

## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2017  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### ROLL CALL

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

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A resolution presentation will be made by Chairman Bergen and Vice Chairman Granados to Valerie Latona recognizing her efforts in bringing her community together with her Love Trumps Hate Wall.

Chairman Bergen called upon Vice Chairman Granados to join him to present the evening's presentation. Chairman Bergen stated that Valarie Latona and her family, in an attempt to counter-act the negativity, put up signs on their fence to help improve the public discourse. He noted that some had defaced those positive messages, but that those actions did not deter their perseverance in spreading their message of positivity and kindness. Chairman Bergen stated that their fence is filled with hearts and message of love, proving that "Love Trumps Hate".

Vice Chairman Granados commended their message of unity, noting we are "One Community, One Family". He made comments relative to the importance in supporting one another in moving forward with positive messages. He thanked them for helping unify the County.

Chairman Bergen presented the proclamation to Mrs. Latona and her family.

Mrs. Latona stated that they created the wall of love and encouraged their community to post hearts with messages of what love means to them, noting that it was an effort to bring

together people of different religions, races, ethnicities and countries of origin to show that love can unify the diversity within the community.

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## 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 Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak absent.

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## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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1. Thursday, August 11, 2016 - Executive Session
  
2. Thursday, September 8, 2016 - Agenda Meeting
3. Thursday, September 8, 2016 - Executive Session
4. Thursday, September 15, 2016 - Regular Meeting
5. Thursday, September 22, 2016 - Agenda Meeting
6. Thursday, September 22, 2016 - Regular Meeting
  
7. Thursday, October 6, 2016 - Agenda Meeting
8. Thursday, October 6, 2016 - Executive Session
9. Thursday, October 13, 2016 - Regular Meeting
10. Thursday, October 20, 2016 - Agenda Meeting
11. Thursday, October 20, 2016 - Regular Meeting
  
12. Thursday, November 10, 2016 - Agenda Meeting
13. Thursday, November 10, 2016 - Executive Session
14. Tuesday, November 22, 2016 - Regular Meeting
  
15. Thursday, December 1, 2016 - Agenda Meeting
16. Thursday, December 8, 2016 - Regular Meeting
17. Thursday, December 15, 2016 - Agenda Meeting
18. Thursday, December 15, 2016 - Executive Session
19. Thursday, December 22, 2016 - Regular Meeting

Chairman Bergen called for a motion to approve the Minutes. On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Jalloh, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the Meeting Minutes with the exception of the meeting minutes of: September 8, 2016 Agenda and Executive Session with seven members voting in the affirmative and Freeholder Estrada abstaining; November 10, 2016 Agenda and Executive Session with six members voting in the affirmative and Freeholders Carter and Wright abstaining; November 22, 2016 Regular Meeting with five members voting in the affirmative and Freeholders Jalloh, Kowalski and Chairman Bergen abstaining; December 1, 2016 Agenda Meeting with six members voting in the affirmative and Freeholder Carter and Vice Chairman Granados abstaining; and December 22, 2016 Regular Meeting with Freeholder Jalloh abstaining; and Christopher Hudak absent.

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**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.

Chairman Bergen called upon Fiscal Chairman Mirabella to offer a statement.

Fiscal Chairman Mirabella made comments relative to the 2017 County Budget, which is set to be introduced at the night's Regular Meeting. He stated that the introduction followed a series of Fiscal Meetings on the Budget which was held in Kenilworth, Scotch Plains and Elizabeth.

Chairman Bergen thanked the Fiscal Committee, and the entire Board for their efforts in preparing the 2017 County Budget.

Pat Mochetti, of New Providence, made comments or inquires relative to a number of resolutions. Regarding resolution number 2017-253, he inquired as to why the County hasn't qualified a Union County firm to do the work. Regarding resolution numbers 2017-254 and 2017-255, he asked if the service agreements are cost neutral, a loss or a profit to the County. Regarding resolution number 2017-259, he inquired as to who was paying whom and why did the County decide to enter into a 30 year lease and inquired as to the cost per parking lot. Regarding resolution number 2017-261, he inquired as to why the resolution is necessary. Regarding resolution number 2017-262 & 2017-263, he asked what the difference between the two resolutions is. Regarding resolution number 2017-264, he asked how much surplus is identified in the County Budget and if it involves the consolidation of the Sheriff's Office and the County Police. Regarding resolution number 2017-269, he inquired as to the purpose of the title search. Regarding resolution number 2017-270, he inquired if there were any New Jersey firms available to provide the service. Regarding resolution number 2017-272, he inquired as to the major line items of the project's budget. Regarding resolution number 2017-273, he inquired as to why the County is paying bills from 2016 service. Regarding resolution number 2017-275, he asked why the County not is using a New Jersey firm. Regarding resolution number 2017-276, he inquired as to the cost. Regarding resolution number 2017-277, he inquired if there is a conflict of interest with one of the Freeholders from voting as they were a past employee of the vendor. Regarding resolution number 2017-279, he asked what does the acronym "CDBG" stand for. Regarding resolution number 2017-281, he inquired as to how the County is extending a contract at no additional cost. Regarding resolution number 2017-283, he inquired as to how one gets selected for appointment and why is the Board the appointing authority.

