



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018  
MINUTES OF AGENDA SETTING MEETING

## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed Chairman Sergio Granados, Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Angela Garretson, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella and Freeholder Rebecca Williams present, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

## **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 the Clerk of the Board Pellettiere.

## **PRESENTATIONS FROM THE BOARD**

1. A resolution presentation will be made by Freeholder Angel G. Estrada and Chairman Sergio Granados congratulating Union County Honorees on receiving a Jefferson Award for Public Service.

A resolution was presented by Freeholder Angel G. Estrada and Chairman Sergio Granados congratulating each of the Union County Honorees receiving a Jefferson Award for Public Service. Freeholder Estrada explained that The Jefferson Award is a national award recognizing the often unsung contributions by individuals for the betterment of society.

Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh entered the meeting at 7:15 pm.

The recipients of the award who were in attendance included:

Donald Olivaria – receiving the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Champion for Justice Jefferson Award for Public Service.

Edward Dubroski – receiving the Environmental Stewardship Jefferson Award for Public Service

Elizabeth Rifino – receiving the Lifetime Service Jefferson Award for Public Service

Frank Cuesta – receiving the NJTV Educational Jefferson Award for Public Service

Jonathan Freire – receiving the Youth In Service Jefferson Award for Public Service

Kenderson Benoit – receiving the Service To Youth Jefferson Award for Public Service

Rev. Easter Garret Frazier – receiving the Ambassador Jefferson Award for Public Service

Sally Curci – receiving the Against All Odds Jefferson Award of Public Service  
Imagine Adult and Teen Volunteer Facilitators, Mary Robinson & Maria Mojica – receiving the Youth Volunteer Group Jefferson Award for Public Service  
Camillo Castillo – receiving the Life Service Jefferson award for Public Service

Freeholder Estrada and Chairman Granados then acknowledged that there were several other recipients of the awards who were not able to attend the meeting:

Alice Dietze – CFNJ Community Pillar Jefferson Award for Public Service  
Daniel Cobar Jr. – BD Paterson NJ Patriot Jefferson Award for Public Service  
Lindsay Freidenrich – NJTV Education Jefferson Award for Public Service  
Madeline David – Service to Youth Jefferson Award for Public Service  
Dr. Richard Nelson – BD Health Care Professional Jefferson Award for Public Service  
Bridget Cutler – Founders/Innovators Jefferson Award for Public Service

Chairman Granados stepped out of the meeting at 7:44 pm and returned to the meeting at 7:46 pm.

2. A resolution presentation will be made by Chairman Sergio Granados and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella recognizing Caring Contact during Suicide Prevention Week from September 9<sup>th</sup> through September 15<sup>th</sup> and raising suicide awareness throughout the month.

A resolution was presented by Freeholder Alexander Mirabella to Mary Clair Givelber recognizing Caring Contact during Suicide Prevention Week, September 9<sup>th</sup> through September 15<sup>th</sup>.

3. A resolution presentation will be made by Freeholder Alexander Mirabella to Colonel Konstantine E. Zoganas, USMCR congratulating him on his retirement and appreciation for his many years of dedicated service to our country.

Freeholder Alexander Mirabella asked Freeholder Rebecca Williams to join him in making a presentation to retired Colonel Konstantine E. Zoganas, USMCR congratulating him on his retirement and appreciation for his many years of dedicated service to our country. Colonel Zoganas made remarks stating that he was very proud to serve his country and thanking the Board on behalf of all Veterans.

4. A resolution presentation will be made by Freeholder Christopher Hudak to Linden High School Teacher Barbara Brady congratulating her upon being selected as Union County Teacher of the Year.

Freeholder Mirabella called upon Freeholder Christopher Hudak, who in turn called upon Freeholder Mohamed Jalloh and Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski, to join him in making a resolution presentation to Linden High School Teacher Barbara Brady congratulating her upon being selected as Union County Teacher of the Year. Freeholders Hudak and Jalloh made remarks recalling how Barbara Brady had taught them dance. Vice Chairman Kowalski commented on how

Barbara Brady teaches dance and physical education to children not only in schools but in teen arts programs throughout the County. Barbara Brady made remarks thanking the Board.

5. A resolution presentation will be made by Freeholder Christopher Hudak recognizing the General Pulaski Parade Committee celebrating Polish heritage on the raising of the Polish flag on September 27, 2018.

