



## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bruce Bergen presided and called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

### ROLL CALL

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

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

### PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

### STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

### PRESENTATION BY THE BOARD

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Chairman Bergen called upon Freeholders Mirabella and Kowalski to join him in the evening's first presentation.

A resolution presentation by Freeholder Alexander Mirabella to Union County College Biology Professor Tom Ombrello for his efforts in collecting acorns, from a historic tree and caring for a sapling that was planted in the tree grove in Union County College's Cranford Campus.

Freeholder Mirabella called upon Dr. Ombrello and Dr. McMnamin, President of Union County College, to receive the presentation. He stated that he was interested to hear of Dr. Ombrello's project relative to the history of the tree that grew from a seedling he had planted.

Chairman Bergen stated that he was happy to be present the day they took the tree he planted to be transferred to Basking Ridge to replace a 600 year old tree. He commended Dr. Ombrello on this environmental and historical tree project.

Dr. McMnamin stated that Dr. Ombrello is a senior professor of biology at Union County College and a leader of this historic tree growth. She stated that Dr. Ombrello is a great representative of the County College.

Dr. Ombrello stated that this project started 25 years ago, noting that there are many different types of trees, dating back since the Revolutionary War, that are in danger of disappearing. He stated that he was pleased with the project and that he was able to help replace the 600 year old tree in Basking Ridge.

Chairman Bergen called upon Freeholder Carter for the evening's second presentation.

A resolution presentation by Freeholder Linda Carter to ShonTe Smith for her efforts in collecting 3,000 books to establish a library for a high school in Ho, Ghana.

Freeholder Carter called Shon Te Smith up to receive her presentation. She stated that she collected over 3,000 books to establish a library for the children of Ghana. She stated that this project started 4 years ago, noting that the coordination of this effort was large in scale; incorporating different private and public individuals within the community. She stated that she was personally very proud of her accomplishment and her dedication to giving back to the community. She read the resolution aloud.

Shon Te Smith thanked the Board for acknowledging her efforts, but stated the love for kids is what inspired her to take on the project. She stated it is a privilege to give back to the Plainfield community and beyond.

#### **APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS**

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Note and File

Chairman Bergen called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

#### **ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION**

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The Clerk of the Board read the Ordinance by title.

**783-2017 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, CHAPTER 1, UNION COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE, ARTICLE XXI-DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, § 1-128. OFFICE OF HEALTH MANAGEMENT BY ADDING § 1-128 (1)(t) AUTHORIZING THE HEALTH OFFICER TO PERFORM INSPECTIONS AND ISSUE PERMITS TO FOOD VENDORS ON COUNTY PROPERTIES.**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PART I - ADMINISTRATIVE CODE</b></p>
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## Chapter 1, UNION COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union 4-28-1976 by Ord. No. 1; amended in its entirety by Ord. No. 9-1984. Subsequent amendments noted where applicable.]

### ARTICLE XXI, Department of Public Safety

[Amended 10-30-1985 by Ord. No. 232; 9-10-1987 by Ord. No. 275; 8-2-1988 by Ord. No. 300; 7-18-1991 by Ord. No. 337; 7-22-1999 by Ord. No. 503; 6-20-2002 by Ord. No. 553; 2-5-2004 by Ord. No. 587; 9-14-2006 by Ord. No. 636; 3-27-08 by Ord. No. 667; 7-19-2012 by Ord. 738; Amended 12-19-2013 by Ord. 2013-755]

#### § 1-128. Office of Health Management.

[Added 9-9-2007 by Ord. No. 655-2007]

A. There is hereby established the Office of Health Management, a certified local health agency pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-6(b)* for the purposes of serving as the certified local health agency that will receive delegated authority under the County Environmental Health Act (CEHA), *N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-21 et seq.*, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (NJDHSS).

