



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bruce Bergen presided and called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

ROLL CALL

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

A resolution presentation will be made by Freeholder Alexander Mirabella to Robert "Bob" Stevens and Robert "Bob" DelaRosa, Sr. congratulating them on celebrating 50 years of service to the Roselle Park Fire Volunteer Fire Department.

Chairman Bergen called upon Freeholder Mirabella to lead in the evening's presentation.

Freeholder Mirabella said it was a great honor to present the two resolutions. He stated that it was a pleasure to work with both Mr. Stevens and Mr. Dela Rosa while he served as Fire Commissioner while on the Borough's Council. Freeholder Mirabella asked for Chief Joseph Signorello to join him in the presentation, and thanked the Fire Fighters in attendance for their support. Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to volunteerism in Roselle Park and throughout Union County.

Mr. Dela Rosa thanked the Board for continuing to honor the Roselle Park volunteer firefighters; especially thanking Freeholder Mirabella for his support of all first responders. He thanked his friends and family and brother firefighters.

Chief Signorello presented the Lifetime Achievement award letters from United States President Barack Obama to Mr. Stevens and Mr. Dela Rosa.

Deputy Chief Thompson was joined by a number of firefighters, on behalf of Center Truck, to present both Mr. Stevens and Mr. Dela Rosa with lifetime achievement pins.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

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 six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

Chairman Bergen asked Clerk of the Board Pellettiere to read the Ordinance by title.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere read the Ordinance by title.

782-2017 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE GUARANTY OF THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON NOT TO EXCEED \$8,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF COUNTY GUARANTEED LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2017 (UNION COUNTY FAMILY COURT BUILDING PROJECT- ELIZABETH), ISSUED BY THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL SECURITY THEREFOR AND DETERMINING CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

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WHEREAS, the Union County Improvement Authority (the "Authority") has been duly created by a resolution duly adopted on June 5, 1986 by the Board of Chosen Freeholders (the "Board of Freeholders") of the County of Union (the "County") in the State of New Jersey (the "State") as a public body corporate and politic of the State pursuant to and in accordance with the county improvement authorities law, constituting Chapter 183 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1960 of the State, and the acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the County requested that the Authority undertake and provide financing for the design and construction of a Union County Family Court Building and Office Facility to be located at 10 Cherry Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey, which is a facility owned and operated by the Authority, and on adjoining lands currently owned by the County (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project was for new Family Court facilities for the Union County Superior Court, and office facilities for the Authority and the County, and includes a parking structure; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is authorized by law, specifically Section 11 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A 54(a)), to provide public facilities for use by the County, including without limitation, the provision of the Project; and

WHEREAS, each of the Facilities constitute a "public facility" as such term is defined in the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has previously issued \$43,125,000 of County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2012 (Union County Family Court Building Project - Elizabeth) (the "2012 Bonds") to finance the Project but change orders to the proposed work have resulted in the need for additional financing in the form of completion bonds to complete the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Authority will obtain funds to complete the Project through the issuance of its bonds in an amount not to exceed, \$8,000,000, to be designated County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2017 (Union County Family Court Building Project - Elizabeth) (the "Bonds") and issued pursuant to a supplemental bond resolution to be adopted by the Authority entitled "Supplemental Bond Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Union County Improvement Authority Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2017 (Union County Family Court Building Project- Elizabeth) of the Union County Improvement Authority and Determining Other Matters Related Thereto" (the "Bond Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, in order to induce prospective purchasers of the Bonds to purchase same, the Authority has requested and the County has agreed to guaranty the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, pursuant to Section 37 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the terms of Section 37 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80) the County shall be obligated, if necessary, to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the County without limitation as to rate or amount to make the timely payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the issuance of such Bonds, the County will amend the existing lease agreement with the Authority (the "Lease Agreement") to reflect scheduled lease payment amounts sufficient to pay in a

timely manner the principal and redemption premium, if any, of and interest on the Bonds as security for the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds, including refunding bonds, if any, shall be fully, unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$8,000,000 in accordance with the terms of this guaranty ordinance of the County finally adopted by the Board of Freeholders of the County (the "County Guaranty Ordinance"), a county guaranty agreement by and between the Authority and the County (the "County Guaranty Agreement"), and by a guaranty certificate (collectively, the "Bond Guaranty") to be executed by the Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County (the "Chairman") on the face of each Bond, all pursuant to Section 37 ("Section 37") of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A 80); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 13 ("Section 13") of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-56), prior to the issuance of the Bonds, the Authority will have made a detailed report of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County, which report will include, without limitation, the Bond Resolution, the Bonds and the Lease Agreement as amended (collectively, the "Financing Documents").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring), as follows:

