



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017
AGENDA SETTING MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bruce H. Bergen presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

ROLL CALL

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

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

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The prayer and salute to the flag were led by Clerk of the Board Pellettiere.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE BOARD

Resolution presentations will be made by Freeholder Linda Carter and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella to the winners of the UCSTEP program.

Freeholder Carter welcomed everyone in attendance. She provided an overview of the Union County Student Training Enrichment Program. She advised that this year's community service project was "Kans for Kids", which resulted in 6,000 pounds of canned food to be donated to the Hillside Food Bank. She called up representatives from the four winning schools to receive their check awards: Union County TEAMS Charter School (honorable mention), Roselle Park High School (honorable mention), Linden High School (honorable mention), Governor Livingston High School (honorable mention), and UC Vocational-Technical Schools (first place).

Freeholder Mirabella noted this is one of his favorite programs. He commended Freeholder Carter on creating the program, and noted that it provides leadership skills and reinforces the importance of community service to the County's youth.

Check presentation will be made by Freeholder Vernell Wright and Freeholder Angel G. Estrada to the 2017 Senior Focus Grant recipients.

Freeholder Estrada provided an overview of the Senior Focus Grants: grant awards of upwards to \$25,000 to municipalities for capital improvements or equipment purchases designed to enhance their Senior Center facilities. He advised that each municipal application received the amount they

requested. He listed a number of eligible capital improvements and noted that the funding for the program came from County capital funds and Community Development Block Grant funds. Freeholder Estrada called up each of the towns and described how the funds were to be utilized. The municipal representatives receiving the award thanked the Board for the grant awards, and provided some insight to their project. (Municipal Award breakdown attached)

Check presentations will be made by Freeholder Christopher Hudak and Chairman Bruce Bergen to the 2017 Union County Infrastructure Grant recipients.

Freeholder Hudak provided an overview of the Infrastructure Grants, advising that after the sale of Runnells Specialized Hospital, the County decided to utilize some of the funds to invest in each municipality through infrastructure improvements. He noted that the awards are in the amount of \$1.5 million with a 100% match in municipal funds, resulting in \$3 million of infrastructure improvements countywide. He advised this year represents the third installment, totaling \$9 million in infrastructure improvements.

Freeholder Hudak called up each of the towns and described how the funds were to be utilized. The municipal representatives receiving the award thanked the Board for the grant awards, and provided some insight to their project. (Municipal Award breakdown attached)

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Bergen advised the Board would adopt the communications later in the evening, during the Regular Meeting immediately following the Agenda Meeting.

Note and File

Oath of Office: Advisory Board on the Disabled: Joanne Oppelt; Union County Board of Trustees: Karen Young-Thomas; Union County Senior Citizen Disabled Resident Transportation Advisory Board: Rosemary Coppola, Stephen E. Thorpe and William Totten.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Grace H. Park, Acting Prosecutor

Tim Isenhour, First Assistant Prosecutor, represented the office.

There were no questions or comments from the Board.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2016-863, a resolution awarding a Professional Services Agreement with Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners to serve as Independent Contractors as part of the Union County Sexual Assault Response Team, to include Larissa Semenoff to serve as an Independent Contractor for the period of May 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into an agreement with Porter Lee Corporation, Schaumburg, Illinois, for the purpose of providing annual support services, supplies and upgrades for the Barcode, Evidence Analysis, Statistics and Tracking (BEAST) evidence logging system for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICESMichael Yuska, Director

There were no questions or comments from the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract for a Medical Malpractice insurance policy for Cornerstone staff, through Brown & Brown Metro Inc., with Princeton Insurance Company, Princeton, New Jersey, from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 in the amount of \$13,642.68 **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Axis Insurance Company, Chicago, IL for Accident and Health Insurance for Watchung Stables for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$9,500.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to renew the contract with Sage Software, Inc., St. Petersburg, Florida for software licensing renewal, software updates and enhancement services for the County of Union's Human Resource Management System for a contract period of June 2, 2017 through June 1, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$26,947.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement for a Blanket Surety Bond for Public Officials through Brown & Brown Metro, Inc., with Liberty Mutual Surety, from July 12, 2017 through June 30, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$2,755.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq. for the Departments of County Surrogate, Sheriff's and Medical Examiner to Maplecrest Ford Lincoln, Vauxhall, NJ for the purpose of providing five (5) Ford Explorers and one (1) Ford Escape in an amount not to exceed \$211,533.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONSRon Charles, Director

Assistant Director Peter Corvelli represented the Department.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to TJA Use of Force Training, Inc. Cape Coral, Florida for educational training for officers of the Special Operations Unit pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(q); which allows a contract to be awarded without competitive public bidding if the subject matter consists of educational expenditures for contract period June 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$32,220.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Vice Chairman Granados inquired as to the number of individuals participating in the Special Training Unit.

