



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sergio Granados presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

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 Edward Oatman, 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.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Oath of Office: Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board: Maria Carvalho; Open Space Trust Fund Public Advisory Board: Lisa Palin and Janice Siegel; Union County Air Traffic and Noise Advisory Board: Robert Beiner; Union County Commission on the Status of Women: Sally Samuel; Union County Shade Tree Advisory Board: Nick Polanin; Union County Transportation Advisory Board: Robert Beiner, Louis DeSocio, Michael Disko, Jr., Joseph Sarno, III, Jayme Lynn Negron, Joseph Venezia, and George Vircik.

Chairman Granados stated the Board would adopt the communication at the Regular Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2017 Executive Session Minutes

Chairman Granados stated the Board would adopt the Executive Session Minutes at the Regular Meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICESMichael Yuska, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Appointing Michael M. Yuska as the Commissioner to the New Jersey Counties Excess Joint Insurance Fund and Eugenio Esquivel, as Alternate to the Fund pursuant to Resolution 2016-770 which approved the membership with the New Jersey Counties Excess Joint Insurance Fund. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to renew a Public Official Bond with the Travelers Insurance Company, Morristown, NJ for Anthony Ugoaru from March 09, 2018 through March 08, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$756.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONSRon Charles, Director

Director Charles advised the Board that all five of the resolutions involve changes in account numbers, noting there were no other changes to the agreements. He advised the changes were necessary due to the fact that the Juvenile Detention Center is now part of the Department of Corrections.

Freeholder Estrada asked why there is a need for a resolution to change the accounts.

Director Charles advised the (billing) accounts were from the Department of Human Services, but now will come from the Department of Corrections, indicating that the changes are essentially a bookkeeping item.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2016-1002, a Shared Services Agreement with Bergen County, Correctional Center Hackensack, NJ to reflect a change in the account numbers only due to the Juvenile Detention Center now being part of the Department of Corrections. The agreement is to provide secure detention beds for Union County Juvenile detainees on an as needed basis, at a per diem cost of \$225.00 per juvenile per day, for a total amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 per year for a five (5) year period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2021 for a total amount not to exceed \$750,000.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2016-1001, a Shared Services Agreement with Morris County Correctional Center, Morris Township, NJ to reflect a change in the account numbers only due to the Juvenile Detention Center now being part of the Department of Corrections. The agreement is to provide housing for Union County Juvenile detainees on an as needed basis, at a per diem cost of \$215.00 per juvenile per day, for a total amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 per year for a five (5) year period from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2021 for a total amount not to exceed \$250,000.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

3. Amending Resolution Number 2017-389, a contract with CFG Health Systems LLC, Marlton, NJ to reflect a change in the account numbers only due to the Juvenile Detention Center now being part of the Department of Corrections. The agreement is to provide healthcare services to Union County Jail and Union County Juvenile Detention in an amount not to exceed \$24,434,839.00, services will be divided between Union County Jail and Union County Juvenile Detention Center for the period of September 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019. Whereas Union County Juvenile Detention center will pay an amount not to exceed \$2,537,973.00 for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
4. Amending Resolution Number 2016-352, a contract with Aramark Correctional Services, LLC, Philadelphia, Pa. to reflect a change in the account number only due to the Juvenile Detention center now being apart of the Department of Corrections. The agreement is to provide food services for Union County Juvenile Detention center. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
5. Amending Resolution Number 2017-653, a contract with Essex Regional Educational Services Commission to reflect a change in the following account number only due to the Juvenile Detention Center now being a part of the Department of Corrections. The agreement is to provide and supervise the educational program at the Juvenile Detention Center for the period of September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$833,055.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Joseph Graziano, Director

Freeholder Estrada stated that President Donald Trump signed legislation increasing two tariffs on aluminum and steel. He inquired as to any impact such new legislation will have on future projects.