- (1) Under the direction and supervision of the Director of Public Safety, the Office of Health Management's functions and responsibilities shall include:
  - (a) Overseeing the administration of the Office of Health Management in carrying out its duties as the environmental health department receiving delegated authority under the CEHA, *N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-21 et seq.*, the NJDEP and the NJDHSS.
  - (b) Implement an air program concentrating on citizen's complaints and ensuring compliance with governing laws by all point source dischargers pursuant to the Air Pollution Control Act, *N.J.S.A. 26:2C-1 et seq.*
  - (c) Execute an effective Solid Waste Enforcement Program, including illegal dumping. Union County's Solid Waste Control Program is established pursuant to the provisions of the Solid Waste Management Act, *N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et c.*, the County Environmental Health Act, *N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-21 et seq.*, and the County Environmental Health Standards and Performance, *N.J.A.C. 7:1H-1.1 et seq.* The purpose of this enforcement program is to monitor compliance with the rules and regulations of the NJDEP concerning the operation of solid waste facilities and the activities of solid waste collectors and haulers in Union County. All enforcement efforts shall be done in cooperation with the NJDEP - Solid Waste Inspections and

Compliance agency to obtain consistent enforcement and to preclude duplication of effort.

- (d) Oversee investigation of all water pollution complaints and assist the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection with compliance monitoring of all point source discharges. Under the auspices of the Environmental Health Performance Standards for Potable Water Supply, *N.J.A.C. 7:1H-3.6*, Groundwater Pollution Control, *N.J.A.C. 7:1H-3.7*, and Surface Water Pollution Control, *N.J.A.C. 7:1H-3.8*, implement a comprehensive Water Pollution Control Program.
- (e) Work in conjunction with the County Bureau of GIS to develop and maintain geographic information systems (GIS) data relative to CEHA initiatives. The goal is to develop and implement a comprehensive County-wide geographic information system (GIS) database and mapping program incorporating information from local, County, state and federal agencies to serve local municipalities, agencies and the County in making decisions which impact the environment of the area.
- (f) Ensure compliance and enforcement of applicable Recycling provisions under Union County's Solid Waste Control Program.
- (g) Ensure compliance with Noise Control Regulations pursuant to the Noise Pollution Control Act, *N.J.S.A. 13:1G-1 et seq*; *N.J.A.C. 7:29-1.1 et seq*. The Union County Office of Health Management, Office of Environmental Health will enforce the State Noise Control Regulations following the guidelines outlined in this section and the CEHA Work Program to control noise from commercial and industrial sources.
- (h) Providing administrative support and assistance to all Union County departments and agencies concerning the implementation of current federal and state environmental regulations.
- (i) Promoting environmental health and safety programs within the County, including but not limited to the provisions of the "New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act", *N.J.S.A. 34:5A-1 et seq.*, hazardous waste, OSHA compliance and recycling regulations as specified in the Union County Solid Waste Management Plan.
- (j) Administer an effective Local Information Network Communications System (LINCS) operation to respond to public health threats and emergencies and provide central planning, coordination and delivery of specialized services within the County in partnership with all municipal health departments. Responsibilities will include establishing a public health surveillance and response network to ensure rapid

detection and containment of conditions which threaten the public's health and safety, providing communications to key health and health-related participants, forming public-private partnerships for addressing health issues, and coordinating all relevant entities which support and contribute to the public's health, local and state health departments, managed care, medical providers, laboratories, and emergency responders.

- (k) Act as lead public health official under the provisions of the Emergency Health Powers Act.
- (l) Enhance and integrate local public health agencies' state of preparedness for, response to, and recovery from acts of terrorism and other public health emergencies by minimizing, to the fullest extent possible, the human health consequences associated with the emergence of a novel strain of influenza virus (Flu Pandemic Planning), and expanding capacity to expeditiously and efficiently distribute/administer antibiotics and/or vaccines to our entire population at community-based points of distribution or through other supplemental delivery modalities.
- (m) Work in conjunction with Union County OEM to enhance the existing Public Health Annex of the Emergency Operation Plan.
- (n) Participate as a member of the Local Emergency Planning Council (LEPC) in the periodic review of updates and modifications to the County Emergency Operation Plan.
- (o) Coordinate with representatives from all local health departments and acute-care facilities in Union County to establish and review protocols to ensure the mutual investigation of diseases of public health importance, including potential bioterrorism incidents.
- (p) Participate in increasing the availability of worker crisis counseling and mental health and substance abuse behavioral health support, in conjunction with the County OEM and the County Mental Health Administrator, and in collaboration with the New Jersey Division of Mental Health Services Disaster and Terrorism Branch as well as the New Jersey State Police's Disaster Critical Incident Response Program.
- (q) Participate, in conjunction with NJDHSS, County OEM and the Local Health Departments, in the development of a business continuity-planning element as a component of a county-level all-hazards preparedness plan.
- (r) Exercise plans to test horizontal and vertical integration with response partners at the State, County and Local level.

