



## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2020  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:17 P.M.

### ROLL CALL

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

Also present were County Manager Edward T. Oatman, County Counsel Bruce H. Bergen, Esq., and Clerk of the Board James E. Pellettiere.

### PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

### STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

### 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 Williams and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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1. Thursday, November 5, 2020 - Agenda Setting Session
2. Thursday, November 5, 2020 - Regular Meeting
3. Thursday, November 12, 2020 - Agenda Setting Session
4. Thursday, November 12, 2020 - Regular Meeting

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to approve the November Agenda Setting and Regular Meeting Minutes. On a motion made by Freeholder Williams and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the November 5<sup>th</sup> and November 12<sup>th</sup> Agenda Setting and Regular Meeting Minutes respectively; with Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded abstaining.

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**SUSPENSION OF RULES**

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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 Staten roll called showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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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.

Quaney Palmer Chambliss thanked the Board and the Department of Human Services for being responsive and addressing the concerns she had expressed during a prior Freeholder meeting.

Chairman Mirabella thanked Ms. Chambliss for following up, noting that he was happy to hear that her concerns had been addressed and resolved.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments and asked questions relative to several resolutions. Relative to Reso No. 2020-881, he asked if the Code Blue initiative was exclusive to the winter months. Relative to Reso Nos. 2020-896, 2020-897, and 2020-899, Mr. Paterson asked why these resolutions were being increased seemingly after-the-fact. Relative to Reso Nos. 2020-905 and 2020-906, he noted County Manager Oatman's and Deputy County Manager Wagner's affiliation with the organization and inquired about potential compensation being received by the aforementioned for their services. Relative to Reso No. 2020-916, Mr. Paterson asked why this item could not be completed in-house. Relative to Reso No. 2020-917, he asked about the redevelopment projects cited. Relative to Reso No. 2020-919, he asked why this service was necessary. On another note, Mr. Paterson recognized former Freeholder and Vice Chairman Angel G. Estrada for his induction into NJAC's Hall of Fame, noting that the honor was well-deserved. Lastly, he thanked County Manager Oatman for his guidance and leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-881, Director Anderson confirmed that the monies would be used for the Code Blue initiative for the winter months of 2021.

Relative to Reso Nos. 2020-896, 2020-897, 2020-899, County Clerk Rajoppi advised that these resolutions were being amended to request additional monies to contend with an increase in election and election printing expenses for the 2021 Primary Election. She confirmed that these resolutions were not being revised after the contract period since the agreements were 2-year contracts and the increased affected the upcoming election cycles. She added that additional monies were being requested to ensure that the department has all the necessary resources

to carry out a successful election cycle in the event that COVID-19 were to disrupt normal election proceedings as had been the case this year.

Relative to Reso Nos. 2020-908 and 2020-906, Deputy County Manager Wagner noted that the Union County Economic Development Corporation was a highly regarded not-for-profit organization that provided invaluable services and resources to businesses throughout the area. She advised that County Manager Oatman had appointed her as a representative on the organization's Board of Trustees because of her experience as Director of the Department of Economic Development. She confirmed that she was not receiving any compensation for serving in this capacity.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-916, Director Graziano advised that the location was classified as a historical site by the State of New Jersey's Register of Historical Places and any prospective improvements to the location would have to be submitted and approved by the State.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-917, County Counsel Bergen confirmed the Redevelopment Projects to be the new prospective government complex meant to consolidate several County Departments into one centralized location. He added that the resolution served to pay the remaining monies owed to the firm, noting that new counsel had already been secured to oversee the project moving forward.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-919, County Counsel Bergen advised that expert counsel was necessary to ensure compliance with federal regulations relative to Cares Act grant funding and expenditures.

Daniel Hahn inquired about how funds would be allocated for Reso No. 2020-909. Also, relative to Reso No. 2020-921, Mr. Hahn asked whether or not the two additional members had been chosen. He also asked about upcoming shared services.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-908, Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that this resolution reflected the third round of funding; noting that the first allocation of funding had been used to provide three months of rental assistance and the second allocation had been furnished to the state.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-921, County Manager Oatman confirmed that the two additional members had not been selected yet. He added that once the Resolution was passed this evening, these appointments would be made by Governor Murphy. He confirmed that members would be bipartisan, with equal representation for both the Democratic and Republican parties

Relative to shared services, Deputy County Manager Wagner noted that the County was always considering new shared services agreements and maintained constant communications with local communities to assess potential needs.

