



## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:51P.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.

### APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

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Note and File

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to approve Communications. On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

### ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

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- 818-2020 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE UNION COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN BY INCLUDING A CLASS "C" RECYCLING FACILITY TO BE OWNED AND OPERATED BY LINDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY, LLC LOCATED AT 4900 TREMLEY POINT, LOT 8.02, BLOCK 587, LINDEN, NEW JERSEY TO ACCEPT ORGANIC WASTE OR ORGANIC SUBSTRATE AND UTILIZE ANAEROBIC DIGESTION TO CREATE RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS, A MARKETABLE SOIL AMENDMENT, AND LIQUID DIGESTATE THAT WILL BE PROCESSED ON SITE TO PRODUCE LIQUID ORGANIC FERTILIZER.**

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere read Ordinance No. 818-2020 by title.

Freeholder Williams excused herself from the meeting during the presentation of the Ordinance.

Chairman Mirabella noted an earlier Public Hearing held on Ordinance No. 818-2020. He advised that upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Clerk of the Board forwarded the recording of that Public Hearing the members of the Board with a summary of the questions and answers discussed. He called upon Union County Utilities Authority Executive Director Daniel Sullivan.

UCUA Executive Director Daniel Sullivan called upon UCUA's Special Counsel Kevin Conti to elaborate on Ordinance No. 818-2020.

UCUA Special Counsel Kevin Conti advised that in 2019 Linden Renewable Energy, LLC filed an application with the UCUA, proposing inclusion of the noted solid waste management facility at the cited location. He further advised that upon thorough inspection and review by the UCUA, a resolution was composed recommending the facility be approved by the Board. Despite receiving initial approval from the appropriate channels In July, Mr. Kevin Conti noted that NJDEP requested Ordinance No. 818-2020 be revised reintroduced and readopted as a result of a technical issue relative to the verbiage on the original ordinance. UCUA Special Counsel Kevin Conti called upon James Potter and Dennis Toft from Linden Renewable Energy, LLC to elaborate further on the facility.

Linden Renewable Energy, LLC Special Counsel Dennis Toft confirmed that the details relative to the original ordinance had not changed. He gave a brief overview of the solid waste management facility and its operational processes. He noted that the facility met the state's goal for food waste recycling and would provide a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. Mr. Dennis Toft further advised that the facility was designed and built in conformity with several NJDEP permits to ensure safety and appropriate operation of the facility. He turned to President of RNG Energy Solutions, LLC, James Potter for additional information.

RNG Energy Solutions, LLC President James Potter advised that the facility would receive processed waste which would subsequently be converted into renewable natural gas through bioreactors. He noted that this process was a state-of-the-art process used to manage waste in a manner that would significantly reduce greenhouse emissions, noting this facility would be one of the largest reducers of said emissions in the state. He further noted that the natural gas would be processed to produce pipe-line quality gas that would be injected into an interstate pipeline, approximately 4,000 feet from the designated site, and would subsequently be used to create hydrogen. Mr. Potter noted they were currently obtaining the necessary local and state permits to begin construction which was expected to begin in first quarter of 2021.

Chairman Mirabella asked Clerk of the Board Pellettiere to share the comments and or questions from the earlier public hearing relative to Ordinance No. 818-2020.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere read an email from Mr. Sero Scalera noting his approval for the solid waste management facility.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere referenced questions received during the prior public hearing, relative to the amount of trucks anticipated to visit the site daily as well as the need for a bond guarantee relative to the project.

Relative to the earlier public hearing, Clerk of the Board Pellettiere confirmed that approximately 74 trucks were expected daily, roughly 5-7 trucks per hour. He also confirmed that the vendors noted there was no need for a guarantee bond relative to performance, adding that the bond noted in the comments related to the financial mechanism used to contend with debt arising from the project.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere confirmed these were the only comments relative to the earlier public hearing.

Chairman Mirabella asked the vendor to confirm the facility would be constructed in accordance with union contract standards.

RNG Energy Solutions, LLC President Potter confirmed this to be the case, noting a long history of following similar standards in the construction of similar facilities.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE**

The meeting was opened for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance Number 818-2020 only.

Judy McCarthy, of Linden, inquired about the hours of operation for the facility as well as the union labor hours and permanent jobs that would result from the project. She also inquired about the potential for a turnpike ramp to contend with additional traffic that could result from the facility.

President Potter advised that although the facility would operate 24/7, he expected deliveries to occur 16-18 hours daily. He also confirmed 5-7 trucks per hour. Relative to the union labor hours and permanent positions at the facility, Mr. Potter advised that they had no say in who would be employed, but confirmed a capable union labor force would be ready to tackle the anticipated 10 month construction phase.

