



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2017
AGENDA SETTING MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bruce H. Bergen presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present were County Manager Alfred 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

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

PRESENTATIONS BY THE BOARD

Chairman Bergen called upon Vice Chairman Granados and Freeholder Estrada for the night's first presentation.

A resolution presentation will be made by the Board to the members of the Portuguese Day Parade Committee as they celebrate Portuguese Heritage throughout Union County at the 39th Annual Elizabeth Portuguese Parade on Sunday, June 4, 2017.

Vice Chairman Granados said it was a great honor to celebrate the Portuguese Day Parade Committee's 39 years of service to the community, noting that it is the longest serving Portuguese parade in the State of New Jersey. He said it is important not only to show (our) Portuguese pride, but also the pride in unity in supporting one another in Union County. He stated that prior to his joining the Board, Freeholder Estrada was at the forefront in ensuring the voice of the Portuguese community had a voice at the County level.

Freeholder Estrada recalled his time with the Board (18 years) and of the importance in recognizing the Portuguese community in Union County. He spoke to the community's growth and overwhelming pride in their Portuguese-American heritage. He spoke of the honor of being the Grand Marshall in a previous parade.

Vice Chairman Granados noted that the Flag Raising ceremony will be held tomorrow. He also noted the Committee's commitment to include the younger generation in all their efforts. He called upon Andrea Costa, Parade President.

Ms. Costa thanked the Board for its continued support. She thanked the committee and the youth and spoke of the importance in continuing the Portuguese traditions.

Chairman Bergen called upon Freeholders Mirabella and Hudak to join him for the night's second presentation.

A resolution presentation will be made by the Board to the members of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America and further recognizing June 2, 2017 as Gun Violence Awareness Day in Union County.

Freeholder Mirabella called upon Patty Fico, Jen Gillman, Ed O'Malley, and Melissa Matthews to receive the resolution. He stated that it has been an honor to be a part of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, noting that he has attended several events intended to raise awareness on gun violence and gun control. He stated that tomorrow (June 2nd) is the 3rd anniversary of "Gun Violence Awareness Day". He commended them for their efforts as leaders of gun awareness in the State of New Jersey.

Jen Gillman spoke on National Gun Violence Awareness Day and its origins, noting that in 2013 a fifteen year old girl named Hadiya Pendleton, from Chicago, was chosen to read a poem at President Barak Obama's inauguration, but was tragically shot dead one week later. She added that the "Wear Orange" movement originated in Chicago as a result of the shooting. She spoke on the origin of "Moms Demand Action Against Gun Violence", noting that it is a National Organization that was started the day after the Sandy Hook shooting in 2012, and is based on the philosophy of Mothers Against Drunk Driving. She added that the organization supports the 2nd Amendment, but supports common sense gun reform to decrease gun violence epidemic in America.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

First Assistant Prosecutor Tim Isenhour represented the Office.

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

Grace H. Park, Acting Prosecutor

1. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into a professional services contract with Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Child and Adolescent Outpatient Unit, Department of Psychiatry as per the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)
2. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept grant funding from the NJ Division of Criminal Justice, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, Multi-

Jurisdictional Gang, Gun, and Narcotics Task Force Grant Program for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 in the amount of \$162,946. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amy Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that the amounts of resolution requests No. 3 & No. 4 are "to be determined" as the bids came back today and are currently being reviewed for a recommendation and will be made known on Monday.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a twelve (12) month lease agreement with JG Elizabeth II, LLC for rental space at The Mills at Jersey Gardens situated in the City of Elizabeth for the Workforce Innovation Business Center (formerly the Retail Skills Center) at a rate of \$1883.57 per month cost of utilities and central plant charge (no fee for rental space) in an amount not to exceed \$22,602.84. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Estrada asked if the County was charged this central plant charge and utilities last year.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that the County was charged this fee last year, noting that the original agreement was with the City of Elizabeth. She stated that the City no longer wanted to participate and instead allowed the County College to utilize the space. She stated that the college no longer wanted to utilize it, so it was deferred to the County.