SECTION 1. The recitals are fully incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. This guaranty ordinance shall be adopted by the Board in the manner provided for adoption of a bond ordinance as provided in the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq.*, as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law").

SECTION 3. Pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of the Act, specifically Section 37 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80), the County is hereby authorized to and hereby shall fully, unconditionally and irrevocably guaranty the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, including the renewal or refunding of such Bonds, if any, in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$8,000,000, which Bonds are to be issued to finance the Project as described in the recitals hereto, on such terms and conditions as may be agreed to by and between the County and the Authority in the Financing Documents and in such other documents related thereto and as are reflected in this guaranty ordinance and in the guaranty certificate on the face of each Bond. Upon the endorsement of the Bonds referred to in Section 4 below, the County shall be fully, unconditionally and irrevocably obligated to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds in the same manner and to the same extent as in the case of bonds issued by the County and accordingly, the County shall be unconditionally and irrevocably obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the County for the payment thereof without limitation as to rate or amount when required under the provisions of applicable law. The full faith and credit of

the County are hereby pledged for the full and punctual performance of said County Bond Guaranties.

SECTION 4 The Chairman is hereby authorized and directed to execute by manual or facsimile signature an endorsement on each of the Bonds evidencing the County guaranty of the County as to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds. The endorsement on each Bond shall be in substantially the following form, and absent the fully executed endorsement in such following form on any such Bond, such Bond shall not be entitled to the benefits of the applicable Bond Guaranty:

“GUARANTY OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

The payment of the principal of and interest on the within Bond shall be fully, irrevocably and unconditionally guaranteed by the County of Union, State of New Jersey (the “County”) in accordance with the provisions of *N.J.S.A.* 40:37A-80 and the guaranty ordinance of the County finally adopted pursuant thereto, and the County is fully, irrevocably and unconditionally liable for the payment, when due, of the principal of and interest on this Bond, and, if necessary, the County shall levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the County without limitation as to rate or amount in order to make such payment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County has caused this guaranty to be executed by the manual or facsimile signature of its Chairman, all as of the date of the within Bond.

**COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY**

By: _____

**Chairman of the Board of Chosen
Freeholders”**

The Chairman is hereby further authorized and directed to negotiate, with the advice of counsel to the County, approve, execute or acknowledge such other certificates or agreements relating to the full, irrevocable and unconditional guaranty that may be required in connection with the Authority’s issuance of the Bonds. Such further agreement or certificate shall not in any manner relieve the County from its obligations hereunder.

SECTION 5. The following additional matters are hereby found, determined and declared by the County:

(a) This guaranty ordinance may be adopted notwithstanding any statutory or other debt limitations, including, particularly, any limitation or requirement under or pursuant to the Local Bond Law, but the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds that shall be entitled to the benefits of the guaranty, being an amount not to exceed \$8,000,000, shall, after their issuance, be included in the gross debt of the County for the purpose of determining the indebtedness of the County under or pursuant to the Local Bond Law.

(b) The principal amount of Bonds entitled to the benefits of the Bond Guaranty and included in the gross debt of the County shall be deducted and is hereby declared to be and to constitute a deduction from such gross debt under and for all the purposes of the Local Bond Law (i) from and after the time of issuance of the Bonds until the end of the fiscal year beginning next after the completion of the Project, and (ii) in any annual debt statement filed pursuant to the Local Bond Law as of the end of said fiscal year or any subsequent fiscal year if the revenues or other receipts or moneys of the Authority relative to the Project in such year are sufficient to pay its expenses of operation and maintenance in such year and all amounts payable in such year on account of the principal of and interest on all such Bonds, all bonds of the County issued as provided in Section 36 of the Act (*N.J.S.A.* 40:37A-79) and all bonds of the Authority issued under the Act.

