



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2020
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:35 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 Deputy Clerk of the Board Annie Croom.

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The prayer and salute to the flag were led by Deputy Clerk of the Board Croom.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

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

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

820-2020 BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW ADDITIONAL FURNISHINGS, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, AND NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$24,015,415 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE STATE GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF

BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The County of Union (the "County"), State of New Jersey is hereby authorized to make various public improvements and to acquire new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new additional furnishings, new communication and signal systems equipment, and new information technology and telecommunications equipment in, by and for said County, as more particularly described in Section 4 hereof. The cost of the improvements and acquisitions includes all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefore.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements and acquisitions described in Sections 1 and 4 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purposes"), the respective amounts of money hereinafter stated as the appropriation for said respective purposes. Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized, and the State grants and the down payment appropriated, by this ordinance. Said improvements and acquisitions shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefitted.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the making of such improvements and acquisitions is not a current expense of said County.

Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and Amounts" which schedule also shows (1) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose,

and (2) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the State grants hereinafter appropriated, and (3) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes, and (4) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (5) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Department of Economic Development, Bureau of Information Technologies - Acquisition of new information technology and telecommunications equipment for the use of various County departments, offices and agencies, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 1,010,000

Down Payment Appropriated \$ 50,500

Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 959,500

Period of Usefulness 5 years

B. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering - Undertaking of road, intersection, bridge and culvert improvement projects at various locations, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$11,727,605

State Grants Appropriated \$ 8,975,647

Down Payment Appropriated \$ 137,598

Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 2,614,360

Period of Usefulness 10 years

C. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering - Undertaking of various engineering, architectural and other services in connection with various infrastructure and building projects.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 1,500,000

Down Payment Appropriated \$ 75,000

Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 1,425,000

Period of Usefulness 15 years

D. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering - Improvements to various dams and dikes.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 202,000
Down Payment Appropriated \$ 10,100
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 191,900
Period of Usefulness 15 years

E. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management - Replacement of a rooftop air conditioning chiller unit at the Juvenile Detention Center Building in Linden. It is hereby determined and stated that said public building being improved is of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 176,750
Down Payment Appropriated \$ 8,838
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 167,912
Period of Usefulness 15 years

F. Department of Parks and Recreation - Undertaking of the following improvements to the Deserted Village: (i) improvements to Masker's Barn; (ii) various improvements to the Visitor Center and (iii) replacement of various roofs.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 329,060
Down Payment Appropriated \$ 16,453
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 312,607
Period of Usefulness 10 years

G. Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Park Maintenance - Undertaking of various park and recreation improvements consisting of (i) resurfacing playgrounds at various locations, (ii) installation of a new synthetic turf baseball field (including field lighting and fencing), rest room improvements and parking lot improvements (including lighting) at Mattano Park and (iii) various engineering, architectural and other services in connection with the preparation of a new Parks Master Plan.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 6,141,000
Down Payment Appropriated \$ 307,050
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 5,833,950
Period of Usefulness 15 years

H. Department of Public Safety - Renovation and equipping of a portion of the Ralph Froehlich Public Safety Building in Westfield for additional dispatch services. It is hereby determined and stated that said public building being improved is of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 1,515,000
Down Payment Appropriated \$ 75,750
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 1,439,250
Period of Usefulness 15 years

I. Union County Vocational-Technical Schools - Undertaking of various renovations and improvements to facilities (district-wide). It is hereby determined and stated that (A) all resolutions to be filed by the Board of Education of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools and the Board of School Estimate of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in order to request the Board of Chosen Freeholders to raise funds for the aforesaid purposes have been filed, (B) no down payment is required for such purposes pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:54-31 and (C) such public buildings being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 454,500
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 454,500
Period of Usefulness 15 years

J. Union County Vocational-Technical Schools - (i) Undertaking of various safety and security upgrades (district-wide) and (ii) acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of (a) instructional equipment and machinery for various educational programs and (b) non-instructional equipment. It is hereby determined and stated that (A) all resolutions to be filed by the Board of Education of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools and the Board of School Estimate of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in order to request the Board of Chosen Freeholders to raise funds for the aforesaid purposes have been filed and (B) no down payment is required for such purposes pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:54-31.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 808,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 808,000
Period of Usefulness 10 years

