mayor Dansereau stated she is 100% in support of this program. She called upon some of the benefactors of the program to speak.

Felice Givens, Roselle Youth First Program case manager, thanked the Board for its support of the program. She spoke of the success of the program, noting how the program has greatly affected the lives of a number of Roselle students.

Mr. Wiseglass, business owner of Atlantic Metal in Roselle, thanked the Board for supporting the Roselle Youth First Program. He made comments relative to the two students who help his company in handling the "e-waste". He stated that while they learned about power tools and computers, more importantly, they learned the value in earning money for a job well done. He noted that this program improves the youths' self-esteem and self-worth.

A Roselle student stated that if it wasn't for the Roselle Youth First Program, he would be on the streets and not focusing on education and making plans to go to college.

Parent (inaudible) thanked the Board for supporting the Roselle Youth First Program and stated she has eight children, one of which is going to Montclair State.

A Roselle Student stated he has participated for three years in the Roselle Youth First Program. He stated that he has a lot of problems at home and stated that Mrs. Felica is like a second mother to him. He thanked the Board for the program.

A Roselle Student read a letter on behalf of Assemblyman Jamel Holley, former Mayor of Roselle, relative to the success of the Roselle Youth First Program.

Laura Majeski, resident of Rahway, stated her frustration with the Board's support of the Rahway River Park project.

Pat Mochetti, resident of New Providence, spoke in regards to Resolution Number 2015-621 (opposing the New Jersey Transit's proposed fare increase). He asked that the Board pass a resolution supporting a zero tax increase in next year's County budget. He spoke about his experiences as a math teacher in East Orange, noting that young people are very impressionable. He advised that, in this day in age, young people think that everything is free. He suggested that, in relation to the Elizabeth Lunch Program, that the Board requires some financial participation; suggesting a dime or quarter, to show people that nothing is for free. He made comments relative to his students who were getting free lunch and free breakfast, had cellphones, cable tv, etc but were getting free things from the government; he added that people can find pennies on the street. He made comments relative to the bailouts in Greece and raised concerns over the County's economy, stating that instead of spending \$7 million on the Warinanco Ice Skating Rink, the County should be decreasing its debt.

Jeff Robinson, resident of Rahway and the Chairman of the Rahway Environmental Commission, stated he has concerns regarding the Rahway River Park project. He stated that he attended the July 1<sup>st</sup> County presentation relative to the plans of this project and stated that he left disappointed. He stated that while the County answered a lot of questions relative to the physical plans, the public was not allowed to ask questions relative to the usage of the facility. He asked a few questions regarding the planned usage of the facility; specifically what is the business plan and who are its customers. He made comments relative to concerns regarding parking and traffic issues.

Sam Majeski, resident of Rahway, stated that he attended the July 1<sup>st</sup> Presentation on Rahway River Park. He stated that he felt the presentation didn't relate to the Coalition's concerns. He made comments relative to concerns over a possible purpose of the project as a means to make money. He spoke on his visit to the City of Rahway's council meeting where City Business Administrator Roundtree said it will cost ten to millions of dollars to fix Veterans Field. He questioned this fact and questioned why the Board is willing to build the facility at Rahway River Park.

Jeff Freeman, resident of Rahway, made comments relative to his opposition to the Rahway River Park project. He spoke to his concerns over alleged mismanagement of both the City and the County. He made comments relative to his interactions at the Rahway City Council meetings. He questioned why the County would build a facility in Rahway if the facility in Elizabeth is not fully scheduled.

Scott (inaudible), resident of Rahway, set up poster boards for the Board to see. He made comments in oppositions to the Rahway River Park project, citing concerns over the stadium dimensions. He stated that the engineers at the public presentation informed him that the dimensions of the proposed Rahway River Park were the same dimensions as those in Warinanco Park. He stated that he measured everything; the fields, lights, walkways, etc. He stated that he provided the information to an Architect, who provided 3-D renderings (which some were presented to the Board). He made comments alleging the presentation was misleading.

Greg Ropert, resident of Elizabeth, made comments in opposition of the Rahway River Park project. He spoke to his concerns regarding the areas proposed for the Track & Field Javelin and Discus competition; noting that the record for discus is 218 feet and 4 inches. He spoke to his concerns regarding the lighting of the facility. He stated that he has visited Rahway River Park, between the hours of dawn and 9pm, for a number of days and has yet to see the lights turned on at the Tennis Courts. He questioned the need for the inclusion of lights, since the football team has only played day games.

Loretta Decker, resident of Clark, made comments in oppositions to the Rahway River Park project. She indicated that she grew up in Rahway. She cited environmental concerns of turf field and her concerns with traffic. She stated that the opening of Clark Commons will cause a great deal of traffic concerns, especially if the Board moves forward with the Rahway River Park project.

John Bury, resident of Kenilworth, stated he attended the Rahway River Park project information presentation on July 1, 2015. He made comments as to why he felt the facility is being built, citing contracts with various vendors.

Lee Daniel, resident of Cranford, made comments in oppositions to the Rahway River Park project. She commented on the natural beauty of the open space of the park. She spoke to her concerns regarding the need of a parking lot. She made comments relative to the disruption of the natural habitat, warning that this is the beginning of the end of the park.

Dom (inaudible), resident of Rahway, made comments in oppositions to the Rahway River Park project. He stated that the park is beautiful the way it is. He made comments relative to the County and Rahway rising taxes.

Bruce Paterson, resident of Garwood, made comments relative to \$20 million that he feels has been creatively reallocated within the budget. He spoke on various resolutions that he felt could have received more clarifications. He spoke in opposition to the Rahway River Park project and suggested the County work with Union County College and the City of Rahway on building one facility. He questioned why the Board sponsored a July 5<sup>th</sup> Fireworks.