Freeholder Hudak spoke relative to the prospective Tremley Point connector road. He commended NJ State Senator Nicholas P. Scutari for being instrumental in the project as well as former Freeholder Angel G. Estrada. He noted that the Turnpike Authority now owned the Tremley Point project and he expected progress to be forthcoming. He noted the repurposing of certain areas to accommodate the connector road, ideally diverting some of the anticipated traffic from the city streets.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, inquired about whether or not any materials would be incoming from New York. He also asked about when the facility would be fully operational and if any emissions or waste would be produced by the facility itself.

RNG President Potter confirmed that construction of the project would run 16 months, noting a target start date of March 1, 2021 and 16 months of construction thereafter. He also advised that he expected waste to be received from NY, given the region has opted for the diversion of organic waste through legislation to reduce said emissions. Lastly, he

advised that Linden and Roselle Sewage Authority had agreed to receive the waste from the facility. He further advised that the facility would release certain emissions similar to a boiler system seen in other large, unrelated facilities like schools.

Daniel Hahn, inquired about the cost of the facility and whether or not the county would be making any financial contributions to the project. Additionally, he asked for a general overview of the process through waste would be received.

RNG President Potter advised that the cost of the facility would be \$220 million, confirming that the county would not be furnishing any funds as the project was being funded by private investments. He also gave a brief overview of the receiving process at the solid waste management facility.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere confirmed no additional members of the public wishing to comment on Ordinance No. 818-2020.

#### **FINAL READING STATEMENT**

Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Liaison to the Union County Utilities Authority, moved Ordinance Number 818-2020 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative.; with Freeholder Williams absent.

**819-2020 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 799-2018 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 506-99 ENTITLED 'AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING LAND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION'" ADOPTED BY THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1999".**

#### **PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE**

The meeting was opened for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance Number 819-2020 only.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, asked for an overview of Ordinance No. 819-2020 and whether or not it was part of the County's Master Plan.

County Counsel Bergen advised that Ordinance No. 819-2020 related to services fees not previously cited and confirmed it did not affect the County's Master Plan.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere confirmed no additional members of the public wishing to comment on Ordinance No. 819-2020

#### **FINAL READING STATEMENT**

Freeholder Christopher Hudak moved Ordinance Number 819-2020 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

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#### **SUSPENSION OF RULES**

Suspension of the rules to allow for the joining of both Public Comments on resolutions being offered for adoption, and Public Comments on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to Suspend the Rules. On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Hudak roll called showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

The meeting was opened to the public for the purpose of commenting on Resolutions being offered for adoption and any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, asked questions relative to several resolutions. Relative to Reso No. 2020-688, he inquired about the use for these funds. Relative to Reso No. 2020-691, he inquired about the services being provided by the vendor. Relative to Reso No. 2020-693, he asked where these services were being furnished within the county. Relative to Reso No. 2020-702, he inquired about the services being provided by the vendor.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-688, Open Space, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Administrator Durbin-Drake advised that the county's acquisition account was under funded and grant funding would be used to offset the deficit.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-691, Director Graziano confirmed that the vendor provided several services under the contract, including intercom and video systems, alarm panels, and security camera installation. He noted that the contract also included 1,500 hours of service time.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-693, Director Graziano noted 22 facilities throughout the county, noting the contract included 7,500 waste pickups.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-702, Clerk Rajoppi advised that an increase was necessary to contend with the pick-up and delivery of collated ballots to the regional post office by the mailer.

Daniel Hahn inquired about Reso No. 2020-690.

Director Zuber confirmed that the locations to be addressed under this Resolution were known to be problematic as it related to excess deer populations.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere confirmed no additional members of the public wishing to comment

## **RESOLUTIONS**

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The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

**2020-674 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

**2020-675 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** 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).

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

**2020-676 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

**2020-677 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

**2020-678 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

**2020-679 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** 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

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

**2020-680 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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).

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

**2020-681 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

**2020-682 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

- 2020-683 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

- 2020-684 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

- 2020-685 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

- 2020-686 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

- 2020-687 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

- 2020-688 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Moued, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

**2020-689 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Moued, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

**2020-690 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-517, Deer Management Program for the 2020-2021 season, to include Kean University and the City of Plainfield.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Moued, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Hudak abstaining and Freeholder Williams absent.

