

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017
MINUTES OF THE AGENDA SETTING MEETING

Vice Chairman Sergio Granados called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Freeholders Linda Carter, Angel G. Estrada, Christopher Hudak, Mohamed S. Jalloh, Bette Jane Kowalski, Alexander Mirabella and Vernell Wright were in attendance. Chairman Bruce H. Bergen was absent.

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

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

The Statement of Compliance was read by the Clerk of the Board.

PRESENTATION FROM THE BOARD

A Resolution Presentation was made by Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh & Freeholder Vernell Wright to Dasia Edmund, of Burnett Middle School in Union, both recognizing her achievement and commending her on the publication of two books.

Freeholder Jalloh stated that every so often the Board has the opportunity to give stellar students recognition. He called upon Dasia Edmund AKA: Déjà Vu; a 12 years old student who sold 1,000 copies of her book "Uniquely Made-Girls Don't Play Football." The book was released when she was only 11. She wrote it after being told that she could not play football; and not only made the Pop Warner Football team, but played for 3 years. DeJa Vu has a second book. She has been on with ABC 7, Channel 12, Rebel Radio and he believes is going to excel even more in years to come.

DeJaVu thanked Freeholders Jalloh and Wright for the recognition. She said her second book is called "Hair Chronicles," about how she hates to have her hair done. She said by writing these books, she wanted to inspire her peers and to show they could accomplish anything they put their minds to.

Freeholder Jalloh asked if there was anyone in the room that encouraged her, and she responded by saying it was her mom and sister.

Freeholder Jalloh congratulated her on a job well-done, and presented her with a Resolution acknowledging her success.

Déjà vu's mom said that Déjà vu was honored at the Devil's game and was the "Play Maker of the Game" and she is very proud of her daughter. She said her peers could relate to her, and she thanked the Board for supporting the young people.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY CLERKJoanne Rajoppi, County Clerk

Deputy County Clerk Nicole L. DiRado represented the Office of the Union County Clerk.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to make any and all purchases of goods and/or services required in the process of preparing and conducting an election to be provided by various vendors and to provide miscellaneous election services which might arise, in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 for the 2018 elections. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Wisolmerski Associates, Inc., Boca Raton, Florida, for the purpose of providing technical support to the recording, indexing and accounting systems of the Office of the County Clerk for the contract period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$41,350.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
3. Approving the 2018 Union County Clerk Five Year Plan. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Deputy County Clerk DiRado stated that in reference to item #3, it is a five year plan that is a Statutory Requirement and outlines the properties of the County Clerk's Trust Fund of the County Clerk's Office. The \$2 fee for documents that are recorded in Clerk's office is directed to the Trust Fund. She said the limitations of the Trust Fund is also Statutory for technical advancements, election matters, enhancements and education. She said a number of priorities are outlined in the plan, including back scanning so that documents can be viewed as far back as 1977 on the County's website and also title searches, education, conferences, and technical infrastructures. All servers purchased a few years ago were purchased through the Trust Fund.

Freeholder Estrada asked if there is a fee to view the records, and also asked if the entire document is viewable.

Deputy County Clerk DiRado stated that there is no fee for this service, and that they are all public documents. She stated that currently, the deeds and mortgages go back to the 1980s, and there are 3 more years that need to be scanned to be ready for the website, but anyone is able to visit the records room in the County Clerk's office. She said they are able to view the records back to 1857, free of charge. Adding, the staff will also show them how to use to view the records.

4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Intersection, Secaucus, New Jersey for the purpose of providing design and advertising space for the Union County Votes App at NJ Transit train stations in advance of the 2018 Primary and General Elections in an amount not to exceed \$21,000. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
5. Approving a list of pre-qualified vendors to provide Election Printing Services for the period February 1, 2018 through January 31, 2020 with an option to renew for an additional 24 consecutive months. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

