

## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.

### ROLL CALL

Roll call showed, Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Sergio Granados, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, Freeholder Andrea Staten, and Freeholder Rebecca Williams were present.

Also present were County Manager Edward T. Oatman, County Counsel Bruce H. Bergen 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.

Chairman Mirabella addressed the public:

*Good evening, and welcome to another remote meeting of the Freeholder Board. As is our custom, we begin with thanks for our community during the COVID-19 outbreak. It has been uplifting to see the many ways in which people from all walks of life have reached out to help one another, and protect one another. Every day, I am more certain than ever that the Union County family will come through this crisis, stronger than ever before. So please, stay alert, wear your mask, and observe social distance.*

*With that, here are some updates on County services related to COVID-19. Just a quick reminder, you can get registration information and other details on the new Union County COVID website, at [ucnj.org/covid19](http://ucnj.org/covid19). The free Drive-Through COVID-19 Test Center is now operating every Monday and Thursday at Kean University in Union Township. Our Mobile Test Unit will be in Scotch Plains next Tuesday, October 6, to offer free tests. By the way, you do not need a car for the Mobile Test Unit program.*

*In addition, we are launching a new series of flu shot drives to make sure that every County resident has access to a seasonal flu shot. In particular, we are reaching out to residents without health insurance, or who are in financial distress. One flu shot drive is going on right now in Elizabeth, at the Peterstown Community Center. The next one will take place at the Plainfield Performing Arts Center on Thursday, October 8. You can see the whole schedule of flu shot drives at [ucnj.org/covid19](http://ucnj.org/covid19).*

*And, for emergency food assistance during the crisis, our next food distribution event will take place this Saturday, October 3 at Cedar Brook Park in Plainfield.*

*Turning now to our Parks Department, we are carefully resuming some group activities in our parks, with careful modifications for COVID prevention. That includes the annual Pumpkin Sail at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. Instead of just one night, the Pumpkin Sail will be held in smaller groups over two nights.*

*And, outdoor nature activities for all ages have resumed at the Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside. We held our first drive-in concert last month, and we are doing another one on October 10 at Cedar Brook Park featuring the Prince tribute band Purple Madness. Visit the Parks Department online at [ucnj.org/parks](http://ucnj.org/parks) to register for any of these events. They do fill up fast, so don't delay.*

*Also, at Madison Hill Park in Rahway, we just opened two new turf fields, and next Wednesday we will dedicate a nature trail at Phil Rizzuto Park, at the border of Elizabeth and Union. Phillips 66 has contributed generously to that project, so I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them.*

*The County has also received a \$250,000 state grant to dredge the Clark Reservoir in Clark. I would like to thank Senator Nick Scutari for his work in making the funds available for that project.*

*I would also like to draw your attention to the Office of LGBTQ Affairs, which is offering a new weekly online series called, "OUT in Union County: Queer Power Hour." This is your place to connect with the community and hear from New Jersey's most dedicated LGBTQ+ advocates and allies. For more details, visit [ucnj.org/lgbtq](http://ucnj.org/lgbtq).*

*Before we turn to tonight's agenda, I would like to congratulate Freeholder Angela Garretson, for earning a place on the 2020 "ROI Influencers: People of Color" list. ROI is a new media organization that focuses on diversity. They cited Freeholder Garretson for her instrumental role in changing the title of Chosen Freeholders to County Commissioners. Congratulations, Freeholder Garretson. The transition to a more inclusive and welcoming title will begin next year, and we are all looking forward to it.*

*And now, let's begin the business part of the meeting.*

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**APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS**

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**Note and File**

Chairman Mirabella advised that the Communications would be approved later during the Regular Meeting.

**OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY CLERK**

Joanne Rajoppi, County Clerk

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1. Amending Resolution Number 2020-623, a contract with Full Service Mailers, Hackensack, New Jersey, to provide additional election mail ballot transportation services for the 2020 General Elections due to the Governor's Executive Order 177 mandating the elections to be primarily Vote By Mail due to Covid-19, in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 for a total not to exceed \$641,544.99. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded asked about whether or not all the ballot drop boxes had been installed throughout the county as well as the deadline for using these drop boxes to return ballots to the Board of Elections.