Salam Ishmael, of Elizabeth, thanked the Board for their efforts relative to the COVID-19 pandemic. He also expressed his approval for the change from the

term Freeholder to Commissioner. Lastly, he expressed his concerns relative to certain alleged events that occurred in the history of the City of Elizabeth and requested the Board review his claims and if founded, bring greater attention to the matter.

Chairman Mirabella thanked Mr. Ishmael for his kind words and confirmed that the Board would investigate his claims and proceed accordingly.

Maria Echeverria, of Elizabeth, expressed her concerns relative to COVID-19 testing, mandatory vaccination against COVID-19 and the potential side-effects of said vaccine as well as the certain attempts by state legislatures to extinguish religious freedoms to this effect.

Chairman Mirabella thanked Ms. Echeverria for her comments and concern, but assured her that while the County intended to be proactive about vaccination against COVID-19, the Board would not engage in any behavior that was deemed harmful or detrimental to the residents of the County.

Clerk Pellettiere confirmed there were no additional public comments.

Before the approval of the Resolutions, Freeholder Garretson requested a follow-up with Director Graziano relative to her initial question regarding Reso Nos. 2020-911, 2020-912, and 2020-913 and if any minority/veteran-owned businesses had responded to the RFQ. She noted the State's commitment to empowering minority and veteran-owned businesses. She added that Director Graziano could provide the requested information following the meeting, if it was not readily available.

Director Graziano advised that he would provide the requested information at a later time. He added that approximately 160 firms had responded to the RFQ request and he would have to review the entries and provide the requested information following the meeting. He noted that approval of these firms was contingent on qualifications and necessary licensing.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

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The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

- 2020-871 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** Amending resolution number 2020-492, a shared service agreement between the Union County Office of Health Management (UCOHM) and the Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA) for the inspection, investigative and enforcement compliance with the County Plan and the implantation of the applicable provisions of the Solid Waste Control Work Program, to authorize the extension of an additional six (6) months.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-872 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve an annual uniform/clothing allowance for the Union County Fire Mutual Aid Coordinator and Deputy Coordinators in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-873 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Cancelling Capital Balances to Capital Surplus and Deferred Charges Unfunded.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-874 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Cancelling Current Fund Budget Appropriations.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-875 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Canceling unexpended grant account balances in the listed Grant Accounts.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-876 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to utilize the final 12 month option to extend a contract awarded to Economic Planning Group, Edison, NJ, pursuant to RCCP #2016-10, for Retirement Planning Services for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at no cost to the County.

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

- 2020-877 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$3,500,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Corrections for a program entitled: Department of Corrections State Aid Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-878 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$337,459.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention Program Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-879 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into agreements with various community based organizations as per the attached schedule for the purpose of providing shelter night stays and crisis intervention services for TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), GA (General Assistance) and/or EA (Emergency Assistance) recipients at a per diem rate per family per night as noted on the attached schedule for a period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-880 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to establish County funds to comply with State Legislative mandate N.J.S.A.40A:9-49.1 that establishes burial costs for Union County's indigent, unidentified or unclaimed deceased persons be the responsibility of Union County at a burial rate not to exceed \$1,550.00 in a total amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-881 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the Countywide Code Blue Emergency Shelter Initiative and authorize payments to the list of shelters and motels for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00 to address the needs of the homeless during periods of extreme weather conditions.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-882 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award subcontracts, pursuant to a fair and open process, under the 2021 Social Services for the Homeless (SSH) Spending Plan, for the purpose of providing emergency services and homeless prevention to residents of Union County in a total amount not to exceed \$778,400.00 for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021; further authorizing the transfer of funds among awarded agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any fails to meet its contractual obligation.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-883 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award subcontracts, pursuant to a fair and open process, under the 2021 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Spending Plan, for the purpose of providing community services for low income residents of Union County as permitted by the NJ Department of Community Affairs (DCA) in a total amount not to exceed \$679,096.00 for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021; further authorizing the transfer of funds among awarded agencies during the