Freeholder Estrada made comments relative to the PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) costs, saying that should cover all costs, including electricity. He asked why this is not the case.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that this particular part of the agreement expired on October 31, 2016. She stated that these fees will be covered by the Workfirst Development Board through federal grant dollars.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a professional service contract with Weber Dowd Law, LLC for legal services relative to the Union County Workforce Development Board's implementation of the Local Strategic Plan December 2016-2020 for a twelve-month contract period of March 28, 2017 through March 27, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**

County Counsel Barry stated that his office will work on redrafting the language of the resolution to reflect that the Board is consenting to the contract, as it is a WIB Board appointment.

3. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract BA Number 41-2017 obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq., for the purpose of providing electronic network equipment, security and cabling to various County Departments, Company TBD, in an amount not to exceed TBD. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract BA Number 42-2017 obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq., for the purpose of providing telephone/associated services systems equipment, installation, maintenance services, for various County Departments, in an amount not to exceed TBD. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENTJoseph Graziano, Director

1. Amending Resolution Number 2015-128 (BA#64-2014), a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq., to Foggia Trinity Electric, LLC, of Scotch Plains, New Jersey approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Intersection Improvements, City of Summit, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$95,530.24) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$669,032.26. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2012-010) **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Estrada asked what the average cost was of an intersection projects, noting that the costs vary greatly from one project to another.

Director Graziano advised that in the case of Resolution Request No. 1, the amount is for three intersections, noting that the County did not have to utilize the \$75,000 in contingency for unforeseen circumstances. He advised that an average cost, inclusive of handicapped ramps, is approximately \$250,000 - \$300,000. He advised that an average cost without the ramps is approximately \$200,000 - \$210,000.

2. Amending Resolution Number 2015-1001 (BA#51-2015), a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq., to Fai Gon Electric, Inc., of Piscataway, New Jersey approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Intersection Improvements at Chestnut Street and Crawford Terrace / Parkview Drive, Township of Union, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$8,979.54) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$349,602.76. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2012-017B) **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 2016-581, a Professional Engineering Service Contract with CME Associates of Monmouth Junction, New Jersey to provide additional Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) Services related to the former Probation Building located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$28,300.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-027) **(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: Foggia Trinity Electric, Inc., of Scotch Plains, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Intersection Improvements at Chestnut Street and Fifth Avenue, Borough of Roselle, County of Union, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$209,312.20. (BA#23-2017; Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-020) **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
5. 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 and Facilities, Division of Engineering: P & A Construction, Inc., of Colonia, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing 2017 Road Resurfacing Program, Various Municipalities, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount

not to exceed \$8,214,550.86, funded in part by the New Jersey Department of Transportation's 2016 County Annual Transportation Program (ATP) in the amount of \$4,155,600.00. (BA#6-2017; Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-013) **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

6. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40:A11-1 et seq to: Oxford Electrical Contractors, Inc., Randolph, NJ (BA#27-2017) for the purpose of providing Electrical Systems Repair, Maintenance & Installation Services for the Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management for twenty-four (24) consecutive months with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month optional extension, contract amount not to exceed \$230,780.00. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
7. Resolution ratifying permission given to the Township of Scotch Plains for the closure of Front Street and Park Avenue to East Second Street including Bartle Avenue, for Sunday, May 28, 2017 from 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m for the Memorial Event Concert. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
8. Resolution concurring with the Borough of Roselle Park granting permission to hang a banner from May 24, 2017 to June 12, 2017 over Chestnut Street to advertise the Borough-wide garage sale to be held on Saturday June 10, 2017. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
9. Authorizing the County Manager to execute any/all documents necessary to effectuate the 24 month extension of the contract, procured through the public bidding process in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq., to Radiac Research Corporation, Brooklyn, NY for the operation of Household Hazardous Waste Programs for an amount not to exceed \$250,992 (BA#38-15). Vendor is responsible for the collection, packaging, transportation and proper disposal of all wastes collected at Union County Household Hazardous Waste Programs. (This is funded by the Recycling Enhancement Grant) **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Bibi Taylor, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$536,201 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for a Program Entitled: Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$91,800 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, City of Summit for a Project Entitled: Locust Culvert @ Tulip Street, City of Summit (Sanitary Sewer). **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
3. Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$162,946 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and

Public Safety for a Program Entitled: Multi-Jurisdictional Gang, Gun and Narcotics Task Forces (JAG) Grant. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Frank Guzzo, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract through competitive contracting process, RCCP 2-2017, to the YWCA of Eastern Union County, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the provision of coordination services associated with the Family Justice Center for the contract period of July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in the total amount not to exceed \$153,749 with the option to extend the contract for four (4) one-year periods. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Vice Chairman Granados inquired as to the types of services that will be provided.