Assistant Director Corvelli advised that there were a total of forty individuals.

2. Authorizing the County Manger to amend Resolution 2016-331, a resolution authorizing a shared services agreement with County of Essex Department of Corrections Newark for the purpose of relocating Union County inmates during construction project in the Union County Jail, to extend the contract period to December 31, 2017 at no additional cost. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amy Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

There were no questions or comments from the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for Requalification entitlement status as an Urban County FY's 2018 - 2020 as per notification from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and criteria thereof. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
2. Amending Resolution No. 2016-260, a resolution awarding contracts to two (2) agencies (The Plainfield YMCA and Union County College) for the provision of comprehensive year-round youth programs for out-of-school youth (ages 16 - 24) that may include GED, High School Diploma Services and Occupational Skills Training as appropriate for the twelve-month period, to extend the contract end date from May 31, 2017 to June 30, 2017 at no additional cost. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Joseph Graziano, Director

There were no questions or comments from the Board.

1. Resolution ratifying permission given to the Township of Scotch Plains to close a portion of Martine Avenue between West Broad Street and Parkwood Drive for the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA 5K race to be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 between the hours of 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Resolution concurring with the Borough of New Providence to the closing of county roads during the period of May 29, 2017 and November 24, 2017 for the following events: Monday, May 29, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the Annual Memorial Day Parade – Springfield Avenue from Central Avenue to Gales Drive; Monday, July 3, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for the “Downtown Fireworks Spectacular – South Street, from Gales Drive to Springfield Avenue; Sunday, October 22, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Annual Street Fair – Springfield Avenue, from South Street to Livingston Avenue; and Friday, November 24, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the “Downtown Christmas Walk” – South Street – Central Avenue to Springfield Avenue and Springfield Avenue – South Street to Academy Street. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Resolution granting permission to the City of Linden to hang a banner at Wood Avenue and Elizabeth Avenue and at Wood Avenue between Curtis Street and Gibbons Street from Friday, May 26, 2017 through June 12, 2017 for the 1st Annual Merchant's Appreciation Day to be held on Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCEBibi Taylor, Director

There were no questions or comments from the Board.

1. Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$35,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a Program Entitled: Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities (ROID) Grant. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$17,500 as a result of notification for additional funds received from the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for a Program Entitled: Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
3. Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$30,000 as a result of notification for additional funds received from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) for a Program Entitled: Subregional Transportation Support Program Grant. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICESFrank Guzzo, Director

1. Amending Resolution 2016-965, adopting the 2017 Alcohol/Drug Abuse (A/DA) Spending Plan, to increase the award for New Hope Integrated Behavioral Health Care in the amount of \$94,560 and Turning Point in the amount of \$55,440 for a total increase not to exceed \$150,000 for the period of May 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 through the 2017 Freeholder Initiative appropriation of funds for substance abuse treatment with no other changes to terms of agreement in spending plan. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright & Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**

Freeholder Hudak asked the Director to provide a breakdown of how the funds will be used.

Director Guzzo advised that both New Hope and Turning Point are contracted vendors already with the Department for both detox and rehabilitation for (typically) a 28-day stay. He advised the detox component is typically for seven days, adding that the contract amount equates to \$250/day; the County will add 114 beds for New Hope and 70 beds for Turning Point. He advised that the rehabilitation component is \$65,000 to New Hope (448 rehab days) and over \$41,000 to Turning Point. He advised that 17 individuals will be accommodated by New Hope and 10 by Turning Point.

Freeholder Hudak asked for clarification relative to the program's criteria.

Director Guzzo advised that these funds are earmarked for those individuals that make too much money to qualify for drug and alcohol program funds.

Freeholder Hudak asked the Director to provide a report in the near future.

Director Guzzo advised that the Department will be keeping track, as they do with all their programs, and report back to the Board.

County Manager Faella made comments relative to the Sheriff's C.L.E.A.R. program, noting that it will be part of the Mayor's Round Table agenda.

2. Amending Resolution Number 2017-268, 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 \$1,352,284 for a new grand total not to exceed \$4,305,158 to be allocated as outlined and charged to account numbers specified for the same contract year two period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 with no other changes to the 2016-2018 Area Plan. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**

Freeholder Kowalski asked the Director to explain the reason for the increase in amount.

