



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017
AGENDA SETTING MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

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.

PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

A presentation will be made by Matt Mathan to the Board highlighting the new "County Parks Trails App."

Chairman Bergen called upon Deputy County Manager Wagner to lead a presentation to the Board.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised the Board that County Manager Faella had requested her to oversee the investigation of a group of trails at the Watchung Reservation. She advised the Board that the County had begun the process of developing a "Trails App" for smart phones. She advised the Bureau of GIS had done an excellent job assisting in the process. She provided the Board with an overview of the app functions; inclusive of the ability for the public to report any hazards they may have come upon on the 47 miles of trails. She introduced Matt Mathan of the Bureau of GIS.

Mr. Mathan, with the assistance of Danny Lazano, made a detailed presentation to the Board on the applications' capabilities.

Vice Chairman Granados made comments relative to the public safety component the application provides to the public and the County. He made suggestions relative to adding contact information to the Parks Department and the Police Department.

Freeholder Estrada inquired to the cellular reception in the Watchung Reservation.

County Manager Faella interjected, stating that there is one area in the Watchung Reservation that is considered a “dead-zone”, but that in general, there is adequate reception in the Reservation.

Chairman Bergen commended Mr. Mathan on the work with the application.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Oaths of Office: Union County Utilities Authority: Robert Rachlin.

Chairman Bergen noted that the Board would approve the communication at the October 26, 2017 Regular Meeting.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF

Joseph Cryan, Sheriff

Sheriff Cryan introduced his resolution; noting the program has been a success in many ways with over 200 employees utilizing the program.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to A&A Fitness, Inc. d/b/a The Max of Springfield, Union, New Jersey, to provide physical and nutritional administration services to the Union County Sheriff's Office and County of Union employee participants for a period of 12 months from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 for a total not to exceed \$40,000.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

Vice Chairman Granados stated that he has seen the evidence of employees losing weight, feeling better and being more productive in the workplace as a result of the program.

Freeholder Carter noted that the contract is from July (meeting date October, 2017) and asked if this contract was obtained through an open and fair process.

Sheriff Cryan stated that this contract was obtained in an “open and fair” process through resolution 2016-325. He advised County Counsel has authorized this process.

Chairman Bergen congratulated the Sheriff on the success of this program.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Joseph Graziano, Director

1. Amending Resolution Number 2014-817, a Shared Service Agreement with the City of Summit for the replacement of the Locust Drive Culvert near Tulip Street over Stream 3-51 (Su105) and to provide for reimbursement to the County of Union for the costs associated with the design and relocation of the sanitary sewer line, to provide for additional reimbursement costs from the City to the County of Union in the amount not to exceed \$103,353.00 for a new reimbursement cost to the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$201,453.00: (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-005C) **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

2. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40:A11-1 et seq to: Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management with Paul's Electronic Maintenance, Inc., dba SBP Industries, South Plainfield, NJ (BA#62-2017) for the purpose of providing Emergency Generator Services for the Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management for twenty-four (24) consecutive months with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month optional extension, contract amount not to exceed \$123,600. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Estrada inquired if this is for a 24 month period.

Director Graziano advised that this contract is to maintain and provide all testing of the County's twenty emergency generators.

3. 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; Morton Salt, Inc. Chicago, Il. for the purpose of providing Rock Salt for a twelve month (12) contract in the amount of \$488,800.00. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Estrada inquired how much was spent last year on this contract.

Director Graziano advised that last year's bid was \$699,000; advising that the contract called for \$69/ton, whereas this year the contract is 448/ton. He added that all of the County's domes are full.

Freeholder Estrada asked if this was a "not to exceed" amount.

Director Graziano advised that it was.

4. Resolution granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights for the closing of Springfield Avenue from the intersection of Snyder Avenue to Plainfield Avenue on Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for the Township's annual Winter Walk and Tree Lighting Event. Also granting permission to hang a banner across Springfield Avenue and Plainfield Avenue from November 10, 2017 through December 4, 2017. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Mirabella inquired if this resolution has anything to do with Ben Franklin.

Director Graziano advised that it did not.

5. Resolution granting permission to the Township of Scotch Plains to close Park Avenue, between Bartle Avenue and East Second Street/Westfield Avenue from 2:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 28, 2017 (rain date Sunday, October 29, 2017) for the Family Fun Trunk or Treat festival. Also, granting permission to close Park Avenue from Front/Bartle Avenue and Westfield Avenue/East Second Street on Sunday, December 3, 2017 between the hour of on or about 1:30 p.m. to on or about 5:00 p.m. for the annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCEBibi Taylor, Director

1. Resolution determining the form and other details of not to exceed \$44,250,00 refunding bonds of the County of Union, New Jersey, to accomplish the refunding on the terms required by the Local Finance Board pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5 and consistent with the refunding provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and to provide for the sale and delivery of such bonds to the underwriters. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Carter asked for additional information.

