



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2017
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

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

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

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 Wright, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

Chairman Bergen stated that there was a presentation to be made but that honoree was on his way so we will start with a resolution from the floor.

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Chairman Bergen stated that there was a resolution not placed at the previous agenda meeting and called for a motion to suspend the rules to consider a resolution from the floor.

On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

Chairman Bergen stated that for the information of the public, this resolution was to allow the County to donate chemicals to several counties in Texas to help fight mosquitos due to the severe flooding. The chemicals were discovered in our warehouse. This resolution is 2017-719.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

2017-719 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN: Resolution designating seven (7) pallets of Aquabac 200G (10/14 mesh) as surplus and donating said pallets of Aquabac 200G to the following governmental entities of Houston, Texas to assist with their efforts in addressing potential mosquito control needs as a result of Hurricane Harvey: Harris County, Texas; Brazoria County, Texas; Chambers County, Texas; Galveston County, Texas.

The meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on Resolution 2017-219 being offered From the Floor and for adoption only. Chairman Bergen stated that there will be a 3 minute timeline.

Bruce Paterson of Garwood stated that he appreciated that we are helping Texas due to Hurricane Harvey, but he wanted to know how much the pallets cost.

County Manager Al Faella stated that there was no cost as they received as a state grant, noting that it was left over in our warehouse from last summer.

Mr. Paterson stated that there has to be a value.

Director Graziano stated that the value was approximately \$17,000 for seven pallets being donated to four Counties in Texas.

Chairman Bergen called for a motion to approve resolution 2017-719. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Wright, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

PRESENTATION BY THE BOARD

A presentation will be made by Chairman Bruce Bergen and Dr. Mohammad Ali Chaundry, co-founder of the NJ Interfaith Coalition and as a member of the Interfaith Advisory Council of the NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, regarding the Stand Up For the Other pledge.

Chairman Bergen stated that in June he attended Interfaith Solidarity in Springfield and one of the speakers was our special guest Dr. Chaundry. He stated that among other things, Dr. Chaundry co-founded the Islamic Society of Basking Ridge. In response to the rising tide of bigotry, Dr. Chaundry initiated a "Pledge to Stand Up for the Other", a pledge in which you vow to speak up against anyone in your faith speaking out against others. He stated both houses and the NJ Assembly have also pledged.

Dr. Chaundry spoke about the pledge and stated that we have an obligation to stand up against bigotry and hate. Union county is the first county to take the initiative and take the pledge. Dr. Chaundry gave the pledge and invited public and Board to take the pledge.

Chairman Bergen thanked Dr. Chaundry for joining us.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Chairman Bergen stated again that he is aware there are many people here to speak about Resolution 2017-765 regarding Roselle Mind & Body project. He stated that he was making a few changes in normal procedures, reducing 5 minute speak time to 3 minutes so that everyone gets a chance to speak.

Regarding 2017-765, Chairman Bergen asked that people wishing to speak on other matters speak first, and that people wishing to speak on 2017-765 speak after the other resolutions are addressed.

John Bury of Kenilworth made comments as to 749-2017 asking what the Corrective Plan is, and if it was the same as last year (or is it something new).

On 763-2017 Mr. Bury asked how many cases are involved, and whether there was a change in counsel.

Regarding resolution 763-2017 County Counsel Barry stated that law firm of Bauch Zucker Hatfield no longer exists and that Ms. Hatfield and Mr. Zucker joined the Weiner law group. He stated that there were 4-5 cases involved on the litigation side of it and Ms. Hatfield provided labor and other personnel matters.

Regarding Resolution 2017-749, Director Taylor responded by stating that the audited financial statements from 2016 had one recommendation from the auditors which was to review all open purchase orders and for validity of same and cancel as appropriate as these are for various fund accounts with no lapse of time.

Chairman Bergan stated that anyone wishing to comment on any resolution to step forward and reminded that there is a 3 minute time limit.

In regard to 2017-765 Maria Hager of Roselle stated that this project is needed but that Roselle is in dire need of a school component. She also stated that over 1700 homes in Roselle are in foreclosure.

Gary Pfar, President of Union County Building Trades, read a statement in support of Mind & Body Complex and advocating for members of his union for jobs.

