



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2018  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING AGENDA

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Sergio Granados presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

## **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 Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella were present, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak absent.

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

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

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

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

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

## **PRESENTATIONS FROM THE BOARD**

A resolution presentation was made by Freeholder Linda Carter to M. Power Productions for their recent performance of "The Vagina Monologues" in Plainfield, NJ.

A resolution presentation was made by Chairman Sergio Granados and Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski to Union County Human Services Director Debbie-Ann Anderson, Union County Child Support Supervisor Susan Ruiz and Union County Child Support Specialist Tonya Hendricks in recognition of the Union County Child Support Unit being honored as the "Child Support Agency of the Year" by the Child Support Council of New Jersey.

## **APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Note and File

Oath of Office: Advisory Board on Aging: Joseph Bruno, Joe Fox and Phyllis Monguso; Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse: Carol Berger and Karen Yushak; Union County Air Traffic and Noise Advisory Board: Joseph Gallegos, Richard McCormack, John B. Nicholas, and Jeffrey Robinson; Union County Transportation Advisory Board: Marvin Gersten, David Judd and Roger Stryeski.

**OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF**Peter Corvelli, Sheriff

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Undersheriff Amilcar Colon represented the department

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with SPEX Forensics, Edison, New Jersey, for the purchase of LED ultra-portable forensic light source and laboratory unit lightsource for the upgrade of the Union County Sheriff's Office Crime Scene Unit, in the amount not to exceed \$27,480.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Carter asked Undersheriff Colon in regards to the upgrade what do we currently have.

Undersheriff Colon deferred to Lt. David Quill to elaborate in regards to the LED ultra-portable forensic light source and laboratory unites.

Lt. Quill advised the Board that this gives us the cutting edge to help us develop evidence, the lab unit is stationed in the laboratory it's not a portable unit it has multiple forensic lights , helps filter out background, and enhance fingerprints helps develop a suspect. The portable one is just a hand held flash light version not as powerful but it can help trace evidence out in the field at scene.

Freeholder Mirabella asked Lt. Quill is this additional or replacement equipment.

Lt. Quill advised the Board that we have smaller version that we keep in the truck and in the past they were multiple units for each lights have to be individuals based on the lights that you are using, the new lab version this is the one that's like a one stop shopping for everything it has multiple filters can be changed quickly scanning an item of evidence. The hand held is much more powerful than anything we have had in the past.

Freeholder Mirabella asked Lt. Quill what is the life expectancy for this equipment.

Lt. Quill advised the Board at least five to eight years.

**OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR**Michael A. Monahan, Acting Prosecutor

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First Assistant Prosecutor Cernadas represented the Prosecutor's Office

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award a proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding to A&K Equipment of Rahway, NJ for the purchase of a truck utility body in the amount of \$38,500. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**Michael Yuska, Director

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There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the option to extend and award a contract obtained through advertised public bidding for the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Motor Vehicles, to Union County Collision, Roselle Park, NJ, for the purpose of providing the County with automobile and light truck collision repair, painting and refinishing services for a period of 24 months not to exceed estimate of \$300,000. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with The Hartford Insurance Company, Dallas, TX for Volunteer Accident Insurance policy, from April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$360.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, Hartford, CT for a Public Official Bond for B. Taylor for the period of April 15, 2018 through April 14, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$952. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**Amy Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

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1. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Union County College under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to provide Adult, Dislocated Worker and Business Services as the Workforce Innovation Business Center Operator, for the fifteen (15) month period, December 15, 2017- March 15, 2019, in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Jalloh asked Deputy County Manager/Director Wagner how is the dollar appropriated is there any grant money.

Deputy County Manager/Director Wagner advised the Board it's all grant money/federal grants workforce dollars.

Freeholder Jalloh asked Deputy County Manager/Director Wagner who's running the program now.

Deputy County Manager/Director Wagner advised the Board that it's operated through Union County College, it used to be at Mills at Jersey Garden Mall it has been relocated to the Kellogg Building because we're about to start work on the Simon Youth Academy Alternative High School at the mall.

Freeholder Jalloh asked Deputy County Manager/Director Wagner is the County running it or the agency at the Mills.

Deputy County Manager/Director Wagner advised the Board that's Union County College it's done through an RFP process and they prevailed in the RFP.