A resolution presentation was made by Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Mirabella recognizing the General Pulaski Parade Committee of Linden celebrating Polish heritage on the raising of the Polish flag on September 27, 2018. Parade Committee Chair Sue Lukenda, Junior Miss Polonia Hailey Birch and her father the 2018 Parade Grand Marshall Joseph J. Birch, were in attendance. Ms. Lukenda and Mr. Birch made remarks thanking the Board.

The Chairman recognized that Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh had entered the meeting.

#### **PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD**

1. A presentation will be made by Corrections Director Ron Charles and Finance Director Bibi Taylor relative to a proposed Shared Service Agreement with the County of Essex to house Union County Juveniles currently detained at the Union County Juvenile Detention Facility.

The Chairman called upon Corrections Director Ron Charles and Finance Director Bibi Taylor to make a presentation to the Board relative to a proposed Shared Service Agreement with the County of Essex to house Union County Juveniles currently detained at the Union County Juvenile Detention Facility.

Director Charles stated that there is a resolution on the agenda tonight to enter into a Shared Services agreement with Essex County.

In Sept of 2017, he began, the operations of the Juvenile Detention Center were moved under the Department of Corrections. A review of Detention Center operations was performed: safety/security, policy and procedures, budget and financial. A decline was observed in the population of offenders. Seeing the trend, the directors met to discuss greater efficiency of the operations. A Shared Services Agreement with another county could be a cost saving solution. Middlesex and Morris Counties were ruled out due to distance. Bergen County was ruled out due to not having enough space.

Essex County was found to have the capacity to house the juvenile population, house males & females in one facility and offers educational programs, recreation programs, video links to the courts, which will reduce transport costs, and has drug rehab facilities. It meets all goals and objectives and the projection of savings is significant.

Director Taylor followed up by walking the Board through the financial considerations. She stated that the Finance department had reviewed the 2018 budget for Juvenile Detention and that it represents \$12 million in operating costs. The Department also compared the costs of salaries and benefits vs. the loss of revenue in the Union County Detention Center compared with the expenses associated with the Shared Services Agreement. She stated that even with costs related

to the termination of employees there was still a net savings of \$6.9 million in 2019, and that in future years savings will increase by \$8.7 million and \$8.9 million in 2020 and 2021, due to the end of the unemployment costs. She said the department anticipated the 3-year savings to be \$26.6 million over that period.

Director Taylor also compared the 2018 cost per offender per day, noting the significant costs of between \$2,206 & \$3,309 per day, per offender, or \$805,081 – \$1,207,621 per year. The financial considerations of the Shared Services Agreement represent considerable savings. The services are comparable to what Union County currently provides at less cost.

Chairman Granados stated that the Board has been carefully reviewing the decision to close the Juvenile Detention center for months, noting that the closure provides benefits to County taxpayers, realizes efficiencies, and provides proper facilities for juveniles in detention. The Board visited the Essex County facility and was satisfied with the accommodation, noting that it provides many recreational activities including a pool and social worker visits and educational opportunities. They have an all-day school with vocational options and GED and College-level classes. The Board considered many facilities and believes this one, which is close by, is close to the courthouse and is the best alternative.

The Chairman then discussed the impact of the closure of the facility on the current Detention Center employees, saying that civilian employees will be eligible to be rehired by the County, and that Essex County has agreed to interview qualified employees for any openings that may occur. To the extent possible the Essex County facility will hire these employees to fill vacancies. The County's Workforce Development Board will work with separated employees, and Union County will contact other counties to attempt to place employees.

He concluded by saying that the Board will explore repurposing of the current UC facility, and thanked the departments involved in crafting the agreement, and that Freeholder comments on this matter would be heard at the time of review for Director Charles' other resolutions on this Agenda.

#### Approval of Communications Note and File

1. Oath of Office: Senior Citizen Disabled Resident Transportation Advisory Board: Theodore Freedman; Union County Advisory Board on the Disabled: Claire Schuster and Susan C. Spurr; Union County Human Services Advisory Council; Debbie Ann-Anderson; Union County Improvement Authority: Stacey Gunderman.

Chairman Granados then stated that the Board would approve the Communications in the Regular meeting portion of this meeting.