Director Graziano advised that all of the big projects, that have already been bid, allow for fluctuation of prices for certain items. He stated that he hopes any fluctuation in price will fall within the allowable bid range.

Freeholder Estrada asked if the County could pay much in the future (for future projects).

Director Graziano replied that was correct.

Director Graziano provided future details to his seventh resolution. He advised that has been working with Freeholder Jalloh and Freeholder Bergen to find a solution to the intersection of Springfield Avenue and Hillside Avenue. He commented on the issues with the traffic patterns. He stated that his office is prepared to move forward with a study.

Freeholder Estrada complimented the Director on his office's efforts with snow removal.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement between the County of Union and City of Summit to install MUTCD and NJ State compliant "Illuminated Pedestrian Warning Signs" at the following locations: Broad Street and Elm Street; Morris Avenue and Aubrey Street; and Morris Avenue and Weaver Street. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**

2. Amending Resolution Number 2017-473 adopted on June 8, 2017; BA#23-2017, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Foggia Trinity Electric, LLC, of Scotch Plains, New Jersey approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for Intersection Improvements at Chestnut Street and Fifth Avenue, Borough of Roselle, New Jersey. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$49,818.05) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$159,494.15. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-020) **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 2017-299 adopted on April 20, 2017; BA#7-2017, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Manor II Electric, Inc., of Holmdel, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Installation of an Emergency Generator at John H. Stamler Police Academy. This Change Order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$13,447.17) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$341,552.83. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-015) **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Amending Resolution Number 2017-135 adopted on February 9, 2017; BA#31-2016, 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 Tony & Son Inc., of Colonia, New Jersey for the Replacement of Springfield Avenue Minor Bridge, Berkeley Heights, County of Union, New Jersey; approving Change Order Number 1 (final) in an amount not to exceed \$14,010.15 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$796,919.15. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-010) **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to T&M Associates of Middletown, New Jersey to provide Engineering Design Services, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for Intersection Improvements, River Road & Chatham Road / Meile Place, City of Summit, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$63,934.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-007) **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement with the County of Morris for the Superstructure Replacement of Bi-County Bridge No. 2011-060 1400-521 County Route 647 (Passaic Street) over the Passaic River in the Borough of New Providence, County of Union, and the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, New Jersey and that the County of Morris will provide reimbursement costs on a 50% shared basis related to the design, construction administration and inspection services and construction costs of this project. This project is partially funded by New Jersey Department of Transportation - 2016 Local Bridge Future Needs Program in the amount of \$640,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-003). **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Mirabella inquired if the total price of the project is a 50/50 split with the County of Morris, and if so, he asked if the total cost of the project is \$640,000.

Director Graziano advised that the \$640,000 is a grant the County (of Union) received to put towards the project.

Freeholder Mirabella asked what the estimate was for the total cost of the project.

Director Graziano advised the bridge cost approximately \$2 million, noting the County would receive the \$640,000 to offset the costs that the County (of Union) is responsible for. He advised that the County of Union is responsible for managing this specific bridge project, noting that Morris County would be responsible for other projects. He stated that Somerset County is the lead (obtaining bids, obtaining the designs, etc.) on another project that the County of Union is involved.

7. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to T&M Associates of Middletown, New Jersey to provide Engineering Design Services, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for Intersection Improvements at South Springfield Avenue and Hillside Avenue, Township of Springfield, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-010) **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
8. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Neglia Engineering Associates of Clark, New Jersey to provide Engineering Design, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for 2019 Union County Road Resurfacing Project, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$372,362.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-029) **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
9. 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: Magic Touch Construction Company, Inc., Keyport, NJ (BA#8-2018) for the purpose of providing Plumbing Services for the Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management for twenty-four (24) consecutive months with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month optional extension, contract amount not to exceed \$131,988.00. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
10. Resolution granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights for the hanging of a banner across Springfield & Plainfield Avenue, to advertise Restaurant Week from September 1, 2018 through September 17, 2018. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
11. Resolution granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights Downtown Beautification Committee to hang a banner across Springfield Avenue, from April 18, 2018 to May 13, 2018 to promote Beauty & Wellness Weeks. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
12. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management; Division of Public Works to W.E. Timmerman Company, Inc. for the purpose of providing a 2017 Street Sweeper, in the amount of \$267,889.00. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Bibi Taylor, Director