Ken Jones of Roselle thanked the Freeholders for allowing the community voices to be heard on this project. He also read a statement against the project. He noted that there was already a recreation center that was just built; that the many residents could not bear the tax burden of this project.

Sylvia Turnage of Roselle said she came to get some insight and clarity. She said she attended the Roselle council meeting the night before and that 5 of the 6 council members that voted had no clue after being asked questions by the audience.

Chairman Bergen stated that much of her information stated as fact is incorrect.

Sam Bishop of Roselle stated that he was in support of the project and that he thought it would bring people to Roselle.

Anthony Esposito of Roselle read a statement regarding Bill Musto and Bob Menendez. He stated that he wrote letters as to problems with this project and that he was against the project.

Joshua Melvin, a Roselle student spoke about how the project was causing stress on his parents and neighbors.

A Junior High School student stated that there are not many activities for kids and that a center is needed.

Assemblyman Jamel Holley of Roselle stated that he appreciates being able to address the Board. He spoke in favor of the project, that his interest was for the people of Roselle.

Deval Huntley of Roselle spoke in favor of the project and that he was using his voice for especially for the kids.

Mayor of Roselle Christie Dansereau stated that this was a tough situation. She stated that this issue is not about the children, but about their parents, noting that they are heavily taxed. .

Courtney Washington of Roselle stated that she supports the project. Especially for the quality of life for people with disabilities.

Jaida Atkinson works for Boys and Girls Club of Union County and they run after-school programs in the schools and if weather is bad, kids need to stay in the school gym. She said the kids need more space and that we should push for the project.

Brandon Bernier of Roselle, is opposed to the project. He stated that Mr. Espositio is not a trustee of St. Joseph. He stated that assemblyman Holley did not have accurate numbers. He said the UCIA has not provided him with the documents he has requested.

Denise Wilkerson of Roselle is against the project. She stated that there has been meetings in the last few weeks and no one has reached out to the people of Roselle. She stated that education is the key for their children, not another basketball court.

Freeholder Hudak arrived.

Arkan Janwan from Roselle, stated that he came back to Roselle after college. He is against the Mind & Body project because people cannot afford the tax increases.

Joseph (inaudible), of Elizabeth, stated that he thinks it is a good idea to build the complex.

Christopher, of Elizabeth, stated that he feels that the city of Roselle needs this project.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, stated that if Roselle defaults on the bond the rest of the County will be responsible for its financing. He stated that the people of Roselle had ideas and that this project should be re-thought. He suggested this issue be placed on a Referendum ballot for the Borough to vote for or against the project.

Seeing no other speakers, Chairman Bergen closed public comments.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2017-720 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Appointing Robert Rachlin as Commissioner to the Union County Utilities Authority to serve an unexpired term ending January 31, 2022.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-721 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Remington Vernick & Arango Engineers, of Secaucus, New Jersey to provide Engineering Design Services, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the 2018 Resurfacing Project for an amount not to exceed \$306,643.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-045)

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-722 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-993 adopted on December 3, 2015 authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for the Gordon Street Bridge, Roselle/Roselle Park, County of Union, New Jersey to accept additional funding in the amount of \$142,420.00 from NJDOT for Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-051 (TTF SWAP AGREEMENT NO. 2014-DT-BLA-FEP-206) for a total agreement not to exceed \$1,021,389.00.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-723 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-996 adopted on December 3, 2015 a Professional Engineering Service Contract with Hardesty and Hanover, of New York, New York, to provide additional design services associated with the Gordon Street Bridge over "Out of Service" Conrail Structure Number 205150, located in Roselle and Roselle Park, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$142,420.00, for a new contract amount not to exceed \$1,021,388.69, as approved by the New Jersey Department of Transportation

(NJDOT) - TTF SWAP FUNDING AGREEMENT - 2014-DT-BLA-FEP-206.
(Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-051)

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-724 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Remington Vernick & Arango Engineers of Secaucus, New Jersey to provide Engineering Design Services, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Intersection Improvement at Jefferson Avenue and North Avenue, City of Elizabeth, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$64,327.67. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-003)

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-725 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-526 adopted on June 18, 2015, a Professional Engineering Service Contract with T&M Associates of Middletown, New Jersey to provide additional construction administration and inspection services associated with the Madison Hill Bridge, RA-28, Project, Township of Clark, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$101,532.85 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$416,394.85. This amendment increases the construction administration contract from 360 days to 467 days, an increase of 167 days. This will extend the contract through November 30, 2017. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2012-016)