County Clerk Rajoppi referred to Administrator DiRado relative to the ballot drop boxes, but did advise that the deadline to use these boxes was 8PM on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Chairman Mirabella recognized the County Clerk and Board of Election staff for their hard work in managing an all-mail-in general election. He also commended County Clerk Rajoppi for the informative video resource she produced as a means to assist voters with their mail-in ballots submissions.

**OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR**

Lyndsay V. Ruotolo, Acting Prosecutor

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1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter in to a contract with Nichevision Forensics, LLC, Akron, OH for the purchase of software upgrades in an amount not to exceed \$12,500.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into Professional Service Agreements with Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners to serve as independent contractors as part of the Union County Sexual Assault Response Team for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 in the amount of not to exceed \$47,288.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with SyTech Corporation for the purchase/renewal of software maintenance and CDC connectivity services in an amount not to exceed \$34,948.52. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Hudak asked for additional information relative to this item.

Acting Prosecutor Ruotolo advised that this item related to a software upgrade for meta data in call systems used for investigative purposes.

On another note, Chairman Mirabella thanked Acting Prosecutor Ruotolo for her involvement in the SHERO award ceremony recognizing women for outstanding military service, community work and volunteer activities.

Acting Prosecutor Ruotolo recognized finalist Theresa Hilton, Union County Domestic Violence Supervisor, noting her value to the department.

## **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

Nicole DiRado, Administrator

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Administrator DiRado advised that she had been awarded \$215,000 of grant funding that would be dedicated to voter outreach and media campaigning design and management. She added that ancillary costs for print and internet ads would be paid separately.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2020-87, a contract with Wizdom Media, Rahway, NJ for the purposes of providing media consulting services to the Union County Board of Elections to develop and implement a voter education and outreach campaign in an additional amount not to exceed \$50,000 for a new contract amount of \$140,000. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Unrelated to the cited item, Freeholder Hudak asked Administrator DiRado about polling locations and poll worker recruitment in the wake of COVID-19 and whether she had encountered any difficulties to that effect.

Administrator DiRado advised that relative to COVID-19 and the respective Executive Orders issued by Governor Murphy, the need for polling stations and respective workers had been greatly reduced. She added that she had increased the number of assigned poll workers to facilitate the process and ideally minimize potential overcrowding. She further advised that Murphy's Executive Order minimized polling locations by 50%, adding that Union County would have 20 more polling locations than required. She further advised that Municipal Clerks were being advised on how to accommodate up to six provisional voting stations while also adhering to social distancing guidelines for voters and poll workers alike.

Freeholder Hudak also asked about the revisions to the ballot-counting statute relative to Murphy's Executive Order and whether or not that change would be in effect for the General Election.

Administrator DiRado confirmed that her Office would be permitted to start processing and counting ballots 10 days before the election on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, which would be October 24<sup>th</sup>. She further added that her office would start preparing ballots for counting on October 24<sup>th</sup>, but would not start counting votes until October 30<sup>th</sup>. She added that pursuant to state statute, the Office would be prohibited from releasing any results until 8PM on election night and would be required to continue tallying votes until 11PM that evening. She noted that results should not be expected immediately, as provisional ballots

would still have to be reviewed and processed as well as any ballots postmarked on November 3<sup>rd</sup> that would be received in the days following the election.

Freeholder Hudak closed by noting the importance and convenience of the ballot drop boxes scattered throughout the county as an effort to assist voters in returning their ballots.

Administrator DiRado addressed Freeholder Palmieri-Moued's earlier question relative to the ballot drop boxes and advised that the ballot boxes had been installed, were fully operational and under 24 hour surveillance. She added that the contents of these boxes were collected daily by bipartisan teams. She noted that the ballot drop boxes seemed to be a popular choice based on the influx of ballots retrieved daily from the boxes in comparison to other methods of return.

Freeholder Kowalski inquired about the total amount of ballots returned via the drop boxes.