K. Union County Vocational-Technical Schools -Acquisition of new additional furnishings. It is hereby determined and stated that (A) all resolutions to be filed by the Board of Education of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools and the Board of School Estimate of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in order to request the Board of Chosen Freeholders to raise funds for the aforesaid purpose have been filed and (B) no down payment is required for such purpose pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:54-31.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 151,500
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 151,500
Period of Usefulness 5 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$24,015,415
Aggregate State Grants Appropriated \$ 8,975,647
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated \$ 681,289
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes
Authorized \$14,358,479

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as herein before stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$3,702,925 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purposes, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 6. The aggregate sum of \$8,975,647 received or to be received as grants from the New Jersey Department of Transportation is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the infrastructure improvements authorized in Section 4.B above.

Section 7. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$681,289, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said County, are now available to finance said purposes. The sum of \$681,289 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes.

Section 8. To finance said purposes, bonds of said County of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$14,358,479 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 9. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said County of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$14,358,479 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 10. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, by the County Manager and by the County Treasurer and shall be under the seal of said County and attested by the Clerk or Deputy Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the County Treasurer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 11. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of said purposes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 12.92 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 12. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of said County, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said County, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$14,358,479 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 13. Any funds received from private parties, the State of New Jersey or any of its agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purposes (other than the State grants hereinbefore appropriated which shall be applied to the cost of such purposes, but shall not be applied to the payment of outstanding bond anticipation notes and the reduction of the amount of bonds authorized), shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purposes, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purposes shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 14. The County intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements and acquisitions described in Sections 1 and 4 of this bond ordinance. If the County incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the County hereby states its reasonable expectation to

reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 15. The full faith and credit of the County are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the County, and the County shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the County for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 16. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and is available for public inspection.

Section 17. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Deputy Clerk of the Board Croom read Ordinance No. 820-2020 by title.

PUBLIC HEARING

The meeting was opened for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance Number 820-2020 only.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, inquired why this item was being presented now rather than in the spring as customary. He inquired about the requested capital in the 2020 budget and the difference in totals.

County Manager Oatman advised that the item was not presented in the spring due to COVID-19.

Director Taylor further advised the cited amount was relative to projects that could proceed, whereas other items included in the 2020 Operational Budget had not been reviewed, finalized, and or approved.

Deputy Clerk Croom confirmed there were no additional public comments relative to Ordinance No. 820-2020.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Freeholder Sergio Granados, Fiscal Committee Chair, moved Ordinance Number 820-2020 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted 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 Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Williams 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.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, commended Deputy Clerk of the Board Croom for heading tonight's meeting as well as the Board of Elections and County Clerk staff for their efforts relative to the election. He asked about the process relative to provisional ballots and made comments relative to Acting Prosecutor Ruotolo.

Relative to the General Election, County Manager Oatman advised that the provisional ballots, once processed were stored and maintained as prescribed by law. He further advised that Board of Elections Administrator Nicole DiRado would provide a more detailed explanation to Mr. Paterson following the meeting.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-767, Mr. Paterson asked why the vendor had been chosen to provide the cited services.

Director Anderson confirmed that the vendor had been awarded a 5-year contract through a competitive bid, noting the rise in domestic violence cases during the COVID-19 pandemic. She advised that the YWCA was an excellent partner and felt confident in their ability to provide the necessary services.

Chairman Mirabella noted the UC Home Haircut Challenge that took place in June, during which monies were raised for the YWCA to assist victims of domestic violence.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-768, Mr. Paterson asked for additional information.

Director Anderson advised that the increase would help secure additional locations to ensure the County could contend with an increase in need for these services.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-769, Mr. Paterson inquired about how funding would be used.

Director Anderson noted that some funding for this initiative was furnished through grants. She advised that the vendor was well versed in providing services to families at risk of homelessness, including shelter diversion, financial literacy, and case management services, among others.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-790, Mr. Paterson inquired about who would be assuming the position as well as additional monies expended for the new position.

