



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Sergio Granados presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:37pm. Roll call showed Chairman Sergio Granados, Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Linda Carter, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Angela Garretson, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella were present.

Also present were County Manager Edward T. Oatman, First Deputy County Counsel Rosalba L. Comas and Clerk of the Board James E. Pellettiere.

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

The Statement of Compliance was read by the Clerk of the Board.

A presentation was made by Chairman Sergio Granados, Freeholders Alexander Mirabella, and Freeholder Christopher Hudak to members of the NJ Sharing Network recognizing National Donate Life Month in Union County.

Freeholder Hudak introduced Elizabeth Stamler of the NJ Sharing Network. He read the resolution in its entirety. He said April is Donate Life Month which highlights tissue and organ donation in this country. He said there are almost 100,000 people currently on the waiting list throughout the country. He said by going online or registering when renewing your driver license at the Division of Motor Vehicle, you can become a donor.

Freeholder Hudak stated that Elizabeth Stamler is very active with the New Jersey Sharing Network who is doing wonderful work in the state with volunteers throughout the country to bring awareness to this important program

Elizabeth Stamler is a Foundation Board member with the NJ Sharing Network since 2010 when her brother passed away suddenly. She said her brother was a tissue donor to 29 people and there are three heart recipients in her family: her dad, aunt and brother.

Elizabeth stated that on June 3rd a 5K walk/run will be held in New Providence and urged the public to attend. She thanked the Board for the resolution on behalf of the NJ Sharing Network.

Freeholder Hudak read part of the resolution and thanked Ms. Stamler for all of the work she does for NJ Sharing Network.

Chairman Granados said Elizabeth was a major advocate to make sure next transplant olympics will be here in Elizabeth.

A presentation was made by Chairman Sergio Granados and Freeholder Linda Carter to members of the Elizabeth Parent Support Group, the Union County Spectrum All Stars, High Expectations Inc., Community Access and the Arc of Union County recognizing Autism Awareness Month in Union County.

Chairman Granados said Community Access Unlimited is a great organization helping out so many individuals and making sure individuals know about the resources that are available, but most importantly they get employment. He stated that individuals with special needs are the first to be hired.

A member from Community Access Unlimited thanked the Freeholder Board and said Autism Awareness Month is very important to our community.

Freeholder Carter made a presentation to the ARC of Union County. She said she is proud of the Freeholder Board and our county along with all of the organizations the County partners with. She said it makes a hug difference when we can spotlight the awareness, making sure that the needs of all citizens in the county are met and we can bring awareness to autism and the like. She thanked the ARC of Union County for all their hard work and for giving back to our community.

A member from the ARC of Union County, thanked the Board for their recognition, and also thanked other great organizations that were in attendance.

Chairman Granados made comments regarding the Freeholder Board and his initiative creating the Office of Special Needs. He said this office is the very first in the State of New Jersey dedicated to helping people with special needs. He added that the Office is headed by Manny Ramirez, Coordinator and Nicole DeAugustine, Assistant Coordinator, and they are doing a terrific job.

Freeholder Carter asked the Elizabeth Parent Support Group to come up. She read a little synopsis regarding autism.

Chairman Granados commended the group on their hard work. He said they deal with 70 kids with special needs, providing services for them and their parents such as yoga, basketball, and swimming lessons. Thank you for your sacrifice to give up time with your families to help.

A member from the Elizabeth Parent Support Group thanked the Board.

Freeholder Carter introduced High Expectations Inc. of Clark. She said High Expectations Inc., is a 501c organization that was started by parents in 2002. She said this organization is dedicated to providing developmental disabled individuals and their family's access to athletic, creation and social activities to supplement their education in vocational training. This help as a teacher myself to understand and be able to not recognize and be able to be inclusive of everybody, helps with bullying we all need to partner and work together.

Chairman Granados said the Board thanked High Expectations for the work that they are doing. He said it is comprised of hard working individuals to work together to continue to service more people.

Freeholder Carter called upon High Expectations, Inc. to join her for a presentation. She thanked them for their work in bullying and understanding and good to partner and work together.

Chairman Granados said Manny and Nicole speaks highly of your organization. He said can continue to service more people in our community as a partnership and thanked them for their great work.