SECTION 6. The following matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The purposes described in this guaranty ordinance are not current expenses of the County and no part of the costs thereof have been or shall be assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The Bonds shall mature within thirty (30) years from the date of issue.

(c) A supplemental debt statement of the County has been duly made and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and such debt statement shows that while the gross debt of the County, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by this guaranty ordinance by the amount of the Bonds issued by the Authority, which amount shall not exceed \$8,000,000, upon the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in *N.J.S.A.* 40:37A-80, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the net debt of the County is not increased, and the obligation of the County authorized by or incurred pursuant to the terms of this guaranty ordinance is permitted by an exception to the debt limitations of the Local Bond Law, which exception is contained in the Act, so long as the payment obligations of the County hereunder are not called upon.

(d) All other items to be contained in a bond ordinance adopted pursuant to the Local Bond Law are hereby determined to be inapplicable to the County's guaranty of the Bonds hereby.

SECTION 7. The County hereby covenants and agrees to comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and supplemented (the "Rule"), including the secondary market disclosure requirements contained therein, and agrees to covenant to such compliance in the Guaranty Agreement. The Chairman, Director of Finance and any other authorized County representative are each hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver a continuing disclosure agreement to the Authority and the other parties thereto (the "Continuing Disclosure Agreement"), prepare operating data and financial information for inclusion in the Authority's preliminary and final Official Statements, approve and "deem final" the Authority's preliminary and final Official Statements, to the extent the information contained therein relates to the County, to execute and deliver all certificates, documents and agreements to the Authority and any other applicable party in connection therewith or which may be necessary to properly issue the Bonds and to file budgetary, financial and operating data on an annual basis and notices of certain enumerated events as required to comply with and in accordance with the provisions of the Rule and the Continuing Disclosure Agreement.

SECTION 8. To the extent one or more series of the Bonds are not issued in 2017, references herein to "2017" may without any further action be changed to the year of issuance of such Bonds and all dates related to such year of issuance shall be automatically adjusted.

SECTION 9. A public hearing shall be held on this ordinance on March 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, NJ 07207.

SECTION 10. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to publish and post notice of this ordinance as required by law.

SECTION 11. Upon the adoption hereof, the Clerk of the Board shall forward certified copies of this ordinance to the Chairman, County Counsel, the chief administrator of the Authority and Bond Counsel to the Authority, Christopher B. Langhart, Esq., of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC.

SECTION 12. Pursuant to Section 13 of the Act, the County hereby consents to the Project, and the financing thereof, by the Authority in an amount of not to exceed \$8,000,000.

SECTION 13. This guaranty ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance Number 782-2017 only.

Bruce Patterson, of Garwood, stated that the State Local Finance Board approved this application. He made comments relative to the information he received through OPRA and that he sent a letter addressing his concerns pertaining to the need for the additional \$8 million. He made comments questioning the design and cost of the project. He questioned the experience and qualifications of the professionals hired by the Union County Improvement Authority. He questioned what "furniture" was purchased.

Daniel P. Sullivan, Executive Director of the Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA), advised the State is responsible for the costs of the furniture.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Freeholder Mirabella, Fiscal Chairman, will move Ordinance Number 782-2017 for Final Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, Ordinance Number 782-2017 was moved for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. Roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Chairman Bergen advised that Resolution Number 2017-237 does not pertain to the issue relative to the biking trails in Watchung Reservation, but rather a "sensory-friendly" trail that will be built near the Trailside Nature and Science Museum in the Reservation.

John Burry, of Kenilworth, made comments or inquires relative to Resolution Number 2017-237; questioning what a sensor friendly trail was, where the trails would be placed, and why it would cost \$600,000.

Director Zuber advised that the trails are designed for those individuals who are sight impaired and for those individuals with special needs; noting that they would be designed much like the "Sensory Friendly Theatre" productions where there is reduced noise. He advised that there would be sensory friendly kiosks and interactive equipment/furniture.