#### **OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF**

Peter Corvelli, Sheriff

Undersheriff Dennis Burke represented the Sheriff's Office.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept the sub-award from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for the amount of \$45,080.00 from Grant FY16 National Crime Statistics Exchange (NCS-X) to execute all necessary documents and adopt the proposed spending plan. The grant will fund the Union County Sheriff's Office procurement of equipment, training and technology support necessary to facilitate the

transition from Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system to the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Vice Chairman Kowalski asked if this is the same kind of system the County Police use. Undersheriff Burke replied that it is, and it is going to be a Shared Service between the County Police and the County Sheriffs and that the data goes into the same database.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Visual Computer Solutions, Inc., Freehold, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$21,505.00 for the renewal of the annual maintenance agreement for the Union County Sheriff's Office VCS software for the time period of September, 2018 through August, 2019. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

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

Michael A. Monahan, Acting Prosecutor

Tom Koundry represented the Office of the County Prosecutor. There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety for FFY17 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Grant Program for the project titled County Sexual Assault Response Team/Forensic Nurse Examiner Program in the amount of \$87,185.00 in Federal funds with a required match of \$21,796.00 for a project total cost of \$108,981.00 for the period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to enter into a Professional Service Agreement with Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners to serve as Independent Contractor as part of the Union County Sexual Assault Response Team for the period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019 in the amount of \$35,000.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

Michael Yuska, Director

There were no questions.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2018-23, a professional services contract with the Weiner Law Group, Parsippany, New Jersey to serve as special counsel for Labor and Personnel matters, to increase the amount by \$85,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$260,000. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2018-22, a professional services contract with Roth D'Aquanni, LLC, Springfield, New Jersey to be special counsel for Personnel matters, to increase the amount of the award by \$60,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$135,000. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

Ron Charles, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Truax Patient Services, Bemidji, MN to purchase Narcan (Naloxone HC) Nasal Spray through a State N.J. Grant to provide a synthetic antagonist to narcotic drugs administered to reverse the effects of Opioids for the Union County jail population for the contract period September 6, 2018 through December 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$22,500.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a shared service agreement with Essex County, Newark, NJ for the purpose of housing Union County Juveniles both males and females for a term of five years, with a five year option to renew, at a daily per diem of \$217.41 exclusive of medical and educational services, plus 2% annual increase with no minimum guarantee **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Jalloh asked what per diem rate Hudson County pays Union County. Director Charles responded \$255 this year. Freeholder Jalloh then asked that even if it is too soon to discuss plans for the former Juvenile Detention space if this shared Services Agreement is accepted, would the Board consider steps to ensure that the old facility does not become an ICE (Immigration & Customs Enforcement) facility in the resolution. The Chairman stated that he believed that the majority of the Board was in favor of that. Freeholder Jalloh asked that the idea be memorialized.

Freeholder Hudak said that he agreed with Freeholder Jalloh, and asked that in regard to the Juvenile Detention Center facility, what is the annual debt service on it? Director Bibi Taylor responded that is \$2 million and the bonds run until the year 2035.

Freeholder Bergen asked if it is correct that the County owes payment on those bonds whether it is using the facility or not, and Director Taylor said that is correct. Freeholder Jalloh commented noting that the bonds on the building have to be paid, and that he understood that a business decision has to be made on what to do with the building. He said that he nevertheless wanted to impress upon the Board that he hoped the facility would not be utilized by ICE.

County Manager Edward Oatman stated that the county is examining all alternatives for the space, leasing it out, possibly for a drug rehab or office space, keeping it as an office space. Freeholder Jalloh asked how big the space is and the County Manager stated it is 80,000 square feet with a courtyard.

Freeholder Bergen stated that he doesn't think the Board needed to add the anti-ICE notation in the resolution but that the Board agreed with that idea. Freeholder Jalloh said that was fine as long as the objection to the facility being used for ICE is on the record.

Freeholder Hudak also said he agreed with the overall presentation to close the current facility and that it does generate savings.

Freeholder Estrada said that he understood that the savings indicated in the financing scenario in the presentation takes into account the cost of the debt servicing, and believes that the projected 3 year savings includes the bond servicing, and the cost of maintaining the building.