contract period should service needs change and/or if any fails to meet its contractual obligation.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-884 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award 2020-2022 Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) CARES Act one-time subcontracts for the period of April 1, 2020 to July 31, 2022 in the amount not to exceed of \$1,226,720.00 and further authorizing the transfer of funds among awarded agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any fails to meet its contractual obligation.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-885 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to The Gateway Family YMCA, Elizabeth, NJ to operate the Dudley House Veterans Transitional Housing facility for homeless male veterans during the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the total amount not to exceed \$75,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-886 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to The Mount Olive Baptist Church, Plainfield, New Jersey for the period of January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$25,500.00 to provide warming center services for homeless individuals on Union County designated Code Blue Nights.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-887 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the 2020-2021 Union County STEM Scholars Grant to 51 educators and schools in the County of Union for the purpose of enhancing and providing STEM educational programs that improve student learning and foster understanding, deepen students' knowledge, and provide educational opportunities to expand awareness of STEM programming in an amount not to exceed \$24,766.96.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-888 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a lease agreement with Rutgers Cooperative Extension for the County's Nursery/Garden in the Watchung Reservation for a five year term commencing

December 10, 2020 and continuing to December 10, 2025, at an annual rent of \$1.00 per year.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-889 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN:** Resolution granting permission to hang a banner in Berkeley Heights on Springfield Avenue from December 7, 2020 until December 31, 2020 to promote the downtown of Berkeley Heights. SHOP, EAT, BE WELL, SUPPORT LOCAL BRIGHT NIGHTS.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-890 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2021 Coordinated Community Care Spending Plan, pursuant to a Request for Proposal (RFP), to deliver services to Union County residents 60 years of age or older and/or their caregivers in accordance with the 2019-2021 Coordinated Community Care Program and entering into agreements with various agencies for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, representing contract year three of a three year cycle, in the total amount not to exceed \$100,000.00; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the funded agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies should fail to meet its contractual obligation.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-891 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2021 Statewide Respite Care Spending Plan, pursuant to a Request for Proposal, to provide Respite Care services to unpaid caregivers of Union County and entering into agreements with various agencies for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, representing contract year three of a three year cycle, in the total amount not to exceed \$280,049.00; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the funded agencies, during the contract period, should services needs change and/or if any of the agencies should fail to meet its contractual obligation.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-892 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award subcontracts, pursuant to a fair and open process, under the 2021 Alcohol/Drug Abuse (A/DA) Spending Plan, for the purpose of providing treatment programs to medically indigent, low-income residents of Union County in need of addiction services, as well as support education programs in a total amount not to exceed \$981,696.00 for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021; further authorizing the transfer of funds among awarded agencies during the



contract period should service needs change and/or if any fails to meet its contractual obligation.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-893 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award year three (3) contracts in accordance with the three (3) year 2019-2021 Area Plan, pursuant to a Request for Proposal (RFP), to deliver services to Union County residents 60 years of age or older and/or their caregivers in the total amount not to exceed \$1,973,802.00 for the contract period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021; and further authorizing the County Manager to transfer funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies should fail to meet its contractual obligation.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-894 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-840, awarding a contract to CFG Health Systems LLC, Marlton, NJ, to correctly reflect the name of the vendor to Center for Family Guidance, PC, Marlton, NJ; all other terms remain the same, no further changes.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-895 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Election Systems and Software, LLC (ES&S) for maintenance of software, hardware, and services for the Primary and General elections of 2021 for an amount not to exceed \$14,450.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-896 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-80, a contract with Full Service Mailers, Hackensack, New Jersey, for the period from February 1, 2020 to January 31, 2022, to provide election mail fulfillment services for the 2020 and 2021 Primary, General, and Special Elections, in the additional amount not to exceed \$395,656.50 for a total amount not to exceed \$604,369.50.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-897 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-81, a contract with B & B Press Inc., Lebanon, New Jersey, to provide print services for Mail-in-Ballots and Provisional Ballots for the 2021 Primary, General and Special Elections for the 24 month period from February 1, 2020 to January 31, 2022, for

an additional amount not to exceed \$1,108,225.58 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,722,775.05.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-898 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to make any and all purchases of goods and/or services required in the process of preparing and conducting an election to be provided by various vendors and to provide miscellaneous election services which might arise for the 2021 elections and also to enter in to an agreement with Eisenberg Associates, Inc., to provide printing canvas reports and software maintenance in the process of preparing and conducting elections in 2021, in the amount not to exceed \$14,500.00 for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-899 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-79, a contract with Royal Printing Services, West New York, New Jersey, to provide election printing services of primary sample ballots, emergency ballots, tally sheets, and official voting machine set-up, for the 2021 Primary Elections, General Elections, and Special Elections, for the 24 month period beginning February 1, 2020 to January 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$1,001,120.00 for a total not to exceed \$2,961,817.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-900 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution approving Union County Clerk's 5-year spending plan.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-901 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor, State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, to continue efforts of insurance fraud investigation in Union County (Cycle 2021).