Bruce Patterson, of Garwood, made comments or inquiries relative to a number of resolutions. Relative to Resolution Numbers 2017-220, 2017-222 and 2017-223, he made comments relative to political contributions. Relative to Resolution No. 2017-22, he

questioned the design of the generator. Relative to Resolution No. 2017-225, he questioned why there is a need to increase the contract. Relative to Resolution No. 2017-227, he questioned if the Leaf Composting revenue is going down and why the Board would want to move forward to this resolution. Relative to Resolution No. 2017-231, he made comments relative his perception of a conflict of interest. Relative to Resolution No. 2017- 237, he suggested the County create some of the furniture in house. Relative to Resolution No. 217-239, he asked for further clarification. Relative to Resolution No. 217-240, he asked why the caption reads "Democratic Official".

Relative to Resolution No. 2017-225, Director Graziano advised that this resolution would address some security concerns where the fence by the quarry has been damaged. Relative to Resolution No. 2017-227, Director Graziano advised that the County has taken over the operations at the Leaf Quarry since November and that this resolution purchase the third piece of equipment needed to operate the Quarry.

Relative to Resolution No. 217-239 & 240, County Counsel Barry advised the Ordinance was amended to increase the composition of the Body to increase from 15 to 17 members, noting that one of the designations require a Labor designation, adding that the ordinance requires members from the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, public members and business members, etc.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2017-219 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement between the County of Union and the City of Elizabeth for design and installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Jefferson Avenue (County Route 637) and North Avenue (a City Roadway), City of Elizabeth, New Jersey.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

- 2017-220 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Awarding a Professional Engineering Service Contract to T&M Associates of Middletown, New Jersey to provide ongoing LSRP Environmental Consulting Services associated with the Meisel Park Project, Springfield, for an amount not to exceed \$49,600.00. (NJDEP Case 99-04-28-1512 and 01-08-29-1446-05; NJDEP Program Interest ID#130838; Union County Engineering Project #2011-030)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

- 2017-221 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Amending Resolution Number 2016-112, a Professional Engineering Service Contract with Remington & Vernick & Arango, of Haddonfield, New Jersey to provide additional Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) services related to the Zimmerman Park located in Union, New

Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$28,005.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-008)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

- 2017-222 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Alaimo Group Consulting Engineers, of Mt. Holly, New Jersey to provide Design, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Emergency Generator - Department of Public Works (DPW) Facility, Scotch Plains, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$85,420.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-028)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

- 2017-223 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Maser Consulting, PA, of Red Bank, New Jersey to provide Engineering Design Services for Dam Repair Improvements for an amount not to exceed \$82,108.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-043)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

- 2017-224 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Mott MacDonald, of Morristown, New Jersey to provide Engineering Services for the Lenape Park Dam Rehabilitation for an amount not to exceed \$46,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-044)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

- 2017-225 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Amending Resolution Number 2016-692, (BA#44-2014) a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq., to National Fence Systems, Inc., Avenel, New Jersey approving Change Order Number One (1) increasing the original contract amount by \$85,000 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$324,003.98.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

- 2017-226 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract extension originally obtained through advertised public bidding in

accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Work & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management, Core Mechanical, Inc., Pennsauken, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Pipefitting & Heating Systems Service Repair, Maintenance and Installation, twenty-four (24) consecutive months, in an amount not exceed \$296,400.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

- 2017-227 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 Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, to Simplicity Engineering NE Inc., 249 Union Street, Westfield, MA 01085 for the purpose of providing a Hydraulic Mobile Trommel Screen in the amount of \$295,400.00

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

- 2017-228 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 Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management; and Department of Parks & Recreation, to Weldon Materials, Westfield, NJ, for the purpose of providing Road Materials for an extended twelve month (12) contract an amount not to exceed \$628,191.75.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

- 2017-229 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Resolution ratifying permission granted to the Township of Scotch Plains to place a banner across Park Avenue, February 6, 2017 through February 27, 2017 to advertise the Trinitas Regional Medical Center Health and Wellness Expo hosted by the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce which is scheduled for February 26, 2017 at Snuffy's Pantagis in Scotch Plains.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

- 2017-230 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Resolution concurring with the Township of Berkeley Heights granting permission to the Brooke Healy Foundation to hang a banner from May 29, 2017 through June 12, 2017 on Plainfield Avenue for the Brooke Healy Foundation Bikers for Brook Healy Motorcycle Run and Family Barbecue.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