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-726 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Cooper Aerial Surveys Company, of Phoenix, Arizona, to fly and furnish digital imagery of Union County, New Jersey, for an amount not to exceed \$54,040.00.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-727 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2016-951 adopted on December 8, 2016; BA#50-2016, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq., to Lucas Construction Group, Inc., of Red Bank, New Jersey approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Rehabilitation of Central Avenue Minor Bridge (Structure No. We69), Town of Westfield, County of Union, New Jersey.

This Change Order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$19,498.05) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$204,401.95. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-026)

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-728 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Concurring with the City of Linden's Resolution Number 2017-180, adopted on April 19, 2017, deleting a bus stop on Elizabeth Avenue, northbound, at Lumber Street-Near Side and adding a Bus Stop along W. Elizabeth Avenue, northbound, at Donaldson Place-Mid Block, and adding a Bus Stop along S. Wood Avenue, westbound at East Morris Avenue - Far Side, City of Linden, County of Union, New Jersey.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-729 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Concurring with the City of Linden's Resolution Number 2017-252, adopted on July 19, 2017, deleting a bus stop along Wood Avenue, Southbound, between Wood Place and Edgar Road - Mid-Block 250' North and adding a Bus Stop along Wood Avenue, Southbound, on the Westerly side of Wood Avenue, City of Linden, County of Union, New Jersey.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-730 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Concurring with the City of Summit's Resolution Number 37941 dated June 20, 2017 requesting for the Installation of a Traffic Control Signal at Chatham Road (C.R. 653) and River Road (C.R. 649) - Meile Place within the City of Summit, County of Union, New Jersey, (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-007)

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-731 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Architectural Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to USA Architects, of Somerville, New Jersey to provide Conceptual Design Services and Building Code Compliance Consulting for the renovation of fire damaged Union County Motor Vehicle Building, located at 79 West Grand Street, City of Elizabeth for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-011)

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

2017-732 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Concurring with the Township of Springfield's Resolution Number 2017-221 requesting the County to perform a traffic study and upgrades as required, at the Intersection of South Springfield Avenue and Hillside Avenue, Township of Springfield, County of Union, New Jersey. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-010)

2017-733 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Resolution granting permission to the Township of Springfield to hang a banner at the intersection of Mountain Avenue and Hannah Street from September 1, 2017 through November 3, 2017 to promote the Township's Farmer's Market.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

2017-734 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Resolution concurring with the Township of Berkeley Heights granting permission to the Berkeley Heights Volunteer Rescue Squad to hang a banner across Springfield Avenue and Plainfield Avenue from September 19, 2017 through October 29, 2017 to advertise the Squad's Annual Membership Drive.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

2017-735 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Resolution concurring with the Borough of Roselle Park to close Chestnut Street, from Webster Avenue to Charles Street on Saturday, September 23, 2017 for the Roselle Park Loves Arts event and also to hang a banner on Chestnut Street from September 1st to September 23rd for the Roselle Park Loves Arts Event.

2017-736 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Resolution concurring with the Township of Springfield granting permission to the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Township of Springfield to close Mountain Avenue between Morris Avenue and Caldwell Place on Sunday, October 1st from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday, October 15, 2017 for the Fall Festival and Car Show. Also, granting permission to hang a banner across Mountain Avenue at the intersection of North Trivett Avenue from September 1, 2017 to October 17, 2017.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

2017-737 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Resolution concurring with the City of Plainfield granting permission to the Plainfield Fire Division to hang a banner across Front Street and Watchung Avenue from September 1, 2017 to October 8, 2017 to advertise the Fire Safety Awareness Program.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-738 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2016-955, to reflect the change in project dates for the Community Access Institute Colonial/Morse project (2015-334; 16-CoC-101) to August 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017 as specified on the FY2015 SuperNOFA Continuum of Care (CoC) Spending Plan, with no change in funding and no further changes to the spending plan.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-739 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to accept funds in the amount of \$23,083 and enter into a contract with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, for the Union County Rape Crisis Center (UCRCC) to provide services for sexual violence victims through the STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Formula Grant Program for the period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018, with required County in-kind matching funds of \$7,694 in existing UCRCC personnel expense, for a program grand total not to exceed \$30,777.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-740 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute the FY2018 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) agreement in the amount of \$219,422.28 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) for the grant period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2019 for the purpose of providing community programming for low income residents of Union County; and would also recognize and accept that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from NJDCA, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-741 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a negotiated agreement with the City of Summit to expand and renovate its use of its refuse facilities on County deeded property (commonly known as "Summit Transfer Station").