A member from High Expectation stated that it all started in her living room 20 years ago with 8 families and there are currently 80 people. She said it is all about the kids and she appreciates the Board for recognizing their organization.

A resolution presentation was made by Chairman Granados and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella to the Union County Corrections' "Heroes4Heroes" for their efforts in making the Top Ten Highest Charitable Earnings list for the NJ Special Olympics "Torch Run."

Chairman Granados said he commended the Correction's Officers and the NJ Special Olympics Torch Run. He said they do a great job, not only getting dressed up in different costumes as they bring smiles to children's faces, but it shows that on and off duty they continue to give back to the community, which continues to make a difference in lives.

Freeholder Mirabella said it is the nature of the correctional officers in our county, not only do they do a great job day in and day out protecting the residents and securing the prisoners. He thanked them for their hard work day in and day out. He said the work they are doing to raise money for charity is special and it brings honor to the county and to the correction department.

The Correctional Officer thanked the Board. He said they dress up as super heroes, but part of that reason is because they are special heroes and we dress as heroes to honor them.

A presentation was made by County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi to the Board relative to the new Gold Parent ID Cards as per recent State legislation.

County Clerk Rajoppi explained that she was asking for the Board's endorsement for an ultimate sacrifice to Gold Star Parent of parents of men and women in the arms services that have died in the line of duty. The state legislator in January passed a law that permits County Clerks of New Jersey to offer this card to the Gold Star Parents. She explained how the program works. She said the State created this program to honor these parents for the sacrifice they made and by having this card entitled to certain courtesy and discounts, like free access to New Jersey beaches, state parks, forests, admission to the New Jersey State Museums.

County Clerk Rajoppi said Union County has a very high population over 20,000 veterans and would like to honor them because they did give their life to service.

Freeholder Estrada agrees with the program, but had a few questions about advertising on how the ID card means and how it is to be used.

County Clerk Rajoppi stated that she believes there will be a public service announcement. She said she was in touch with the President of the Association and said that Union County will be the third

county in the state to participate in this program. She added that she will be joining other County Clerks to help with state-wide advertising. She said many parents belong to the Gold Star to support the Association so they are aware.

Freeholder Mirabella asked County Clerk Rajoppi how many families in Union County can take advantage of this program.

County Clerk Rajoppi stated it is not broken down by county, but will looking into the amount.

Freeholder Mirabella asked County Clerk Rajoppi stated that along with the State benefits, if they could look into some County benefits that can help these parents.

County Clerk Rajoppi liked the idea to offer additional discounts to Union County residents and she said she will speak to the Veteran's office.

Chairman Granados said we can get together with the Policy Chairman Freeholder Carter.

Freeholder Mirabella thanked County Clerk Rajoppi.

Freeholder Garretson asked County Clerk Rajoppi how the family can apply for the ID card.

County Clerk Rajoppi said there will be an application form online, but they will have to bring the casualty papers and the DD 1300 Form. She said the form will be recorded and it will prove that they are indeed entitled to such a card. There is also a section for someone who adopted a child or a custodian guardian, so they would have proof of that as well as a driver license or an ID.

Freeholder Garretson thanked County Clerk Rajoppi.

County Clerk Rajoppi said we have a great deal of discretions in terms of what we can ask for we do not want to make it difficult for these parents, but they will have to produce the DD 1300 Form.

Chairman Granados said this is a great service for families, and he looks forward to working with the Clerk's office and the Veterans Affairs. He said Janna Williams is the coordinator making sure that we work together to get the promotion out.

County Clerk Rajoppi thanked the Board.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

1. Oath of Office: Advisory Board on Aging: Dana Farrell-Famiglietti and Elizabeth Fennik; Union County Air Traffic and Noise Advisory Board: Catherine Flynn; Union County Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board: Clara Fernandez, Nora Mislán and Nancy Piwovar; Union County Senior Citizen Disabled Resident Transportation Advisory Board: Sonja Ash and Tony Hall; Union County Homeless Trust Fund Advisory Board: Joanne Rajoppi and Mary Ellen Tango; Union County Transportation Advisory Board: Steve Hund and Jack Molenaar; Youth Services Commission; Donald Johnson.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Michael A. Monahan, Acting Prosecutor

First Assistant Al Cernadas represented the Office of the Prosecutor.