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). **(Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

1. Amending Resolution 2017-1056 to approve the amended 2018 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Grant (A/DA) Spending Plan reflecting the reallocation of \$50,200 in treatment services funding from CenterPath Wellness to Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services for the same period of 1/1/2018-12/31/2018; no change in total spending plan, no other changes. **(Freeholder Angela R. Garretson)**
2. Amending Resolution 2018-193, 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)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the option to award year three contracts for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, in accordance with the three year 2016-2018 Coordinated Community Care Program pursuant to a Request for Proposal (RFP), in the total amount not to exceed \$100,000; entering into agreements with various agencies to provide Home Care and Nursing services to Union County residents 60 years or older; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the agencies, during the contract period, should services needs change and/or if any of the funded agencies should fail to meet its contractual obligation. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**

Chairman Granados inquired as to which agencies provide the services and what services will be provided to those 60 years and above.

Director Anderson advised the Coordinated Community Care Program and Home Care and Nursing services provide in home and nursing services through the Jewish Family Services, Community Access, SAGE Eldercare. She noted that in 2017, the program served about 63 individuals.

4. Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the option to award year three contracts in the total amount not to exceed \$304,513 pursuant to a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 to deliver respite services to unpaid caregivers under the Statewide Respite Care Grant; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the funded agencies during the contract period should services needs change and/or if any of the agencies should fail to meet its contractual obligation. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
5. Amending Resolution 2018-147, awarding various contracts pursuant to a Request for Proposal in accordance with the 2016-2018 Area Plan, to reflect an increase in funding only in the amount not to exceed \$2,193,856 for a new grand total not to exceed \$3,722,524 to be allocated as outlined and charged to account numbers specified for the same contract year three period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 with no other changes to the 2016-2018 Area Plan. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**

Freeholder Mirabella asked for an explanation as to the change order, noting it increases the funding by more than half the total cost.

Director Anderson advised that the County receives the funding in incremental allocations. She advised that the Area Plan is a three year plan for Aging for the provision of home care meals and transportation services. She advised that the overall grant that the County receives from the government has decreased \$46,000 this year. She advised that the initial contract was in an approximate amount of \$1.5 million, noting the overall amounted to approximately \$4 million.

6. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Dr. Eshban Muthuka, APN, to provide professional Psychiatric Services to the patients of the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County for the period of March 16, 2018 through December 31, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$88,982.00. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Carter noted that resolution numbers 6 and 7 were not full year contracts, and asked the Director to expand upon the agreements..

Relative to her sixth resolution, Director Anderson advised that the services are not done on an annual basis due to the certification of the doctors, noting that this service is for coverage over the weekend at Cornerstone Health Hospital. She added that this contract is a result of a need at the Cornerstone population.

7. Amending Resolution Number 2017-265, further extending the contract period awarded to SAGE Eldercare, Inc. for the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP), for the period of April 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018 in the total amount not to exceed \$7,125 with no other changes to terms of agreement. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**

Director Anderson advised the agreement is a stop gap measure for SAGE because the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) may lose federal funding, adding that the County wanted to have this measure in place for an additional three months from April to June (until we hear words from the federal government).

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Ron Zuber, Director

1. 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: Johnny on the Spot, LLC, of Old Bridge, NJ for the purpose of providing Portable Toilet Rental & Septic Pumping Services (BA# 7-2018), for an open ended contract for a period of 24 months from the date of signing of the contract, in the amount of \$83,484.00. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Hudak asked if the County had a similar contract in 2017.

Director Zuber replied the County did have a similar service.