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-742 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$143,803 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a Program Entitled: Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (S.A.N.E.) Grant.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-743 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$230,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey Transit for a Program Entitled: Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC 4).

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-744 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$142,420 as a result of notification for additional funds received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation for a Program Entitled: Gordon Street Bridge (Design Management) Grant.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-745 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$17,850 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.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-746 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$23,083 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a Program Entitled: Stop Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-747 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$219,422.28 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a Program Entitled: Community Service Block Grant (CSBG).

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-748 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2017 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$12,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for a Program Entitled: Paratransit Veterans Grant.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-749 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Approving the Corrective Action Plan for the financial statements ending December 31, 2016.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-750 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing Governing Body Certification of the 2016 Audit.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-751 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizes the County Manager to adjust and/or change the Internal Position Control Schedules.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-752 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Amending Resolution Number 2016-965, to reflect a one-time reallocation of funds under CY2017 Alcohol/Drug Abuse (A/DA) Grant between subcontracted agencies by decreasing CenterPath Wellness (formerly CenterStone Community Wellness) in the total amount not to exceed \$35,200 and increasing both Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services in the total amount not to exceed \$17,600 and CURA, Inc. in the total amount not to exceed \$17,600; further endorsing the amended 2017 Alcohol/Drug Abuse Spending Plan, with no change in the total award ceiling, for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, as approved by LACADA on August 8, 2017.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-753 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Amending Resolution Number 2017-35, a resolution extending the contract with Transdev Services, Inc for the provision of transportation services in the form of Routing, Scheduling, and Dispatch, and Road Operator Services for the Union County Paratransit System including the Route 22 Shuttle, to allocate additional funding in the total amount not to exceed \$19,999.39 to cover expenses incurred during the requested transition period in accordance with the contract.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-754 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with NJ Transit to secure grant funding in the amount of \$230,000 with a 100% County Match of \$230,000 for a total of \$460,000 for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 for inclusion in NJ Transit's Consolidated NJ Job Access and Reverse Commute (NJ-JARC4) Grant Agreement for SFY18.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-755 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute Contract Year (CY) 2018 Alcoholism/Drug Abuse (A/DA) Grant funding from New Jersey Department of Human Services (NJDHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), in the amount of \$951,615 with a County Match requirement of \$129,601 for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 for the provision of prevention education/early intervention and treatment programs for medically indigent residents of Union County.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-756 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Authorizing the County Manager to award renewal subcontracts to various agencies under the 2018 Alcohol/Drug Abuse Grant Spending Plan in the total amount not to exceed \$926,354 for the period of January

1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 for the provision of prevention education/early intervention and treatment programs for medically indigent residents of Union County as permitted by NJ Department of Human Services (NJ DHS); and further authorizing the transfer of funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies fail to meet its contractual obligation.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-757 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for a grant to the National Alliance for Accessible Golf (NAAG), US Golf Association (USGA) – Accessible Golf Program Grant in the amount of \$15,000 and authorize a County in-kind match as specified by the grant requirements; and also, authorize the County Manager to do all things necessary to execute an agreement with the NAAG and USGA should a grant be awarded.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-758 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2016-473, a contract with The Musial Group, Mountainside, New Jersey, for an additional amount not to exceed \$3,100 for a new contract amount of \$9,095 for additional work required on the conceptual design plans for the renovations to the Union County Clerk's Offices.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-759 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Visual Computer Solutions, Inc., Freehold, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$22,004.00 for the renewal of the annual maintenance agreement for the County's VCS software and in addition for the attendance of one employee to attend the VCS Evolution Exchange User Conference.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-760 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Division of Criminal Justice, FFY15 Victims of Crime Act, County Sexual Assault Response Team/Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program in the amount of \$143,803 with a County Match of \$35,951.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-761 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2017-26, a professional services contract with Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC, Warren, New Jersey, special counsel for Labor and Personnel matters, to increase the amount of award for legal services in the amount of \$35,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$85,000.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-762 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to execute a contract award with The DRS Group, Springfield, New Jersey, through BA# UCCP 28-2015, for the purpose of On-Call document digital imaging and scanning services to be utilized for the Bureau of GIS Online Crisis Mitigation Plan through December 31, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-763 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to reflect a change from Bauch, Zucker Hatfield to Weiner Law Group for various litigation defense assignments and labor personnel matters.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-764 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to sign any all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with CWA Local 1080, Effective July 1, 2016 through June 20, 2020.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-765 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, State of New Jersey, consenting to the issuance of County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2017 (Borough of Roselle Community Center and Library Project) by the Union County Improvement Authority, the construction of facilities and the execution of a lease agreement with the Borough of Roselle in connection therewith in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:37A-56.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Estrada voting in the negative and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2017-766 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Joan C. Lambert upon her passing on August 28, 2017.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