- 2017-231 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Re-appointing James Kennedy as Commissioner to the Union County Utilities Authority for a term beginning February 1, 2017 through January 31, 2022.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

- 2017-232 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to accept 2016 SuperNOFA Continuum of Care (CoC) competitive grant award funds in the total amount not to exceed \$4,598,725 from US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) and to award subcontracts with varied one-year time frames as specified on the Spending Plan; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the awarded agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any fails to meet its contractual obligation; and further authorizing a one-time advance payment of up to one month of the award amount to prevent undue hardship for the agencies to carry out the program activities.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed five members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bergen abstaining and Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

- 2017-233 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Authorizing the sponsorship of the Borough of Roselle Park's Fourth of July festivities in the amount of \$4,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

- 2017-234 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Authorizing the sponsorship in the amount of \$500.00 to the City of Linden's Mayor's Youth Commission for their Linden's High School Project Graduation on June 23, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

- 2017-235 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Authorizing the sponsorship in the amount of \$4,000.00 to the Elizabeth Portugal Day Committee for their parade and festivities on June 4, 2017; promoting the general welfare of Union County residents as they celebrate and promote Portuguese heritage.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

- 2017-236 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Authorizing the County Manager to award an amount not to exceed \$99,451 to Prevention Links Inc., Roselle, New Jersey, for the

grant period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 as an approved allocation from the Juvenile Justice Commission to provide program services based on the Juvenile Justice Commission Points of Continuum: Detention and Disposition.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

- 2017-237 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 & Recreation, Division of Engineering, Pavlec Brothers Golf Course Construction, Inc., of Nutley, New Jersey, for the Sensory Trail Improvements Watchung Reservation, Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, New Jersey, for an amount not to exceed \$652,444.85. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-006)

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

- 2017-238 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into contracts with Sports Facilities Management, LLC of Clearwater, Florida for RCCP# 1-2017, Management Services and Concessionaire for the Pro Shop and all Food and Beverage sales for a period of 22 months, with an option to renew for an additional 24 months; and an additional 12 months commencing on April 1, 2017 and ending on January 31, 2019 to provide the necessary sports center management services in the total amount not to exceed \$132,000; and a concession fee to the County of Union of five (5%) percent for the first year (10 months); and seven (7%) percent for the 2nd year of the gross revenue from the Pro Shop and all of food and beverage sales.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

- 2017-239 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution amending Resolution 2008-46, a resolution amending the by-laws of the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Public Advisory Committee, to reflect changes as per Union County Ordinance 755-2013 and the proper listing of the "labor" designation as per Resolution 110A-01.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

- 2017-240 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Re-appointing the following members to the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund: Arthur Kobitz, Charles Eke, Michael DelSordi (public members) and Rose Checcio (democratic official) for a term beginning January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019 and appointing Edward O'Malley (public member) and Maria Carvalho

(environmentalist) and Richard Capac (Business) for a term beginning January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

- 2017-241 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract as an exception to bidding for proprietary software support to Dominion Voting Systems, Denver, Colorado, for the purposes of providing licensing, maintenance and support for the WinEDS voting system to conduct elections in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

- 2017-242 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** A resolution renewing the Union County Commodity Resale System, ID 99016-UCCRS; offering cooperative purchasing opportunities for Union County municipalities to participate in the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

- 2017-243 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Uniform Shared Services and Consolidated Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., with the County of Essex Department of Corrections, Newark, New Jersey, to provide supervision and security for the inmates housed in the Secure Medical unit located in the East Orange General Hospital in accordance with the attached shared services agreement. This agreement shall take effect March 1, 2017 and remain in effect for a two year period - ending February 28, 2019.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2017-244 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Earl K. Johnson upon his passing on February 24, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

- 2017-245 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Congratulating the Greater Union County Chapter on its 30th Anniversary Celebration on March 4, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

- 2017-246 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Congratulating Reverend Paul A. Dean on his 19th Pastoral Anniversary and Visions of God Family Worship Church in Plainfield.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

- 2017-247 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Michael D. Celock upon his passing on February 26, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

- 2017-248 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Congratulating Christopher Brown of Boy Scout Troop 75, Cranford, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

- 2017-249 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Ellis Taffet upon his passing on February 17, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

- 2017-250 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Congratulating Matthew F. Almeida, Troop 101, Elizabeth, upon attaining the Eagle Scout Award.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

- 2017-251 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Supporting "Building a Thriving New Jersey" and housing affordability for all residents.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent.