6. Approving a pre-qualified list of vendors for the provision of Election Mail Fulfillment Services for the period February 1, 2018 through January 31, 2020 with an option to renew for an additional 24 consecutive months. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Royal Printing Services, West New York, New Jersey to provide election printing services of machine ballots, sample ballots, and emergency ballots for the Primary Elections, General Elections, School Board Elections and Special Elections for the contract period February 1, 2018 through January 31, 2020 with potential option for one additional 24 month extension in an amount not to exceed \$1,322,860. **(Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
8. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Dominion Voting Systems, Denver, Colorado, for the purpose of providing licensing, maintenance and support for the WinEDS 4.0 voting system for the contract period April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019, in the amount of \$33,673.17. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
9. Authorizing the County Manager to enter in to a contract with B&B Press, Lebanon, New Jersey from February 1, 2018 through January 31, 2020 with one potential extension option for 24 consecutive months for the purposes of providing print services for Mail in Ballots and Provisional Ballots for the 2018 and 2019 Primary, General and School Board Elections in the amount of \$533,074.78. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Mirabella asked for an explanation. The County Clerk's Office went through an open and public bid process to acquire proposals for equal vendors for printing services for our elections. B and B Press has been responsible and a responsive vendor for these service, both by mail and providing services. She said this is a 2 year contract for the Primary and General elections for 2018 and 2019. The contract also includes provisions for 2 special elections, if needed.

10. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Full Service Mailers, Hackensack, New Jersey to provide election mail fulfillment services for the period February 1, 2018 through January 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$165,805 and to provide for an option to renew for an additional 24 consecutive months. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Anne M. Luvera, Deputy First Assistant Prosecutor

Thomas Koundry represented the Office of the Prosecutor.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2017-450, an open ended contract awarded through initial Bid Award 32-2017, to Maplecrest Auto Mall, Vauxhall, New Jersey to purchase one (1) additional 2018 Ford Explorer @ \$36,621. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2017-683, dated August 17, 2017 to reflect Subaward number JAG-1-20-16 and to authorize the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to accept funding from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program in the amount of \$14,125.00 in Federal funds, for the period of September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

3. Amending Resolution Number 2017-760, dated September 14, 2017 to reflect Subaward number VS-63-15 and to authorize the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Division of Criminal Justice, FFY2015 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Grant Program, Project Title County Sexual Assault Response Team/Forensic Nurse Examiner (SART/FNE) Program in the amount of \$115,705.00 in Federal funds, with a county match of \$28,926.00 for a project obligation of \$144,631.00 for the period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
4. Amending Resolution Number 2017-152, dated February 9, 2017, to reflect Subaward number V-93-15 and to authorize the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to accept funding from Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Program, project titled County Office of Victim Witness Advocacy in the amount of \$98,544 in Federal funds, with a County Match of \$40,417, for a total project obligation of \$138,961 from the period of January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into an agreement with Modern Office Systems, LLC of New York, NY, for the purpose of purchasing shelving systems for the Prosecutor's Laboratory in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 utilizing NJ State Contract A79829. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Kowalski mentioned that the shelving in item #5 is pricey and asked for an explanation.

Mr. Koundry stated that there is currently a major problem with storage due to the influx in evidence submission of 30%. He stated that evidence needs to be kept for a long time and sometimes indefinitely. He said they currently have steel shelving with wooden tops and the new shelving will consist of automatic collapsible shelving, which will allow them room for over 70% storage space in one room and 80% in another room. He said the process is quite involved, but it will allow them a substantial amount of space.

Freeholder Kowalski asked if the life of the evidence will be extended. Mr. stated no, but it will extend the packaging of the life of the evidence with no crushing or damage, which in turn could extend the life.

Freeholder Estrada how much time would the new shelving allow.

Mr. Koundry stated that it was hard to determine, but based upon the current rate of submission, this could take them through many more years, but if there is an even more dramatic increase of submission, say 50 or 70%, then that will allow less time.

Freeholder Estrada asked if these are County dollars. Mr. Koundry stated no, they are forfeiture funds.