Chairman Jalloh closed the public comment portion of the meeting and opened the meeting to Freholder comments.

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## FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

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Freeholder Granados addressed Mr. Mochetti comments regarding after school programs for youth. He stated that while there are those that take advantage of the system, he invited Mr. Mochetti to join him to walk the neighborhoods of many of these families who cannot afford these meals. He stated that these young children deserve to have food for breakfast and lunch. Freeholder Granados added that just because some of the parents have fallen on misfortune, the children should not have to suffer; he further stated that these children are not beggars, nor should they have to pick up "pennies on the street" to pay for a meal. He commended the work of the non profits that assist with this vital and necessary need.

Freeholder Carter made comments relative to the Salvation Army Corps' fourth annual "Christmas in July Bicycle Giveaway" on Thursday, July 23, 2015 in Plainfield. She stated that the giveaway is meant to encourage youngsters to enjoy healthy outdoor exercise, including their commute to school. She added that the giveaway event includes bicycle safety instruction from the County's Traffic Safety Education Program, noting that the Freeholder Board has arranged for the donation of helmets. She also advised that all of the bicycles are pre-owned and were carefully restored by Rich Albanese-DeMair of the family-owned Plainfield Dairy Queen.

Freeholder Estrada made comments relative to the 2015 National Junior Disability Championships. He advised that the event features over 250 physically disabled athletes from all over the nation competing in track and field, pentathlon, swimming powerlifting, and archery competitions. He advised the County has been working to make its parks welcoming and accessible, and encourage Union County residents and visitors to come out and cheer for these top young athletes.

Vice Chairman Bergen thanked Freeholder Granados for his comments and he joins him. He made comments relative to the Rahway River Park project, stating that he appreciates the comments and opinions expressed by the public, but discouraged the use of misinformation to mislead the greater public; citing some mistakes in the gentleman's renderings provided at tonight's meeting, with specific attention to the inclusion of a field house.

Vice Chairman Bergen mentioned some events and programs that are going on throughout the County parks system, noting the popular Summer Arts Music Series and the Family Flix event. He made comments relative to the launching of a new Shakespeare in the Park series, featuring Romeo and Juliet performed by the wonderful Next Stage Ensemble of the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey. He added that the first performance was last Sunday at the County's beautiful Shakespeare Garden at Cedar Brook Park in Plainfield. He advised that it will also travel to Mountainside, Linden and Clark.

Vice Chairman Bergen made comments relative to the "Sensory Friendly Theatre" event at the Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway, noting that Brady Rymer and The Little Band That Could will be performing family-friendly music in a "judgment-free zone," designed for the enjoyment of people with autism and other sensory sensitivities.

County Manager Faella made comments relative to the Workforce Investment Board and its successful utilization of the grants. He noted that Whole Foods utilized the

facility because the individuals were trained and ready for employment, noting that Whole Foods had offered employment to a number of individuals that day. He said that this is an example of the Board's efforts resulting in job creation.

Chairman Jalloh made comments relative to the County's response to the Ice Detainer; clarifying that it was not an initiative, rather a legal response. He added that there were third circuit cases that holding someone without a warrant is illegal, and as such, the County determined that it would be a practice the County would not participate in.

Chairman Jalloh made comments relative to the public comment portion, adding that the County's bylaws require speakers to comment no more than the allotted five minutes. He requested that the public return the courtesy of not interrupting the Freeholders as they speak, since they are not interrupted by Board members.

Chairman Jalloh made some comments relative to some of the statements made regarding the Workforce Investment Board. He noted the County helped participate in making Union County residents first in line for jobs available in Union County. He noted the hiring of 400 individuals by Air Serve and the hiring by Whole Foods for multiple sites throughout the region.

Chairman Jalloh made comments relative to the United Youth NJ's performance of the Original Work of Mandela, the aforementioned Shakespeare in the Park, and Art Outside the Box events. He advised that Art Outside the Box allows artists to work in two dimensions and includes painters, photographers, graphic and digital artists. He added that Art Outside the Box aims to integrate the arts into non-traditional venues, specifically, traffic boxes.

Chairman Jalloh thanked the residents for their comments regarding the Rahway River Park project. He stated that the County's position has been to enhance the fields throughout the County, noting enhancements in Mattano Park, Warinanco Park and Wheeler Park. He advised that the County has planned to fix the park in Rahway. He noted that he understands that the Board and some members of the public may differ in their desire for those enhancements. He noted that the scope of the plans were presented to the public prior to the Board having a formal presentation themselves, something that has never been done before. He noted that the utilization of the Park is still in the process to be determined.

Freeholder Carter asked Chairman Jalloh if she can repeat the address for the Salvation Army Corps' "Christmas in July" will be held on Thursday, July 23, 2015 at is 615 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey. She added that if residents wish to donate a bicycle to Dairy Queen is 1367 South Avenue in Plainfield.

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## ADJOURNMENT

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Chairman Jalloh asked for a motion to adjourn. On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Estrada, a voice vote showed 6 Freeholders voted in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

**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**

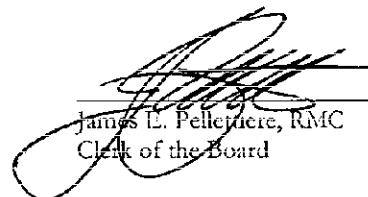
<u>AGENDA SETTING SESSION</u>	<u>REGULAR MEETINGS</u>
January 15, 2015	January 29, 2015
February 5, 2015 February 26, 2015	February 19, 2015 February 26, 2015
March 5, 2015* March 19, 2015	March 12, 2015 March 26, 2015
April 9, 2015 April 23, 2015	April 16, 2015 April 30, 2015
May 7, 2015 May 28, 2015	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
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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.

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