- (s) Perform duties as assigned by the Director of Public Safety in the enforcement, collection and management of fees, fines or penalties pursuant to Environmental Quality and Enforcement Fund (EQEF), under the CEHA, *N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-21 et seq.*, including the conduct of compliance hearings.
- (t) To administer and enforce the Local Health Services Act, *N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-1 et seq.* and *N.J.A.C. 8:24 et seq.*, the Sanitation in Retail Food Establishments and Food and Beverage Vending Machines regulations on County properties, including performing inspections and issuing permits to allow for retail food establishments.

**i.) Inspections and Permits Fees**

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders annually adopts a fee schedule for inspections and permits, performed by the Department of Public Safety, for all retail food establishments on County properties. The Clerk of the Board will publish the required notice in the appropriate newspaper of such introduction and public hearing for the Schedule of Fees. A copy of the currently effective Schedule of Fees ordinance is on file in the Clerk of the Board's office and is available for examination during office hours.

The Director of the Department of Public Safety is hereby authorized to set fees and one time charges not specifically included in the Schedule of Fees. Subject to the written approval of the County Manager, the Director of the Department of Public Safety is hereby further authorized to amend or modify any fee set forth in the Schedule of Fees for special promotions and events up to twelve (12) times a year. In the event that the Director shall assess, amend or modify any fee he shall file a notice of said assessment, amendment or modification with the Clerk of the Board and the Director of the Department of Finance, no less than five (5) days prior to the effective date of the assessment, amendment or modification.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

The meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance Number 783-2017 only.

Bruce Patterson, of Garwood, inquired if there was an iteration in the code where the County performed food inspections. He also asked the cost of the permit fees and an estimation of potential revenue.

Chairman Bergen advised that the County had not performed the inspections previously, noting that they were performed by the local health officer of the individual municipalities the County Park resided in. He stated that the fees vary, but can run upwards of \$120 or more, which is somewhat in line with what the rate of the municipalities.

Freeholder Hudak added that by having the County perform the health inspections, it will ease the process on both the vendors and the municipal health officers; noting that many of the events in the County parks are held on weekends.

#### **FINAL READING STATEMENT**

Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Policy Subcommittee Chairman, will move Ordinance Number 783-2017 for Final Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

On a motion made by Freeholder Christopher Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, Ordinance Number 783-2017 was moved for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. Roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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

Bruce Patterson, of Garwood, made comments relative to Resolutions 2017-493 through 2017-497 pertaining to the appointments of attorneys and political donations.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

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The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2017-470 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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)

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-471 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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)

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-472 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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)

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-473 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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)

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-474 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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)



On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-475 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-476 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-477 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-478 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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)

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-479 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bergen abstaining and Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-480 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-481 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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).

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-482 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-483 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring the Township of Cranford in the amount of \$4,000 for their annual Fourth of July Fireworks and Celebration on July 4, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-484 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Union County Fatherhood Initiative Coalition in the amount of \$1,000 towards their symposium held on June 10, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-485 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Authorizing the sponsorship of the Old First Historic Trust's 2017 Celebrate Hamilton: "Hamilton and His Associates in Elizabethtown" at the Snyder Academy on July 7, 2017 in the amount of \$2,750.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-486 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution ratifying a sponsorship with the New Jersey Sharing Network in the amount of \$1,500 towards their 5K Celebration of Life and Organ & Tissue Donor Awareness Campaign on June 4, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-487 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-488 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution approving a professional services contract between the Union County Workforce Development Board and Weber Dowd Law, LLC for legal services relative to 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-489 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into an Affiliation Agreement 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bergen abstaining and Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-490 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-491 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** 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 Services for various County Departments, to Johnston Communications, North Arlington, NJ in an amount not to exceed \$617,300 for 24 months.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-492 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** 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, to Johnston Communications, North Arlington, NJ in an amount not to exceed \$710,950 for 24 months.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-493 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-494 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-495 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-496 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-497 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

#### **FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

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- 2017-498 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Mel Rose Perry Canady upon her passing.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-499 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Carmen Lilly-Jones during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-500 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER & FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Congratulating ShonTe Smith of Plainfield for sending 3,000 books to Ghana in her efforts to build a library for a high school.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-501 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Congratulating the recipients of the Hispanic Latino Alumni Council (HLAC) at their 17th Anniversary Scholars Award Luncheon on June 3, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-502 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Eleanor Barbarich, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-503 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Sara Booth, a rising star in the film industry, upon her passing at the young age of 38.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-504 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-505 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Congratulating Willow Grove Presbyterian Church of Scotch Plains upon their Juneteeth Community Celebration on June 19, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-506 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-507 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2017-508 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of John W. Crisp, devoted father of Deputy County Manager Amy Wagner, upon his passing on June 3, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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

There were no public comments on any matter.