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- 2017-767 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution urging President Donald Trump to reconsider his decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, and further urging Congress to pass meaningful legislation to create a path toward citizenship.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-768 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Congratulating Adrianna Sabat for being crowned 2017 Miss Polonia and Barbara Zawlocka for being selected to serve as the 2017 Grand Marshal of the Linden Pulaski Day Parade.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-769 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution opposing the proposed 2017 Income Tax Reform to cut multiple entitlement programs for low-income and/or poverty stricken vulnerable target populations nationwide, New Jersey and Union County.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voting in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-770 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Congratulating Michael Ausiello of Roselle, author of his new book, Spoiler Alert: The Hero Dies; and further wishing him continued success.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voting in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-771 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Appointing Jennifer Blumenstock as a Commissioner to the Union County Commission on the Status of Women for a term beginning January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voting in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-772 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA & FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Congratulating Cristian Velancia of Boy Scout Troop #4, St. Mary's of the Assumption Church, Elizabeth upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voting in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-773 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Proclaiming Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15, 2017 through October 15, 2017 throughout the County of Union.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voting in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-774 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA & FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Congratulating Johan Velasco, Boy Scout Troop #4, St. Mary's of the Assumption Church upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voting in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-775 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Welcoming Party Secretary of Zhejiang Province and Chairman of the Standing Committee of Zhejiang Provincial People's Congress Che Jun to Union County on August 26, 2017.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voting in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-776 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Union County Probation Chief Raymond Reynolds upon his retirement after more than 45 years of dedicated service to the County of Union.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voting in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-777 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Assistant Chief of the Union County Probation Department Herbert Francis upon his retirement after 45 years of dedicated service to Union County.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voting in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-778 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Union County Juvenile Probation Supervisor Lawrence Haman upon retiring after 43 years of dedicated service to Union County.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voting in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2017-779 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of former Union County Deputy First Assistant Prosecutor Henry Jaeger upon his passing on August 30, 2017.

On a motion was made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voting in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

Chair Bergen state that 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.

Nick Barbarra of Mountainside read a statement on the Open Space Trust Fund regarding Mt. Laurel and a mandatory development of 3 lots deemed not developable by DEP, but DEP reversed their own decision and declassified this property next to Echo Lake. He asked if this property was wetlands. Can you step in and protect our open space?

Chairman Bergen stated that the County has no involvement in settling Mt Laurel cases, and asked if he would write down details and we can see what we can find out.

Mayor Dansereau of Roselle wants to know if the Freeholders can clarify why they voted almost unanimously on the Mind & Body Complex. She found it offensive that people from other towns come to speak about what Roselle needs. There is a crisis in Roselle and the financials have been incredibly distorted.

Anthony Esposito of Roselle is disappointed in the vote today. He made comments as to impropriety regarding campaign donations.

Maria Hegner of Roselle stated that today is a disgrace to Union County. She stated that at election time, she will remember who voted.

Antwan of Roselle thanked Freeholder Estrada for what he did today and said the doors of Roselle will always be open to him for what he did tonight.

Ken Jones of Roselle said he was not surprised by your decision today and that God watches everything.

Brandon Bernier of Roselle thanked Freeholder Estrada for his bravery. He also said he had only one request and that was to make a motion to reconsider. He doesn't understand who on the board doesn't have a conflict of interest.