Freeholder Mirabella said that he does not think that the paying off of the bonds is included in the savings, and one would need to deduct another \$2 million from the overall savings. Director Taylor agreed with Freeholder Mirabella's point, saying the \$24.6 million in savings is predicated upon Operating savings, the capital is separate and the debt service is outside of the savings.

Freeholder Hudak stated that it's neither a savings nor a loss, since one way or another the County would be paying debt service and utilities on the building.

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

Amy Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

Director Wagner stated that the department had a fourth resolution to put before the Board. It is concurrence with the Workforce Development Board's approval of their annual budget. It didn't make the agenda due to an inputting error.

Chairman Granados asked the Director to elaborate on the proposed fourth item. Director Wagner said that it is the annual budget that Workforce Development Board operates under, and the way it works is that the Workforce Development Board approves various spending resolutions and its annual budget, and the Freeholder Board concurs with that. They met last Friday and this resolution represents the Board's concurrence. The budget is comparable to last years, though it is \$96,000 less than prior year, and that is due to less funding being received from government. She also noted that the funding is dictated by a formula from the Federal government.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2017-538 dated June 22, 2017 approving the 2017-2018 Consolidated Action Plan to increase CDBG funding to the Linden Home Improvement Program in the amount of \$36,266 from \$159,000 to \$195,266 utilizing City of Linden Program Income funds. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Hudak asked on item #1 if this program was the program for seniors for home projects and if the County manages that for the city? Director Wagner said that is that program but the city has its own stand-alone program and it creates program income as people pay back the loans, and program directors can request that the funds be put back into the program. This resolution repurposes money from past years.

2. Amending Resolution Number 2017-538 dated June 22, 2017 approving the 2017-2018 Consolidated Action Plan to increase CDBG funding to Neighborhood House in the amount of \$7,817.90 from \$8,000.00 to \$15,817.90 utilizing Community Development Block Grant contingency funds to cover the cost of the lowest bid to purchase and install a security camera system. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Garretson ask the director to explain the numbers in item #2.

Director Wagner said that this is a program thru the Community Development Block Grant, and that the Neighborhood House program received a grant to put in security cameras, but when their bids came back the numbers were higher, so they came back and asked the Economic development department for more funds. The Department does have contingency funds within CDBG which happens when something comes in under budget or does not get done, so Neighborhood House is being granted more funds.

3. Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution Number 2018-651, adopted on July 12, 2018, to de-obligate \$45,000.00 from the contract awarded to the United Way of Greater Union County for the period: July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Youth Program. Amendment would decrease Account #G-02-18-365-371-534 from \$280,000.00 to \$235,000.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**Joseph Graziano, Director

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Vice Chairman Kowalski asked if the Director could confirm that these are standard approvals for work that has to be done on a regular basis. The director confirmed that this was correct.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2016-582, adopted July 21, 2016, a Professional Engineering Service Contract with Netta Architects, LLC, of Mountainside, New Jersey, to provide additional Construction, Administration and Inspection Services associated with the Union County Historic Window Replacement at St. John's Parsonage Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, in an amount not to exceed \$22,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$104,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project #2014-017) **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2017-566 adopted on July 20, 2017, BA#1-2017, 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 Rencor, Inc., of Somerville, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Reconstruction of Netherwood Avenue Bridge, Pl37, City of Plainfield. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$426,954.69) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$1,757,472.81. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2014-002) **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to execute a Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Department of Interior, U.S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Division, West Trenton, New Jersey for a Joint Funding Agreement (Agreement Number 19LIJFA16) for the period of October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019 for a sum not to exceed \$16,480.00. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. 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 Services, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for Central Avenue, Ra-20, Bridge Scour Protection, City of Rahway, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$120,048.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-007) **(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 CME Associates of Parlin, New Jersey to provide Engineering Design Services, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for Hamilton Street, Ra-29, Bridge Scour Protection, City of Rahway, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$167,180.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-008) **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Neglia Engineering Associates to provide Engineering Design Services, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for Randolph Road, Pl-11, Bridge Scour Protection, City of Plainfield, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$116,298.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-009) **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**