Freeholder Hudak asked how much the County spent on this service in 2017.

Director Zuber advised the County spent approximately \$79,000.

Freeholder Hudak asked if this is an on-call contract.

Director Zuber advised that the County does have porta-johns placed in certain locations on a regular basis, but added that this contract allows for on-call services if there is a need (a special event).

Freeholder Hudak asked if this contract is for 24 months and an open-ended contract.

Director Zuber replied that was the case.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with RG Industries, Mahwah, NJ, for the overhaul of the Morris County UASI Neptune Engine in an amount not to exceed \$21,685 utilizing 2017 Urban Area Security Grant Funding. **(Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

Freeholder Hudak asked how many times the Neptune System was deployed last year.

Director Moran advised that he didn't recall the system being deployed in 2017. He noted that the system was sent down to assist with the Seaside Heights fire, the Bury Biscuit fire, and helped pump out the Holland Tunnel during Hurricane Sandy. He also noted that they participate in the annual drill in Port Newark.

Vice Chairman Kowalski congratulated the Director and his staff (and Public Works employees) for all their work during storm.

2. Amending Resolution 2017-178, Per Diem Doctors, and authorizing the County Manager to increase and expend an additional sum not to exceed \$16,900.00, for the contract period ending December 31, 2017, for a total contract not to exceed \$216,900.00. **(Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

Freeholder Estrada inquired as to the number of autopsies done as a result of the opioid epidemic, noting that the increase likely involves cases of opioid overdoses.

Director Moran advised that the number of cases has increased steadily over the past number of years. He stated that there were 63 overdoses in 2015, that there were 91 overdoses in 2016, and that there were 126 overdoses in 2017.

Freeholder Estrada noted the opioid epidemic is, in addition to the loss of life, causing an increase in this particular budget item.

Director Moran stated that it is a real struggle across the country, noting a number of medical articles have been written relative to the budgets of medical examiners being strained by this epidemic.

3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Professional Agreement with four per diem pathologists to be available in the absence of the County Medical Examiner, at a cost of \$900.00 per autopsy, \$200.00 per external exam and \$600.00 per day for court testimony for the 2018 calendar year, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00. **(Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh)**

Freeholder Hudak asked the Director how much was spent in 2017 for this service.

Director Moran advised his second resolution actually amends the 2017 contract, noting that the new amount for last year's contract was in the amount of \$216,900.

Freeholder Hudak asked if, relative to resolution 2018-178, per diem doctors is a company, or just a service of doctors at a per diem rate.

Director Moran advised that there are four per diem pathologists that assist one full-time medical examiner on some weekends, holidays and when he is on vacation.

Office of the County Counsel

Robert Barry, County Counsel

1. Amending Resolution 2018-124 dated January 25, 2018 to increase the appropriation to Weiner Law Group, LLP of Parsippany, NJ in the matter entitled Stephen Repella v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$60,000.00 **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. Amending Resolution 2017-1110 dated December 21, 2017 to increase the appropriation to Weiner Law Group, LLP of Parsippany, NJ in the matter entitled Farnia Bashaw v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$40,000.00 **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
3. Resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Letter of Engagement with The Keefe Law Firm and Kanner & Whiteley, LLC., to pursue litigation related to the opioids epidemic. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Mirabella noted that there was no dollar amount listed in his third resolution, and inquired as to the reason.

County Counsel Barry advised that this case would be a fee-generating case. He added that they would be representing the County either in State Court, noting that there would be a chance that it would be moved to a mass litigation court in Ohio. He stated in either case, there would be a contingency fee on any recovery, noting that the firm would receive a certain percentage. He added that if there is no recovery, there would be no cost to the County.

Freeholder Mirabella inquired as to the amount of the the potential recovery (in dollars) and the percentage the firm would be entitled.