Regarding resolution number 2017-253, Director Moran stated that this resolution pertains to the upgrading of existing equipment chosen by the UASI working group which is represented by seven counties and two core cities who are subject matter experts on HAZMAT response.

Regarding resolution number 2017-254, Director Moran stated that this resolution is cost neutral, noting that the price is \$38,642.

Regarding resolution number 2017-255, Director Moran stated that this resolution is also cost neutral, noting that the price is \$11,040.

Regarding resolution number 2017-259, Director Graziano stated that there are 2013 parking spaces in which the County is paying National Passenger Corporation (aka Amtrak). He added that this is a renewal lease (previously another 30 year lease) at a rate of \$2.18 per day/per space.

Chairman Bergen asked, for the public's purpose, to confirm that either the County or Amtrak can exercise an opt-out clause. Director Graziano confirmed he was correct.

Regarding resolution numbers 2017-261, Director Taylor stated that the resolution is a standard resolution used by counties and municipalities to allow for maximum flexibility in subsequent budget years to exceed the cap; noting that the County is not looking to utilize the cap in this year's budget, but rather banking that cap.

Regarding resolution numbers 2017-262 & 2017-263, Director Taylor stated that the resolutions are a result of a new law that took into effect on January 1, 2017 that cap constitutional offices to a 2% increase. She stated that these resolutions allow for two offices (Prosecutor and Tax Board) to go over a nominal amount in this year's budget; noting that their budgets must comply with the overall County's tax cap requirements (1977 and 2010 Tax Levy Caps).

Regarding resolution number 2017-264, Director Taylor stated that as of the year end of 2016, the County surplus is at \$65,927,980.71, and noted that the County anticipates \$22,250,000 as revenue in the 2017 County Budget.

Regarding resolution number 2017-269, Director Zuber stated that the title search is for a large portion in Green Brook Park which sits in Somerset County. He noted that the County is nearing the end of the lease and this resolution allows the County to confirm all the boundary lines before the County moves forward with any new lease agreement.

Regarding resolution number 2017-270, Director Sanchez (Golf Operations) stated that the vendor is to be selected through a National Bid.

Regarding resolution number 2017-272, Director Sanchez (Golf Operations) stated that the main expenses are the salaries and all operating expenses for Warinanco Sports Center (Ice Hokey in the Winter and Indoor Turf in the Spring and Summer).

Regarding resolution number 2017-273, Undersheriff Colon stated that one of the K-9 officers (Abbey) came down with a rare disease, and that the bills from the veterinarian came in late.

Regarding resolution number 2017-275, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Prosecutor Isenhour stated that the Office uses very specific software for the DNA Lab that is used nationwide, noting that there is no New Jersey company that provides this service.

Regarding resolution number 2017-276, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Prosecutor Isenhour stated that the cost was determined by a previous resolution, noting that this resolution simply adds an additional vendor to the qualified list.

Regarding resolution number 2017-279, Chairman Bergen advised that "CDBG" stands for "Community Development Block Grant".

Regarding resolution number 2017-281, Director Wagner advised that the funds do not expire until June 30, 2017. She advised that the individual contracts expire prior to that date to allow staff to process the necessary paperwork to close out the contracts. She advised that this resolution allows the individual grantees an additional 2 months to pay down their grants.

Freeholder Christopher Hudak joined the meeting.

Regarding resolution number 2017-283, Clerk of the Board Pelletiere advised that the County receives applications over email. He advised that the County received notice of a trustee's resignation, and that this appointment fills the unexpired term. He noted that this appointment would have to be filled in July.

John Burry, of Kenilworth, asked questions relative to resolution number 2017-264 (County Budget). He inquired as to what the maximum amount the County could raise taxes in 2017. He also inquired if there is a State agency the public can make comments to regarding the 2017 County Budget.

Chairman Bergen advised that the State agency that oversees all government budgets is the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services.

Regarding resolution number 2017-264, Director Taylor advised that because Counties are limited by the lesser of the 1977 and 2010 Tax Levy Cap, the County of Union is limited to raising taxes under the 2010 Tax Levy Cap in the amount of \$357,152, 366.10. Under the 1977 CAP, the County still has bank in the amount of \$5,048,476.51 under the 2016 Levy Cap, noting that the County is banking \$7,327,649.24 in the 2017 Levy Cap for future years.