2. Amending Resolution Number 2017-280, adopted on March 23, 2017, to extend the contract period for Group I&I Consultancy, to provide the Union County Workforce Development Board with professional research, writing, strategic policy, planning and program development services so as to assist the board to meet the new requirements of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act from March 31, 2018 to June 30, 2018. This resolution would extend the contract period to June 30, 2018 at no additional cost. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 2016-933, adopted on November 22, 2016, to extend the contract period for the United Way of Greater Union County Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Out-of-School Youth Employment & Training Consortium Program from March 31, 2018 to June 30, 2018. This resolution would extend the contract period to June 30, 2018 at no additional cost. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

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

Debbie-Ann Anderson Director

1. Amending Resolution Number 2017-1038, to increase the contract amount awarded to the list of Practitioners/Psychiatrists by an additional amount not to exceed \$59,000, to provide Psychiatric services to the patients of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County during additional weekday hours and weekends/vacations/holidays/emergencies for the period of April 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in the total amount not to exceed \$75,000 for all Practitioners/Psychiatrists. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with pre-qualified list of practitioners to provide professional medical services for the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital patients for the contract period of April 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$45,000. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to award professional services contracts in an amount not to exceed \$11,250.00 for the period of April 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 for Specialty Medical Consultants to provide services to patients of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with NJ Transit to secure grant funding in the amount of \$300,000 with a 100% County Match of \$300,000 for a total of \$600,000 for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 for inclusion in NJ Transit's Consolidated NJ Job Access and Reverse Commute (NJ-JARC5) Grant Agreement for SFY19. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**

Freeholder Carter asked Director Anderson for an explanation of resolution #4.

Director Anderson advised the Board that we're applying for the New Jersey Transit for the Route 22 Shuttle there's an increase last year the amount was \$230,000 and we're asking for \$300,000 and asking the County to match 100% requirement. To date there has been 101 unduplicated passengers that have been using the Route 22 shuttle from 2017 we had about 73,188 rides throughout the county.

5. Amending Resolution 2017-1053, contracting with MPC Bus Corporation for the continued provision of Paratransit Service, to reflect an adjustment to the appropriation accounts with no change in the total amount of the award. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
6. The County of Union recognizes a need to employ a Chief Psychiatrist / Medical Director to assume the necessary medical functions and responsibilities in Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital, as prescribed by law. This classification is to be set for the year 2018 at an annual flat rate of \$239,200.00, and any merit increases shall be treated in the same manner as other non-contractual employees. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
7. Amending Resolution Number 2018-159 to reflect an additional appropriation in the amount of \$50,000, for a new total amount not to exceed \$265,000, for the Countywide Code Blue Emergency Shelter Initiative for the Winter of 2017-2018 to address the needs of the homeless due to increased demand for shelter nights during extreme weather conditions; no further changes. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Garretson asked Director Anderson with regards to resolution #7 what kind of increase for the number of homeless individuals and how many additional people have we seen.

Director Anderson advised the Board that this winter has been a challenge for the 2017 year we've had 51 code blue nights and we have seen about 3100 families, to date 79 code blue nights from November 1, 2017 to March 20<sup>th</sup> and we have seen about 3,715 constituents between Elizabeth and Plainfield 2900 adults and 785 children.

Chairman Granados asked Director Anderson with reference to resolution #7 it's a line item for additional appropriation set aside for code blue and we do appreciate because there are many people who are in need during the cold nights and we need to make sure we get people off the streets.

Director Anderson thanked Chairman Granados for the Boards support.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

Ron Zuber, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Architectural & Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Netta Architects of Mountainside, New Jersey to provide Design Services, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Rahway Pool Building Improvements, City of Rahway, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$298,600.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-002) **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Estrada asked Director Zuber what is the projected expenditure in terms of the project.

Director Zuber advised that this is for design inspection services and construction management and we don't have an estimate at this point.

Freeholder Estrada asked the Director that amount could change if it's super high.

Director Zuber advised that the amount we're asking for in capital could change but the amount regarding this contract they were the low bidder.

Freeholder Estrada asked the Director the design has not gone to bid yet.

Director Zuber replied no.

Freeholder Estrada asked the Director is it customarily to do it that way before we have the design is it the normal way that we go out for bid, we first assign the person who is going to the construction administration and everything else before we get the bids back.

Director Zuber advised the Board that the scope of this job means demolition of the building and pool then also designing the building, the concession stand and the locker room that goes with it and in most cases this is the way that we do it.

Freeholder Estrada asked the Director do we demolish everything and start new.

Director Zuber advised the Board that we demolish everything but one building which has historical significant.

Freeholder Estrada asked the Director can we do this in enough hours so that we don't lose the use of the pool in one year or two.

Director Zuber advised the Board that the plan is hopefully to have this out for bid as soon as possible so that the work can start almost immediately when the pool closes at the end of the summer. We will start pool demoing it, filling it in and having zero interest pool and next summer go to the next phase and if we have to work out of a trailer that's what we will do.

Freeholder Estrada the Director we're not closing the pool.