Administrator DiRado advised that a total of 22,588 ballots have been received by her Office since September 16<sup>th</sup>. She noted that she would provide that exact number of ballots received via the drop boxes following the meeting.

Freeholder Kowalski also asked for more details relative to the item on the agenda, expressing her concerns that certain residents may not have access to certain resources like the internet and social media platforms.

Administrator DiRado advised that the media campaign would include printed resources in local newspapers. She also noted her conversations with the vendor relative to completing the work in a timely fashion well before November 3<sup>rd</sup>. She added that she hoped to secure at least 2 weeks of placement for these advertisements leading up to the election, noting that ads were already running locally relative to the ballot drop boxes.

Freeholder Garretson inquired about potentially posting physical resources in senior buildings to ensure this information is broadly available. She also asked Administrator DiRado to confirm the deadline for voter registration and provide a general overview of registration options.

Administrator DiRado confirmed that the contract included print media in the form of banners and posters that would be displayed in senior centers and municipal buildings throughout the County. She further confirmed that the voter registration deadline was October 13<sup>th</sup>. She noted that voter registration applications were available on the county election website and paper applications could be retrieved from local municipal buildings as well as the Board of Elections and County Clerk's Office. She added that for the first time, prospective voters could also complete a voter registration application online through the State of NJ website.

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

**Amy Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director**

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1. Authorizing the County Manager to accept additional funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide the Union

County Housing Authority additional Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program funds through the CARES Act Round 1 & 2 additional funds in an amount not to exceed \$165,119.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Granados inquired about how many residents this funding would help.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that funding would be used for administration costs. She confirmed that the County was recognized as a public housing authority despite not owning any properties for this purpose. She added that funding could be used to provide deep cleaning and barrier installation relative to COVID-19 for respective agencies. She also advised that the county was waiting on additional guidance from HUD relative to how this money could be spent, noting that in addition to administrative costs, some funding had been used to migrate certain County resources to an online format.

On another note, Freeholder Granados inquired about a deadline extension relative to landlord and tenant voucher programs as a result of COVID-19.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that she would look into the matter and follow-up. She mentioned the County's upcoming rental assistance programs that would be available in the coming days as well as a new state-wide rental assistance program, noting that she would provide additional details as they were made available.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to cancel unexpended balances from previous Cap Year "D" accounts in the amount of \$337,662.40. Per HUD's review, \$150,000 was determined to be out of compliance and repaid back to the County with the remaining balance to be moved to the current HOME Program see attached. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

**Joseph Graziano, Director**

1. Amending Resolution Number 2019-890 adopted October 24, 2019, (BA# 10-2018), a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Smith-Sondy Asphalt Construction Company, of Wallington, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 2 (final) for the 2018 Road Resurfacing Project, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will increase the amended contract amount by \$18,050.12 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$7,904,662.18. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-045) **(Freeholder Andrea Staten)**

Freeholder Staten asked Director Graziano to elaborate on this item.

Director Graziano advised that the additional funding would cover two new roads that had been added to the 2018 Road Resurfacing Project. He advised that relative to a recent surveillance report, it was determined that certain parameters of the project had changed on a state-level including ADA requirements, requiring the Department to conduct revisions to previously completed work. He added that once these changes were made, pursuant to state approval, the 2018 Road Resurfacing Project would be completed.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to utilize the County's option to extend the contract pursuant to Resolution 2018-910, awarded to Maffey's Security Group, Elizabeth, NJ originally obtained through advertised public bidding (BA#48-2018), for the purpose of providing Security System Services, for twenty-four (24) consecutive months from November 9, 2020 through November 8, 2022 in an amount not exceed \$487,500.00. **(Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to utilize the County's option to extend the contract pursuant to resolution 2018-1037, awarded to DavEd Fire Systems, Inc., Hackensack, NJ originally obtained through advertised public bidding (BA#51-2018), for the purpose of providing Fire Alarm Services, for twenty-four (24) consecutive months from December 5, 2020 through December 4, 2022 in an amount not exceed \$535,360.00 **(Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to utilize the County's option to extend the contract pursuant to resolution 2018-872, awarded to T. Farese & Sons, Inc., Newark, NJ originally obtained through advertised public bidding (BA#45-2018) for the purpose of providing Waste Disposal Services, for twenty-four (24) consecutive months from November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2022 in an amount not exceed \$435,000.00 **(Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to utilize the County's option to extend the contract pursuant to Resolution 2018-912, awarded to National Fence Systems, Avenel, NJ originally obtained through advertised public bidding (BA#46-2018), for the purpose of providing Fencing Systems, for twenty-four (24) consecutive months from November 9, 2020 through November 8, 2022 in an amount not exceed \$291,460.00 **(Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