1. A resolution declaring certain properties previously forfeited to the Union County Prosecutor's Office are not needed for any public purpose, authorizing the sale of same by online auction and authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Auction Liquidation Services/USGovBid, 1 Industrial Way West, Building A, Eatontown, NJ, for the purpose of providing public auction services for the sale of the property. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Chairman Granados asked 1st Assistant Prosecutor Cernadas to elaborate on Agenda Item #2.

First Assistant Prosecutor Cernadas explained that the reagents and chemicals are used on the DNA analysis equipment to get profiles. He said in order to get the DNA profile into the database, the reagents need to be used, otherwise, the warranty on these machines are voided, plus we will not be able to upload the DNA in our convicted database. He also added that their accreditation for the international worldwide on DNA will be revoked.

2. Authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to enter into an agreement with Thermo Fisher/Lifetech of Carlsbad, CA to purchase proprietary reagents and supplies in an amount not to exceed \$126,000 pursuant to the N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(dd) exception to bidding. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 2017-407, dated May 18, 2017 to reflect total project obligation of \$477,989.00 with \$382,391.00 in Federal funds and a County match in the amount of \$95,598.00; and to further authorize the County Manager through the Office of the Union County Prosecutor to apply for and accept funding from the Division of Criminal Justice, Office of Victim Witness Advocacy for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Program for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, Subaward number V-86-15. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager through the Office of the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to apply for and accept funding from the STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Program, Project Title County Office of Victim Witness Advocacy- DV Advocate, Subgrant number VAWA-49-15 extension in the amount of \$2,137.00 in Federal Funds with a required county match of \$712.00 for a total of \$2,849.00 for the period of June 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Michael Yuska, Director

1. Approving Prescription Benefit Management Services for Employee Self-Insurance Program to CAREMARKPCS HEALTH, L.L.C., Woonsocket, RI in an amount not to exceed \$225,000 for a contract period of 36 months. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to designate the following vehicle as surplus and no longer needed for County purposes: One (1) 2003 Chevrolet Blazer, Vin #1GNDT13X43K147378 with an odometer reading in excess of 100,000 miles. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

3. Authorizing the following surplus-deemed vehicle for donation to the Borough of Roselle Park, NJ: One (1) 2003 Chevrolet Blazer, Vin # 1GNDDT13X43K147378 with an odometer reading in excess of 100,000 miles. The Borough of Roselle Park will assume all costs incurred with transfer and title. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Mirabella asked Director Yuska asked items #2 and #3 are the same.

Director Yuska advised that the customarily procedure is to surplus the item with one resolution (item #2) and donate it with another resolution (#3), adding it is the same vehicle.

4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement to provide liability coverage for ambulances owned and operated by the County Emergency Services in an amount not to exceed \$13,036.00 with Western World Insurance Company, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey, for the period of April 26, 2018 to April 25, 2019. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amy Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to purchase American Flags through National Flag & Display Co., Inc. d/b/a/ Metro Flag Co., Wharton, NJ, to be placed on the graves of veterans buried in Union County cemeteries during the Memorial Day holiday weekend year 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$25,099.20. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Estrada asked Deputy County Manager Wagner if these flags are made in the United States.

Deputy County Manager Wagner stated that the flags are made in the United States.

Freeholder Garretson asked Deputy County Manager Wagner about the year being printed on the flag.

Deputy County Manager Wagner stated that since they were ordering over 30,000 flags, it made more sense not to put the year on them.

Freeholder Garretson complimented Deputy County Manager Wagner, stating that it was a good business decision.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Joseph Graziano, Director

There were no questions.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2017-829 adopted on October 12, 2017 (BA#22-2017) a bid award for Superstructure Replacement of Hussa Street Bridge, Li-113, City of Linden, to reflect a change in account numbers only. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement between the County of Union and the City of Plainfield for the Installation of Traffic Signals at the following three (3) Intersections: Intersection of West Seventh Street and Central Avenue; Intersection of West