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#### **FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Freeholder Kowalski made comments relative to the potential federal budget cuts to the Gateway Project. She stated that the Gateway Project has been termed the most important transportation infrastructure project in the United States, noting that it includes the Hudson River rail tunnels, the Portal Bridge replacement and the reconstruction of Penn Station in New York. She stated that the Board of Freeholders have been advocating in every way possible to see this project come to fruition.

She congratulated the graduates of Union County College and wished them success on their future endeavors.

Freeholder Carter made comments relative to the recently held Rhythm and Blues Concert. She thanked all the County staff for all their hard work, ensuring the success of the concert. She made comments relative to summer events in the County.

Freeholder Carter made comments relative to the Plainfield Cedar Brook Park's Shakespeare Garden; established in 1927 and still flourishes this day, noting the volunteer efforts of the Plainfield Garden Club.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to the Annual Summer Carnival for People with Disabilities to be held in Conant Park in Hillside. He also thanked his colleagues for its continued support of the Sensory Friendly Theatre Series at the Union County Performing Arts Center. He advised that the next season begins in the fall, noting the first event will be held on November 18, when the American Repertory Ballet will bring a special performance of the Nutcracker.

He made comments relative to the Sharing Network Walk (joined by Freeholders Hudak and Freeholder Estrada), noting it was a huge event and that he was proud to represent the Board at the event.

Freeholder Hudak made comments relative to the Sharing Network, noting 10,000 people participated in the event which helps raise awareness and register people for tissue & organ donation. He commended the township of New Providence for their efforts in coordinating the event.

Freeholder Hudak made comments relative to the Community Law Enforcement Addiction and Recovery (CLEAR) Program, sponsored by the Board, Prevention Links and law enforcement agencies. He stated that this program, which he hopes will expand over the coming months and years, is designed to assist those seeking help by permitting eligible individuals to surrender illegal drugs and paraphernalia for personal use without fear of arrest, prosecution or questioning. He advised that this program is part of a comprehensive effort for those suffering from heroin/opioid addiction, noting the Board's recent funding of \$150,000 for an additional 150 inpatient treatment beds.

Freeholder Wright made comments relative to the Office of Women's "Union County Women Let in the Light" yoga event to be held at Masker's Barn in the Deserted Village of Feltville on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

County Manager Faella encouraged residents to visit the County's official website to sign up for the various County-sponsored events, noting many of which are free to the public.

Vice Chairman Granados thanked Corrections Department Director Charles and his staff for providing educational services to inmates, noting that he was able to attend a ceremony where two individuals were able to obtain their GED; noting that there are inmates that want to provide a better life for themselves and their family upon re-entering society.

Chairman Bergen congratulated Freeholders Estrada and Hudak, and their running mate Mayor Garretson of Hillside on their election victory. He congratulated all those who won their respective offices.

He made comments relative to the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra's return to Oak Ridge Park in Clark on June 23, noting that their performance kicks off the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Arts Festival Concert Series. He advised that it will be preceded by the re-enactment of the Battle of Short Hills.

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## ADJOURNMENT

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Chairman Bergen called for a motion to adjourn.



On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, a voice vote showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed Jalloh absent. Meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.

**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, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified. In the event an Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting are held on the same night, the Agenda Setting Session will commence at 7:00 pm and the Regular Meeting will commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session.

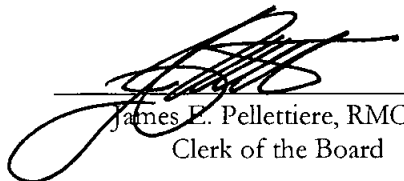
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**REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017 AT 12:00 NOON  
ASSIGNMENT JUDGE KAREN M. CASSIDY'S COURTROOM, 2 BROAD STREET, ELIZABETH, NJ****AGENDA SETTING SESSIONS**

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