County Manager Oatman advised that Michael Brennan, Director of Park Maintenance, would be the Certified Public Works Manager in Kenilworth. He added that the position was contracted for two months and Mr. Brennan would be compensated \$5,000 a month for the position, noting duties would fall outside of his traditional county employee work schedule.

Thomas Stowe, of Roselle Park, thanked the Board for their tremendous support and arduous efforts relative to the 2020 Census, noting an increase in response rate compared to 2010.

Chairman Mirabella thanked Mr. Stowe and commended everyone involved, including Deputy County Manager Wagner and Phil Kandl, Director of the Division of Strategic Planning and Intergovernmental Relations for Union County. He also commended Acting Prosecutor Ruotolo for her proficiency and efforts.

Deputy Clerk Croom confirmed there were no additional public comments

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

2020-756 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$64,492 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services for a program entitled: CARES ACT Area Plan Contract / ADRC COVID 19 Grant.

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

2020-757 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$117,975 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services for a program entitled: Area Plan Contract (APC).

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

2020-758 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$1,806,327 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: Workfirst New Jersey (WFNJ) Grant.

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

2020-759 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$816,274.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Cares Act Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) Non-Discretionary (ND) COVID 19.

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

2020-760 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Resolution Modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$308,750 as a result of notification received from the Center for Tech and Civic Life for a program entitled: Absentee Ballot Assembly (COVID 19 Response) Grant.

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

- 2020-761 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$107,499.08 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of State for a program entitled: Cares Act - (HAVA) Election Related Grant.

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

- 2020-762 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$719,295 as a result of notification received from the United States Department of Justice for a program entitled: DOJ DNA Backlog Reduction Grant.

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

- 2020-763 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$36,534 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: STOP Violence Against Women (VAWA) FFY '18 Grant.

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

- 2020-764 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$40,540 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Stop Violence Against Women (VAWA) FFY '19 Grant.

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

- 2020-765 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the Amount of \$47,619 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Operation Helping Hand Grant.

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

- 2020-766 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to utilize the County's fifth option to extend the contract to Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, NJ through the competitive contracting process, to operate the Union County Children's Shelter for the period commencing January 1, 2021 through

December 31, 2021, representing year five (5) of the five (5) year contract option, in the amount not to exceed \$410,000.00.

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

2020-767 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to utilize the County's fifth option to extend the contract to YWCA of Eastern Union County, Elizabeth, NJ through the competitive contracting process, to operate the Family Justice Center for the period commencing January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, representing year five (5) of the five (5) year contract option, in the amount not to exceed \$330,825.00.

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

2020-768 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution Number 2020-580 to increase funds for the Countywide Code Blue Emergency Shelter Initiative for the winter months of 2019-2020 by an additional amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for the period of October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

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

2020-769 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Family Promise, Inc. of Summit, NJ for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$150,000.00, for the 2021 Shelter Diversion Program.

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

2020-770 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Prevention Links, Inc., of Roselle, NJ for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, in the amount not to exceed \$110,000.00, for the Union County Helping Hands 365 Program.

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

2020-771 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN: Appointing Anthony Jenkins to the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACADA) to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2022.

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

- 2020-772 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Pharma-Care Inc. Clark, NJ to provide pharmacy consulting services for the patients at Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount not to exceed \$12,000.00.

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

- 2020-773 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to certify to the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health Services that there have been no changes to the plan for delivery of mental health services and that the County of Union will continue to operate a psychiatric facility during the 2021 calendar year.

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

- 2020-774 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to continue the Lease Agreement for Cornerstone Psychiatric Unit, with Runnells BH Operating, Inc. for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$4,667,651.23.

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

- 2020-775 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with SOS Corporation, Pinehurst, NC, to provide computer software license, maintenance and support for Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County for the contract period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the total amount not to exceed \$15,209.89.

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

- 2020-776 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution requesting a waiver of County's residency requirement for Rashid Odoms, Office of the County Clerk.

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

- 2020-777 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manger to enter into an agreement for the purchase of software licensing from Gold Type Business Machines, East Rutherford, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$2,400.00.

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

- 2020-778 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into an agreement with Vigilant Solutions, LLC, of Livermore, CA for the renewal of the Investigative Data Platform Annual Subscription in an amount not to exceed \$19,904.72.