- Seventh Street and Plainfield Avenue; Intersection of West Seventh Street and Grant Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$784,490.00 as per a grant award by the NJTPA. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2014-044) **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to French & Parrello Associates, P.A., of Wall, New Jersey to provide Engineering Services for the 2018 Inspection of Dams for an amount not to exceed \$18,590.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-005) **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
 4. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract extension originally obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq; Department of Engineering, Public Work & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management, Pravco, Inc., Rahway, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Roofing Maintenance & Repair Services, twenty-four (24) consecutive months, in an amount not exceed \$234,000. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
 5. 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: Continental Hardware, Newark, NJ (BA#19-2018) for the purpose of providing Lot#4 Lumber & Associated Materials 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 \$13,238.97. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
 6. 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: Garden State Building Supply, Linden, NJ (BA#11-2018) for the purpose of providing Lot#3 Lumber & Associated Materials 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 \$62,398.40 **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
 7. 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: Maffey's Security Group, Elizabeth, NJ (BA#22-2018) for the purpose of providing Locksmith Services & Locking Hardware for the Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management; Division of Public Works, Union County Prosecutor's Office; Department of Corrections; Division of Motor Vehicles for twenty-four (24) consecutive months with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month optional extension, contract amount not to exceed \$249,000. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
 8. Resolution authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed open ended contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq; to Weldon Materials, Inc. (BA-UCCP# 15-2018) for the purpose of providing Road Materials for the Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management; Division of Public Works, \$629,680.00 and Department of Parks and

Recreation, Division of Park Maintenance \$35,115 and Division of Park Environmental Services, \$11,775.00 for a twelve month (12) contract amount not to exceed \$676,570.00. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**

9. Resolution concurring with the Township of Springfield to close Mountain Avenue from the intersection of Shunpike Road to North Trivett Avenue and Shunpike Road from the intersection of South Springfield Avenue to the intersection of Mountain Avenue on Monday May 28, 2018 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. for the Memorial Day Parade. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
10. Resolution concurring with the Borough of Roselle Park to hang a banner on Chestnut Street for the following dates: from April 2, 2018 until May 7, 2018 for the Roselle Park USO 5K Run/Walk to be held on May 5, 2018; from May 7, 2018 until June 11, 2018 on Chestnut Street for the Roselle Park Borough-Wide Garage Sale to be held on June 9, 2018; from September 10, 2018 until October 15, 2018 for the Roselle Park Borough-Wide Garage Sale to be held on October 13, 2018. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Bibi Taylor, Director

1. Resolution to exceed the County tax levy limit and to establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.14). **(Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen)**
2. Authorizing the Office of the County Prosecutor to exceed the County Entity Budget CAP (P.L., 2015, c.249). **(Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen)**

Director Taylor advised the Board Agenda Item #2 is being withdrawn.

Freeholder Mirabella asked Directory Taylor for the reason Item #2 is being withdrawn.

Director Taylor explained that through the Ad Hoc Committee and the Fiscal Committee through the budget process and through the collaboration with the County Manager, were able to reduce some of the salary line items across the board. She said the Prosecutor's Office had a grant to accommodate two of their positions as a result, it lowers their cap amount that they were over and this item addresses the need.

Freeholder Mirabella asked Director Taylor if this is necessary.

Director Taylor replied this is not necessary, and therefore, it is being withdrawn.

3. Governing Body certification of compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964" **(Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Bergen asked Directory Taylor for an explanation of item #3.

Director Taylor advised the Board that Public Law 2017 Chapter 183 was adopted into law on August 7, 2017, and it essentially requires that public entities must certify that their municipalities or counties hiring practices comply with the US EEOC. She said we are certified with the Department of Personnel and the certification is to attest to it.

4. Resolution Introducing and Approving the Annual Budget of the County of Union for the Fiscal Year 2018. **(Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCOA) in the approximate amount of \$20,119 for the purpose of 2018 LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) CWA Administration for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Chairman Granados congratulated Director Anderson and her department on making sure the people with special needs is a recognized during Autism Awareness Month and working with the Deputy County Manager Wagner to make sure the atrium is lit up in blue.

Director Anderson thanked Chairman Granados and the Board for all of their support.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Ron Zuber, Director

1. Amending Resolution Number 2107-695 adopted on September 28, 2017; BA#59-2017, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding process in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Abraham General Construction of West Orange, New Jersey for the Cedar Brook Park Improvement Project; approving Change Order Number 1 increasing the original contract amount by \$146,617.44 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$1,899,603.44. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2014-020) **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Carter asked Director Zuber about the Change Order.

Director Zuber said Joseph Venezia, Project Manager from Maser Consultant was in attendance to explain.