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.

Prior to opening the meeting for public comment, Chairman Bergen made comments relative to the proposed bike trails at the Watchung Reservation, noting that at this time it is just a proposal. He advised that on February 26, 2017 the County hired an Engineer to prepare an Engineering Report. He advised that he was present at the Tuesday night meeting, noting that some residents' concerns about proper notification. He stated that the County's intention was to properly notifying the residents in order to hear public comments. He did advise the public that the Board would not entertain a question and answer, but rather listen to this public comment session.

Mary Housel, of New Providence, made comments in opposition to the proposed bike trails. She made comments relative to her concerns regarding the current condition of trails, the leadership of the trail stewards, the lack of transparency regarding the proposed trails and lack of involvement of all stakeholders, and parking and policing concerns.

Charles Weltner, of Plainfield, made comments in opposition to the proposed bike trails. He made comments relative to the chronology of the creation of the proposed bike trails as it relates to the Master Plan and his concerns relative to public outreach efforts; noting that he made a flyer and distributed it to residents.

Billy Toth, of Plainfield, made comments in opposition to the proposed bike trails. He made comments relative to the process of the creation of the Master Plan and the proposed bike trails. He made comments relative to clearing of trails and the need to preserve Watchung as a Nature Reserve and the need for an Environmental Impact Study.

Chairman Bergen advised that trails have not been cleared for bike paths.

Ann DeCamp, of Scotch Plains, made comments in opposition of the proposed bike trails. She made comments relative to the need to preserve the Reservation as a Nature Reserve. She made comments relative to the current bikers on the trails, and to her concerns relative to erosion and maintenance of the trails and the cost of policing.

Kurt Krause, of Cranford, made comments in opposition to the proposed bike trails. He made comments relative to his concerns regarding the intensity of the proposal, the loss of non-disturbed forest, the cost to police the trails, and the Reservation's environmental integrity. He commented on a potential for a legal appeal if the bike trails are approved.

(Freeholder Estrada left the meeting)

Karen Settle Khalof (inaudible), of Summit, stated that she is an architect and is certified in Historic Preservation. She commended the Board for its efforts in restoring Bryant Park to its historic character. She noted that it was a great collaborative effort between the City of Summit and the County of Union.

(Freeholder Estrada returned to the meeting.)

She made comments in opposition of the proposed bike trails, stating that the reservation needs to be protected. She requested as to whether or not the non-biking community would have an opportunity for a question and answer forum to address their concerns regarding a Historic Impact Study & clearer site plans.

Chairman Bergen advised that the County does not have a forum currently scheduled, but it advised that as the process goes forward the County would schedule one if it is deemed appropriate.

Frank Krause, of Cranford, made comments in opposition to the proposed bike trails. He stated that he attended the meeting on Tuesday night. He made comments relative to the county's brochures depicting 35 pieces of land that make up the County's park system, noting that 34 properties are listed as parks and 1 is listed as a reservation. He made comments relative to other locations where the mountain biking community can bike. He commented on his concerns relative to the protection of the environment of the reservation and the cost of the removal of trees.

Chairman Bergen advised that he attended most of the meeting on Tuesday night, and that the Engineer specifically stated that no trees will be cut down (if the project were to move forward).

Jim Streeter, of Mountainside, made comments relating to the homeowners who live directly adjacent to the Watchung Reservation. He made comments relative to the location of the trails and stated that the map is not clear. He made comments relative to the placement of flags near to homeowner's property lines. He asked how the homeowners' will be notified of the report.

Chairman Bergen advised that when the report is finalized, it will become a public document and would be presumably posted on the county's website.

Thomas Dunn, of Cranford, made comments in support a debated, vetted and researched and well thought out amended plan to offer beginner to intermediate bicycle trails. He stated the benefits of outdoor play for the County's youth and supports any plan that promotes a healthy and active lifestyle towards the general wellbeing of a community.

