



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:16 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 Andrea Staten and Freeholder Rebecca Williams were present; with Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded absent.

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 James E. Pellettiere.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to approve Communications. On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. October 1, 2020 - Agenda Setting Session
2. October 1, 2020 - Regular Meeting
3. October 15, 2020 - Agenda Setting Session
4. October 15, 2020 - Regular Meeting

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to approve the October Minutes. On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the Minutes of the October 1st Agenda meeting; six votes in the affirmative for the Minutes of the October 1st Regular meeting; with Freeholder Williams abstaining; and five votes in the affirmative for the Minutes of the October 15th Agenda Setting and Regular Meeting; with Freeholder Granados and Freeholder Williams abstaining; and with Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded absent.

821-2020 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND “THE LAWS OF UNION COUNTY: ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION” BY AMENDING: PART 1-UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, CHAPTER 1, UNION COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE, ARTICLE XVI-DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION, ARTICLE V-FISCAL PROVISIONS; AND, CHAPTER 49, FEES, ARTICLE V-ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS FEES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union that the “Laws of Union County” are hereby amended as follows, to be incorporated within the body of same upon updating and or reprinting of same:

(A.) In each and every instance within the Laws that a gender specific pronoun is used (including but not limited to: his, her, his/her, his or her, him, him/her, him/herself, she, he, himself, herself), any such word that can be changed to a title or other noun specific to the circumstance, shall be so changed; in all other instances, the gender specific pronoun shall be changed to the appropriate non-gender specific pronoun (including but not limited to: they, them, their, themselves, theirs); and

(B.) That effective January 1, 2021, in each and every instance within the Laws that the phrase Board of Chosen Freeholders, Chosen Freeholder, Freeholder or similar are used, they shall be changed respectively to Board of County Commissioners, County Commissioner, Commissioner or similar; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union that the “Laws of Union County” are hereby amended as outlined in the attached Schedule A:

SCHEDULE A

**PART I -
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**

ARTICLE XVI, Department of Human Services

[Amended: 7-18-1991 by Ord. No. 337; 6-20-2002 by Ord. No. 553; 4-10-2003 by Ord. No. 569; 9-14-2006 by Ord. No. 636; 4-30-2015 by Ord. 2015-764; 3-10-2016 by Ord. 2016-775; 7-20-2017 by Ord. 2017-785; 12-7-2017 by Ord. 2017-789; 10-4-1028 by Ord. 798-2018; 12-13-2018 by Ord. 802-2018]

§ 1-97. Division of Outreach and Advocacy

[Amended 12-13-2018 by Ord. 802-2018]

A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of Human Services, the Division of Outreach and Advocacy functions and responsibilities shall include:

- (1) Identifying and assessing the needs of community residents and identifying gaps in services in order to plan for and stimulate, in cooperation with governmental and voluntary agencies and citizens groups, solutions to address needs and assist residents to thrive.
- (2) Implementing effective marketing, including consolidating and disseminating information through various forms that informs community residents of resources available.
- (3) Improving access to information and other resources through outreach, advocacy, referral, and case management.
- (4) Identifying areas in need of consumer and/or legislative advocacy to improve access to services and improve quality of life for residents of the County.
- (5) Assessing social service provision, workflow and efficiency, in an effort to improve consumer satisfaction.
- (6) Operate and maintain the Director's Action Line.

B. Division head. There may be a Director of the Division of Outreach and Advocacy who serves as the head of the Division and shall be responsible to the Director of the Department of Human Services for its operation.

C. Subdivisions. Within the Division of Outreach and Advocacy shall be the following subdivisions:

- (1) Office of Human Services Constituent Relations (OHSCR)
- (2) Office of Analytics, Research and Evaluation (OARE)

D. Office of Human Services Constituent Relations (OHSCR)

No Change

E. Office of Analytics, Research and Evaluation (OARE)

(1) Under the direction of and supervision of the Director of the Division of Outreach and Advocacy, the Office of Analytics, Research and Evaluation's (OARE) functions and responsibilities include:

- (a) Conducts research to produce community-ready information about the work of DHS
- (b) Advises and supports the department's technology planning and implementation
- (c) Supports policy development, quality improvement, planning and decision-making through research, analysis and engagement.

Chapter 2, ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION

[HISTORY: This Chapter was added on 4-10-03 by Ord. No. 569]

ARTICLE V, Fiscal Provisions

[Amended 4-10-2003 by Ord. No. 569]

§ 2-38. Central payroll.