Bruce Patterson, of Garwood, made comments or inquires relative to a number of resolutions. Regarding resolution number 2017-254 and 2017-255, he inquired if there was a savings to the townships. Regarding resolution number 2017-261, he encouraged the Board to vote no in light of the County's surplus. Regarding resolution numbers 2017-262 and 2017-263, he inquired as to why those offices need to exceed the cap, and asked by how much they will exceed the cap. Regarding resolution number 2017-264, he stated that he previously said the surplus would reach \$65-\$70 million and questioned why the Board is adding 13% of the overall budget into surplus after the sale of Runnells Specialized Hospital. He inquired as to whether or not there is a conflict of interest in having a municipal business administrator oversee the County Budget (as Fiscal Chairman).

Chairman Bergen reminded the speaker that the question of any conflict has been answered, and reminded him that there is no conflict.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

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The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2017-252 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** 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: First Priority Emergency Vehicles, Inc., Manchester, New Jersey, for the purpose of

purchasing a new cab & chassis and an ambulance remount box in an amount of \$116,500.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-253 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with AristaTek, Laramie, Wyoming, for the purpose of upgrading existing software and databases in an amount not to exceed \$46,000 from the 2015 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant program.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-254 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement between the County of Union and the Borough of Roselle to establish shared telecommunications services to dispatch Fire and EMS vehicles and equipment to the Borough of Roselle for a five (5) year term with a 2% annual increase for the remaining contract period.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-255 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement between the County of Union and the Borough of Roselle Park to establish shared telecommunications services to dispatch Fire and EMS vehicles and equipment to the Borough of Roselle Park for an initial term of five (5) years with an annual 2% increase for remaining contract term.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-256 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend the New Jersey Department of Health Grant Award for Public Health Emergency Preparedness (LINCS Grant) in the amount of \$298,072 for a contract period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-257 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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) - 2017 Local Bridges, Future Needs Program - LBFN 2017-00013 for the Replacement of Stelle Avenue Bridge (PI-1) over Cedar Brook, City of Plainfield, Structure Number 2012-001, County of Union, New Jersey in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-028)

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

**2017-258 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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) - 2017 Local Bridges, Future Needs Program - LBFN 2017-00016 for the Rehabilitation of East Hazelwood Avenue Bridge (CR621) over South Branch Rahway River, City of Rahway, Structure Number 2013009, County of Union, New Jersey in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2012-021)

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

**2017-259 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract for the Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management: Division of Facilities Management to the National Passenger Corporation aka Amtrak, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of providing Employee Parking, for a contract period of thirty (30) consecutive years from April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2047 in an amount not to exceed \$3,450,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

**2017-260 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew a contract with Dr. Eshban Muthuka for the period of March 16, 2017 through March 15, 2018. Resolution #2016-539 references the Request for Qualifications (RFQ).

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

**2017-261 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution to exceed the County tax levy limit and to establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.14).

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

**2017-262 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Board of Taxation to exceed the County Entity Budget CAP (P.L., 2015, c.249)

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

**2017-263 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the Office of the County Prosecutor to exceed the County Entity Budget CAP (P.L., 2015, c.249)

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

**2017-264 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Introducing and Approving the Annual Budget of the County of Union for the Fiscal Year 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-265 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Amending Resolution Number 2016-255, extending Contract Year 3 with SAGE Eldercare, Inc. for the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP), to extend the contract period for the twelve (12) month period of April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 in the total amount not to exceed \$28,500 with no other changes to terms of agreement.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-266 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2017 Coordinated Community Care Spending Plan in the total amount not to exceed \$100,000; entering into agreements with various agencies, pursuant to a Request for Proposal for contract year two of a three year cycle, to provide Home Care and Nursing services to Union County residents 60 years or older for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the agencies, during the contract period, should services needs change and/or if any of the funded agencies should fail to meet its contractual obligation.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-267 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2017 Statewide Respite Care Spending Plan in the total amount not to exceed \$321,566 and entering into agreements with various agencies, pursuant to a Request for Proposal, for contract year two of a three year cycle, to provide Respite Care services to unpaid caregivers of Union County for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the funded agencies, during the contract period, should services needs change and/or if any of the agencies should fail to meet its contractual obligation.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, and Chairman Bergen abstaining.

- 2017-268 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Amending Resolution Number 2017-186, awarding various contracts, pursuant to a Request for Proposal in accordance with the 2016-2018 Area Plan, to reflect an increase in funding only in the amount not to exceed \$1,591,415 for a new grand total not to exceed \$2,952,874 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, and Chairman Bergen abstaining.