Ashley Richie, of Roselle Park, made comments in opposition to the proposed bike trails. She stated that she is a license social worker and works for one of the state's largest organizations for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. She stated that she hosts multiple events at the Reservation and utilizes the trails to engage in a low cost, healthy activity. She stated her concerns relative to the potential negative risks of mountain biking in the reservation, including safety and environmental concerns. She inquired as to any recourse the hikers would have if the plan is approved.

Chairman Bergan advised that he couldn't advise as to any legal recourse, but did advise that the mountain bikers had no direct involvement in the creation of the plans aside from the open public meetings.

Andrew Stillotson, of Westfield, made comments in support of the proposed bike trails. He commended the Board for its transparency and access during this process. He spoke to the

shared-plan option and the revision to single use trails. He stated mountain bikers have been proven to be responsible trail-users, with little to no user conflict.

Matt (inaudible), of Summit, made comments in opposition to the proposed bike trails. He made comments relative to notifications made by the county regarding the proposed project. He made comments relative to his concerns over enforcement, safety and locations of the trails in proximity to the homes.

Jamie Meisleman, of Westfield, stated he is one of the co-chairs of the Union County Chapter of JORBA. He made comments in support of the proposed bike trails. He read from a letter he sent to the local union county Tap Into sites, which he had previously emailed to both Freeholder Chairman Bergen and Freeholder Kowalski. The letter addressed the concerns of those who opposed the trails.

Joe Wise, of Westfield, made comments in support of the proposed bike trails. He urged the board to consider the facts and to be wary of misinformation made by opponents of the plan. He continued reading from Mr. Meisleman's letter.

Glenn Johnson, of Westfield, made comments in support of the proposed bike trails. He made comments relative to the benefits the bike trails would have on local small businesses.

Andrew Stevenson, of Summit, made comments relative to the proposed bike trails. He stated that he is not in favor of increasing the number of trails at the reservation, and believed the current trails could be used by both hikers and bikers; with minor modifications. He made comments relative to the environmental impact to the trails, the disruption of wildlife near Route 78 (near Glenside and Oakridge Avenues) and the negative impact to homeowners in the area.

Marybeth Gary, of Springfield, made comments in opposition to the proposed bike trails. She displayed a board of pictures depicting wildlife and trees that she is concerned would be negatively affected by the trails. She made comments relative to graffiti found in the Reservation.

Tom Mana, of Mountainside, made comments in opposition to the proposed bike trails. He made comments relative to apparent sewer runoff (off summit lane into the stream) through the bike paths. He made comments to lack of notification pertaining to the proposals. He made comments relative to the lack of insurance of JORBA. He questioned the completeness of the Engineering Study performed by CME. He noted that the JORBA website states that construction has already begun and could use of the equestrian parking.

Chairman Bergen clarified that the Engineering Study was recently approved on February 23, 2017 and such study has not been completed. He also noted that JORBA does not represent the County of Union on this project.

Chris Platt, of Roselle Park, made comments in opposition to the bike trails. He made comments relative to his concerns that the mountain bikers overtaking the reservation. He questioned what steps are necessary to have the mountain bikes removed from the Master Plan.

Bruce Patterson, of Garwood, made comments regarding the County Manager's proposed budget; representing a 2.9% increase from last year's budget. He made comments relative to the County's \$55 million in surplus (2016). He made comments relative increase in salaries, the reduction in the UCUA revenues, and the cost of prescription costs.

John Burry, of Kenilworth, made comments relative to previous county projects. He stated that he thinks this project is going to happen regardless of the public's opposition to the project.

Chairman Bergen thanked all in the public for being decorous, which allowed the board to hear the comments of everyone.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Chairman Bergen thanked all in the public for being decorous, which allowed the board to hear the comments of everyone.

Freeholder Wright thanked her colleagues on the Board for honoring her with the Chester Holmes Humanitarian Award, noting that it is an honor she doesn't take lightly, as you encouraged her to keep moving and doing the things that she should be doing. She offered a special thanks to the staff who worked so hard to make that day very special to her and her family. She thanked Public Information Director Seb Delia for his special efforts. She said that she is very proud to be a part of the Freeholder Board.

Freeholder Wright made comments regarding the Union County Status of Women of Excellence dinner, held on March 24, 2017 recognizing 10 honorees who demonstrate women's leadership and advocacy play an essential role throughout the community.