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 for the sign inventory and assessment project for the County of Union, for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-015) **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
8. Authorizing the County Manager and Clerk of the Board to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation and to accept grant funding in the amount of \$1,240,770.00 for West 7th Street Intersection Improvements, Federal Project Number HSIP 0601 (301), City of Plainfield, County of Union, New Jersey. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2014-044) **(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 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering: Empire Construction and Property Management Group, Inc., of Middletown, New Jersey, for Dam Repair Improvements in the County of Union, for an amount not to exceed \$244,454.01. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-043) **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
10. Requesting the rescission of Resolution Number 2018-690, which authorized the County Manager to amend Resolution Number 2017-224, a Professional Engineering Service Contract with Mott MacDonald, of Morristown, New Jersey, to provide additional Engineering Services associated with the Lenape Park Dam Rehabilitation Project (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-044). **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
11. Resolution granting permission to the Township of Scotch Plains to close a portion of Park Avenue (between Westfield Avenue/East Second Street and the intersection of Front/Bartle Avenue) on Sunday, September 30, 2018 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for a Car Show and on Saturday, October 20, 2018 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a Columbus Day Ceremony. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
12. Resolution granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights for the closing of Springfield Avenue from the intersection of Snyder Avenue to Plainfield Avenue on Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for the Township's annual Winter Walk. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
13. 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 Campbell Freightliner, South Brunswick, NJ, for the purchase of a 2018 Roll Off Multi Use Truck in the amount of \$202,277.00. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
14. Resolution concurring with the Township of Springfield granting permission to the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce to close Mountain Avenue northbound from Shunpike Road to Morris Avenue and Meisel Avenue southbound from Linden Avenue to Milltown Road on Sunday September 30, 2018 between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. for a Salute to Veterans 5k Run, with a rain date of Sunday, October 14, 2018. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**

15. Resolution granting permission to the City of Linden to hang a banner over Wood Avenue, at Curtis Street, and at Elizabeth Avenue from September 28, 2018 to October 30, 2018 to advertise the Annual Halloween Parade which will be on Sunday, October 28, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**

Bibi Taylor, Director

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There were no questions.

1. Resolution modifying the 2018 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$256,024 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a program entitled: County Environmental Health Act (CEHA) Grant. **(Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen)**
2. Resolution modifying the 2018 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$421,426 as a result of notification received from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for a program entitled: SuperNofa Continuum of Care (CoCr) Grant. **(Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen)**
3. Resolution modifying the 2018 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$45,080 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: 2016 National Crime Statistics Exchange (NCS-X) Grant. **(Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen)**
4. Resolution modifying the 2018 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$82,200 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health and Senior Services for a program entitled: Comprehensive Cancer Control Grant. **(Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen)**
5. Resolution modifying the 2018 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$60,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Special Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant. **(Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen)**
6. Resolution modifying the 2018 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$74,100 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Comprehensive Traffic Safety Program Grant. **(Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen)**

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

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There were no questions.

1. Amending Resolution 2018-456 contracting with Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services, Inc., Elizabeth, NJ, to increase the total amount of the contract by \$4,748.72 for a new total contract amount of \$195,960.10 and to extend the contract period an additional month for a

- new contract period of July 1, 2016 through January 31, 2019; all other terms of contract remain the same. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Amending Resolution 2018-455 extending the contract with Urban League of Union County, Elizabeth, NJ, to further extend the contract period an additional month for a new contract period of August 1, 2016 through January 31, 2019 and to reduce the total amount of the contract by \$30,000 for a new total contract amount of \$120,000; all other terms of contract remain the same. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
  3. Authorizing the County Manager to award a renewal contract to Mutual of America, Parsippany, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$92,150.90 for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 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)**
  4. Authorizing the County Manager to award a renewal contract to Mutual of America, Parsippany, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$20,400 for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 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)**

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

Ron Zuber, Director

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There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the Parkinson Foundation to host the “5K Replay” event at Oak Ridge Park on September 29, 2018; for this specific event for the Parkinson Foundation 5K Relay. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

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

Andrew Moran, Director

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1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Spec. Rescue International, Virginia Beach, Virginia, to provide training to members of the Metro Urban Search and Rescue (MUSAR) Task Force from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Region, through the 2017 UASI Grant, in an amount not to exceed \$66,405. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Hudak asked what the mission was of the task force mentioned in item # 1. The Director replied that this task force responds to building collapses, trench collapses, and does rescues from these events. They responded to North Carolina for the recent hurricanes. Freeholder Hudak asked how many officers would be trained. The Director said that 81 firefighters will be trained in the first class, and 22 in the second class and the training takes place here.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and execute a Sub-Grant Agreement with Middlesex County for inclusion in the New Jersey Department of Health, Comprehensive Cancer Control Grant in the amount of \$82,200.00 for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

3. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, County Environmental Health Act (CEHA) Grant Funds in the amount of \$256,024 to support CEHA activities for the contract period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and match in the amount of \$232,864 through in-kind funds. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Chairman Granados asked the Director to elaborate on what activities the grant funds in item #3 will be used for. The Director replied that this funding finances salaries and benefits for the environmental side of the Public Safety department, and said that they are the enforcement arm of the Department of Environmental Protection, and the Environmental Health act mandates the County carry out certain inspections of boilers, gas stations, and other inspections that are required by statute, and this department carries these out..

4. Authorizing the County Manager to accept, and expend, the 2018-2019 Union County STEP Special Traffic Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$60,000.00, awarded through the NJ Division of Highway Safety. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept, and expend a New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety, Comprehensive Traffic Safety Program, in the amount of \$74,100.00, for the use of car safety seat installations. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Hudak commented on item #5 and commended the Department of Public Safety staff for this work, giving a detailed example of how they do this job, and are helpful to parents. The director replied they do over 1500 installations a year, and that statistics have shown that between 80% & 90% of car seats installed by owners are done improperly.

Freeholder Hudak agreed and elaborated on how helpful the staff were in demonstrating the seats.

Freeholder Jalloh concurred with Freeholder Hudak, stating that he also had personally benefitted from this service.

6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Intermedix, Fort Lauderdale, FL to provide ambulance billing services for Union County Emergency Medical Services. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

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

Robert Barry, County Counsel

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There were no questions.

1. A Resolution appointing Weiner Law Group, LLP of Parsippany, NJ as special counsel to represent the County of Union and the Union County Prosecutor's Officer in the matter entitled Justin Marranca v. UC, et als, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. A Resolution appointing Kologi Simitz of Linden, NJ as special counsel to represent Carmen Malave in the matter entitled Valerie Donofrio v. UC, et als, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
3. Amending Resolution 2018-554 dated June 7, 2018 to increase the appropriation to DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP of Teaneck, NJ in the matter entitled H.C.

- Equities, L.P. v. Union County in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$35,000.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
4. Amending Resolution 2017-613 dated July 20, 2017 to increase the appropriation to Ruderman, Horn & Esmerado of Springfield, NJ in the matter entitled Eric Graham v. UC, et als in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$20,000.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
  5. Amending Resolution 2018-504 dated May 24, 2018 to increase the appropriation to Weiner Law Group of Parsippany, NJ in the matter entitled Stephen Repella v. UC, et als in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$85,000.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

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

Ed Oatman, County Manager

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There were no questions.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to adjust and/or change the Internal Position Control Schedules. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local 469-Primary Supervisors, effective July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2020 **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with PBA199A Correction Superior Officers, effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

#### **FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

Chairman Granados asked if any Freeholders had any additional resolutions or any friendly amendments.

1. Congratulating Carlos Alomar, Guitarist, upon being recognized for his successful career during Hispanic Heritage Month by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs on October 2, 2018. **(Freeholder Bergen & the Entire Board)**
2. Extending the Board's deepest sympathy to the family of Reverend John Bernard Wingate, I, upon his passing. **(Freeholder Angela R. Garretson)**
3. Recognizing the New Jersey Black Issues Convention, Inc. for their work in bringing together various organizations to implement their "Black Leadership Family Plan." **(Freeholder Angela R. Garretson)**
4. Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Jeanne (Tante Jeanne) Dominique upon her passing. **(Freeholder Angela R. Garretson)**
5. Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Dorothy Mae Exum upon her passing. **(Freeholder Angela R. Garretson)**

6. Extending the Board's deepest sympathies to the family of John Wingate upon his passing. **(Freeholder Angela R. Garretson)**
7. Congratulating Robert Fisher of Boy Scout Troop 104, Scotch Plains, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Hudak asked to be added to item #7.

8. Congratulating and recognizing the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless upon its 7th Annual Transportation, Logistics & Distribution Recognition Breakfast; and further congratulating its award recipient, KWM, (K(iewit-Weeks-Massman), Goethals Bridge Replacement. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Estrada asked to be added to item #8.