Department of Administrative Services

Michael Yuska, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to renew the County's Dental Insurance Contract with Delta Dental and Flagship Health Systems, Parsippany, New Jersey to provide Dental Coverage for the contract period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an

estimated, non-guaranteed amount not to exceed \$1,500,000. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with International Healthcare Services/Healthplex, Uniondale, New York to provide dental insurance for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$325,000 per year for three (3) years for a total amount not to exceed of \$975,000. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Equipment Maintenance Policy with Specialty Underwriters, Oak Creek, WI from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$210,000.00. This policy provides coverage for maintenance costs for electronic office equipment due to mechanical failure. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Carter asked for an explanation for item #3. Director Yuska stated that the past 15 years, the County has a diverse amount of equipment, so this allows the County to have we hire an underwriter to oversee the machines and to make sure that we are not overcharged. This way an expert knows to say we are being overcharged for all stuff that is not under warranty. We have a lot of the print shop machines on. We save money this way. It is for all our equipment that is not under warranty.

4. Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital-Medical Malpractice Policy, General and Professional Liability Umbrella Policy, and Excess Umbrella Liability Policy with Princeton Insurance for the period of December 15, 2017 through December 14, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$110,881.02. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the option to extend a contract with T&M Associates, Middletown, New Jersey, to provide Workplace Health and Safety Compliance and Consulting Services for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$136,000. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with ComPsych, Chicago, IL for the provision of a comprehensive Employee Assistance Program (EAP) to County employees and their families for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$54,000. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Mirabella was happy to see that this plan is being renewed. He said he is interested in the number of employees that are using the plan.

Director Yuska introduced Deputy Director Claudia Martins to provide the information. Deputy Director Martins stated that the last quarter from July 1st to September 30th, 487 employees used the program, which is 20% of our workforce (one quarter's worth). She said it was the highest of the quarters.

Freeholder Mirabella asked for a year to date amount and for last year's total when she is able to provide him with the numbers.

Faella interjected and stated that wellness is very important. He said they try to tell our employees to use this service before it turns into a crisis.

7. Amending Resolution Number 2017-528, approving claims payment for employee health and prescription self-insurance program, to centralize funds under the control accounts only, with no change in the amount total. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
8. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with TBD for the provision of: Health Insurance Consultant/Broker Services and Voluntary Benefits Services from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
9. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Kanen Psychological Associates, P.A., Ridgewood, New Jersey, for the provision of Psychological Evaluation Services (Fitness for Duty Examinations) for the Department of Administrative Services (Personnel), and the Department of Correctional Services for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 for a total amount not to exceed \$69,000.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
10. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with ComPsych, Chicago, IL for the provision of a comprehensive State and Federal Family Leave Administration Program to County employees for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 at an amount not to exceed \$46,000. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
11. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Practice Associates Medical Group, (Atlantic Health Systems) Clark, New Jersey for the provision of providing Pre-Employment Medical Examinations, drug screenings and other related medical services to the County of Union (Division of Personnel) and the Office of the Union County Sheriff for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$109,000. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Ron Charles, Director

Freeholder Mirabella stated that he sees that many of the listed items are for religious services for the inmates, but asked why are there some from outside of the County.

Director Charles stated that there are volunteers from in-county, but some have been using some from outside of the county for the past 8 to 10 years. They understand the security of the institution and the rules that we have to govern. He said they are certainly not excluding anyone from this County, adding, if there is anyone else interested, they would look into it.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Deacon Michael DeRoberts, Mountainside, NJ to provide 5 hours of religious services and counseling per week for the Catholic inmates in the Union County Jail for the contract period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$3,418.80. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Patricia Kane, Newark, New Jersey to provide 5 hours of religious services and counseling per week for the Islamic female inmates in the Union County Jail for the contract period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$3,418.80. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Minister Richard Hogans, Linden, NJ to provide 10 hours of religious services and counseling per week for Protestant

inmates in the Union County Jail for the contract period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$6,638.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, New Jersey, to provide anger management for the incarcerated male and females of the Union County Jail for the contract period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with The Keefe Group, Edison, New Jersey, to provide off-site inmate commissary services, hygiene kits, and Inmate Trust Fund Accounting System for the Union County Jail for a three year contract with an option for two years. This is a revenue producing contract. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
6. Authorizing the County Manger to enter an agreement with Camacho Consulting Services, Linden, NJ to develop and build a custom Administrative Management System. This agreement will consist of one year of updates, upgrades and maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$24,700.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Carter asked for an explanation of item #6.

