



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Sergio Granados presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

## **PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

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

## **STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

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

## **PRESENTATIONS FROM THE BOARD**

A Resolution Presentation will be made by Chairman Sergio Granados and Freeholders Christopher Hudak and Alexander Mirabella to Peter Capodice, Superintendent of Schools and various students of the Union County Vocational-Technical School, as the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders designates the month of February, 2018 as National Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month in Union County.

A Resolution Presentation will be made by Chairman Sergio Granados and Freeholders Christopher Hudak and Alexander Mirabella to Peter Capodice, Superintendent of Schools and Bonnie Baldasare, FFA Advisory and Horticulture Instructor as the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders designates the week of February 17, 2018 through February 24, 2018 as the "National FFA Organization Week" throughout the County of Union.

Chairman Granados noted that the Union County Vocational-Technical schools continually are ranked in the top of the nation. He commended Superintendent Capodice for his leadership and the teachers for their tireless work, and most importantly, to the students for always striving to be the best.

Vice Chairman Kowalski thanked the Vocational-Technical School Superintendent, school staff, and students for their dedicated work. She stated their efforts make the Board proud, and knows they (the Board) can expect great things to come.

Freeholder Mirabella noted that twenty years ago he was a part of the discussion relative to the vision of what opportunities the Vocational-Technical schools could provide students of the County. He stated that he was proud to see the development of the complex and the annual achievements of the students.

Superintendent Peter Capodice noted that the school and its students were present to recognize both “National Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month” and “National FFA Organization Week.”

Superintendent Capodice made comments relative to Freeholder Mirabella’s remarks relative to the vision established twenty years ago, noting its student body expansion from 200 share-time students to the current 1,600 full-time students and 600 share-time students. Superintendent Capodice called upon the principals from the various schools, who in turn introduced student representatives, to join him to receive the proclamation. The Board presented the students with the proclamation and a photo was taken.

Chairman Granados acknowledged former Governor James McGreevey in the audience as his daughter Jacqueline was one of the students participating in the ceremony. He thanked Governor McGreevey for his work as Governor and his continued work with prisoner re-entry within Union County.

Superintendent Capodice introduced Bonnie to introduce two students of the FFA program; Colleen Clark (President) and David Tahoon. Superintendent Capodice made comments relative to how FFA and agricultural education provides a strong foundation for the youth of America and the future of food, fiber and natural resource systems. He made comments as to how the FFA program promotes peer leadership, personal growth and career success within the student members, noting that the FFA program ensures a steady supply of young professionals to meet the growing needs in science, business and technology of agriculture. The Board presented the students with the proclamation and a photo was taken.

A resolution presentation will be made from Chairman Sergio Granados and Freeholders Christopher Hudak and Alexander Mirabella to the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee in recognition of the annual Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade; congratulating the following Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee 2018 honorees: John McParlan, Grand Marshal; Pamela Joyce-Adjutant; Kathleen Holmes-General Chairwoman.

Freeholder Mirabella noted that he was a quarter Irish, along with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh. Freeholder Estrada noted that he has 12% as indicated by ancestry.com. Freeholder Mirabella introduced the leadership of the Union County Parade Committee. They (committee) entered the room to bagpipes.

Freeholder Mirabella introduced their 2018 Grand Marshal, John McParlan.

Mr. McParlan stated the honor of Grand Marshall is extended to his business (Molly McGwuires in Clark), his employees and the customers that patron his business. He thanked the Board for their support over the years and invited all to join in the festivities on March 10, 2018, noting you don’t have to be Irish to enjoy the day.

General Chairwoman Kathleen Holmes thanked the Board for supporting the Parade Committee over the past 22 years. She thanked the committee for all their work over the past year.

Chairman Granados (jokingly) stated that he believed that the Portuguese Parade was the best parade in Union County, admitting that the Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade is by far the biggest and best parade in Union County. He thanked the Committee for all they do within the community. The Board presented them with a proclamation and a photo was taken.

### **APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Chairman Granados noted the Board would approve the communications at the Regular Meeting.