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

- 2020-779 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to accept funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the FY 2020 DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction program in the amount of \$719,295.00 for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2022.

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

- 2020-780 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of the Union County Prosecutor, to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety for FFY 2020 Overdose Data to Action - Operation Helping Hand Grant Program in the amount of \$47,619.00 for the period of September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021. (Subaward Number FYOHH-20-2020)

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

- 2020-781 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of the Union County Prosecutor, to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, for FFY 2018 Stop Violence Against Woman Grant Program in the amount of \$36,534.00 in federal funds with a required match of \$12,178.00 for a total project cost of \$48,712.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. (Subaward Number VAWA 50-18)

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

- 2020-782 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of the Union County Prosecutor, to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, for FFY 2019 Stop Violence Against Woman Grant Program in the amount of \$40,540.00 in federal funds with a required match of \$13,513.00 for a total project cost of \$54,053.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. (Subaward number VAWA 50-19)

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

- 2020-783 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Edmunds & Associates, Inc., Northfield, NJ, to provide maintenance and technical support for the County's Financial Accounting and Electronic Requisition System for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$21,205.00.

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

- 2020-784 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2010-964 adopted November 23, 2010 for a Professional Engineering Service Contract with Pennoni Associates Inc, of Newark, New Jersey for the Intersection Improvement Project at Rahway Avenue & Lamberts Mill Road and West Broad Street & Scotch Plains Avenue in Westfield, New Jersey to reflect a change in an account number only. (UC Engineering Project # 2010-017)

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

- 2020-785 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement between the County of Union and the Township of Cranford for the installation of a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Pedestrian Crosswalk System on Walnut Avenue (CR-632) and Chestnut Street/Retford Avenue in Cranford, New Jersey. System will be purchased and maintained by the Township of Cranford.

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

2020-786 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to execute a Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Department of Interior, U.S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Division, West Trenton, New Jersey (Agreement Number 21LIJFA16) for the period of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 for a sum not to exceed \$17,310.00.

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

2020-787 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2018-686, adopted August 9, 2018, a Professional Engineering Service Contract with CME Associates of Monmouth Junction, New Jersey, to provide additional Licensed Site Remediation Professional Services (LSRP) related to the remediation of the former Trap and Skeet Facility at Lenape Park located in the Township of Cranford, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$656,021.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-029).

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

2020-788 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2017-723 adopted September 14, 2017, a Professional Engineering Service contract with Hardesty & Hanover of New York, New York for the Replacement of Gordon Street Bridge over "Out of Service" Conrail Structure No. 2050150, located in the Borough of Roselle and Borough of Roselle Park, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$557,408.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$1,578,796.69. Funding in the amount of \$557,408.00 for this contract amendment will be provided by way of Transportation Trust Fund, TTF Swap –Funds Exchange Program and administered by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT). (UC Engineering Project # 2011-051)

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

2020-789 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2020-605 dated August 13, 2020 to increase the appropriation to Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt, Capelli, Tipton & Taylor, LLC, of Rochelle Park, NJ, for Special Legal services related to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES ACT") in the amount not to exceed \$50,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$150,000.

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

- 2020-790 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter in to a Shared Service Agreement by and between the County of Union and the Borough of Kenilworth for the sharing of a Certified Public Works Manager for the term commencing on November 6, 2020 and continuing through December 31, 2020.

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

- 2020-791 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution expanding the purpose of the COVID-19 Emergency Non-Profit Grant Agreements with Union County Non-Profit Organizations to include operational costs relating to the acquisition of equipment and technology tools as a response to the COVID-19 Emergency with a CAP of \$40,000 (\$20,000 for PPE and \$20,000 for technology tools) per Non-Profit organization.

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

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2020-792 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing the international campaign to End Gender Based Violence by proclaiming November 25th - December 10th as the days of activism against gender based violence and the elimination of violence against women in recognition of the need to eliminate domestic violence in the County of Union; and further Commending domestic violence victim advocates, domestic violence victim service providers, crisis hotline staff, and first responders serving victims of domestic violence for their compassionate support of survivors of domestic violence.

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

- 2020-793 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Charlie Newman, during their time of sorrow.