Director Charles stated that item #6 is for an automation system of reports of the jail. He said currently, they do not have one and they still use the old fashioned pencil and paper. He said this system will manage the incident and grievance reports and will be accessible at a "push of a button," without taking days or hours of research.

7. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Hudson, Kearny, New Jersey to assign Diana Youst as the Acting Superintendent of the Union County Detention Center for the contract period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$176,270.13. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Carter asked about item #7.

Director Charles stated that the County has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Hudson County Detention Center with Diana Youst.

Department of Economic Development

Amy Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Millennium Strategies, Morristown, NJ, for the purpose of providing grant writing and procurement services to the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$36,000. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Winning Strategies, Washington/Hoboken Strategy Group, Washington DC, by way of RFP (Request for Proposal), to provide Comprehensive Federal Government Relations/Lobbying services to the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$300,000. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

3. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Union County Economic Development Corporation, Cranford, NJ, for the purpose of providing general economic development services to private businesses within the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to the Union County Economic Development Corporation, Cranford, NJ, to provide procurement, training and technical assistance to private businesses within the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to the United Way of Greater Union County, Elizabeth, NJ, to provide support and operation of the Family Success Center in Rahway, NJ, Multicultural Family Success Center in Elizabeth, NJ and the continuation of the Focus on Families Task Force, Community Conversations and the Parent Advisory Boards for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$266,000. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with We Are One New Jersey, Trenton, NJ, to provide social and human services that educate, empower and uplift working families under the We Are One New Jersey Project for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$245,000. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Union County Utilities Authority, to provide website maintenance and support in a monthly recurring fee of \$250.00 for a five year period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2023. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Estrada asked if the County will be paying UCUI \$250 monthly.

Deputy County Manager Wagner replied, no. The UCUI will be paying \$250 monthly to the County for website maintenance and support.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Joseph Graziano, Director

Director Graziano gave a brief overview of item #4. He stated that the County will be receiving \$7 million as State aid and this is the first time in a very long time that they will be receiving such a substantial amount. He said they have been typically receiving \$3 to \$4 million. He said it is directly related to the gas tax.

Director Graziano said items 5,6,7 and 8 total \$2.2 million, which is normally \$1 million. He said item #9 is a new grant. The State is giving out \$30,000 in total and Union County is applying for \$750,000 through the TTF for any roads that lead to any ports or redistribution centers. He said this item is for Lower Road that runs towards Tremley Point in Linden where there are some bridges.

Director Graziano also gave a brief overview of item #11, stating this is for the Jury waiting room for the new stair tower for the court house. He said it will run through the existing jury room and will be done between the County staff and the outside contractor. He said the old jury room held 160 people with one form of egress and no restroom, and this one will be in the new annex for 260 people with restrooms, new hall, new ceilings, walls and trim. He said it will be done in-house, which will cut down costs.

Director Graziano stated that the County's in-kind will total \$314,000, which will be basically splitting the work with the contractor.

Chairman Granados commended Director Graziano and his staff for being able to keep the costs down.

Freeholder Estrada asked how much money was allocated for item #11. Director Graziano stated that this project number was tagged in engineering when they first started talking about it.

Freeholder Estrada asked about the Hillside Bridge. Director Graziano stated that the parts have been ordered for that bridge.

1. Approving a pre-qualified list of firms for the provision of Architectural Services for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Approving a pre-qualified list of firms for the provision of Construction Management Services for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Approving a pre-qualified list of firms for the provision of General Engineering Services for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for Fiscal Year 2018 State Aid to Counties (CA-2018 Union County - 00015) in the amount of \$6,990,563.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-029 - 2019 Road Resurfacing Project) **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application on behalf of the County of Union, and if awarded, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) - 2018 Local Bridges, Future Needs Program - LBFN 2018-00019 for the Replacement of Pemberton Avenue Bridge over Cedar Brook, PI75, City of Plainfield, County of Union, New Jersey in the amount of \$735,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project #2010-006A) **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application, on behalf of the County of Union, and if awarded, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) - 2018 Local Bridges, Future Needs Program - LBFN 2018-00017 for the Replacement of Mountain Avenue Bridge over Stream 3-61-1, Be26, Township of Berkeley Heights, County of Union, New Jersey in the amount of \$620,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-004) **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

7. Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application on behalf of the County of Union, and if awarded, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) - 2018 Local Bridges, Future Needs Program - LBFN 2018-00021 for the Replacement of Shunpike Road Bridge over Stream 10-35, City of Summit, County of Union, New Jersey in the amount of \$502,500.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-041) **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
8. Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application on behalf of the County of Union, and if awarded, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) - 2018 Local Bridges, Future Needs Program - LBFN 2018-00020 for the Replacement of Lawrence Avenue Bridge over Stream 10-29, Mo3, Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, New Jersey in the amount of \$558,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-042) **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
9. Authorizing the County Manger to submit a grant application on behalf of the County of Union, and if awarded, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) - 2018 Local Freight Impact Fund Grant - 00053 - Replacement of Lower Road Bridge, over Stream 10-3, Li63, City of Linden, County of Union, New Jersey in the amount of \$750,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-026) **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
10. Amending Resolution Number 2016-296 adopted on April 14, 2016; BA#13-2016, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq., to GPC, Inc., of Millburn, New Jersey approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Union County Radio Room Tower Project, City of Elizabeth, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$70,628.00) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$837,372.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-033F) **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
11. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management; Division of Engineering: Precision Building and Construction, of Bound Brook, New Jersey, for Improvements to the Jury Waiting Room, City of Elizabeth, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$359,800.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-035) **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
12. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract using State and Federal cooperative contracts: Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities; Division of Facilities Management: Xerox Corporation, Woodbridge, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing equipment leasing and labor service for an on-site Print Shop for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022 in the not to exceed amount of \$2,101,228.60 The use of the Print Shop is extended to all other governmental entities in Union County as a Shared Service. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
13. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with McGrath Municipal Equipment, Springfield, NJ, to furnish a Falcon Asphalt Hot Box in an amount not to exceed \$32,597.00. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCEBibi Taylor, Director

There are no questions.

1. Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$15,781 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Public Safety for Additional Match Funds for a Program Entitled: Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)-Victim Witness Advocacy. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Cancelling Capital Balances to Capital Surplus, Deferred Charges Unfunded and Capital (Grants) Receivable. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
3. Approving Transfer of Current Fund Appropriations. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
4. Cancelling Current Fund Budget Appropriations. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
5. Cancelling an unissued balance from Guaranty Ordinance #777-2016 **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICESDebbie-Ann Anderson, Director

There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to renew the contract, pursuant to competitive contracting law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4, to MPC Bus Corporation, Brooklyn, New York, for the provision of transportation services in the form of Routing, Scheduling & Dispatch and Road Operator Services for the Union County Paratransit System for the contract period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, representing Year Two (2) of the contract, in the total amount not to exceed \$4,481,120 with the option to extend the contract for three (3) one year periods at the prices quoted in the agency's competitive contract proposal. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2017-784, to reflect an increase in the amount of \$15,000 to the contract awarded to Language Line Services, Inc., Dallas, TX, to provide translation services, on an as needed basis, for the large volume of non-English speaking refugee clients of the Department of Human Services' Division of Social Services for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$55,000 for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to renew a revenue agreement with Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 for reimbursement in the amount of \$7.00 per one way trip to the County of Union for the provision of Transportation Service through the Union County Paratransit System for Partial Care clients attending their programs, based upon scheduled trips provided by the County on Mondays through Fridays. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Inroads to Opportunities, Roselle, New Jersey, for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 for