9. Resolution acknowledging October as being recognized as National Disability Employment Awareness Month; and further commends all who assist in the education of disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Williams asked to be added to item #9.

10. Resolution acknowledging October as being recognized as Down Syndrome Awareness Month; and further celebrate individuals with Down syndrome and make the community aware of their abilities and accomplishments. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Williams asked to be added to item #10.

11. Resolution acknowledging October as being recognized as LBGTQ History Month; and further commending those that help celebrate and recognize lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer history, and the history of gay rights and related civil rights movement. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholders Bergen, Garretson & Williams asked to be added to item #11, and then Vice Chair Kowalski and Chairman Granados suggested this resolution be from the entire Board.

12. Congratulating the Pulaski Parade Committee upon it's 81st Annual Pulaski Day Parade; and further congratulating the 2018 Linden Grand Marshal, Joseph J. Birch, 2018 Linden Miss Palonia, Michelle Ciepiela and 2018 Linden Junior Miss Palonia, Hailey Birch. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Christopher Hudak & the Entire Board)**
13. Resolution acknowledging October as being recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and further commending those that assist in the education in the prevention of domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals providing critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims of domestic violence. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Chairman Granados, Freeholder Bergen and Freeholder Garretson asked to be added to item #13.

14. Resolution acknowledging October as being recognized as National Bullying Prevention Month; and further encourages all Union County's schools, students, parents, recreation programs, religious institutions, workplaces and community organizations to engage in a

variety of awareness and prevention activities designed to make our communities safer to all.  
**(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Garretson asked to be added to item # 14.

15. Appointing Denise R. Piatnochka to serve as member of the Union County Vocational-Technical Board of School Estimates; filling the hold over position (Republican) for a term ending October 31, 2021. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
16. Congratulating Community Access Unlimited and the award recipients at its annual gala on October 18, 2018. **(Chairman Sergio Granados & the Entire Board)**
17. Congratulating the YWCA upon celebrating its 40th anniversary on October 4, 2018; and further recognizing this year's theme: "Celebrating Women's Leadership," as they honor women elected officials serving Union County, including Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholders Angela R. Garretson, Rebecca Williams and former Freeholder, Assemblywoman Linda Carter. **(Chairman Sergio Granados & the Entire Board)**
18. Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Chester Lowbrow, member of the Union County College Board of Governors upon the occasion of his passing. **(Chairman Sergio Granados & the Entire Board)**
19. Congratulating the Award recipients of the Elizabeth Development Company at its 6th Annual Leadership Award Reception on October 3, 2018. **(Chairman Sergio Granados & the Entire Board)**
20. Resolution offering this Board's sincere condolences to the family of Joseph Spirito, longtime Union County Division of Facilities Management employee and husband of Cheryl Hathaway, during their time of sorrow. **(Chairman Sergio Granados & the Entire Board)**
21. Appointing the following members to the Union County Commission on the Status of Women: Schivane Bonhomme for a term ending December 31, 2018; Ayana Joseph and Jacqueline Abend for terms ending December 31, 2019. **(Chairman Sergio Granados & Freeholder Rebecca Williams)**

Freeholder Garretson asked to be added to item #21.

22. Recognizing the Charlie Robert Prostate Cancer Foundation as they honor "Charlie's Gladiator" at their First Annual Charlie's Angel Prostate Cancer Walk and Awareness Fair on September 29, 2018; and further wishing them a successful attendance. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
23. Appointing Theodore A. Freedman as a member to the Advisory Council on Aging for a term beginning January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020. **(Chairman Sergio Granados & Freeholder Estrada)**

#### ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Granados called for a motion to adjourn the Agenda Setting meeting. On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, a voice vote showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

## 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.

\*\*May 10, 2018 Agenda Setting Session was cancelled and rescheduled for May 3, 2018 at 7pm.

\*\*\*June 14, 2018 Regular Meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for June 7, 2018 to commence immediately after the conclusion of the scheduled June 7, 2018 Agenda Setting Session.

\*\*\*\*July 19, 2018 Regular Meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for July 12, 2018 to commence immediately after the conclusion of the scheduled July 12, 2018 Agenda Setting Session.

\*\*\*\*\*August 16, 2018 Regular Meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for August 9, 2018 to commence immediately after the conclusion of the scheduled August 9, 2018 Agenda Setting Session.