Relative to item nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5, Freeholder Hudak inquired about the cited extensions and asked Director Graziano to confirm whether or not going out to bid for these items would have waived the extension option.

Director Graziano confirmed that they would have lost the extension option had this item gone out to bid. He added that the pricing was reasonable and the County had a long history with the cited vendors and they were often times the only ones that submitted a bid proposal.

Freeholder Hudak asked whether or not the items would be eligible for further extension once the contracts end in 2022. He also asked if all allocated funds for the respective vendors were generally consumed by the conclusion of the contract.

Director Graziano confirmed that following the cited 2-year extension, these items would go out to bid again in 2022. He advised that the allocated funds were used as necessary relative to Maffey's Security and National Fence Systems. He added that funding for T. Farese & Sons for waste disposal services was generally entirely consumed by the end of the contract term. He also noted that some use of funding for DavEd Fire Systems was put on hold relative to COVID-19, but that he expected more money to be used in the coming months.

6. Resolution granting permission to close Park Avenue from Front Street to East 2nd Street/Westfield Avenue on October 10, 2020 from 10am to 11am for the annual Scotch Plains Columbus Day Ceremony. **(Freeholder Andrea Staten)**

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**

Bibi Taylor, Director

Comptroller Erick Mesias represented the Department.

There were no questions or comments from the Board.

1. Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County Adopted Budget in the Amount of \$322,386.78 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for a program entitled: State Homeland Security Grant (SHSG). **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
2. Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$78,560.00 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 (CTSP) Grant. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
3. Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$65,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Sustained Enforcement Grant. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
4. Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$56,625.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Callout Program Grant. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
5. Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$2,194,013.25 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for a program entitled: Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
6. Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$872,514.24 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of State for a program entitled: CARES ACT - (HAVA) Primary Election Reimbursement Grant. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
7. Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$1,136,000 as a result of notification received from the Center for Tech and Civic Life for a program entitled: Union County, New Jersey Safe Voting Plan Grant. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

There were no questions or comments from the Board.



Director Anderson addressed Freeholder Granados prior inquiry about rental assistance. Director Anderson confirmed that the program would be launched tomorrow. She added that it would be a \$10 million program offered on a first come, first serve basis for individuals experiencing financial hardships relative to COVID-19 and would cover rent and mortgage costs from March to present. She added that households could qualify for up to \$25,000 and awarded funding would have to be spent by year's end.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept State of New Jersey, Juvenile Justice Commission, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) 2021 Innovations Funding in the amount of \$120,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 to serve youth in the Union County juvenile justice system. **(Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to endorse and approve the 2021 Comprehensive County Youth Services Plan and Application in the amount of not to exceed \$689,163.00 listing each funding source as required by the State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission and Attorney General's Office: State Community Partnership (SCP) Program Management funds in the amount of \$55,550.00; State Community Partnership (SCP) Program Service funds in the amount of \$384,876.00; and Family Court (FC) funds in the amount of \$248,737.00 for the grant period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. **(Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for funding and enter into an agreement with New Jersey Transit to secure SFY21 grant funding for the Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents Transportation Assistance Program (SCDRTAP) for the provision of curb-to-curb transportation for seniors age sixty and older, persons with disabilities and/or economically disadvantaged residents of Union County for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$1,078,814.00. **(Freeholder Andrea Staten)**
4. Amending Resolution Number 2020-435 to extend the grant term for the contract awarded to Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless through the 2019 Homeless Trust Fund (HTF) Spending Plan by four (4) months for a new grant term of June 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020 and to change the scope of service to build two (2) units of affordable housing in conjunction with City of Elizabeth HOME funds. **(Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
5. Amending resolution 2019-1120, a contract with YWCA of Eastern Union County, Elizabeth, New Jersey, to reduce the contract by \$36,000.00 for a new total amount not to exceed \$285,590.00 with no other change in contract terms. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract, pursuant to Request for Proposal (RFP), to SAGE Eldercare, Inc., Summit, NJ, for the purpose of providing information and assistance to seniors (age 60 years and older and/or their caregivers) regarding the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) for the period of April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021, contract year 3 of a 3 year contract, in an amount not to exceed \$30,780. **(Freeholder Andrea Staten)**