- reimbursement to the County of Union in the amount of \$6.00 per one way trip for the provision of transportation service through the Union County Paratransit System for Partial Care clients attending their programs based upon pre-scheduled trips provided by the County on Mondays through Fridays. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to award professional services contracts in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018 to provide additional professional psychiatric medical services to patients of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
 6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with pre-qualified list of practitioners to provide professional medical services for the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital patients for the contract period of January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
 7. Authorizing the County Manager to award professional services contracts in an amount not to exceed \$3,750.00 for the period of January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018 for Specialty Medical Consultants to provide services to patients of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
 8. Authorizing the County Manager to continue a Lease Agreement with Runnells BH Operating Inc., for the operations of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital including 44 beds and office space with a 2% increase as per sale agreement for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
 9. Authorizing the County Manager to certify to the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health Services that there have been no changes to the plan for the delivery of mental health services and that the County will continue to operate a psychiatric facility during calendar year 2018. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
 10. Authorizing the County Manager to award subcontracts under the 2018 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Spending Plan in a total amount not to exceed \$149,553.28 for the period of January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018 for the purpose of providing community services for low income residents of Union County as permitted by NJ Department of Community Affairs (DCA) regulations; further authorizing a one-time advance payment of up to one month of the award amount for the agency to carry out program activities; and further authorizing the transfer of funds among awarded agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any fails to meet its contractual obligation. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
 11. Authorizing the County Manager to award 2018 Social Services for the Homeless (SSH) Spending Plan subcontracts for the twelve (12) month budget period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 and to appropriate County Administration funding in the total amount not to exceed \$852,311; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the awarded agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any fails to meet its contractual obligation; and further authorizing a one-time advance payment of up to one month of the award for the agencies to carry out the program activities. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

12. Amending Resolution Number 2017-756, adopting the 2018 Alcohol/Drug Abuse (A/DA) Spending Plan, to reflect additional grant funding from NJ Department of Health (DOH) Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services (DMHAS) in the total amount not to exceed \$12,120 for a new Spending Plan total not to exceed \$938,474 for the same period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, as approved by LACADA on December 1, 2017. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
13. Authorizing the County Manager, pursuant to a Request for Proposal (RFP), to approve the 2018 Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) Spending Plan in the total amount not to exceed \$117,800 to provide program services for youth and families involved in the juvenile justice system for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, and further authorizing the transfer of funds among agencies/municipalities during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any fail to meet its contractual obligation, upon approval by the Juvenile Justice Commission. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
14. 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 Human Services, Paratransit System: Shepard Brothers, Inc., Canandaigua, New York, for the purpose of providing one (1) sixteen passenger van with two (2) wheelchair positions, in the amount of \$60,700. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
15. Amending Resolution 2017-401, adopting the 2017 GAP Spending Plan, to increase overall funding in the amount of \$13,475 and to de-obligate unused funding in the amount of \$20,000 from Visiting Nurse & Health Services to obligate additional funds in the amount of \$33,475 to Center for Hope Hospice, as specified on the spending plan for a new total of \$521,475; no other changes. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Ron Zuber, Director

Director of Golf Operations Armando Sanchez represented the Department.

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: to Turco Golf, Inc., Suffern, New York, for the purpose of providing Galloping Hill Golf Course Improvements, Borough of Kenilworth, County of Union, New Jersey, for an amount not to exceed \$316,980.00. (BA#69-2017: Union County Engineering Project #2016-031) **(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: to Applied Landscape Technologies of Montville, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Mattano Skateboard Park Project, Mattano Park, City of Elizabeth, County of Union, New Jersey, for an amount not to exceed \$652,074.00. (BA#12-2017: Union County Engineering Project #2016-008) **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
3. Approving the operational budget for golf course operational expenses for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in the amount of \$4,492,115 as procured through the competitive contract process. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**

4. Approving the operational budget for Warinanco Sports Center operational expenses for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in the amount of \$515,000.00 as procured through the competitive contract process. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with This Is It! Productions, Hoboken, NJ for the management and production of the 2018 Summer Concerts for the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$102,065.00. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with This Is It! Productions, Hoboken, NJ, for the management and production of the 2018 Rhythm and Blues by the Brook to be held on June 2, 2018 at Cedar Brook Park, Plainfield, NJ, in an amount not to exceed \$144,100. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to conduct the 2018 Deer Management Program for Union County, relative to the reduction of the white-tailed deer population within the Watchung Reservation, Nomehegan Park, Lenape Park, Summit portion of Passaic River Park, Ash Brook Reservation, Oak Ridge Park, the Hawk Rise Sanctuary. Licensed hunters, acting as agents of the county, would harvest during the permit shotgun season of January 1, 2018 through February 10, 2018, in the manner prescribed by the Fish and Game Code of the State of New Jersey and the 2018 Deer Management Program for Union County Guidelines in an amount not to exceed \$6,700.00. The County Manager is authorized to restrict areas when conditions necessitate. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Estrada asked about the Deer issue in Hillside?? Mr. Dan Bernier stated that they looked at the topography and it is not an easy area to deal with as there is not enough of wooded space. He said a good first step would be is to have Hillside as for the County's support. He said Plainfield did just that and a program was just approved by Plainfield's City council and the program will start shortly ???????? and use archery equipment.

