



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2017
AGENDA SETTING MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bruce H. Bergen presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Vice Chairman Sergio Granados, Freeholder Linda Carter, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, and Freeholder Vernell Wright were present, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

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 Clerk of the Board Pellettiere.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Oath of Office: Fire Services Advisory Board: Steven Ruhl; Union County Advisory Board on the Disabled: Leslie Fanelli-Pavone; Union County Senior Citizen Disabled Resident Transportation Advisory Board: Kevin Illing, Patricia Rufolo and Ellen Steinberg; Union County Transportation Advisory Board: Robert Ehrenbeck, Walter Tucker; Voter Accessibility Advisory Board: Helen Alvarado, Leslie Gutierrez.

Chairman Bergen noted that the Board would approve the communication at the next Regular Meeting.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Grace H. Park, Acting Prosecutor

First Assistant Prosecutor Isenhour represented the Office.

1. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to purchase equipment from Rescue Phone, Inc., Crofton, Maryland in an amount not to exceed \$26,490.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Estrada inquired as to the type of equipment to be purchased.

First Assistant Prosecutor Isenhour advised the Board that he would prefer not to divulge some of the details of this equipment, but in general terms the equipment involves communication systems to allow law enforcement to do their jobs.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept grant funding from the NJ Department of Law and Public Safety, Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in the amount of \$30,430.02. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Michael Yuska, Director

Deputy Director Laura Scutari represented the Department.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Travelers Casualty & Surety Co., Hartford, CT for a Public Official Bond for Bibi Taylor, for the period of April 15, 2017 through April 14, 2018 in the amount of \$952.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
2. 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. for the Department of Human Services, Division on Aging to Bayshore Ford, New Castle, DE, for the purpose of providing one (1) Food Transport Vehicle in the amount of \$48,128.56. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Remedy Analytics, Milwaukee, WI, to provide Prescription Monitoring Services at a contract commission of 20% of all demonstrated and attested savings that ensue over the length of the contract April 15, 2017 to April 14, 2020. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Vice Chairman Granados inquired as to the benefit in using this vendor to provide this service.

Deputy Director Laura Scutari advised that this resolution would provide prescription monitoring services, noting that the County would pay a commission of 20% on any savings. Deputy Director Scutari called upon Mr. Weiner of Accusure to provide additional specifics.

Mr. Weiner advised the Board that Remedy Analytics will review the County's existing prescription contract to research potential opportunities for reclassifications and renegotiate rebate amounts into realized savings for the County. He stated that there are no out-of-pocket costs to the County, but rather only a fee based on actual savings to the County.

Vice Chairman Granados inquired as to successful savings from other entities.

Mr. Weiner advised that other entities have seen approximately 20% savings in overall prescription costs.

County Manager Faella stated that all county employees would maintain their same level of availability to current prescription drugs.

4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement to provide liability coverage for the operation of the ambulances owned and operated by the County Emergency Services in

the amount of \$10,495.00 with Western World Insurance Company, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey, for the period of April 26, 2017 to April 25, 2018. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Joseph Graziano, Director

1. Amending Resolution Number 2016-798, a Professional Engineering Service Contract with T&M Associates, of Middletown, New Jersey, to provide additional professional engineering services associated with the Groundwater Remediation and Monitoring at the Veneri Complex, Westfield, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$2,100.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$182,660.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-031) **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Carter asked for additional details.

Director Graziano advised that T&M Associates is the LSRP Engineers for this project. He noted that one of the well caps were damaged and needed additional repairs.

2. Amending Resolution Number 2015-131, a Professional Engineering Service Contract with Maser Consulting, PA, of Red Bank, New Jersey, to provide additional professional engineering services associated with the Replacement of Mountain Avenue Minor Bridge, Be26, Township of Berkeley Heights, in an amount not to exceed \$19,700.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$226,700.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-024) **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Carter asked for additional details.

Director Graziano advised that there were additional unanticipated investigations required for a stream under the bridge being replaced. He advised that there may be a need to redirect the stream; which would require additional DEP permitting. He also noted that there was an easement issue that was unanticipated.

3. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Rolta International, Inc., of Alpharetta, Georgia to maintain, manage, and implement the County secured GIS websites for an amount not to exceed \$25,300. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering: Manor II Electric, of Holmdel, New Jersey, for the purpose of Installation of an Emergency Generator at the Union County John H. Stamler Police Academy, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, for the amount not to exceed \$355,000.00. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Chairman Bergen asked if the generator is a new purchase or replacing an older generator.