Director Taylor advised that the resolution allows the County to refund an aggregate principle amount of \$44,250,000 to achieve a savings of \$2,009,803. She advised that the final pricing of the refunding bonds would be done at the point of sale. She added the County anticipates a total savings of 4.63%. She advised that the state statute requires a savings of at least 3% in savings.

Chairman Bergen added that this is essentially like “refinancing the bonds” at a lower interest rate.

Director Taylor added that it maintains the same amortization schedule. She also added that this process allows the County to take advantage of market conditions to save money.

2. Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$74,100 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Public Safety for a Program Entitled: Comprehensive Traffic Safety Program. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
3. Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$1,210 as a result of notification for additional funds received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a Program Entitled: Division on Aging Area Plan Contract. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
4. Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$52,215.69 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a Program Entitled: Body Armor Replacement Fund (BARF) Grant. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
5. Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$370,263.90 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for a Program Entitled: State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
6. Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$2,145,575 as a result of notification 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)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICESKaren Dinsmore, Acting Director

There were no questions or comments from the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to allow Union County Department of Human Services Division of Workforce Development Operations, as American Job Center Operation Services contracted provider, to utilize Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Grant funds from New Jersey State Department of Labor and Workforce Development in the total amount not to exceed \$918,972 in the form of Individual Training Contracts for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract for professional services for the period October 27, 2017 through September 26, 2018 to Yelena Samofalov, MD of Scotch Plains, NJ for the provision of medical supervision to the Union County Pediatric Immunization Clinic in an amount not to exceed \$16,500.00. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Ron Zuber, Director

There were no questions or comments from the Board.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2017-799 to reflect the correct language for the 2018 NJ DOT BIKEWAYS grant application. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**
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: Parks and Recreation, Division of Engineering: Billy Contracting and Restoration, Inc., for the purpose of providing the replacement of Wheeler Park Pool House Demolition and new Construction, City of Linden, county of Union New Jersey, in the amount not to exceed \$1,971,000.00 **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

1. Authoring the County Manager to accept and expend \$2,145,575 from the NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness under the FFY 2017 Urban Areas Security Initiative. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**

Freeholder Estrada inquired if the date was correct, noting that fiscal year 2017 is almost over.

Director Moran advised that the awards are always late in the year.

Freeholder Estrada inquired if the County has spent the funds, and inquired as to the items that were/will be purchased.

Director Moran advised that the funds had not been spent. He advised that many of the items are regionally purchased for UASI activities. He advised that the funds will be used for the Neptune program and training. He advised that the funds will be also used for the Metro Force search and rescue training.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend \$370,263.90 from the Fiscal Year 2017 New Jersey Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) in order to enhance the County's ability to prepare for, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**

3. Authorizing the County Manager to Amend Resolution 2017-065; a resolution entering into a Shared Services Agreement with the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, Inc. to provide 911 Emergency Medical Dispatch Services, to reflect a change in language. (No change in contract amount) **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Robert Barry, County Counsel

There were no questions or comments from the Board.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2017-539, to increase the appropriation to Kologi Simitz of Linden, NJ in the matter entitled Marissa Taylor-Munger v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$40,000.00. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen)**

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulating the Calvary Baptist Church of Plainfield upon their 120th Anniversary celebration on November 18, 2017. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
2. Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Patricia A. Hobson upon her passing. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
3. Congratulating Overlook Medical Center at Union Hospital upon their 10th anniversary celebration on October 23, 2017. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**

Freeholder Estrada asked to join Freeholder Hudak as a sponsor.

Vice Chairman Granados asked to join Freeholder Hudak as a sponsor.

4. Congratulating Edward J. Kologi, Esq. for being honored by the Union County Bar Association. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**

Chairman Bergen asked to join Freeholder Hudak as a sponsor.

5. Congratulating Judi Laganga upon her retirement from Rutgers Cooperative Extension - Union County for 18 years of outstanding service and wishing her a happy and healthy retirement. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
6. Extending the Board's congratulates to the Cranford Fire Department upon its 125th anniversary celebration of continuous service on October 15, 2017. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella & Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Chairman Bergen asked to join Freeholders Mirabella and Kowalski as a sponsor.

7. Proclaiming the Month of November Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month throughout the County of Union. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**

Freeholder Estrada suggested this resolution come from the Entire Board.

8. Extending the Board's commendation to Brenda Bayley of Hillside for crocheting 6,000 pink Breast Cancer Awareness symbols in the shape of a ribbon and handing them out at the Annual Breast Cancer Walk in Newark. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**

Freeholder Carter asked to join Freeholder Wright as a sponsor.

Freeholder Jalloh asked to join Freeholder Wright as a sponsor.

9. Congratulating Kim Nesbitt Good for being honored at the 5th Anniversary Celebration of Union County Fatherhood Initiative as Founder and Community Leader. **(Freeholder Vernell Wright)**

Freeholder Estrada asked to join Freeholder Wright as a sponsor.