[Amended 1-30-1992 by Ord. No. 358]

Salaries, wages and other compensation of exclusionary employees of the County shall be paid semi-monthly, i.e., payment to be made on the 15th and 30th of each month or the last business day prior thereto. Salaries, wages and other compensation of members of collective bargaining units shall be paid as set forth in their respective negotiated agreements. The head of each department, office or agency shall certify to the Department of Finance, at such times and in such form as it shall prescribe, the names and positions of all persons employed in or by the department who are entitled to be paid in the next ensuing payroll for the County. The comptroller shall then complete a central payroll for the County.

§ 2-39. Advance Payment for Travel

The County of Union does hereby authorize the payment of advances to officers and employees towards their expenses for authorized official travel and expenses incident thereto. Such payment will only be made upon the verification and adjustment of such expenses and advances, and the repayment of any excess advanced, by means of a detailed bill of items and the certification of same, pursuant to procedures established by the Department of Finance. Any such certification or affidavit shall be submitted within 10 days after the completion of the travel for which any advance was made.

Chapter 49, FEES

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

Article V, Engineering & Public Works Fees

[Adopted 4-27-2006 by Ord. No. 627. Amended 12-4-2008 by Ord. No. 676-2008; 6-25-2009 by Ord. No. 686-2009. Amended 7-20-2017 by Ord. 2017-785]

§ 49-9. Tipping Fees Charged to Municipalities for Leaf Disposal.

The following fees are hereby established for individual municipalities to be charged when utilizing the County of Union Compost Facility:

- A. Tipping Fee of \$4.00 per cubic yard of un-compacted leaves accepted for composting at the County of Union Compost Facility;
- B. Tipping Fee of \$6.00 per cubic yard of compacted leaves accepted for composting at the County of Union Compost Facility.

FIRST READING STATEMENT

Freeholder Rebecca Williams, Policy Committee Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 821-2020 for First Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The public hearing and final reading will be scheduled to be held on December 3, 2020.

On a motion made by Freeholder Williams and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll called showed seven votes in the affirmative; with Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded absent.

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 Williams and seconded by Freeholder Garretson roll called showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded absent.

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.

Quanae Palmer Chambliss expressed her concerns regarding the County's failure to accommodate high-risk individuals relative to submitting and or returning documentation for CARES ACT funding. She noted that there was no option for online submission of these requests and inquired about the potential availability as the state moved into a 2nd wave of COVID-19.

Director Anderson advised that CARES ACT funding required approval from the state and online submission of certain documentation was not acceptable. She further advised that applicants could drop off applications and other requested documentation in person and or by mail. Director Anderson noted that she would look into the matter further as everyone should have equal opportunity to this funding.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments and asked questions relative to several resolutions. Relative to general questions, he asked where the Motor Vehicle facility would go once the new County Government Complex was built. He also asked if election results would be tallied by ward and district.

County Manager Oatman advised that no determination had been made relative to where MVC would be moved to. He also confirmed that election results would be tallied by ward and district as customary.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-796, he asked why this item was necessary.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-796, Director Anderson advised that this was a quarterly expense and the monies requested would cover the remaining quarter owed.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-803, Mr. Paterson inquired about where monies were coming from.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-803, Director Anderson advised that the county was responsible for \$138,549 of the cited funds.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-806, Mr. Paterson inquired about the item and asked for a breakdown of monies going to CDBG and HOME respectively.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-806, Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that there was an error in the original formula used to determine funding, noting a reduction of \$650 as a result. She further advised that HOME would receive \$1,254,409 and CDBG would receive \$4,708,622.

Relative to Reso Nos. 2020-807, 2020-808, and 2020-809 asked about monies received through grants for this initiative and why the replacements were necessary.

Relative to Reso Nos. 2020-807, 2020-808, and 2020-809, Director Graziano advised that \$1.9 million was received from the state for these projects, noting the County had 2 years to consume the allocated funds.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-812, he inquired about the settlement.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-812, Counsel Bergen advised that a settlement was recommended after careful review of the pending lawsuit. He noted that the settlement did not suggest an admission of guilt by the County, but rather was the most financial prudent option. He further advised that the original lawsuit was dismissed and no payment was rendered by the County.

Relative to Reso Nos. 2020-813 and 2020-814, he inquired about the attorneys/firms being prequalified and why these services were necessary.