- 2017-269 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Attorney Title Services, LLC, Cranford, NJ to perform a title search of Greenbrook Park in Union County and Somerset County for a sum not to exceed \$9,500.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-270 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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: E-Z-GO Textron, Inc., Augusta, Georgia, for the purpose of providing golf cart lease for a period of 48 months, in the amount of \$1,032,609.72

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-271 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Architectural / Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Netta Architects, of Mountainside, New Jersey to provide Design, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for Wash Stations at Ashbrook Park & Cedar Brook Park Maintenance Facilities, Township of Scotch Plains, City of Plainfield, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$40,500.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-037)

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-272 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve Sport Facility Management LLC operational budget for the Warinanco Sports Facility operational expenses for the period of April 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in the amount not to exceed \$480,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-273 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Westfield Veterinary Group for the purpose of providing veterinary care and food for the Sheriff's Office's K9 in the amount not to exceed \$18,906.07 for the services rendered to said K9 in the year 2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-274 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-516, a Shared Services Agreement with Middlesex County, to include reimbursement of overtime hours from grant funds for the designated Middlesex County DNA Analyst to address DNA case backlog in both jurisdictions, Middlesex and Union counties from February 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018 for an amount not to exceed \$5,016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-275 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorization to encumber the remaining funds for STRmix Probabilistic Genotyping Software at the Union County Forensic Laboratory from NicheVision Forensics, LLC, Akron, OH in an amount not to exceed \$27,500 obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law on BA #29-2016.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-276 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2016-863, to include Kristina DeJesus to serve as an Independent Contractor as part of the Union County Sexual Assault Response Team for the period of February 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-277 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the Chubb Group of Insurance Companies, Warren, NJ to provide Travel Accident Insurance for Public Officials for a 36-month period from April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2020 in the amount of \$4,050.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-278 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with The Hartford Insurance Company, Dallas, TX for Volunteer Accident Insurance policy, from April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 in the amount of \$360.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-279 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2016-428, approving the 2016-2017 (Year 42) Consolidated Action Plan to increase CDBG funding to the Freeholder Initiative Program (Acct. D-12-56-816-505-919) in the amount of \$90,000 from \$55,000 to \$145,000. The increased funds will be utilized from the following account: \$90,000 of County Program Income Funds from Acct. #7-12-286-56-000-692.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-280 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award Group I&I Consultancy with a contract from March 6, 2017- March 31, 2018, for Comprehensive Professional Services, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. This resolution would allow Group I&I to provide the Union County Workforce Development Board with professional research, writing, strategic policy, planning

and program development services so as to assist the board to meet the new requirements of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-281 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2016-260, a resolution awarding contracts for the provision of comprehensive year-round youth programs for out-of-school youth (ages 16 - 24) for the twelve-month period from April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017 under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, to extend the contract end date from March 31, 2017 to May 31, 2017 at no additional cost to the County.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-282 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** A resolution appointing and designating Special Counsels for the Union County Solid Waste Management District.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-283 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Appointing Dr. Karen Young to the Union County College Trustees to serve the unexpired term ending June 30, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

#### **FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

- 2017-284 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution acknowledging and proclaiming Tuesday, April 4, 2017 as Equal Pay Day in recognition of the need to eliminate the gender gap in earnings by women and to promote policies to endure equal pay for all.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-285 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of former Rahway Councilman and County employee Sal Mione, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-286 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Richard M. Birch, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-287 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Rev. Thomas Strickland, Jr., during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-288 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating the honorees of the 45th Urban League Dinner and Gala.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-289 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating Ella Teal on her lifetime achievement honor at the 45th Urban League Dinner and Gala.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-290 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Recognizing the month of April as Autism Awareness Month throughout the County of Union and commending the efforts of Autism Speaks and other service organizations and agencies for educating people about the issues surrounding Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD); and further celebrating the resources and support services as available to people with Autism.

2 On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 017-291 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing and commending Valerie Latona and David Contract of Westfield for building a "Wall of Love."

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-292 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating and commending the efforts of ShopRite of Clark - "Fighting Hunger from the Heart" at their event and honoring the hunger-fighting team on March 9, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2017-293 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Proclaiming the month of April as Parkinson's Awareness Month throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

**2017-294 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Congratulating the Rotary Club of Elizabeth on celebrating 100 years of service at their gala on April 21, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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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.

Chairman Bergen requested speakers not to interrupt speakers so the Board can hear what the speakers are stating. He stated that in light of some misinformation on social media, he wanted to provide a short overview of the history of the planning of the proposed mountain bike paths. He stated that in February of 2016 the Board adopted a Trails Master Plan, which included a proposal for bringing mountain bike trails back into the Watchung Reservation; noting that at that time the proposal was six to seven miles of dual use trails. He stated that the Board revisited the concept of dual use trails and determined a preference of a single use mountain bike trail. He stated since that determination, the County has been in a process of revisiting the mountain bike trails proposal. He advised that there was a revised map promulgated in December 2016, but has not been adopted by the Board. He advised that the Board must make a public vote to amend the Master Plan; assuring the public that the process will be transparent to the public.