Joseph Venezia said this issue pertains to excess top soil that existed on the field. He said the project is located within a flood zone and they could not reuse the material on site. He said in following state regulations in removing the soil, it had to be tested and found that it exceeded the standards of the residential contact and had to be moved off site. He said there was not an alternate way to address this material.

Chairman Granados asked if a boring test was done. Mr. Venezia stated that there was no reason to suspect the material was impacted in any way. It has been in the existing field since 1930 without any activities there.

Freeholder Carter said that since been there since 1930, considering the amount of years that it was in existence that they would have done some necessary testing because of the flood zone.

Chairman Granados asked how much deeper did they have to dig.

Joseph Venezia said the topsoil could range four inches. He said in this case they went down 6 inches, which was exceeded by 50%. He said it was uneven so they had to dig deeper.

Freeholder Carter stated that was still confused as to why they had to go deeper from the original specifications.

Mr. Venezia stated that under the bid specifications, the contractor portion would have been done on-site, but since that is no longer the case, they had to recalculate the top soil and they know prior to construction.

Freeholder Carter asked when this took place.

Joseph Venezia replied, six weeks ago.

Freeholder Garretson asked what was the contingency for the dollar amount, how much was used for this additional money and did it factor into the project.

Joseph Venezia said there is a contingency fund but not all had been utilized at the site. However, the Board will see a Change Order reduction at the end of the project.

Freeholder Garretson advised Mr. Venezia to share this information with the County Manager, so he could relay it to the Chairman.

Mr. Venezia agreed and stated that the Freeholder Board should be aware that we did receive extremely favorable bids on the project. He said they came in over \$300,000 below the engineering estimate, adding there were a number of bidders. It came in 10% lower than expected.

Chairman Granados asked about the original ton that was expected to take out.

Mr. Venezia said he estimated approximately 1900 tons, but re-calculating it is 3,050 tons based on four inch top soil removal.

Chairman Granados asked Director Zuber are these the correct numbers.

Freeholder Hudak asked about the reasons for the difference in the quantity of the soil.

Mr. Venezia originally we've taken the field area the four inch top soil removal in looking at what was originally there it would have been done with the contingency amount once we looked at the actual pile started doing some additional calculations it was greater than that.

Freeholder Hudak asked is this a standard calculation the four inches and what caused the change.

Joseph Venezia said it was based on the condition of the field post excavation.

Freeholder Hudak asked if Mr. Venezia can explain the conditions of the field, once again.

Joseph Venezia said some of the top soil ended up being deeper than we originally anticipated there, and more in the range of six inches.

Freeholder Hudak said four inch is a standard calculation and asked about the time frame of the change order.

Mr. Venezia said it will take approximately 6-8 weeks in getting the test results and evaluation.

Freeholder Hudak asked when was the County notified of the change.

Mr. Venezia said that he immediately contacted the County representative on the project as how to best address this matter.

Chairman Granados said he just wanted to make sure the numbers are correct 1,900 tons and now 3,050 tons.

Mr. Venezia said that was correct, roughly 3,050 tons.

Freeholder Carter thanked Mr. Venezia for giving the Board the data.

Mr. Venezia said he expects that at the end of the project, the Freeholder Board will be seeing a change order deduction, offsetting the portion, but he will not know for sure until it gets to that point.

Freeholder Carter asked about the completion date.

Mr. Venezia stated that he hopes it to be soon.

Chairman Granados agreed with Freeholder Carter, that these projects need to be looked at closely. Adding there have been too many Change Orders and 50% like this one is extreme.

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 Parks and Recreation: Maglione's Italian Ices, LLC., Iselin, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing mobile food/ice cream truck and services for Ponderosa Park, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, for the contract period of three (3) seasons with the option to extend for 2 additional season, subject to resolution, in the amount of \$10,537.50 (revenue generating). **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Hudak asked Director Zuber if item #2 is competitive bid. He asked if there was anyone available from Union County.

Director Zuber replied, yes it was a competitive bid; and the highest in generating revenue.