County Counsel Barry advised that there are two separate percentages: one if the case goes to federal court (25%) and one if the case stays in the State court (a sliding scale between 33% down to 25%). He advised that if the matter stays in the State Court, the County would be the singular plaintiff and would have to assess the full damages.

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Proclaiming the month of April as Parkinson's Awareness Month throughout the County of Union. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**

2. Commemorating Shioloh Baptist Church upon its Black History Month celebration and further congratulating its two honorees: Deacon James L. Norfleet and Charles Booker. **(Freeholder Linda Carter)**
3. Congratulating the Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield upon its 19th Annual Wine Casting Dinner Fundraiser. **(Freeholder Carter & Freeholder Bergen)**
4. Re-appointing the following members to the Senior Citizen Disabled Resident Transportation Advisory Board: Ina White and Sonja Ash - January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019 and Tony Hall for a term ending December 31, 2018. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
5. Congratulating and recognizing the recipients of the National Council of Negro Woman, Inc. Greater Elizabeth Area Section as they celebrate their 13th Annual Harambee Breakfast on March 17, 2018. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
6. Re-appointing John Morgan to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board to represent the Town of Scotch Plains for a term beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018. **(Freeholder Angela R. Garretson)**
7. Appointing Kathleen Silance as a member to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board to represent the Township of Springfield for a term ending December 31, 2018. **(Freeholder Angela R. Garretson)**
8. Supporting both the New Jersey Assembly legislation and the Senate legislation prohibiting offshore oil and gas exploration, development and production within the States borders. **(Freeholder Hudak & Freeholder Bergen)**
9. Concurring with the City of Linden's Ordinance pertaining to the prohibition of parking on West Elizabeth Avenue, Linden, New Jersey. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
10. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Dr. Morgan Laury and his entire Kean University family, during this time of sorrow. Dr. Laury proudly served as a professor of public administration, and as coordinator of undergraduate education in the School of Criminal Justice and Public Administration. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Chairman Sergio Granados & Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
11. Re-appointing Lynn Brown to the Union County Air Traffic and Noise Advisory Board to represent the Borough of Fanwood for a term beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2019. **(Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
12. Congratulating the Roselle Park Wrestling Team upon earning its 1,000th victory in program history. **(Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh)**
13. Congratulating Otis Hall upon his retirement from the Union County Dept. of Human Services- Division of Social Services after 41 dedicated years. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
14. Proclaiming March 8, 2018 as International Women's Day throughout the County of Union. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**

15. Congratulating Jared Wilson of Troop 80, Cranford, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. **(Vice Chairman Kowalski & Freeholder Hudak)**
16. Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Betty Pistol of Cranford upon her passing. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
17. Congratulating the Change on their 10th Anniversary of Operation PB &J. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
18. Congratulating Freeholder Linda Carter upon being the recipient of the 2018 Service Above Self Award by the Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield. **(Chairman Granados & the Entire Board)**
19. Congratulating the Boy Scouts of America 2018 Springfield-Union Good Scout Award recipients upon being honored at its Awards Dinner on March 21, 2018. **(Chairman Granados & the Entire Board)**

Freeholder Mirabella asked to join Freeholder Jalloh as co-sponsor for Resolution Number 12.

Freeholder Estrada asked to join Freeholder Carter as co-sponsor for Resolution Number 1, he suggested it should come from the Entire Board.

Vice Chairman Kowalski asked to join Freeholder Hudak & Freeholder Bergen as co-sponsors for Resolution Number 8.

Freeholder Garretson asked to join Freeholder Estrada as a co-sponsor for Resolution Number 5.

Freeholder Carter asked to join Freeholder Estrada as a co-sponsor to Resolution Number 5 and join Vice Chairman Kowalski as a co-sponsor for Resolution Number 14.

Chairman Granados suggested Resolution Number 5 and 14 should come from the Entire Board.

Freeholder Jalloh asked to join Freeholder Carter as co-sponsor for Resolution Number 2.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Granados called for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, a voice vote showed roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

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.

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.