Director Guzzo advised that this resolution seeks to hire a non-profit to coordinate all the services to be provided, which could include assistance with housing needs, public assistance, child care and transportation for victims of domestic violence.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Ronald Zuber, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing an application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs-Grant Development Unit for a Recreation Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities Program Grant in the amount of \$35,000.00 and authorize a County cash match of \$7,000.00 as specified by the grant requirements; and to further authorize the County Manager to do all things necessary to execute an agreement with the State of New Jersey should a grant be awarded. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Robert E. Barry, Esq., County Counsel

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. A Resolution appointing Palumbo, Renaud & DeAppolonio, LLC of Cranford, NJ as special counsel to represent Diana Youst in the matter entitled Hannah Burton v. UC, et. al, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
2. A Resolution appointing Palumbo, Renaud & DeAppolonio, LLC of Cranford, NJ as special counsel to represent Diana Youst in the matter entitled Jessica Lederman v. UC, et. al, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
3. A Resolution appointing Palumbo, Renaud & DeAppolonio, LLC of Cranford, NJ as special counsel to represent Diana Youst in the matter entitled Kyriaki Mouratoglou v. UC, et. al, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

4. A Resolution appointing Palumbo, Renaud & DeAppolonio, LLC of Cranford, NJ as special counsel to represent Diana Youst in the matter entitled Corrina Stoker v. UC, et. al, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
5. A Resolution appointing Kologi Simitz of Linden, NJ as special counsel to represent Frank Guzzo in the matter entitled Hannah Burton v. UC, et. al, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Mel Rose Perry Canady upon her passing. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
2. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Carmen Lilly-Jones during their time of sorrow. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
3. Congratulating ShonTe Smith of Plainfield for sending 3,000 books to Ghana in her efforts to build a library for the natives. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**

Freeholder Jalloh asked to join as a co-sponsor.

4. Congratulating the recipients of the Hispanic Latino Alumni Council (HLAC) at their 17th Anniversary Scholars Award Luncheon on June 3, 2017. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
5. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Eleanor Barbarich, during their time of sorrow. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**

Freeholder Jalloh asked to join as a co-sponsor.

6. Congratulating Marilyn D. Davis, Area Director of Government Affairs, Altice USA upon being the recipient of the Barbara Boggs Sigmund Award by the Women's Political Caucus of New Jersey at their 2017 Women of Achievement PAC reception on June 8th. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Jalloh asked to join as a co-sponsor.

7. Congratulating the Elizabeth Portugal Day Parade Committee and the work they have done to enrich the cultural perspective within our communities, as well as congratulate them on their flag-raising ceremony on June 2, 2017 and parade on June 4, 2017. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
8. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Summit Police Department Officer Matthew Tarentino, and the community of the City of Summit, during their time of sorrow. **(Chairman Bergen & the Entire Board)**

Freeholder Kowalski advised she would have a condolence resolution to add.

Freeholder Mirabella advised that as a result of Fiscal Committee meeting, he would have a need to add a number of sponsorship resolutions.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bergen asked for a motion to adjourn. On a motion made by Freeholder Jalloh and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, a voice vote showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Carter absent. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm.

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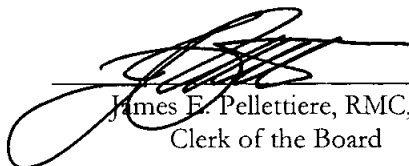
**REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017 AT 12:00 NOON
ASSIGNMENT JUDGE KAREN M. CASSIDY'S COURTROOM, 2 BROAD STREET, ELIZABETH, NJ**

AGENDA SETTING SESSIONS

January 19, 2017
February 2, 2017
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March 2, 2017
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April 6, 2017
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May 4, 2017
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August 10, 2017
September 7, 2017
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October 5, 2017
October 19, 2017
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November 30, 2017
December 14, 2017

REGULAR MEETINGS

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August 17, 2017
September 14, 2017
September 28, 2017
October 12, 2017
October 26, 2017
November 21, 2017 (Tuesday)
December 7, 2017
December 21, 2017



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