Relative to Reso Nos. 813-814, Counsel Bergen advised that the firms being prequalified were Lum, Drasco, & Positan and Maraziti Falcon LP, noting that Lum, Drasco, & Positan had been assigned to the project and additional fees for services were difficult to determine at this time. He added that the County required expert counsel outside of County resources.

Maria Echeverria, of Elizabeth, submitted comments relative to COVID-19 and the County's response to the pandemic.

Clerk of the Board Pelletiere confirmed there were no additional public comments

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

2020-794 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$180,000.00 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.

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

2020-795 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$300,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: DOL COVID- 19 Dislocated Worker Grant (DWG) New Jersey Endures.

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

2020-796 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into agreement with Visual Computer Solutions, Inc., Freehold, NJ to provide maintenance for the Division of Social Services employees for the services of Time Management System/Time Clock for the period of December 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$2,922.50 to be charged to Account number 0-01-27-790-128-649.

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

2020-797 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorize the County Manager to designate the Union County Intoxicated Driver Resource Center (IDRC), under the Union County Department of Human Services, Division of Individual & Family Support Services, located at Administration Building, 4th Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, NJ 07207 for the purpose of providing State-mandated 12 -Hour education, alcohol/drug substance abuse evaluation, and treatment referral for persons charged and/or convicted of Driving While Intoxicated/Driving Under the Influence as required by the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of

Mental Health and Addiction Services, Intoxicated Driving Program for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022 at no cost to the County.

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

2020-798 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorize the County Manager to designate and enter into agreement with Straight and Narrow, Inc., located at 182 First Street, Passaic, NJ for the purpose of providing State-mandated 48-Hour education, alcohol/drug substance abuse evaluation, and treatment referral for persons charged and/or convicted of second or repeat Driving While Intoxicated/Driving Under the Influence as required by the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Intoxicated Driving Program for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022 at no cost to the County.

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

2020-799 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract agreement with Unitronix Data Systems, Raritan, New Jersey, to provide software License and Software Maintenance for the Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services in an amount not to exceed \$130,508.52 for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

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

2020-800 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN: Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application, on behalf of the County of Union, and if awarded, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) – 2021 Local Bridges, Future Needs Program – LBFN 2021-00014 for the Replacement of Martine Avenue Minor Bridge, over Stream 10-7-22-1 Sc-22, Structure 2016022, Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union, New Jersey (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-025).

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

2020-801 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN: Authorizing the County Manager to accept funding and execute the FY2022 Alliance Grant to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Program Grant contract in the amount of \$244,862 from the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA) for the grant period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 for the purpose of providing prevention of alcohol and drug abuse in local municipalities in Union County.

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

2020-802 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN: Authorizing the County Manager to award FY2022 Alliance Program funding subcontracts for a 12-month budget cycle from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$244,862.00 as specified in the attached spending plan; and to further authorize the County Manager to transfer funds among the municipalities listed during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the listed municipality/agencies fail to meet contractual obligation.

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

2020-803 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN: Authorizing the County Manager to endorse the Union County 2020-2023 Comprehensive Alcohol and Drug Abuse Plan as required and to apply, accept and execute the CY2021 Alcoholism/Drug Abuse (A/DA) contract in the amount of \$983,736.00 from the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) for the grant period of January 1, 2021- through December 31, 2021 for the purpose of providing residents of Union County with mental health/substance abuse prevention education/early intervention, and treatment for those living in poverty and/or without insurance.

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

2020-804 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN: Amending Resolution Number 2020-739 increasing funds for year 2 of the Union County Division on Aging 2019-2021 Area Plan Contract, commencing January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an additional amount not to exceed \$44,565.00 to reflect a new total of \$6,152,018.00.

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

2020-805 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Wisolmerski Associates, Inc., Boca Raton, Florida, for the purpose of providing technical support to the recording, indexing and accounting systems of the Office of the County Clerk for the contract period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$44,350.00.

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

- 2020-806 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to amend resolution 2020-479 to accept decreased funds extended from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and to expend funds as specified in the attached approval for the CDBG and HOME Fiscal Year (2020) Reductions of \$670.00 for a total fund of \$6,824,654.00

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

- 2020-807 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application, on behalf of the County of Union, and if awarded, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) – 2021 Local Bridges, Future Needs Program – LBFN 2021-00013 for the Replacement of Caldwell Place Minor Bridge, over Stream 10-35-5, SP-37, Structure 2017037, Township of Springfield, County of Union, New Jersey (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-016)

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

- 2020-808 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application, on behalf of the County of Union, and if awarded, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) – 2021 Local Bridges, Future Needs Program – LBFN 2021-00016 for the Replacement of Watchung Avenue Minor Bridge, over Stream 10-7-22, PI-18, Structure 2012008, City of Plainfield, County of Union, New Jersey (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-040)

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

- 2020-809 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application, on behalf of the County of Union, and if awarded, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) – 2021 Local Bridges, Future Needs Program – LBFN 2021-00015 for the Replacement of Myrtle Avenue Minor Bridge, over Stream 10-25, We-16, Structure 2020016, Town of Westfield, County of Union, New Jersey (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-024).