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**Ron Zuber, Director

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1. Amending Resolution 2019-266, a contract awarded to Michael Calafati Architect, LLC, Cape May, NJ to prepare the design development phase for the rehabilitation of buildings #4 and #7 at Historic Feltville Village, located in the County's Watchung Reservation, for additional Architectural Rehabilitation Services in an amount not to exceed \$39,500.00, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$92,500.00. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2020-517, Deer Management Program for the 2020-2021 season, to include Kean University and the City of Plainfield. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Chairman Mirabella expressed his approval relative to Kean University and Plainfield's participation in the Deer Management Program. He noted the importance of this project relative to protecting residents and property. He thanked Director Zuber and Park Maintenance Michael Brennan for their efforts relative to this initiative.

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

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1. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend an amount not to exceed \$322,386.78 from the Fiscal Year 2020 New Jersey Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) in order to enhance the County's ability to prepare for, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism. **(Freeholder Angela R. Garretson)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend an amount not to exceed \$2,194,013.25 from the NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness under the FY 2020 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI). **(Freeholder Angela R. Garretson)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 2018-903, entering into a contract with Techline Technologies, Inc., Willow Grove, PA to provide Active Shooter/Blood Control Training to 800 Union County responders through the 2017 Urban Area Security Initiative, to reflect in a change in account numbers only. All terms of the contract remain unchanged. **(Freeholder Angela R. Garretson)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, County Environmental Health Act (CEHA) Grant Funds to support CEHA activities for the contract period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$180,000.00. **(Freeholder Angela R. Garretson)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement through the Union County Office of Health Management with the Roselle Board of Health, Borough of Roselle, to provide public health services for the contract period commencing September 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021; this is a revenue generating agreement. **(Freeholder Angela R. Garretson)**

Freeholder Granados recognized the importance of public safety and continuing to provide these shared services throughout the County. He thanked UC Health Officer Annie McNair for all her efforts as well.

6. Amending Resolution Number 2018-1060 (extension of contract), for a contract awarded through advertised public bidding (BA# UCCP 41-2017) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Johnston Communications, approving Change Order Number 1 for an increase to the contract. This change order will increase the contract amount by \$315,349.14 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$932,649.14 (**Freeholder Angela R. Garretson**)

Freeholder Granados recognized the Health Management staff, in particular Jessica Cohen, for their incredible efforts during COVID-19 as well as more recently, providing free influenza vaccinations to residents in Elizabeth.

Chairman Mirabella thanked Director Moran as well as Jessica Cohen for all their hard work at the Kean Drive-Up testing facility, noting the need for convenient and rapid testing relative to COVID-19.

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

Bruce H. Bergen, County Counsel

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There were no questions or comments from the Board.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2020-394 dated May 21, 2020 to increase the appropriation to Aloia Law Firm of Bloomfield, NJ in the matter entitled Reginald Curry v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$65,000.00. (**Chairman Alexander Mirabella**)
2. Resolution authorizing the County Manager to appoint Chasan Lamparello Mallon & Cappuzzo, PC, Secaucus, NJ to represent Acting Prosecutor Lyndsay V. Ruotolo, in the matter entitled Richard Trigo v. Lyndsay V. Ruotolo, et als in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. (**Chairman Alexander Mirabella**)

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

Edward Oatman, County Manager

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1. Resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter into Grant Agreements under the CARES Act with eligible restaurant establishments in Union County in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 per grant agreement with a total fund not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 through December 15, 2020. (**Chairman Alexander Mirabella, & The Entire Board**)

County Manager Oatman thanked Chairman Mirabella for his leadership on this item, noting that funds would be provided to qualifying businesses to assist with COVID-19 related expenses, including heaters and plexiglass to assist with indoor and outdoor dining. He added that he expected the application to be available on the county website next week.