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

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Garretson thanked everyone throughout Union County and the state for the instrumental role they played in the 2020 General Election. She advised

residents to remain patient as the vote-by mail ballots were processed and tabulated. She also encouraged residents to contact the Freeholder Board, Board of Elections, and or County Clerk's Office with any questions and or concerns relative to the election process. She closed by thanking everyone for their unyielding support during the election cycle and beyond, noting she was humbled by the experience.

Freeholder Hudak recognized everyone that participated and voted in the 2020 General Election, recognizing them as winners for playing their part in such a critical and fundamental process. He commended the Board of Elections and County Clerk's Office for all their efforts relative to the mailing and processing of mail-in ballots. He noted his support of the mail-in ballot process, noting that greater access to voting would likely evoke greater voter participation. He also noted his approval for the ballot drop boxes employed during the Primary and General Election and encouraged their employment in the future. Freeholder Hudak closed by noting his confidence in the outcome of the election and commended his running mates Freeholder Garretson and Freeholder-elect Lourdes Leon for a successful run as well as County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi and Sheriff Peter Corvelli.

Freeholder Granados congratulated his Freeholder colleagues Freeholder Garretson, Freeholder Hudak, and Freeholder-elect Lourdes Leon on a successful run as well as County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi and Sheriff Peter Corvelli, recognizing them all as great assets. He also noted his approval for voting by mail and encouraged residents to be patient as the ballots were being processed and votes tallied. Freeholder Granados closed by expressing his confidence in Joe Biden's presidential victory, noting he would guide this country in the right direction.

Freeholder Williams echoed the sentiments of her colleagues regarding the vote-by mail process and the convenience of said process, particularly in garnering voter participation. She closed by reminding residents about the growing need for food donations as the cold weather looms and encouraged those with the means to donate to local food pantries and organizations.

Freeholder Kowalski addressed the public comment made relative to Acting Prosecutor Ruotolo and commended her for an impressive job thus far, noting the Board's full confidence in Acting Prosecutor Ruotolo's abilities to carry out the demands of her position. She recognized the Board of Elections and County Clerk's Office staff, commending them for their tremendous efforts relative to the 2020 General Election. She also thanked the many poll workers throughout the county for rising to the challenge and successfully adapting to the difficult circumstances of working during the COVID-19 pandemic. Freeholder Kowalski went on to congratulate County Clerk Rajoppi and Sheriff Corvelli as well as Freeholder Garretson, Freeholder Hudak, and Freeholder-elect Leon for their successful runs.

Freeholder Staten echoed the sentiments of her colleagues and congratulated Freeholder Garretson, Freeholder Hudak, and Freeholder-elect Leon on their

victories as well as other local and state officials, including Donald M. Shaw, Mayor-elect of Roselle. On another note, she reminded residents about another upcoming food distribution drive at Kean University. She noted the success of past food distribution drives, noting 1,700 had been served during a previous drive at Warinanco Park in Roselle. She recognized the families throughout the County still struggling with adapting to remote learning and extended her well wishes. To close, Freeholder Staten thanked all the veterans for their service and sacrifice and wished them a happy Veterans Day.

Chairman Mirabella congratulated Freeholder Garretson, Freeholder Hudak, and Freeholder-elect Leon on their victories as well as County Clerk Rajoppi and Sheriff Corvelli, noting the residents support and confidence in their abilities to respond to the demands of the job. On another note, he mentioned Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded's absence, noting she would soon be welcoming a new addition to her family. He closed by thanking Deputy Clerk of the Board Annie Croom for moderating the evening's meetings and extended his well wishes to Clerk of the Board Pellettiere.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To the extent known, the following items are scheduled to be discussed in Executive Session:

- 1) Attorney Client privileged discussions concerning the litigation in the matter of Wallace v. Union County; and
- 2) Attorney Client privileged discussions concerning the litigation in the matter of Cunningham v. Union County.

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 discussions concerning the litigation in the matter of Wallace v. Union County and Cunningham v. Union County.

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 return may or may 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 Williams a voice vote showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded absent.

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

County Counsel Bergen had no comments or reports relative to matter discussed during the Executive Session and confirmed no action would be taken.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 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