Tom (inaudible), of Westfield, made comments in support of the proposed mountain bike trails. He spoke on the purpose of JORBA and the volunteerism of mountain bikers. He thanked the Board for its transparency on this issue.

Charles Weltner (inaudible), of Westfield, made comments in opposition to the proposed mountain bike trails. He made comments relative to documents obtained through OPRA regarding the temporary lifting of the mountain biking ban in the 1990s.

Holly Hoffman, of Plainfield and former director of Trailside Nature and Science Center in the 1990s, made comments in opposition to the proposed mountain bike trails. She made comments relative to a biker accident that required him to be helicoptered to a hospital. She made comments relative to her environmental concerns; including concerns with wildlife and plant life, and the transporting of invasive seeds. She spoke to the intent of the reservation.

William Toth, of Plainfield, made comments in opposition to the proposed mountain bike trails. He made comments relative to the construction costs of the trails and potential for traumatic injuries and fatalities. He read from a list of News Article headlines pertaining to mountain bike injuries (attached).

Vice Chairman Granados left the meeting.

Eric Housker (inaudible), of Rahway, made comments in opposition to the proposed mountain bike trails. He stated he was a member of the Sierra Club and made comments relative to the philosophy of the Sierra Club; noting that parks were created for peace,

tranquility and quiet enjoyment, and that natural preserves were created for the preservation of wildlife and plantlife. He noted the Boar's record of preserving wildlife; mentioning the County's BioBliz program.

Freeholder Hudak left the meeting.

Mary Houssel (inaudible), of New Providence, made comments in opposition to the proposed mountain bike trails. She stated that she is a trail steward and was appreciative to the Board for assisting with the problem of the lack of contact with the County representatives for trail maintenance volunteerism. She made comments relative to the state of the trails and lack of maintenance of the trails. She encouraged the Board to speak with Essex County Freeholders as they have dealt with a similar issue with South Mountain Reservation; where they do not permit mountain biking. She stated that an Environmental Study should be done.

Freeholder Hudak returned to the meeting.

Sharlton Dekevitch, (inaudible), of Bridgewater (grew up in Township of Union), made comments in opposition to the proposed mountain bike trails.

Freeholder Jalloh left the meeting.

She made comments relative to her previous experiences with mountain bikers as an equestrian. She stated that she works for the DEP and made comments relative to her environmental concerns.

Freeholder Estrada left the meeting.

Nancy Peujar (inaudible), of Plainfield, made comments in opposition to the proposed mountain bike trails. She spoke of the need to preserve the national area; as it was considered a "national park" to her growing up in the 1950s & 1960s. She made comments relative to a book entitled "A Twenty-Five Year Report of the Union County Park Commission."

Colleen Zaccharia, of Union, made comments in opposition to the proposed Green Lane Park Development. She stated she was present on behalf of the 125 homes of the Kennedy Park Reservation. She advised that they were told at the local meeting that the County is moving forward with the project. She advised that many are opposed to the County 5-acre portion of the project. She stated her opposition to any trail and the building of a permanent restroom facility. She shared her concerns of the "non-desirables" that would utilize the space if opened up to the public. She shared her concerns of the transient residents and recent park that was set on fire (arson) by these "undesirables." She inquired if there would be a public hearing for the public to voice their concerns.

Freeholder Jalloh returned to the meeting.

Dan Fried, of Union, made comments in opposition to the proposed Green Lane Park Development. He asked for the County to hold a community meeting, noting how the Township held one and have decided to cancel their portion of the project in light of their

concerns. He had questions pertaining to the details of the playground. He spoke on the community cleanup and how they do not want to bring more people to the park.

Chairman Bergen advised that the County was not aware of the second meeting; noting that County personnel would have attended. He advised the County's plans were based on a "joint-park," noting that the County's plans may change now that the Township is not moving forward with their portion of the project. He advised that before the County's plan is finalized, the County will hold the Green Acres required public hearing, noting that the public would be informed of the hearing.

Paul Starker, of Summit, made comments in opposition to the proposed mountain bike trails. He stated his concerns regarding safety and access points for first responders.

Steve Rab, of Berkeley Heights, made comments in support of the proposed mountain bike trails. He made comments relative to Morris County's mountain bike trails.