Chairman Mirabella thanked County Manager Oatman for his hard work relative to COVID-19 and CARES funding, noting the increasing need for the funds for struggling families and businesses.

Freeholder Garretson echoed the sentiments of her colleagues and requested an electronic recap of the information shared.

County Manager Oatman advised that Deputy County Manager Wagner would provide the requested information following the meeting.

#### **FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

1. Authorizing the County Manager to Execute an Amendment to an existing Green Acres grant for the County of Union's Open Space and Recreation Plan to accept an additional \$1,500,000.00 in funding, for a new total of \$14,625,000.00. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
2. Resolution congratulating the Mount Olive Baptist Church as they celebrate their 150th Anniversary. **(Freeholder Rebecca Lynne Williams & The Entire Board)**
3. Declaring the Month of October 2020 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Union County. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**
4. Resolution recognizing Give2Those Inc., at their 4th Annual Stride & Ride Relay on October 3, 2020. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**
5. Proclaiming October 2020 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Union County. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**
6. Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Ruth Bader Ginsburg upon the occasion of her passing. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**
7. Resolution recognizing and proclaiming the month of October 2020 as "LGBTQ History Month" throughout the County of Union; and further providing support and advocacy for Union County's LGBTQ community as an opportunity to take action and engage in dialogue to strengthen alliances, build acceptance and advance equal rights. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**
8. Resolution proclaiming October 23rd through October 31st, 2020 as Red Ribbon Week throughout the County of Union. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**
9. Resolution recognizing David Wozniak, Union Knights of Columbus' 2019 Grand Knight, on his dedication and leadership to the Union Knights of Columbus and further congratulating him on his honor at the annual Past Grand Knights dinner held on October 10, 2020. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**

10. Authorizing Governing Body Certification of the 2019 Audit. (**Chairman Alexander Mirabella**)
11. Resolution recognizing the Plainfield UNICO & UNICO District 10 as they celebrate their 12th annual Union County Columbus Day Flag Raising Ceremony on October 9, 2020. (**Chairman Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board**)

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Freeholder Williams and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded a voice vote showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 6:30pm 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 6:30pm 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 5, 2020 at 12:00 pm  
Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

### 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

#### AGENDA SETTING SESSION

January 23, 2020

February 6, 2020  
February 20, 2020

March 5, 2020  
March 26, 2020\*\*

April 2, 2020\*\*  
April 23, 2020\*\*

May 14, 2020\*\*\*  
May 21, 2020

June 4, 2020  
June 18, 2020

July 23, 2020

August 13, 2020

September 3, 2020  
September 10, 2020

October 1, 2020  
October 15, 2020

November 5, 2020  
November 12, 2020

December 3, 2020  
December 10, 2020

#### REGULAR MEETINGS

January 23, 2020

February 6, 2020  
February 20, 2020

March 5, 2020  
March 26, 2020\*\*

April 2, 2020\*\*  
April 23, 2020\*\*

May 14, 2020\*\*\*  
May 21, 2020

June 4, 2020  
June 18, 2020

July 23, 2020

August 13, 2020

September 3, 2020  
September 10, 2020

October 1, 2020  
October 15, 2020

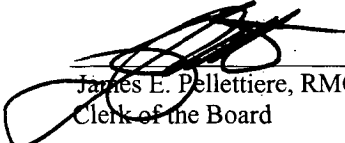
November 5, 2020  
November 12, 2020

December 3, 2020  
December 10, 2020

\* March 18, 2020 Special Meeting at 5:30pm was held via conference call due to state of emergency relative to the COVID-19 coronavirus.

\*\* Meeting conducted remotely and electronically due to state of emergency relative to the COVID-19 coronavirus.

\*\*\* Meeting cancelled.

  
James E. Pellettiere, RMC, QPA  
Clerk of the Board