**2020-691 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDE:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Moued, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

**2020-692 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDE:** 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

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Moued, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

- 2020-693 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Moueded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

- 2020-694 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Moueded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

- 2020-695 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Moueded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

- 2020-696 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Moueded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

- 2020-697 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

**2020-698 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN:** 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)

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

**2020-699 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

**2020-700 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

**2020-701 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

- 2020-702 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

- 2020-703 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

- 2020-704 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

- 2020-705 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

- 2020-706 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

- 2020-707 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

- 2020-708 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

- 2020-709 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

- 2020-710 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

- 2020-711 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing Governing Body Certification of the 2019 Audit.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

- 2020-712 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

**FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

- 2020-713 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating the Mount Olive Baptist Church as they celebrate their 150th Anniversary.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

- 2020-714 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Declaring the Month of October 2020 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Union County.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

- 2020-715 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing Give2Those Inc., at their 4th Annual Stride & Ride Relay on October 3, 2020.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

- 2020-716 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Proclaiming October 2020 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Union County.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

- 2020-717 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

- 2020-718 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

- 2020-719 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution proclaiming October 23rd through October 31st, 2020 as Red Ribbon Week throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

- 2020-720 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

- 2020-721 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

#### **FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

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Freeholder Hudak spoke relative to the upcoming Great Pumpkin Sail, noting that he was happy that the event could be held in a safe and socially distant manner; he commended the Parks & Recreation staff for their work in facilitating the event. He also thanked Chairman Mirabella for his leadership in securing additional federal grant funding for struggling business in an attempt to allow them to extend

outdoor services into the colder months. On another note, Freeholder Hudak spoke relative to a recent call he received from the Linden Education Association regarding COVID-19 testing for staff and students as the area prepares to transition to some degree to in-person instruction. He noted Jessica Cohen's interactions with the UC Education Association to ensure convenient, mobile-testing resources are made available during the transition process and thereafter.

Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded echoed the sentiments of fellow Freeholder Hudak, noting the importance of convenient testing and timely results as provided by the COVID-19 saliva test. On another note, she spoke relative to October being Breast Cancer Awareness month and encouraged residents to schedule their annual mammograms. Furthermore, she noted that October 13<sup>th</sup> was the official Metastatic Breast Cancer (MBC) Awareness day, noting the county's efforts to bring awareness to this debilitating disease.

Freeholder Granados extended his thanks to all the County employees, volunteers, and residents for their continued efforts and hard work in giving back to the community during the COVID-19 crisis. He also thanked the many student volunteers from Kean University for their community efforts.

Freeholder Kowalski reminded residents about the upcoming election and encouraged them to complete and return their voted ballots. She encouraged residents unfamiliar with the process to access the County election website which includes several important resources, including videos, in both English and Spanish, on how to properly complete and compile the mail-in ballot. She also reminded residents that relative to an Executive Order, many polling locations had been consolidated and only individuals with certain disabilities would be allowed to cast their vote in person on the voting machines.

Freehold Garretson thanked the Board for recognizing those being honored by the ROI-NJ Influencers: People of Color. She also recognized Janna Williams and Brandon Givens for their efforts relative to the SHERO Award ceremony, noting that it was a lovely event. She also reminded residents about several upcoming LGBTQ virtual events entitled Queer Empowerment Hour, noting these initiatives as a good resource to learn more about the LGBTQ community. On a more somber note, she advised that as COVID-19 cases continued to rise in NJ, residents should continue to take the necessary precautions to thwart another possible outbreak.

Freeholder Staten reminded residents to complete their 2020 Census, if they had not done so already, as well as their mail-in ballots for the 2020 General Election. On another note, she advised that a mobile-testing unit would be in Roselle on October 24<sup>st</sup>, noting over 300 tests conducted on their first visit. She also advised that a flu-shot clinic would also be in Roselle on October 22, noting additional details would follow as the date approached. To close, she reminded residents about an upcoming food distribution drive at Cedar Brooke Park in Plainfield on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Chairman Mirabella recognized the continued efforts of the Board as well as the many residents of Union County during these difficult times. He also reminded residents to tune into the next virtual installment of the Queer Empowerment Hour, on October 14<sup>th</sup>, hosted by his daughter Micayla Mirabella. He also recognized Director of Digital, Web, and Social Media Services Robert Charkowsky for all his hard work in maintaining the county website, an invaluable resource to residents.

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## EXECUTIVE SESSION

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To the extent known, the following item will be discussed in Executive Session:

1) Attorney Client privileged communications and discussions relative anticipated contract negotiations and potential litigation in conjunction therewith.

County Counsel Bergen stated that pursuant to provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, a public body may enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing certain enumerated subjects.

He stated that the Board wished to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Attorney Client privileged communications and discussions relative anticipated contract negotiations and potential litigation in conjunction therewith.

He stated that the minutes of the Executive Session shall be separated from the minutes of the Open Public Session and that the minutes of the Executive Session, redacted as appropriate and necessary, shall be available in approximately 30 days. He stated that the Clerk of the Board shall retain the original minutes until such time as the confidential limitations have been removed, at which time they shall be made available.

He stated that upon affirmative vote of the majority of the members present, the Board may enter Executive Session and upon the Board's would not take formal action on the matter discussed.

Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session. On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Garretson a voice vote showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to return from Executive Session. On a motion made by Freeholder Garretson and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded a voice vote showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Williams absent.

County Counsel Bergen had no comments or reports relative to matter discussed during the Executive Session.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 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

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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. Pelletiere, RMC, QPA  
Clerk of the Board