Director Graziano advised that this resolution would authorize the purchase of a new generator for the Police Academy.

Freeholder Estrada asked what the contingency was for a backup generator; if it was necessary.

Director Graziano advised that the County could utilize a portable trailer generator at Emergency Management Offices and/or at the Public Works Building. He advised that this generator would be a permanent generator that will enable the County to use the Police Academy as a Emergency Management Center in the event something happens at the Westfield Emergency Management Center.

5. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract extension originally obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Work & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management, Division of Park Maintenance, Waste Management of NJ, Inc., Ewing, NJ, for the purpose of providing Construction Debris Disposal Services, Type 13, 13C and 27, twenty-four (24) consecutive months, commencing May 11, 2017 through May 10, 2019, in an amount not exceed \$65,700. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
6. Amending Resolution Number 2016-193, (BA#84-2013) a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq., to Maffey's Security Group., Elizabeth, New Jersey approving Change Order Number One (1) increasing the original contract amount by \$125,000 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$465,500. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Carter asked for additional details.

Director Graziano advised that prior to the sale of Runnells Hospital, the State of New Jersey issued new suicide prevention regulations which were realized after the sale of the hospital. He advised that this resolution is strictly for Cornerstone Hospital. He clarified that since the regulations were issued prior to the sale; the County is responsible for the required updates.

7. Resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Vermeer North Atlantic Sales & Service, Lumberton, New Jersey, for the purchasing of various Vermeer Parts for the Vermeer Compost Turner in an amount not to exceed \$40,000. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
8. Resolution concurring with the Township of Berkeley Heights granting permission to the Mt. Carmel Society to close Springfield Avenue from the intersection of Snyder Avenue to the Berkeley Heights/Long Hill Township Bridge from 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 15, 2017 to 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 16, 2017 for the annual festival and fireworks display. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
9. Resolution granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights for the Suburban Chamber of Commerce to close Springfield Avenue from Snyder Avenue to Plainfield Avenue on Sunday, June 25, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Annual Berkeley Heights Street Fair. Also, granting permission to hang a banner on Springfield Avenue from May 29, 2017 to June 26, 2017 for advertising the Annual Berkeley Heights Street Fair. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
10. Resolution concurring with the Township of Berkeley Heights granting permission to the Berkeley Heights Rescue Squad to hang a banner across Springfield Avenue from April 15, 2017 through May 28, 2017 to advertise the Squad's Annual Membership Drive. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

11. Resolution concurring with the Borough of Kenilworth to close the Boulevard from 14th Street to 24th Street on Sunday, May 21, 2017, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the 2017 Annual Street Fair. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Frank Guzzo, Director

1. Approving Change Order Number One to Bid Agreement 15-2015, a contract with Motivated Security Services for Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital, for an additional \$8980 for additional security coverage not to exceed a total of \$91,264.36 through May 10, 2017. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Carter asked for additional details.

Director Guzzo advised that this resolution coincides with Director Graziano's resolution, noting that it would authorize additional security at Cornerstone while the work is being completed. He stated that the security is necessary as the contract will require tools within a locked unit; clarifying that this will ensure the safety of the patients.

Director Guzzo made comments relative to the State of New Jersey's new regulations and need for the retrofitting work to be done at Cornerstone Hospital. He did note that much of the work that was necessary was done so in-house.

Freeholder Estrada inquired if there is any other retrofitting that the County would need to spend to be in compliance with the new regulations.

Director Guzzo advised that the State did an inspection and cited this infraction, but advised that once this is completed, the County would be up to code.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Lease Agreement with Sharma Realty Investments LLC, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the rental of 30 parking spaces located at 432 Westminster Avenue, Elizabeth, for Division of Social Services' employee parking in the amount of \$75 per space or \$2,250 per month, total amount not to exceed \$18,000 for the period of May 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Carter asked for additional details.

Director Guzzo advised that this resolution would authorize the leasing of additional spaces for employees of CWA/Welfare. He reminded the Board of the collective bargaining unit's concerns with employee parking, and advised that this lease would provide 30 spaces at a rate of \$75 per space.