Andrew Stillotson, attorney in Westfield and co-leader of the Union County Chapter of JORBA, made comments in support of the proposed mountain bike trails. He advised to be wary of "fear mongering". He made comments relative to the fact that mountain bikers are considered to be responsible trail users.

(inaudible), of Mountainside, made comments in support to the proposed mountain bike trails. He spoke of his concerns relative to the safety of pedestrians on the roads within the reservation. He made comments relative to his eagle scout project (clean up a trail), where the trail has flourished over the past 15 years. He made comments relative to the benefits to trail maintenance that JORBA brings.

Freeholder Estrada returned to the meeting.

Ann DeCamp, of Scotch Plains, made comments in opposition to the proposed mountain bike trails. She spoke on the importance in valuing nature. She asked if a traffic study was completed and spoke of her concerns the trails will have on the surrounding homeowners. She provided the Clerk of the Board with a New York Times article from May 30, 1995 regarding the South Mountain Reservation (attached).

Sara Seaney, of Scotch Plains, made comments in opposition to the proposed mountain bike trails. She made comments to her family's use of the reservation (hiking). She advised that the preservation of the reservation is what inspired her son to study environmental science. She stated that she is a Master Gardner and strongly opposes the plan. She asked the Board reconsider the plan.

Eric Moberk, of Summit, made comments in support to the proposed mountain biking. He spoke to his lifetime mileage of over 300,000 miles of mountain biking without any troubles with other trail users. He spoke to his concerns to the misrepresentation of the impact the trails would have on the environment. He commended the Board for considering the expansion of access of the reservation to other users. He made comments relative to Miles McVan, stating what a wonderful man he was and fitting tribute for the Seniors In Motion program.

Rob Reedans, of Mountainside, made comments in support of the proposed mountain biking trails. He stated he purchased their home to be close to nature and the reservation. He stated that mountain biking is a great alternative to road bikers. He stated that he believed they could be shared, but supports separating the trails from other users if that is the preference of the Board.

Jamie Meiselman, co-leader of the local JORBA Chapter, made comments in support of the proposed mountain biking trails. He commented relative to decommissioning of trails and returning them to a sustainable trail network.

Bob Miller, of Cranford, made comments in support of the proposed mountain bike trails. He continued reading from Mr. Meiselman's printed comments. He made comments on the environmental concern bikers have for the reservation, and made comments that dispute the bikers would harm the environment.

Henry Labinsky, of Fanwood, made comments relative to the proposed mountain bike trails. He shared his concerns of one vocal minority against another vocal minority. He stated that he thought the trails could be shared. He questioned if it was reasonable to deny access of the trails to an environmentally friendly, low-speed recreation activity.

Thomas Dunn, of Cranford, made comments in support of the proposed mountain bike trails. He stated that he rides bikes and sells bikes. He made comments relative to the make-up of cyclists in the area: stating that 56% of bikes they sold were mountain bikes and 75% are to children, claiming they don't sell a single downhill mountain bike. He advised the Board to disregard the fear mongering; and noted the death of two hikers from Westfield.

Eva Michelson, of Plainfield, made comments in opposition to the proposed mountain bike trails. She spoke of her memories of the Reservation and of the value of the reservation in such a populated state as New Jersey. She spoke to her desire to keep the Reservation healthy and questioned if an environmental study was completed.

Richard Carr, of Summit, made comments in opposition to the proposed mountain bike trails. He made comments to his concerns that mountain biking is a destructive sport that will cause erosion. He stated that Watchung Reservation is a retreat to nature not aggressive sport.

Stacey Barbossa, of Mountainside, made comments in support of the proposed mountain bike trails. She made comments on her love of the reservation. She stated that the mountain bikers are not "deplorables", but rather, they are lawyers, doctors, business owners, chefs, teachers, aunts, moms, etc. and just love to ride bikes. She noted the roads are dangerous. She spoke of a new National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) for middle school and high school kids; which have a Union County team of 13 kids from Summit, Westfield and Berkeley Heights.

Sean Patrick Sullivan, of Westfield, made comments in support of the proposed mountain bike trails. He made comments relative to his education at University of Vermont's Environmental Studies Program. He stated that mountain biking is safer than road biking. He stated that there is new information on mountain biking. He stated that if the Watchung Reservation is solely a reservation, than he encouraged the Board to eliminate all activities.



Barbara Krouse, of Cranford, made comments in opposition of the proposed mountain bike trails. She stated that the Board has sensitivity towards the environment; noting how the Board came to the aid of the township in regards to the cutting of trees at Union County College. She commented on a NJ Magazine that listed Watchung Reservation as one of the State's 34 scenic trails for hiking; noting that of the 34 trails, only 3 permit mountain biking. She referenced a Union County Park Commission annual report from 1923 that indicates its first welcome to the Reservation and states its establishment to preserve (this) entire track in its largely primeval state, avoiding the polish or finish of a city park; to make it more accessible and reasonably available for picnickers, campers, fisherman and lovers of nature.