Director Zuber advised the Board that we're demolishing the pool and having all of the work done throughout the fall and winter months.

Chairman Granados asked the Clerk of the Board to make note that Freeholder Hudak is present.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to award CY2018 Union County History Grants to fifteen (15) recipients in the total amount of \$24,000.00. **(Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 2014-1080 adopted on February 23, 2015, a Professional Engineering Service Contract with Neglia Engineering Associates of Clark, New Jersey for additional engineering services associated with the Rahway River Park Project in an amount not to exceed \$12,750.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$292,752.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-019) **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**Andrew Moran, Director

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Christopher Scaturo, Director, representing the Department

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Spec. Rescue International, Virginia Beach, Virginia, to coordinate, conduct, evaluate and review the annual Metro UASI Strike Team Training Exercise through the 2017 UASI Grant, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000. **(Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

Vice Chairman Kowalski asked the Director is this exercise is still to be conducted.

Director Scaturo replied yes.

Vice Chairman Kowalski asked the Director when.

Director Scaturo advised the Board that the dates of the exercise are April 23 through April 26, 2018.

Vice Chairman Kowalski asked the Director will our Public Safety personnel will be participating.

Director Scaturo advised the Board that this is a multi-phase exercise we will have personnel as well as the ten UASI Strike Force Team.

Vice Chairman Kowalski asked the Director throughout this area.

Director Scaturo replied yes.

Vice Chairman Kowalski stated good job during the storm getting the updates about no more trees and wires coming down, thank you for coordinating with the public safety and public works staff.

**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL**Robert Barry, County Counsel

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1. A resolution declaring the real property known as 502-506 Amboy Avenue (Block 4 Lot 38 B), in Elizabeth as real property not needed for public use in accordance with the law. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. A resolution authorizing the sale of real property known as 502-506 Amboy Avenue (Block 4 Lot 38 B) in Elizabeth, to the City of Elizabeth for an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

**FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

1. Re-appointing the following members to the Union County Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board: Nancy Piwowar and Clara Fernandez for a term ending December 31, 2018 and Nora Mislán for a term ending December 31, 2019. **(Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen)**

2. Congratulating and commending Chief Carlo Palumbo and Captain Michael Mastroeni of the Springfield Fire Department for successfully delivering a baby girl on Interstate West I-78. **(Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen)**
3. Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Thomas E. Culp, Sr., upon his passing. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
4. Congratulating the Black History Month award recipients upon being honored by the Plainfield Housing Authority on March 23, 2018. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
5. Appointing the following members to the Homeless Trust Advisory Board: Stanley Neron, Stelio Papadpoulo and Mary Ellen Tango for a 2-year term beginning January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019; Joanne Rajoppi and Cory Storch for a 3-year term beginning January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020. **(Freeholder Angela R. Garretson)**
6. Resolution recognizing the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's assassination and the commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the King Center's founding; and further encouraging residents of Union County to embrace the teachings and message of a just, humane and peaceful world using a nonviolent philosophy and methodology. **(Freeholder Angela Garretson & the Entire Board)**
7. Congratulating Linden Public Library upon its 90th anniversary celebration on April 7, 2018. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak & Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
8. Congratulating Union County Deputy Surrogate JoAnn Schwab upon her retirement after more than 18 years of dedicated service to the County of Union. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella & the Entire Board)**
9. Congratulating the Union County Human Services Department, Division of Social Services, Child Support Unit upon being named the Child Support Agency of the Year for 2017. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Chairman Sergio Granados & the Entire Board)**
10. Proclaiming April 20th - April 28th as National Dance Week and further commending Carolyn Dorfman Dance for offering opportunities to the youth of Union County. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
11. Proclaiming April 10, 2018 as Equal Pay Day throughout the County of Union. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski & the Entire Board)**
12. Congratulating the Portuguese Instructive Social Club, Inc. upon celebrating its 96th Anniversary. **(Chairman Sergio Granados & Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
13. Congratulating the Summit High School Boys Varsity Hockey Team upon winning the NJSIAA Public C State Title. **(Chairman Sergio Granados & the Entire Board)**
14. Congratulating the New Jersey Veterans Network and Union High School JROTC for "Project 21" Puerto Rico disaster relief efforts. **(Chairman Sergio Granados & the Entire Board)**



15. Supporting Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth, to be designated as a Trauma II Level Center. **(Chairman Sergio Granados & Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
16. Congratulating the 2018 award recipients of Community Access Unlimited on April 12, 2018 upon being recognized for making a valuable impact on the lives of teens and adults with special needs. **(Chairman Sergio Granados & the Entire Board)**

Chairman Granados called for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, a voice vote showed roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative. Meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

## 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

\*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.