Note and File

1. Oath of Office: Cultural & Heritage Advisory Board: Ruby Contreras; Open Space Trust Fund Public Advisory Board; Maria Carvalho, Jim McManus and Michael Yesenko; Union County Improvement Authority: David Barnett, Ronald Bornstad and Cherron Rountree; Union County Commission on the Status of Women: Judi Jenkins-Gaudino, Carol Ann Lombardo and Cherron Rountree; Union County Planning Board: John DelSordi; Union County Transportation Advisory Board: William Hoover; Union County Utilities Authority: Raymond J. Szpond.

### **OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR**

Michael A. Monahan, Acting Prosecutor

First Assistant Prosecutor Cernadas represented the Prosecutor's Office

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into an agreement with Life Technologies Corporation, Carlsbad, CA, for the purpose of providing chemicals and supplies for DNA testing for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$30,290.16. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

### **DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

Michael Yuska, Director

1. Authorizing a payment to Beckerman & Company, County General Insurance Agent of Record, to obtain the Equine Mortality Policy with Great American Assurance Company, Cincinnati, OH from February 24, 2018 through February 23, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$1,952.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2017-1093 to reflect a name alteration only from ComPsych to FMLASource, a part of ComPsych Corporation, at the same address 455 N. Cityfront Plaza Drive, Chicago, IL. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 2016-1021, a contract awarded to Delta Dental of New Jersey, Inc., to increase the amount by \$9,511 to a not to exceed figure of \$1,509,511.00 due to unforeseen increased usage in late 2017. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Carter asked the Director to provide an explanation on his third resolution.

Director Yuska advised the County contracts with three separate dental companies: Healthplex, Delta, and Flagship. He advised that this year more people have used Delta than the other two estimates. He advised that while they were requesting an increase of \$9,000 for Delta, that costs for Healthplex were decreased by approximately \$68,000. He noted that they would adjust the figures to better represent who they (employees) were using.

Freeholder Estrada asked if the County is self-insured as it relates to dental, and questioned the reason for the increase.

Director Yuska advised that the County is not self-insured for dental, and noted that the increase is a result of the billing from Delta. He advised that the County's total cost for dental was \$1.8 million. He advised that they were \$9,000 over on Delta contract, but \$61,000 under the other two contracts. He also advised that the employees pay million dollars back through their contributions.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Amy Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

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There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with All Covered, a Division of Konica Minolta Business Solutions, USA, Cherry Hill, NJ, as the need exists to provide technical support for the networks, servers, and computer systems throughout the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$281,580, for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract through RCCP 1-2018 for the administration of Youth Mentoring Programs with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Essex, Hudson, & Union Counties, 500 Broad Street, 2nd Floor, Newark, NJ 07102, for the program service of one to one youth mentoring, program year 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**

Bibi Taylor, Director

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There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending the 2018 Temporary Budget Ch. 96 P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20). **(Chairman Granados, Freeholder Bergen)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

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1. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Mutual of America, Parsippany, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$114,896.17 for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 to implement an employee 401(a) benefits plan for county employees not covered under the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS). **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Chairman Granados asked the Director to elaborate on her first resolution.

Director Anderson advised that the Workforce Board has its own pension, noting that it was established roughly thirty years ago. She advised that this resolution is a renewal contract for approximately 19 staff members, representing approximately \$114,000 towards their pension costs. She deferred historical fact to the County Counsel to elaborate.

County Counsel Barry advised this pension program was established in the 1980's, and grew out of CETA and was federally funded. He advised that the employees who worked under the CETA funding program were not eligible to participate in the state pension PERS. The Board created this plan (and provided the payments) to provide equal benefits for those employees so that they were comparable to other county employees within the PERS system.

Freeholder Estrada asked if the name was "Mass Mutual of America".

Chairman Granados asked Director Taylor to address the question.