Evan Taballo, of Westfield, made comments in support of the proposed mountain bike trails. He stated he wants to bike the trails and enjoy/see nature; noting that they are not exclusive of one another.

Jim Spear, of Plainfield, made comments in opposition of the proposed mountain bike trails. He thanked Freeholder Carter for her efforts in serving the people of Plainfield. He spoke on his experiences of walking his dog in the reservation. He spoke to the Board's responsibility to preserve the Reservation for future generations. He noted that skiers have to drive long distances to enjoy their recreational sport, and stated that mountain bikers only have to drive 30 minutes. He thanked the Board for their support in binging soccer fields to Cedar Brook Park. He made comments relative to an incident that awarded over \$2 million in an liability case at a state park.

Chris Nolson, of Elizabeth, made comments relative to his request for support on behalf of the community. He stated that he served his country honorably, and felt an obligation to ask the Board to assist his non-profit organization (Citizens Going Forward) that works with the Superior Court for children community service projects. He noted that he partnered with the American Basketball Association and will be doing a free clinic for kids. He noted that he worked with Director Zuber on a free clinic for children with disabilities. He requested the stage for an event.

Chairman Bergen advised Mr. Nolson to provide his information to the Clerk of the Board, and he would follow upon your sponsorship application.

Lauren Smalley, of Mountainside, made comments in support of the proposed mountain bike trails. She implored the Board to ascertain all the facts. She stated that riding inside the reservation is much safer than on the road.

Freeholder Jalloh left the room.

Carl Riley, of Cranford, made comments in support of the proposed mountain bike trails. He noted that the discussion is centered on "bicycles," and urged the Board not to overreact and make more of this issue than is needed.

Dave Mallillo (inaudible), of Scotch Plains, made comments in opposition to the proposed mountain bike trails. He stated that the mountain bikers will not be leisurely biking, but rather they would be aggressively biking. He encouraged the Board to Youtube mountain biking. He noted that there are over 20 places for people to mountain bike in New Jersey, and noted that it isn't necessary to disturb the Reservation.

Rich DePalo, of Garwood, made comments in opposition to the proposed mountain bike trails, noting that he would be ok with a possible sharing of trails, but would not want to construct and disturb the current natural environment of the reservation.

Peter Kuzinski, of Mountainside, made comments relative in support to the proposed mountain bike trails. He stated that he questions what he gets for his taxes, noting that felt it is frustrating to spend so much time debating this issue. He noted that he wasn't a golfer or a tennis player, but rather he is a cyclist and is looking for a return on his taxes. He stated that the Reservation needs help, noting that the Master Plan can help everyone.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, admitted the decision on whether the reservation should be active or passive is a difficult one. He made comments relative to the County budget, and questioned if the County is going over the cap. He questioned if a town manager can oversee the development of the County budget (conflict of interest). He asked that the County could match half the municipal re-assessment costs. He made comments relative to the \$4 million in profit from the sale of Runnells and the Infrastructure Grants.

Pat Mochetti, of New Providence, made comments relative to government spending. He noted that he attended the public meeting on the Union County College budget meeting. He noted that the percentage of UCC graduates has been increasing, and he inquired as to what was the reason. He advised that all governments can find 5% in inefficiencies. He stated the Board should use the 5% (\$4 million) towards reducing county taxes. He suggested the County remove the "Accrued Compensation Absences" from the budget.

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## **FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

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Freeholder Hudak thanked all of those who spoke on the issue concerning the Watchung Reservation. He stated that he felt the 2,200-acre property could be shared by all users. He stated that the Board is still in the process in reviewing the plan, but noted that it is obvious to improve the trail system. He noted that he has been very open-minded on this issue, and believes there is a way to move forward with the different activities. He made comments to the hesitancy of residents to improvements to parks, but once they are implemented, the residents are supportive. He stated that change is important in keeping the Union County parks system vibrant. He noted that he appreciates the passion of the residents.

Freeholder Wright made comments relative to the Chairman's "Seniors In Motion" initiative, which assists seniors with free local transport; noting that she attended the presentation ceremony in Union Township with Freeholder Hudak.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to the Sensory Friendly Theatre Series presentation of "A Midsummer Night's Dream by the American Repertory Ballet Company for individuals with autism and other sensory sensitivities.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to Union County College and his support of the college, noting the strong leadership is a major factor in the college's increasing graduate rate.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to the mountain bike trail issue, noting that he shares Freeholder Hudak's sentiments as it relates to his having an open mind on the matter. He advised that he is still gathering information and informed the audience members that the public comments are helpful, and sees the potential to provide a variety of activities at the Reservation, inclusive of mountain biking. He noted his sensitivity to the residents who live close to the proposed trail. He stated that he is open to a compromise on this issue.