Freeholder Carter asked to join Freeholder Wright as a sponsor.

Freeholder Jalloh asked to join Freeholder Wright as a sponsor.

10. Congratulating Chris Nunes of Troop 101/Pack 101, Our Lady of Fatima Church, Elizabeth, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada & Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**

11. Congratulating Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey- Girl Scout Troops 40409 and 40608 of Our Lady of Fatima Church upon its 40th anniversary. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados & Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**

12. Authorizing the County Manager to award Kids Recreation Trust Fund 2017 grants to twenty (20) recipients in the County of Union in accordance with the Kids Recreation Trust grant criteria, as stated in said grant application, through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**

13. Authorizing the County Manager to award Greening Union County 2017 grants to (16) municipalities in the County of Union in accordance with the Greening Union County grant criteria, through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$100,301.75. **(Vice Chairman Sergio Granados)**

14. Proclaiming November 17, 2017 as Adoption Day throughout the County of Union. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen & the Entire Board)**

15. Congratulating the recipients of the 2017 Community Access awards at their annual Gala on November 2, 2017. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen & The Entire Board)**

16. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the Union County Performing Arts Center, 1601 Irving Street, Rahway, New Jersey 07065 to provide services necessary for the production and execution of American Historical Theater's production of Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton: Conflict and the Constitution. Developed to provide education through entertainment, the County of Union will be sponsoring this program for select middle school students throughout the County of Union. This program will include

up to eight (8) performances at the UCPAC in Rahway at a cost not to exceed \$60,000.00. The production will include executing contracts with the American Historical Theater, rental of theater and equipment, provision of all technical crew and personnel as needed for each performance, student transportation, and all related needs. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen & Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

17. Extending the Board's gratitude and appreciation to Paul Pienciak who spearheaded the shadow box project as part of the Freeholder HERO Initiative (Veterans); and further acknowledging the efforts of Thomas Ryan, George Labruzzo and Vincent Paparella of the County's Carpenter shop and Christopher Paparella from Print Services. **(Chairman Bruce H. Bergen & The Entire Board)**

Vice Chairman Granados noted he will have an additional resolution pertaining to the Open Space Trust Fund's Preserve Union County grants.

He also noted that both he and Freeholder Estrada will have a resolution relative to the Hispanic Law Enforcement Association of Union County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To the extent known, the following item will be discussed in Executive Session:

1. Attorney-Client privileged communications and discussion relative to potential contract negotiations with the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority.

County Counsel Barry stated that pursuant to provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, a public body may enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing certain enumerated subjects.

He stated that this Board wished to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Attorney-Client privileged communications and discussions relative to Attorney-Client privileged communications and discussion relative to potential contract negotiations with the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority.

He stated that the minutes of the Executive Session shall be separated from the minutes of the Open Public Session and that the minutes of the Executive Session, redacted as appropriate and necessary, shall be available in approximately 30 days. He stated that the Clerk of the Board shall retain the original minutes until such time as the confidential limitations have been removed, at which time they shall be made available.

He stated that upon affirmative vote of the majority of the members present, the Board may retire Executive Session and upon the Board's return, as it is an Agenda Meeting, it will not take formal action on the matters discussed.

Chairman Bergen asked for a motion to enter Executive Session. On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

Chairman Bergen asked for a motion to return to the Agenda Meeting. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent.

County Counsel advised that there was nothing to report as a result of discussion in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bergen asked for a motion to adjourn. On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Jalloh, a voice vote showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Kowalski absent. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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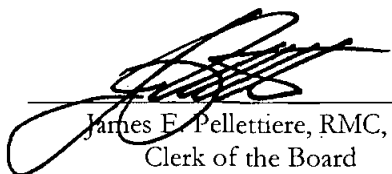
**REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017 AT 12:00 NOON
ASSIGNMENT JUDGE KAREN M. CASSIDY'S COURTROOM, 2 BROAD STREET, ELIZABETH, NJ**

AGENDA SETTING SESSIONS

- January 19, 2017
- February 2, 2017
- February 23, 2017
- March 2, 2017
- March 16, 2017
- April 6, 2017
- April 20, 2017
- May 4, 2017
- May 25, 2017
- June 1, 2017
- June 15, 2017
- July 13, 2017
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- October 5, 2017
- October 19, 2017
- November 9, 2017
- November 30, 2017
- December 14, 2017

REGULAR MEETINGS

- January 26, 2017
- February 9, 2017
- February 23, 2017
- March 9, 2017
- March 23, 2017
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- April 27, 2017
- May 18, 2017
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- August 17, 2017
- September 14, 2017
- September 28, 2017
- October 12, 2017
- October 26, 2017
- November 21, 2017 (Tuesday)
- December 7, 2017
- December 21, 2017



James F. Pellettiere, RMC, QPA
Clerk of the Board