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

2020-810 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2019-500 adopted June 20, 2019, (BA# 16-2019) a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to T.R. Weniger, Inc. of Piscataway, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 for the 2018 Bridge Improvement Project, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will increase the amended contract amount by \$95,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$971,970.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-024)

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

2020-811 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Foggia Trinity Electric, LLC of Scotch Plains, New Jersey for the Intersection Improvements at River Road (CR649), Chatham Road and Miele Place, City of Summit, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$360,188.36 (BA# 15-2020; Union County Engineering Project # 2017-007).

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

2020-812 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: A Resolution Approving a Settlement in the matter entitled Deandra Wallace v. Union County Department of Corrections, et al. Docket No. UNN-L-697-19, in the amount not to exceed \$80,000.00.

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

2020-813 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Approving a list of Pre- Qualified Attorneys for Redevelopment Counsel Services.

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

2020-814 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution appointing Redevelopment Counsel, for the UC County Government Complex in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

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

2020-815 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter into COVID-19 Rest Easy Caregivers Grant Agreements with Union County Non-Medical Respite Care Providers to Family Caregivers with In Home Care, for a total funding amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 for the period of November 6, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

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

2020-816 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to Resolution 2020-710 Approving Emergency Restaurant Grant Agreements by Expanding the Eligible Reimbursement Period to April 1, 2020 to December 15, 2020.

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

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2020-817 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution recognizing and congratulating the honorees of Hispanic Law Enforcement Association of Union County (HLEAUC): Louis DeMondo, Leadership Award; Linda Flores-Tober, Community Partnership Award; Carmen Rivera, Community Service Award and Michelle Salerno, Humanitarian Award.

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

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Granados wished all the Veterans a Happy Veterans Day and thanked them for their sacrifice.

Freeholder Williams spoke relative to Veterans Day and thanked those that served for their sacrifice. She also mentioned a recent installment of the Queer Empowerment Hour honoring Veterans Day with a discussion on "Being Queer in the Military." On another note, she spoke about a recent mask distribution drive she attended with Director Graziano and Assemblywoman Linda Carter. She extended Plainfield Mayor Adrian O. Mapp's gratitude and appreciation for the Board's continuous efforts relative to COVID-19.

Freeholder Hudak wished past and present service members a Happy Veterans Day and extended a Happy Thanksgiving to all the residents throughout the County.

Freeholder Kowalski extended her appreciation to members of the military for their service and sacrifice and wished them all a Happy Veterans Day. She also

thanked the many volunteers throughout the County for their efforts relative to COVID-19 and providing necessary services and resources, including the Kean Testing Center and Food Distribution Drives, among others. She closed by encouraging everyone to stay safe and use proper precautions, including wearing a mask.

Freeholder Garretson echoed the sentiments of her colleagues, noting the many efforts relative to COVID-19, including providing upwards of 90,000 masks to the 21 municipalities throughout the County. She thanked the various leaders throughout the County for their collaboration and partnership in facilitating these efforts. She closed by noting her concern relative to increasing cases of COVID-19 in the area and encouraged everyone to stay safe and take the necessary steps to ensure the safety of others, including family and friends during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Freeholder State had no comments.

Chairman Mirabella spoke about the recent Drive-In Concert featuring the group Funk Salsa Urban, noting his enjoyment of these activities. He thanked the Parks & Recreation Department, County Police, and the UC Performing Arts Center for their help in facilitating the event. He also thanked Ellen Chase and Victoria Durbin-Drake for their efforts in facilitating these and other COVID-19 friendly activities throughout the County. He closed by noting his recent attendance of Scotch Plains Veterans Day Ceremony, noting Assemblywoman Linda Carter also attended the event.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified. In the event an Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting are held on the same night, the Agenda Setting Session will commence at 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. Pelletiere, RMC, QPA
Clerk of the Board