Freeholder Estrada made comments relative to his support in finding a solution to allow access for mountain bikers at the Reservation. He stated the importance in the County to complete its due-diligence on the matter. He spoke on the importance of preserving the ecosystem of the Reservation, noting that all members of the Board are cognizant of this obligation. He stated that it is important to balance that with providing the residents with the opportunity to utilize the Reservation. He stated that he appreciated all of the residents for participating in the meeting.

Freeholder Estrada made comments relative to the recent passing of U.S. Vietnam Veteran, former Rahway Councilman and County employee (Veteran Affairs), Sal Mione,, noting his military service accolades and his service to his community.

Freeholder Estrada made comments relative to Union County College's budget request to the County of Union. He made comments on the increase in the school's graduate rate. He made comments relative to his recent tour of the facilities to see the plans of capital improvements, noting that he was impressed with their student-college technological capabilities.

Freeholder Estrada made comments relative to the introduction of the County's Budget, with specific comments to the reserve funds and operating capital funds. He stated that he took exception that a member of the public questions the legality of a town business administrator serving as Freeholder Fiscal Chair. He advised that no decisions are made unilaterally to improve the lives of the citizens of one particular town, noting that a Freeholder would abstain from casting any such vote if there are issues pertaining to only a particular town. He advised he took exception from the member of the public questioning the integrity of his colleague.

Freeholder Carter thanked the residents for participating in the night's meeting, noting that in the beginning of the process the public interest seemed one-sided and was glad to hear all the voices of the residents; both pro and con as it relates the activities allowed at the Reservation. She thanked the Chairman for taking the lead on responding, on behalf of the Board, to all the emails and phone calls the Board receives on this issue. She stated that she looks forward to the continued dialogue and information gathering process.

Freeholder Carter made comments relative to the first 2017 Paper Shredding Recycling event at Union County Vo-Tech School's Scotch Plains Campus.

Freeholder Carter made comments relative to the Union County Student Training & Enrichment Program's kick-off, noting that over 100 students from twelve high schools in Union County participated in the event. She made comments relative to one-day leadership training program held last December, noting that the "Cans for Kids" program was the winning program, which will partner with the Hillside Community Food Bank.

Freeholder Kowalski made comments relative to the passing of Veteran and former Councilman Sal Mione.

Freeholder Kowalski thanked Fiscal Chairman Mirabella on his leadership with the development of the 2017 County Budget. She thanked the Fiscal Team of County administrators that assisted in preparing the budget as well.

Freeholder Kowalski thanked the residents for participating in the night's meeting. She advised that the Board is collecting information and is appreciative of all the emails and phone calls on this issue. She made comments relative to the efforts of the County's employees, who each day try to do more with less, and noted the high costs it would take to maintain the Reservation to the level she would prefer. She advised that the Board will continue to look at the Master Plan, keeping in mind the ecological balance of the nature preserve. She thanked Hollie Hoffman for her years of service to the County Parks System and for her comments relative to the proposed mountain bike trails.

Freeholder Kowalski made comments relative to the County's WWI Centennial events, noting the first event will take place on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Snyder Academy in Elizabeth.

Freeholder Kowalski thanked all the staff and thousands of students who participated in this year's "Teen Arts Festival" at Union County College.

Chairman Bergen made comments, joining Freeholder Estrada in his comments, in response to the public speaker's comments relative to the county's reserves and the possible conflict of interest of a Freeholder. He stated, for the audience's edification, that the speaker's questions pertaining to the conflict of interest were in fact addressed by both himself and County Counsel, and advised that there is no conflict present. Relative to the surplus, he noted that on February 23, 2017, Moody's upgraded the County's bond rating to AAA, the highest rating available. He noted that they did so in part to the fact that the County's "financial position will remain sound given its fiscally conservative budgeting practices." He added that Moody's also noted the County's "sizable and improved reserve position, supported by fixed Administrative policies and regulations."

Chairman Bergen made comments relative to the opening of the new offices for the New Jersey Veterans Network in Union, noting that the County is sponsoring the New Jersey Veterans Network as part of its UC HERO program. He thanked the leadership of Mike Boll on this project.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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Chairman Bergen called for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, a voice vote showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent. Meeting was adjourned at 10:20pm.

## 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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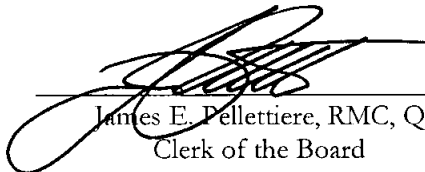
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