8. Authorizing the County Manager to use the County's option to extend the contract with Deer Carcass Removal Services, LLC of Cream Ridge, NJ for deer carcass and removal service pursuant to the bidding process (BA #69-2015) for a twenty four (24) month period, (Contract Period: 2/5/18 – 2/4/20), in the amount not to exceed \$39,000. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
9. Amending Resolution Number 2015-535, (BA#41-2015) a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJ.S.A. 40A:11 -1 et seq., to Mar-Bridge Enterprises, Inc., Matawan, NJ approving Change Order No. 1 (final) for Warinanco Park Ice Rink Renovation and New Clubhouse Building Project, County of Union New Jersey (BA #41-2015). This change order will increase the original contract amount not to exceed \$853,000 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$7,935,000. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Estrada asked why there is an \$853,000 Change order for item #9.

Director Sanchez explained that they have been working on the Change Order since April when they started to close out the Warinanco Park Ice Rink Renovation project. He stated that 84% of the \$853,000 is directly related to unforeseen conditions, like the unsuitable soils that were discovered during excavation to set the foundation for the building. Since there was already an existing building, they were unable to see to find this earlier. That alone was over \$200,000. He stated when they designed the building, they designed the electric up to code, however, PSE&G suggested that the electric system be upgraded because the load was not sufficient and a similar situation happened with the water supply. The water company suggested running a separate line from the street to run the potable water and fire suppressant systems separate from the chiller system.

Freeholder Estrada asked for the dollar breakdown.

Director Sanchez stated the electric is approximately \$224,000; unsuitable soil is \$190,000, \$146,000 is for the water, hot box, main and fire suppression. He stated that the changes caused delays for the contractor, as well.

Director Sanchez stated that this is in the best interest of the County and for the building to run more efficiently and long-term. He stated that because of these changes they ran into some delays. He said that he was able to negotiate with the contractor and they were able to lower his price to half.

Freeholder Estrada asked about the chimney in the middle of the floor and some painting that he previously asked to be addressed. Director Sanchez said it will be all taken care of and it is included in this amount.

Freeholder Kowalski asked about the usage of the new Center.

Director Sanchez stated that there has been a high volume of use. He said the work is being scheduled not to interfere with the public, which has become a challenge. He said they did not anticipate this type of volume. He said the 15, 16 and 17 year olds have been using it on the weekends, as they predicted.

Director Sanchez also noted that the contractor is the same contractor that is being used for the Ash Brook Golf Course renovations, so he is confident that he is dependable.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with ESRI- Environmental Systems, Redlands, CA, for the renewal of existing licensing and maintenance, for Geographic Information System in an amount not to exceed \$400.00. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
2. Re-appointing Junaid R. Shaikh, M.D., Montville, New Jersey, as the Union County Medical Examiner for a five (5) year term commencing on November 1, 2017 through October 31, 2022 at an annual salary of \$197,329.22. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**