Director Guzzo advised that these funds are in increments, noting that these funds represent the second installment of funding. He advised that these funds represent an increase of approximately \$197,000 from last year.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement, through the use of New Jersey State Contract #89980, with G.T.B.M. Inc., 351 Paterson Ave, East Rutherford, for the procurement of Automatic License Plate Reader System and accessories in an amount not to exceed \$75,477.06. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**

Freeholder Estrada asked the Director if the amount is for the purchase of one reader.

Director Moran advised that the resolution authorizes the purchase of two readers.

2. 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, Division of Emergency Services: Airpower International, Pennsauken, NJ for the purpose of providing upgrades to the existing UASI Air Trucks in an amount not to exceed \$425,100 (UASI grant funds). **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**

Vice Chairman Granados asked the Director to advise of some of the upgrades planned with the funds.

Director Moran advised that the six trucks were purchased in 2004 for the UASI counties. He stated that the trucks refill the air packs the firemen use. He added that these upgrades will allow the trucks to refill the tanks with higher pressure.

3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a professional services contract, through an RFP process, with Plinton Curry Funeral Home, Inc., 411 West Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Livery Services through December 31, 2017, in a total amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution awarding the 2016/2017 Union County Student Training and Enrichment Program's Cans for Kids Campaign Start Now Grants to Union County Vocational-

- Technical High School in the amount of \$1,000 (winner), Union County TEAMS Charter School, Roselle Park High School, Linden High School, and Governor Livingston High School in the amount of \$250 (honorable mention) for a combined total amount of \$2,000. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
2. Congratulating the YMCA on their 19th Annual Achievers' Banquet and the 2017 honorees. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
 3. Congratulating and honoring Reverend Hodari Kenneth Hamilton upon his pastoral installation to the Shiloh Baptist Church at their event on June 10, 2017. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
 4. Congratulating the First Place and Honorable Mention school recipients of the 2017 UC Step Start Now Grant- Kans 4 Kids Civic Engagement Campaign; and further recognizing each participating school for their noteworthy efforts. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
 5. Congratulating Nicholas Reyes of Troop 330, Patriot's Path Council Union County, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak & Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
 6. Congratulating the recipients of the Linden Chamber of Commerce Awards at their 16th annual Scholarship Awards and Business of the Year Dinner on June 7, 2017. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
 7. Proclaiming June 2, 2017 as Gun Violence Awareness Day throughout the County of Union. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak & the Entire Board)**
 8. Appointing Pam Capaci to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2017 and appointing Woody Philippe for a term beginning January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019 to the Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC). **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
 9. Extending the Board's appreciation to the Elizabethtown Gas Company for its leadership role in promoting the partnership of the public and private sectors in support of the arts in Union County by hosting the annual Union County Senior Art Contest and Exhibition and the Exhibit and Contest for Union County employees and their families. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski & Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
 10. Congratulating and commending Professor Dr. Thomas Ombrello for all his actions to continue the legacy of the Basking Ridge White Oak Tree. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
 11. Congratulating Union High School February Athletes of the Month: Nneka Moneme and Nick Zuena. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
 12. Congratulating Reverend Roy E. Jones, Sr., upon his 30th pastoral anniversary and community leadership. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**
 13. Congratulating the following for being recognized by the Union County Educational Services Commission: Goldman Sachs - Volunteer Service Award; Paul Del Sordo -

- Distinguished Service Award and Shop Rite of Clark - Community Partner Award. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
14. Congratulating the recipients of the 200 Club Valor Awards. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados & Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
 15. Congratulating the award recipients of the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless at their event on May 17, 2017. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, and Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
 16. Congratulating Atlantic Health for being the first business in the State of New Jersey to agree to serve as a host site for a Project SEARCH High School Transition Program at Overlook Medical Center. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
 17. Congratulating the students of the Project SEARCH High School Transition Program at Overlook Medical Center upon their graduation. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
 18. Congratulating the players of the Heights Heat PAL 8U Softball Team for being back to back champions (fall and spring travel) and having an undefeated season. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**
 19. Congratulating Julia Guarneri and Erin Hernandez of Troop 40707 of Fanwood-Scotch Plains upon attaining the Girl Scout Gold Award. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen & Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bergen asked for a motion to adjourn. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, a voice vote showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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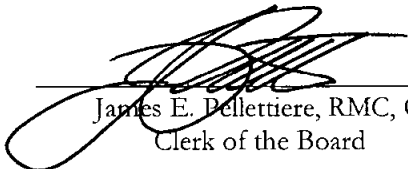
REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017 AT 12:00 NOON
ASSIGNMENT JUDGE KAREN M. CASSIDY'S COURTROOM, 2 BROAD STREET, ELIZABETH, NJ

AGENDA SETTING SESSIONS

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