Michael Zaccaria of Union, made comment about the proposed playground development on Green Lane. He said he was confused about the project. They had two community meetings and a neighborhood petition with 95% against the project. Asking what the County's support of this program is and can Freeholders tell us what is going on?

Chairman Bergen stated that no decision has been made. The project is still in the consideration stage. Please submit your concerns to the Clerk and he will distribute to the Board.

Sylvia Turage of Roselle stated that the decision was egregious at best. She told Freeholder Estrada that Roselle will support him. She raised questions about back door decisions. She said Roselle begged for help and you will find out what Roselle is made of.

Denise Wilkerson of Roselle thanked Freeholder Estrada for his bravery and for standing up for them. She said the rest of the Freeholders voted for a project that was poorly managed. She wished the Board asked questions so that they had a well-rounded decision.

Bruce Paterson of Garwood stated that you haven't signed it yet, please reconsider.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Kowalski thanked everyone for coming tonight. She spoke about the Freeholder support for Library Grant Program, this year a total \$146968.00 in funds for 20 local public libraries to help improve children's programs, and thanked her colleagues for their support.

Freeholder Estrada thanked everyone for coming today. He stated that it is not up to the Freeholders to decide what your community builds, it is up to the people of Roselle. Officials and elected bodies of Roselle came to us looking for a guarantee for a project. He stated that unfortunately based on the information that he received he was not happy how the project was presented. He has yet to see how this will be funded. He thinks it's important that youth needs direction. Roselle needs to come together and he said it's a learning experience for everyone.

Freeholder Mirabella said he joined Freeholder Estrada in a visit to the new Law and Justice Mini Academy at Union County Vo-Tech Schools in Scotch Plains r this week and stated that the Freeholder Board is proud to support the mini academies and the entire Vocational-Technical School District, which is nationally recognized for excellence.

He also commented on the Mind & Body Complex, stating that he voted to help Roselle. It is a Roselle issue that was voted on by the Roselle Borough counsel and deemed it important and thought it would save money over the course of the borrowing. He said that the Mayor was supportive of it in the past but now is conflicted. He said that this is something Roselle feels is important and looks at it as a way to save money on the loan.

Freeholder Hudak stated that he shared much of the analysis of the project that Freeholder Estrada laid out, and they came to different conclusions. He said that Roselle residents had legitimate concerns, but your Board of Education and Council support the project. At the end of the day the project will save you money. But you have a right to be and concerned and you should move with the Board of Ed and your counsel to raise these concerns.

Freeholder Wright recognized the County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi for providing a new service to voters in this election cycle. U until this year candidates for governor in New Jersey were entitled to include a position statement on the sample ballots mailed to voters. A new law requires the statements to be posted online. Ms. Rajoppi will mail printed copies of the candidate statements to any Union County voter who requests them, for any reason.

Chairman Bergen said he would not repeat the statements of Freeholders Mirabella and Hudak but thinks they set forth many important issues regarding this vote. This is a local project and the county was asked to help the project move forward with saving money by giving our guarantee and thinks we did the right thing tonight. He also stated that the implication of impropriety in actions of the Board in awarding contracts to people donate to campaigns. The laws of the state of NJ are always complied with.

Chairman Bergen also made statements as to the opening of the Family Justice Center at the new Union County Courthouse Cherry Street Annex. He noted that Grace Park was a driving force in the effort to create the Family Justice Center, and she marked her last day on the job with the opening of the Center. He thanked Prosecutor Park for her years of meritorious service to the residents of Union County.

Chairman Bergen also acknowledged Freeholder Mohamed Jalloh, who championed the idea of the center when it came up several years ago. The Freeholder Board supported the concept by awarding a contract to the YMCA of Union County to run the center.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bergen called for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, a voice vote showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

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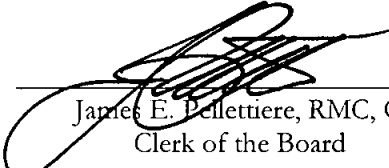
**REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017 AT 12:00 NOON
ASSIGNMENT JUDGE KAREN M. CASSIDY'S COURTROOM, 2 BROAD STREET,
ELIZABETH, NJ**

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