3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into agreement, with Landscape Solutions, of Union, New Jersey for the purchase landscaping services for lawn maintenance of small county areas throughout Union County properties, for a period of one (1) year, in the amount not to exceed \$40,000.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs, to reallocate funds received from the NJSCA to Union County agencies and organizations. Proposals were evaluated by a professional review committee and funding levels were recommended by the arts grant committee of the Cultural & Heritage Programs Advisory Board which were subsequently approved by the entire Advisory Board. The total amount of the grant received is \$144,813 and of this total \$65,000 will be reallocated to 32 agencies and organizations to present or produce high quality arts activities. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs, to apply for the 2019-2021 cycle of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts LAP grant, which supports arts related programs and services. **(Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen)**

6. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks and Recreation: OFF Management LLC. Roselle, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing mobile food/ice cream truck and services for Phil Rizzuto Park, Union, New Jersey, for the contract period of three (3) seasons with the option to extend for additional 2 seasons, subject to resolution, in the amount of \$14,742.00 (revenue generating). **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks and Recreation; Division of Recreational Facilities: to the following vendors (Edward Don & Co., Woodridge, IL.; Chef's Depot, Monsey, NY; Sam Tell & Son Inc., Farmingdale, NY) for the purpose of providing kitchen supplies and equipment for the Ash Brook Clubhouse for an open ended contract for a period of 24 months from the date of signing of the contract, in an amount not to exceed \$175,838.60 **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Robert Barry, County Counsel

There were no questions.

1. A Resolution approving the settlement of pending litigation entitled Farnia Bashaw v. County of Union, Kanen Psychological Associates, et als, Docket No. UNN-L-002623-17, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 (\$50,000 to be paid by Kanen Psychological; and amount not to exceed \$205,000 to be paid by the County of Union and the balance to be paid by AIG Insurance Company) **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

Vice Chairman asked to join on item #23.

Mirabella UC Kids Dig in for next meeting

Freeholder Bergen asked to join Chairman Granados as co-sponsor for Resolution Number 23 and advised that as a result of the Fiscal Subcommittee meeting he will have some additional resolutions for sponsorships and internal position controls to add to the Regular Meeting.

Chairman Granados advised that Resolution Number 23 should come from the Entire Board.

Freeholder Estrada advised that he would have a condolence resolution for the family of John Surmay, Health Officer of City of Elizabeth and a cover for the County Health Officer to add to the Regular Meeting.

Freeholder Garretson advised that she would have a laudatory to add to the Regular Meeting.

Vice Chairman Kowalski and Chairman Granados asked to join Freeholder Estrada as co-sponsor for the family of John Surmay.

1. Re-appointing to the following members to the Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board: Susan Albert and Michel Bitritto for a term beginning January 1, 2017 through December

- 31, 2019; and Darius Tullis for a term beginning January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020; and further appointing Veronica Sala-Baez to a term ending December 31, 2018. **(Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen)**
2. Recognizing the dedication of Meckes Street in Springfield as "Reverend Clarence E. Alston Way." **(Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen)**
 3. Supporting the proposed minimum wage increase for airport workers. **(Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen & Chairman Sergio Granados)**
 4. Congratulating and commending the Omicron Chi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity upon their 2nd annual "Take Back the Night" rally on April 12, 2018 at Plainfield City Hall. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
 5. Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of William Reid of Plainfield upon his passing on April 1, 2018. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
 6. Re-appointing Sidney Blanchard, Janice Chapin, Linda Flores-Tober and Janice Lilien to the Homeless Trust Fund Advisory Board for a three-year term commencing January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020; and appointing Maureen Segale-Glenn, Brandon Givens and Donna Morris for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019. **(Freeholder Angela Garretson)**
 7. Recognizing the month of April as Social Security Administration Month throughout the County of Union. **(Freeholder Angela Garretson & Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
 8. Congratulating Hillside High School Football team upon their 1st State Title Victory in 32 years. **(Freeholder Angela Garretson, Freeholder Linda Carter & Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
 9. Congratulating Gloria Nisky for being selected as the 2018 Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year by the Linden Department of Public Property and Community Services Recreation Division at its 60th annual Senior Citizen Day celebration on May 4, 2018. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak & Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
 10. Congratulating Linden High School students, Taylor Battle and Jade Rodrigues upon being chosen to represent New Jersey at the 140th annual Easter Egg Roll at the White House. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak & the Entire Board)**
 11. Congratulating the Union County Performing Arts Center upon its 90th anniversary celebration. **(Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh & the Entire Board)**
 12. Congratulating and commending CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for the exceptional service they provide for children. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella & the Entire Board)**
 13. Congratulating Reverend Shawn T. Wallace, Sr., upon being selected as the 7th Pastor to serve at St. John the Baptist Church of Scotch Plains. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**

14. Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of William Neafsey of Elizabeth, retired Firefighter of the Elizabeth Fire Department. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella & Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
15. Congratulating Matthew L. Anstatt of Boy Scout Troop #75, Cranford, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski & Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
16. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Thomas McHugh, during their time of sorrow. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
17. Congratulating Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce upon its 70th anniversary celebration. **(Chairman Sergio Granados, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella & Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
18. Proclaiming April as National Donate Life Month throughout the County of Union. **(Chairman Sergio Granados, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella & Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
19. Proclaiming the day of April 25, 2018 as Denim Day throughout the County of Union. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
20. Appointing Thomas Beck to the Youth Services Commission (community organization) for a 2-year term beginning January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
21. Resolution supporting Senate Bill No. 830; legalizing possession and personal use of small amounts of marijuana for persons age 21 and over, and further creating Division of Marijuana Enforcement and licensing structure. **(Chairman Sergio Granados, Freeholder Christopher Hudak & Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
22. Congratulating the award recipients of the Urban League of Union County Young Professionals. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
23. Congratulating the YWCA Union County award recipients. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
24. Appointing Freeholder Chairman Sergio Granados to the Voter Accessibility Advisory Committee to a one year term ending December 31, 2018; and further appointing Robert Polidore as a public member to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2018. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
25. Resolution expressing this Board's support for New Jersey Assembly Bill Number #A-135 and Senate Bill #S-1261; legislation aimed to amend New Jersey's construction code for fire safety reasons, and provide an added level of protection for firefighters and residents. **(Chairman Sergio Granados & Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
26. Proclaiming the month of April as Autism Awareness Month throughout the County of Union. **(Chairman Sergio Granados & the Entire Board)**

27. Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of President Carlisle, retired Union County Department of Community Renewal Bureau Chief and former Hillside Councilman upon his passing. **(Freeholder Angela Garretson, Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski & the Entire Board)**
28. Re-appointing the following Commissioner to the Union County Commission on the Status of Women: Kim Powers for a term ending December 31, 2019. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
29. Extending the Board's congratulations to the #Heroes4Heroes group, representing the Union County Department of Corrections for making the top ten highest charitable earnings list while raising money for the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics New Jersey. **(Chairman Sergio Granados & Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
30. Extending the Board's gratitude and appreciations to the Girl Scouts of Service, Unit 42, Linden for executing an Adopt-A-Park Cleanup of John Russell Wheeler Park of Linden. **(Chairman Sergio Granados & Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
31. Joining the many government agencies, municipalities, the PBAs and high school student leaders that are in support of the Sandy Hook Promise to stop gun violence. **(Chairman Sergio Granados & the Entire Board)**

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Granados asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm. On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, a voice vote showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2018 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 7:00pm and the Regular Meeting will commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session.

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REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018 at 12:00 pm
 Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy’s Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

<u>AGENDA SETTING SESSION</u>	<u>REGULAR MEETINGS</u>
January 18, 2018	January 25, 2018
February 1, 2018 February 15, 2018	February 8, 2018 February 15, 2018
March 1, 2018* March 22, 2018	March 8, 2018 March 22, 2018
April 12, 2018 April 26, 2018	April 19, 2018 April 26, 2018
May 10, 2018 May 24, 2018	May 17, 2018 May 24, 2018
June 7, 2018 June 21, 2018	June 14, 2018 June 21, 2018
July 12, 2018	July 19, 2018
August 9, 2018	August 16, 2018
September 6, 2018 September 27, 2018	September 13, 2018 September 27, 2018
October 4, 2018 October 25, 2018	October 11, 2018 October 25, 2018
November 8, 2018	November 29, 2018
December 13, 2018 December 20, 2018	December 13, 2018 December 20, 2018

*March 1, 2018 Agenda Setting Session was cancelled and rescheduled for March 8, 2018 at 7pm. The originally scheduled Regular Meeting for March 8, 2018 at 7:00pm was rescheduled to immediately start following the completion of the Agenda Setting Session.

James E. Pelletiere, RMC, MPA
 Clerk of the Board

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