Director Taylor advised Mutual of America is the company that manages the employees under JTPA funding, noting that the Mass Mutual is for our 527 plan (deferred compensation) for the County employees.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Mutual of America, Parsippany, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$20,424.00 for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 for the provision of Group Life Insurance with Group Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan for employees not covered under the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS). **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Amending Resolution 2018-106, 2018 Youth Services Commission Comprehensive Spending Plan, to adjust accounts and reallocate funds in the UC Division of Youth Services crisis intervention services contract with no change in total dollars as specified on the amended Spending Plan; no change in the total spending plan amount; no other changes to the terms of this spending plan. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
4. Amending Resolution 2017-1043, adopting the 2018 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Spending Plan, to reflect a shift in funds under account numbers only; no change in amount of funds allocated; no change in total spending plan amount; no other changes to the terms of the 2018 CSBG Spending Plan. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
5. Approving a pre-qualified list of professional medical services for the patients of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County for the period of April 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Language Line Services, Inc., Dallas, Texas in the amount not to exceed \$47,000 to provide translation services, on an as needed basis, for non-English speaking clients of the Department of Human Services' Division of Social Services and the Department of Public Safety for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

Ron Zuber, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into agreement, through the use of the Educational Services Commission Contract #MRESC 14/15-60 and 14/15-62 16-8, with Nickerson Corporation, of Bayshore, New York for the purchase and installation of the bleachers seating component parts for the rehabilitation of the bleachers at Warinanco Sports Center, in the amount not to exceed \$125,000.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

County Manager Faella advised the resolution will provide for handicapped accessible bleachers, which coincides with the County's initiative to have all parks handicapped accessible.

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 Recreational Facilities; East Coast Sod and Seed, LLC of Pilesgrove, NJ, for the purpose of providing sod for the period of 24 months, in the amount of \$104,000.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Andrew Moran, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Petro-Dragon for the purchase of hose couplings and adapters for the UASI Neptune System in an amount not to exceed \$29,232 utilizing 2015 Urban Area Security Grant Funding. **(Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to designate the certain public safety equipment as no longer needed for County purposes and authorizes the County Manager to dispose of the equipment in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36. **(Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

Chairman Granados asked the Director to elaborate on his second resolution.

Director Moran advised that the equipment is a 2004 trailer which was used by the Police Department and has been determined to be no longer usable. He noted that when such equipment is deemed such, the County puts it out for auction.

3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a non-fair and open professional services contract, with Lehrer-Gibilsco Funeral Home, Inc., 275 West Milton Ave., Rahway, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Livery Services through December 31, 2018, in a total amount not to exceed \$150,000.00. **(Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
4. Re-appointing Christopher Scaturro, as the Union County Emergency Management Coordinator for a three (3) year term commencing on March 1, 2018 through February 28, 2021. **(Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Safe-T, 23 Hamburg Turnpike, Riverdale, NJ, through State Contract Nos. # 80958 T-number T0790-12-x-22281 and #80948 T-number Y079012-x-22281, for the purpose of providing Fire Fighter Protective Clothing and Equipment for the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in the amount not to exceed \$150,000. **(Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the County of Middlesex allowing the County of Union the use of the Middlesex Public Safety County Radio Network. **(Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

Freeholder Bergen asked the reason as to why the County is transferring to the Middlesex Public Safety County Radio Network.

Director Moran advised that the County is not transferring to the Middlesex Public Safety County Radio Network, but noted that Middlesex County has a public safety communication system that their public responders use at no cost to the County. He advised that this will allow the County to access their radio system. He advised that if the County of Union is involved in a joint operation with Middlesex County, this agreement will allow for better communication.

#### **OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL**

Robert Barry, County Counsel

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There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2018-122 dated January 25, 2018 to increase the appropriation to LexisNexis for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an additional amount not to exceed \$756.00 for a total sum not to exceed \$59,276.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

#### **OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER**

Alfred J. Faella, County Manager

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There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local 469--Secondary Supervisors, effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2019. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

#### **FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

1. Proclaiming the month of February as Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month throughout the County of Union. **(Freeholder Bergen & Chairman Granados)**
2. Congratulating Pastor Paul Dean in honor of his 20th church and Pastoral anniversary. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
3. Resolution supporting Complete George and the New York City Council efforts in urging the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to widen the George Washington Bridge's sidewalks. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
4. Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Franklin A. Ferguson upon his passing. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**