Freeholder Kowalski thanked all of the speakers who participated in the meeting, and stressed that it is worthwhile for residents to engage the Board at the meetings. She advised that there have been a number of occasions that when the public spoke out, policy decisions have been altered after listening to the concerns of the residents. She assured the residents that the Board is listening to their concerns. She assured the residents that the Board is receiving their emails, and that she has been reading each one and appreciates their input.

Freeholder Kowalski made comments relative to the condition of the trails, noting that she wished the County had more resources to better maintain the various sites and commended the parks and trail stewards for the work they do with limited resources.

Freeholder Kowalski made comments relative to the Union County Rape Crisis Center's free training for individuals interested in volunteering as confidential advocates for victims of sexual violence.

Freeholder Carter thanked all of those who took time out of their day to come and speak at the night's meeting. She assured all speakers that the Board takes very seriously their comments and concerns. She stated that she was appreciative in the fact that the word did in fact get out, and the Board was able to hear comments, both pro and con to the proposed project.

Freeholder Estrada thanked all of those who spoke at the night's meeting. He stated that government relies on public participation, and he assured that the Board listens to all concerns and will make a decision based on those comments and the Board member's individual experience. He made comments relative to the emails and phone calls he has received and the ensuing emails and phone calls he returned. He advised that he doesn't have all the facts at the moment, noting that the Board is awaiting reports and clarification to the environmental issues. He noted the importance in having a balanced approach in dealing with the matter.

Freeholder Estrada noted that since the County has received Green Acres funding towards the Reservation, every citizen of New Jersey has a right to access the reservation. He made comments relative to buffer zones (relating to homeowners' concerns of location of the trails). Freeholder Estrada made comments relating to safety concerns and general comments relating to the Master Plan and notifications of this project. He assured all that the Board will continue to look into this project with an open mind.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to the St. Patrick's Day Parade, noting that he (and the Board) is proud to support one of the most popular parades in New Jersey.

Freeholder Mirabella congratulated Freeholder Wright for receiving the Chester Holmes Humanitarian Award, noting he was proud to attend the ceremony and commended her for her great dedication to the County of Union. He reflected on Freeholder Holmes and his dedication to public service, and noted that Freeholder Wright exemplified those attributes.

Freeholder Mirabella stated that he continues to learn more information on the trail project through this process of holding public meetings. He made comments relating to how he envisions the Reservation as a large public area that likely can be shared by many different users, and looked forward to working together with all constituencies to find a compromise so all can enjoy the Reservation.

Freeholder Mirabella congratulated Director Ron Zuber for all of his efforts, especially in light of some of the public criticism. He noted that the Director's heart is in the park system and in the people that use the park system. He thanked him for his hard work and diligent efforts (room applauded).

County Manager congratulated Freeholder Wright on receiving the award. He made comments relative to the public meeting at Trailside regarding the proposed bike trials; offering clarification on a few issues. He noted that the County has not budgeted \$480,000 (or any amount) for the clearing of mountain bike trails. He noted that the 4% increase in salaries is in fact for new hires, noting that he is requesting additional hires for the Shade Tree department. He thanked everyone for making their voices heard at the night's meeting.

Chairman Bergen congratulated Freeholder Wright on her award, noting that it was well deserved.

Chairman Bergen made comments relative to the County's rollout of the "Seniors in Motion" program. He stated the County funded this program in the amount of \$495,000, and noted that each van awarded will provide transportation for seniors within their

community. He advised that eight (8) municipalities received 12-passenger vans and ten municipalities received 15-passenger vans.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bergen called for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, a voice vote showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Vice Chairman Sergio Granados absent. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 7:00pm in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified. In the event an Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting are held on the same night, the Agenda Setting Session will commence at 7:00 pm and the Regular Meeting will commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session.

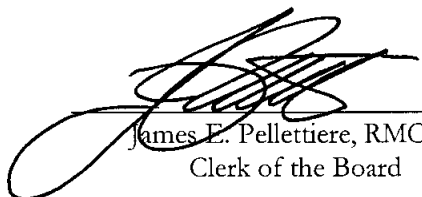
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REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017 at 12:00 pm
Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ**2017 MEETING SCHEDULE****AGENDA SETTING SESSION**

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