3. Authorizing the use of Competitive Contracting, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 et seq., to administer services for the Family Justice Center. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Amending Resolution 2017-182 to reflect a 2017 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) award increase in the amount of \$191,039, for a new grand total of \$424,354, to be allocated as specified in the 2nd amended 2017 CSBG Spending Plan and to reflect a three month grant extension through June 30, 2017, with no other changes to terms of agreements. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

5. 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, 2017 through June 30, 2018. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to execute agreements with municipalities for the 2017 Senior Focus Initiative in an amount not to exceed \$430,655 in accordance with the 2017 Senior Focus Spending Plan. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Ronald Zuber, Director

Director Zuber asked for the Board's indulgence to add one resolution to seek a grant from the National Recreation Parks Association's Community Engagement Grant; where the County would seek to apply stream work at Rizzuto Park, Elizabeth.

Freeholder Estrada asked if part of the grant will be used to address the trees along the stream.

Director Zuber advised that it would, noting that there are a lot of invasive vines growing and pulling at the trees.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks and Recreation: Dellano's Food, Long Valley, NJ, for the purpose of providing concessions, for the period of two (2) seasons with an option to extend for two (2) seasons subject to resolution, in the amount of \$22,304.00. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. 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: Ray's Food & Ice Cream Concessions, Inc., Woodland Park, NJ, for the purpose of providing concessions, for the contract period of two (2) seasons with the option to extend for two (2) seasons subject to resolution, in the amount of \$10,200.00. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs, to reallocate funds received from the NJSCA to 34 Union County agencies and organizations as recommended by the Arts Grant Committee of the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board and subsequently approved by the entire Advisory Board in the amount of \$64,000.00. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to award CY2017 Union County History Grants to fifteen (15) recipients in the total amount of \$22,000.00. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

Alfred J. Faella, County Manager

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with PBA Local 203-Weights & Measures effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulating Pastor Tami Elaine Christian, and her congregation, on a successful first year of the New Beginnings Ministry. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
2. Resolution congratulating Dawn Clarke on receiving the "Making Democracy Work" award by the League of Women Voters of New Jersey for her efforts to engage, educate, and protect New Jersey voters. **(Freeholder Linda Carter, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, and Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
3. Laudatory resolution recognizing the week of April 17, 2017 through April 22, 2017 as National Community Development Week, and further celebrating "Community Development Week" throughout the County of Union by recognizing the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs' many contributions to the viability of the housing stock, infrastructure, public services, and economic vitality of the Union County community. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
4. Appointing John Waters as a member to the Advisory Board on the Disabled for a term beginning January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019. **(Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
5. Laudatory resolution commending the Honorees of the Union Township Chamber of Commerce to be recognized at their 62nd Annual Dinner Ball & Installation on April 7, 2017. **(Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh & Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
6. Resolution congratulating Edward J. Chrystal Jr on His Promotion To Brigadier General in the New Jersey National Guard **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to award the sum of \$30,000.00 to the Union County Baseball Association for the purposes of providing assistance with the operation of the 2017 youth baseball programs. The funding is provided through and from the Kids Recreation Trust Fund in the amount of \$30,000.00. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
8. Resolution appointing Veronica Blalock (Disability) and Joanne Oppelt (Agency) to the Advisory Board on the Disabled for a term of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen & Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
9. Proclaiming the month of April, 2017 as "Donate Life Month" and further encouraging union county residents join NJ Sharing Network in its life-saving mission in promoting organ and tissue donor education. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
10. Laudatory resolution congratulating Community Access Unlimited and the honorees of their Annual Awards Night Celebration to be held on April 6, 2017. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

11. Congratulating Rabbi Nudell on his retirement as the spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Israel since August, 1982. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
12. Resolution updating the terms of and/or re-appointing various members of the Workforce Investment Board; and further reflecting the change in name from the Workforce Investment Board to Workforce Development Board, for all members, as per State guidelines. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen & Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Vice Chairman Granados advised that Trust Fund Committee would like to add the Schools Dig-In Grant.

Chairman Bergen stated that he would have a laudatory resolution to add, as well as a resolution pertaining to the Watchung Reservation.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bergen asked for a motion to adjourn. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, a voice vote showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholders Kowalski and Hudak absent. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2017 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 7:00 pm 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 8, 2017 at 12:00 pm
Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

AGENDA SETTING SESSION

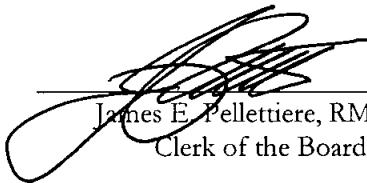
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James E. Pelletiere, RMC, QPA
 Clerk of the Board