



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 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 Linda Carter, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, and Freeholder Vernell Wright were present.

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 the June 22nd Regular Meeting.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

First Assistant Prosecutor Tim Isenhour represented the Office.

Grace H. Park, Acting Prosecutor

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: Office of the Union County Prosecutor: Turn Out Fire & Safety, Inc., Jersey City, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing uniform services and various police equipment, for a period of 24 months, in the amount of \$141,070.90. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to enter into an agreement to purchase confidential equipment for use in confidential and undercover investigations in an amount of \$51,000.00 via waiver of public bid obtained from the New Jersey Office of Attorney General. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

3. Authorizing the County Manger through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families for the Grants for Funding, Renovations, Technology, Improvements, Expansion, and/or Redesign of Existing Child Advocacy Centers program, in the amount of \$140,000 from the period of May 9, 2017 through June 30, 2017. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Estrada asked what the new improvements would be for the newly built facility.

Acting Prosecutor Isenhour advised that there was an unexpected grant opportunity to do capital improvements which include carpeting, soundproofing, and technical enhancements of specific utilization.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Michael Yuska, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Awarding a contract to Horizon BCBS of NJ, Newark, NJ to perform the function of third party administrator under the terms of the original contract awarded by Resolution 2015-477 and exercising the second 12-month option to extend said contract in an amount of not to exceed \$1,800,000. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
2. Approving Claims Payment Authorization for Employee Health and Prescription Self-Insurance Program to Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of Newark, New Jersey; the contracted Third Party Administrator. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to award a stop/loss insurance contract to Sun Life Financial, Philadelphia, PA as recommended by our contracted insurance broker BGLA/Acrisure and Administrative Services in an amount not to exceed of \$1,541,814.00 for 12 consecutive months (represents a savings of \$452,300 from last contract). **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to award a month-to-month contract to Discovery Benefits, Fargo, North Dakota, to provide Retiree Benefit Billing Services and COBRA Administration Services from July 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$12,000 through the recommendation of our contracted insurance broker, BGLA/Acrisure. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amy Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

Deputy County Manager Wagner asked for the Board's indulgence to add two resolutions to next week's Regular Meeting agenda. She advised that one resolution would complement the lease agreement resolution below (#1) and the second resolution was related to the approval of the HUD Action Plan.

Freeholder Mirabella inquired as to the cost of the plant cost estimates for the first resolution she would like to add.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that the \$22,000 amount was for the year. She advised that it would be funded through the Workforce Investment Board (WIB); advising that if the funds do dry up, that the costs would be absorbed in their budget.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a five (5) year 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 no cost to the County for base rent. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to approve the Union County Workforce Development Board, awarding a contract for the Provision of American Job Center Operator Services for the contract period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019, in the amount of \$6,240,000.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement, through the use of New Jersey State Contract #898851, with SHI INTERNATIONAL, Somerset, New Jersey, for the acquisition and installation for the upgrade of the County's Microsoft Exchange email system, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
4. Amending Resolution Number 2016-819, to extend the obligation of Federal Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Grant funding—through the New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development—in the form of Individual Training Contracts from the previously approved date of June 30, 2017 to the new date of December 31, 2017; and further allowing the continuation of funding through Individual Training Contracts for currently enrolled and newly enrolled Adult and Dislocated Workers. (No change in contract amount.) **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract BA No. 34-2017 obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq; County of Union: Rahway Business Machines, Rahway, NJ, for the purpose of providing Printer Repair Services, for 24 consecutive months, with an option to extend for an additional 24 months, in an amount not to exceed \$13,125.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to utilize \$250,000.00 in Federal Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Grant Dislocated Worker funding from the New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development in the form of Individual Training Contracts as stipulated in the grant agreement. These funds must be fully obligated by December 31, 2017 and fully expended by June 30, 2018. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

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 \$360,463 and extending the contract period through December 31, 2017 as a result of notification for an additional grant award received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a Program Entitled: Social Services for the Homeless (SSH) Grant. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**

2. Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$140,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families for a Program Entitled: The Grants for Funding Renovations, Technology, Improvements, Expansion, and/or Redesign of Existing Child Advocacy Centers. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Frank Guzzo, Director

Director Guzzo asked for the Board's indulgence to add a resolution to next week's Regular Meeting relative to an agreement for parking at Prince Street for the CWA employees; noting that this issue was a key topic in contract negotiations.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2016-706, with Jacqueline Napper, PsyD, MSCP, Plainfield, New Jersey, to add an additional \$1000 due to the need to provide additional psychiatric services to the patients of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital for the period of August 1, 2016 through July 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$10,600.00. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to endorse and approve the 2018-2020 Comprehensive County Youth Services Plan and Application in the total amount of \$689,163 listing each funding source as required by the State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission and Attorney General's Office: State Community Partnership (SCP), Program Management funds in the amount of \$55,550; State Community Partnership (SCP) Program Service funds in the amount of \$384,876; and Family Court Services (FC) funds in the amount of \$248,737 for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept State of New Jersey, Juvenile Justice Commission, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) 2018 Innovations Funding in the amount of \$124,000 for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 to serve youth in the Union County juvenile justice system. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
4. Amending Resolution Number 2017-442, in accordance with the 2016-2018 Area Plan, to reflect an increase based on the addition of local funding in the amount not to exceed \$182,716 for a new grand total not to exceed \$4,487,874 to be allocated as outlined and charged to account numbers specified for the same contract year two period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 with no other changes to the 2016-2018 Area Plan. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to award 2017 Social Services for the Homeless (SSH) Spending Plan subcontracts for the six (6) month budget period of July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in the total amount not to exceed \$360,463; 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 amount to prevent undue hardship for the agencies to carry out the program activities. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

6. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, New Jersey, in the total amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the period of June 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 to promote youth, teen, and community development through prevention programs including self-empowerment and youth leadership; Interfaith initiatives and collaboration among community programs for youth and families. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

Director Moran asked for the Board's indulgence to add one resolution to next week's Regular Meeting agenda relative to a potential EMS service contract with Roselle Park.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a professional services contract, through an RFP process, with Lehrer-Gibilisco Funeral Home, Inc., 275 West Milton Ave., Rahway, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Livery Services through December 31, 2017, in a total amount not to exceed \$30,000.00. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**

Freeholder Estrada inquired as to who the County currently utilizes for this service.

Director Moran advised that the medical examiner has become more busy investigating the increase in overdoses due in part to the opioid crisis and that the Board contracted with Plinton Curry Funeral Home at the last Regular Meeting (May 25th). He advised that he would feel more comfortable having two funeral homes available.

Freeholder Mirabella asked if this service was obtained through an RFP process.

Director Moran advised that the County did put out an RFP for the service three times, with no success. He advised that this contract was negotiated at the same price as the other contract.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement through the use of New Jersey State Contract #80953, with Witmer Public Safety Group, Coatesville, PA, for the procurement of Self Contained Breathing Apparatuses (SCBAs) and accessories in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Robert E. Barry, Esq., County Counsel

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2015-758, to increase the appropriation to Kologi Simitz of Linden, NJ in the matter entitled Marissa Taylor-Munger v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$25,000.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

Alfred Faella, County Manager

County Manager Faella advised that he would like to add one resolution to next week's agenda, noting that the County just received notification that Local 68 ratified their memorandum of understanding.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Parks Maintenance Association, with a contract period to be determined. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Jesse Clark upon his sudden passing. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
2. Congratulating the eight Plainfield High School Alumni and Staff on their election to the Plainfield High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame and will be honored at the 12th Annual Plainfield high School Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon on June 24, 2017. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
3. Extending the Board's condolences to the family of Daniel Kuczynski upon his passing on June 12, 2017. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
4. Congratulating Kevin McCarthy & Roy Walton of Boy Scout Troop 80 of Cranford upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Hudak asked to join as a co-sponsor.

5. Congratulating the award recipients of the United Way of Greater Union County at their 2017 Annual Celebration on June 15, 2017. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Jalloh asked to join as a co-sponsor.

6. Congratulating the winners of the 14th Annual PNC American Patriot Essay Contest in conjunction with the QuickChek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning, **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
7. Resolution in support of the goals and intent of the Paris Agreement. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Kowalski asked for the full Board to join as co-sponsors of the resolution.

8. Amending Resolution Number 2016-980, adopted December 8, 2016 (RCCP #13-2016), contract awarded through a competitive contracting process in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-4.1 et seq., to Cityside Archives, of Edison, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 for the provision unanticipated filing services for the Office of the Prosecutor and increasing the amount of contract by \$15,000 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$371,522.85. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Mirabella mentioned that as a result of Fiscal, there would be a need to add sponsorship resolutions and position controls.

Freeholder Wright advised that she would have a condolence resolution to add to next week's regular meeting agenda.

Chairman Bergen advised he would have two resolutions to add to next week's regular meeting relative to a shared service agreement with the UCIA and Union County College.

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 nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative. 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.

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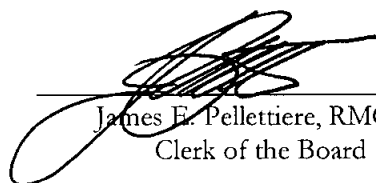
**REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017 AT 12:00 NOON
ASSIGNMENT JUDGE KAREN M. CASSIDY'S COURTROOM, 2 BROAD STREET, ELIZABETH, NJ**

AGENDA SETTING SESSIONS

January 19, 2017
February 2, 2017
February 23, 2017
March 2, 2017
March 16, 2017
April 6, 2017
April 20, 2017
May 4, 2017
May 25, 2017
June 1, 2017
June 15, 2017
July 13, 2017
August 10, 2017
September 7, 2017
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December 14, 2017

REGULAR MEETINGS

January 26, 2017
February 9, 2017
February 23, 2017
March 9, 2017
March 23, 2017
April 13, 2017
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May 25, 2017
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July 20, 2017
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