5. Re-appointing Catherine Flynn to the Air Traffic and Noise Advisory Board to represent the Township of Springfield for a two year term ending December 31, 2019. **(Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
6. Re-appointing Jeffrey Robinson as a Delegate member and Joseph Paszek as an alternate member to the Union County Air Traffic and Noise Advisory Board to represent the City of Rahway for a term beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2019. **(Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
7. Congratulating the honorees of the Hillside Black History Month event to be held on February 25th. **(Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
8. Authorizing the County Manager to award the sum of \$35,000.00 to the Union County Baseball Association for the purposes of providing assistance with the operation of the 2018 youth baseball programs. The funding is provided through and from the Kids Recreation Trust Fund in the amount of \$35,000.00. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
9. Authorizing the County Manager to award Level the Playing Field 2017/2018 grants to all twenty-one (21) municipalities in the County of Union, in accordance with grant criteria. This grant funding allows for accessible elements to be added to playgrounds in every municipality in the County of Union, for a total not to exceed \$500,000.00. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
10. Congratulating Chief Len Spina upon his retirement from the Garwood Fire Department. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
11. Congratulating Bernie Lenihan upon retiring from Union County College as the Vice President for Financial Affairs and Treasurer for Union County College. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
12. Congratulating County Clerk Joanne H. Rajoppi upon being the recipient of the NSDAR Women in History Award from the Cranford Daughters of the American Revolution. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
13. Congratulating Marc Brown of Cranford on being named to Superior Court in Elizabeth. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
14. Congratulating the following Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee 2018 honorees: John McParlan, Grand Marshal; Pamela Joyce-Adjutant; Kathleen Holmes-General Chairwoman. **(Chairman Granados & the Entire Board)**
15. Congratulating the JCC of Central New Jersey upon its largest Community Fundraising Day, The Big Give on March 11, 2018. **(Chairman Granados & Freeholders Bergen and Mirabella)**
16. Recognizing and appreciating SAGE Eldercare for delivering Meals on Wheels in March to the residents of Union County. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
17. Recognizing the month of March as Youth Art Month throughout the County of Union. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**



18. Congratulating Kathy Villaggio on her retirement after 40+ years of service to Union County residents. **(Chairman Granados & the Entire Board)**
19. Congratulating Al Faella on his retirement after his many years of public service in City, County and State government; with over 16 years of dedicated service to County residents. **(Chairman Granados & the Entire Board)**

Freeholder Bergen asked to join Vice Chairman Kowalski as co-sponsor for Resolution Numbers 12 and 13.

Freeholder Carter asked to join Vice Chairman Kowalski as co-sponsor for Resolution Number 12; she asked to join Chairman Granados as co-sponsor for Resolution Number 17; and she asked to join Freeholder Jalloh as co-sponsor for Resolution Number 7.

Chairman Granados advised that Resolution Number 17 should come from the Entire Board.

Freeholder Estrada asked to join Freeholder Mirabella as co-sponsor for Resolution Number 8, and suggested it should come from the Entire Board. Chairman Granados asked that it come from the Entire Board.

Freeholder Garretson asked to join Freeholder Jalloh as co-sponsor for Resolution Number 7 and to join Chairman Granados as co-sponsor (with the Entire Board) for Resolution Number 14.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Granados called for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Carter, a voice vote showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative. Meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.

## 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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

Persons requiring a sign language interpreter should contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 908-527-4140.

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

#### AGENDA SETTING SESSION

January 18, 2018

February 1, 2018

February 15, 2018

March 1, 2018

March 22, 2018

April 12, 2018

April 26, 2018

May 10, 2018

May 24, 2018

June 7, 2018

June 21, 2018

July 12, 2018

August 9, 2018

September 6, 2018

September 27, 2018

October 4, 2018

October 25, 2018

November 8, 2018

December 13, 2018

December 20, 2018

#### REGULAR MEETINGS

January 25, 2018

February 8, 2018

February 15, 2018

March 8, 2018

March 22, 2018

April 19, 2018

April 26, 2018

May 17, 2018

May 24, 2018

June 14, 2018

June 21, 2018

July 19, 2018

August 16, 2018

September 13, 2018

September 27, 2018

October 11, 2018

October 25, 2018

November 29, 2018

December 13, 2018

December 20, 2018