3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Winfield to provide 911, Police, Fire and EMS Dispatch Services in the amount of \$24,000 for the first year, with a subsequent two percent (2%) increase in each additional year for the remaining four (4) years of the five (5) year term of the agreement. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with The City of Plainfield to provide 9-1-1 Emergency Medical call screening and EMS Dispatch services in an amount of \$7,500.00 for the first year, with a subsequent two percent (2%) increase in each additional year for the remaining four (4) years of the five (5) year term of the agreement. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement, through the use of New Jersey State Contract #A82106, with Smith's Detection, 21 Commerce Drive, Danbury, CT, for the procurement of HazMat ID and accessories in an amount not to exceed \$370,780 utilizing grant funding from the Urban Area Security Initiative Program. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement, through the use of New Jersey State Contract #A80961, with New Jersey Fire Equipment, 119-131 Rt. 22 East, Green Brook, NJ for the procurement of air cylinders for the UASI Air Trucks in an amount not to exceed \$222,264 utilizing grant funding from the Urban Area Security Initiative Program. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with The Borough of Garwood to provide 9-1-1 Emergency Medical call screening and EMS Dispatch services in an amount of \$2,200.00 for the first year, with a subsequent two percent (2%) increase in each additional year for the remaining four (4) years of the five (5) year term of the agreement. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
8. Amending Resolution 2012-130 to allow the Department of Public Safety to utilize Emergency Management Assistance Grant dollars to be utilized for the procurement of equipment. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
9. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Public Safety: Johnston Communications, for the purpose of providing 9-1-1 Telecommunications equipment and service, in the not to exceed amount of \$600,000.00. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Robert Barry, County Counsel

There are no questions.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2017-612, dated July 20, 2017 to increase the appropriation to Weber Dowd Law, Woodland Park, NJ in the matter entitled Eric Graham v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$20,000.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

2. Amending Resolution Number 2017-699, dated August 17, 2017 to increase the appropriation to Weiner Law Group, LLP, Parsippany, NJ in the matter entitled Farnia Bashaw v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$20,000.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 2016-229, dated March 10, 2016 to increase the appropriation to Weber Dowd Law, Woodland Park, NJ in the matter entitled Wanda Minch v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$20,000.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
4. A resolution appointing Schwartz, Simon, Edelstein & Celsco of Whippany, as special counsel in a matter relating to the Mind and Body project in an amount not to exceed \$5,000. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
5. A resolution appointing John R. Boles as the Public Agency's Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) for a term effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

County Manager Faella stated that he may have one Resolution for the next Freeholder Meeting that will pertain to Position Controls.

Freeholder Wright stated that she will have a condolence resolution.

Freeholder Hudak stated that he will have a resolution pertaining to the Union County Utilities Authority and the Union County Improvement Authority.

Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Carter stated that they would like to join Freeholder Mirabella in item #8, and Freeholder Carter will have an additional Laudatory resolution.

Vice Chairman Granados stated that he will have a few laudatory resolutions.

1. Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Barbara E. Clark upon her passing. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
2. Resolution supporting 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East in its efforts to negotiate in good faith, and calls upon AristaCare to settle a fair contract for workers at Delaire Nursing Home. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak & Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
3. Re-appointing Joseph Ume (Mental Health Provider) and Tiffany Wilson (Justice Involved Services) as members to the Mental Health Advisory Board for a term beginning January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
4. Congratulating Michael Robert Bottazzi and Colin Ferren Tunney of Boy Scouts of America Troop 1, New Providence, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak & Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

5. Extending the Board's condolences to the family of Elsie Scaperrotta, a dedicated Union County Parks and Recreation employee of Trailside Nature & Science Center for the past 24 years upon her passing. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
6. Congratulating Richard Hlavacek upon his retirement from Families and Community Together (FACT) in Mountainside and the Human Services Advisory Council; and further thanking him for his years of dedicated service to the County of Union. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
7. Extending the Board's congratulations and warm wishes to John Malar, Director of the Cranford Public Library upon his well-deserved retirement. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
8. Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Pat DiNizio, lead singer and songwriter of the NJ rock band, The Smithereens-America's Band upon his passing. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
9. Extending the Board's opposition of the Trump-GOP tax plan. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen & The Entire Board)**
10. Congratulating Jewish Family Services food pantry "the Charlotte Shak" upon their Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on December 12th. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Granados asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm. A motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski. Roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Chairman Bruce H. Bergen absent.

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.

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**REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017 AT 12:00 NOON
ASSIGNMENT JUDGE KAREN M. CASSIDY’S COURTROOM, 2 BROAD STREET, ELIZABETH, NJ**

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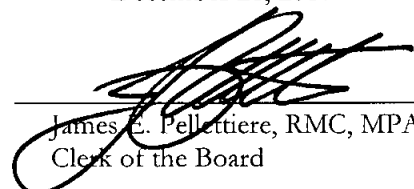
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December 7, 2017
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