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-902 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into a professional services contract with Kristen Balsamo-Kleinbach, Paramus, New Jersey, to serve as a DNA Analyst (Forensic Scientist) at the Union County Prosecutor's Forensic

Laboratory for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$42,430.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-903 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Porter Lee Corporation, Schaumburg, Illinois, for the purpose of providing supplies for the Barcode, Evidence Analysis, Statistics and Tracking (BEAST) evidence logging system in an amount not to exceed \$2,577.84.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-904 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Geo Reentry Inc., Boca Raton, FL, to provide comprehensive inmate substance abuse treatment and residential correctional services for the Union County Jail inmates in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000.00 to be charged to account G-02-20-310-500-734 for the period of December 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. This is a State Grant from the Department of Corrections.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-905 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to the Union County Economic Development Corporation, Cranford, NJ, for the purpose of providing procurement training/technical assistance to private businesses within Union County for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-906 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to the Union County Economic Development Corporation, Cranford, NJ, for the purpose of providing general economic development services to private businesses within the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-907 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to sponsor the Union County Educational Services Commission and Overlook Hospital, by providing monetary assistance for the Union County Project SEARCH Program to cover uniforms (logo shirts, khaki's, and scrubs); Transit

Fares (NJ Transit or Access Link for students); and Travel Training (via NJTIP at Rutgers) in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-908 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and receive funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, which will amend the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan to include additional CARES Act funding for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) Round 3 in the amount of \$2,669,052.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-909 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution 2020-627 to amend the contract amount with Benevate, Inc. D/B/A Neighborly Software to include additional administrative user account costs for the CDBG Covid-19 Rental Assistance program, in an amount not to exceed \$36,600.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$69,100.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-910 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Concurring with the Town of Westfield, Resolution No. 39-2019 dated January 29, 2019 for the addition of two bus stops on South Avenue (CR 610), eastbound, and westbound, at Windsor Avenue, near side.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-911 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Approving a pre-qualified list of firms for the provision of Architectural Services for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-912 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Approving a pre-qualified list of firms for the provision of Construction Management Services for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-913 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Approving a pre-qualified list of firms for the provision of General Engineering Services for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-914 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Brewer International DBA Creative Visual Systems of Somerset, New Jersey for sign shop equipment and material as needed for the Bureau of Traffic for an amount not to exceed \$28,753.15.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-915 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) for Fiscal Year 2021 County Aid Fund Program (CA-2021- County of Union -0007) in the amount of \$6,999,846.00. (2022 Union County Road Resurfacing, Union County Engineering Project Number 2020-010).

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-916 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Architectural Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to USA Architects of Somerville, New Jersey to provide design and construction administrative services for the painting of select areas within the Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$44,300.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2020-020)

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-917 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-560 dated July 23, 2020 to increase the appropriation to DeCotiis Fitzpatrick Cole & Giblin of Teaneck, NJ for Special Legal Counsel for Redevelopment Projects in an amount not to exceed \$22,000.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$102,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-918 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-789 dated November 5, 2020 to increase the appropriation to Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt, Capelli, Tipton & Taylor, LLC, of New Providence, NJ, for Special Legal services related to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES ACT") in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 to be charged to

Account No. G-02-20-470-300-499 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$250,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-919 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Authorizing carry-over to 2021 of a portion of accrued 2019 vacation leave due to Covid-19 Pandemic.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-920 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-634, extending the period of the CARES Act Safe Learning Setting Grants, from September 8, 2020 through December 23, 2020.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-921 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution increasing the Membership of the Union County Board of Elections from four (4) current members to six (6) members as authorized under NJSA 19:6-17 effective January 1, 2021.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-922 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2018-973, a resolution awarding a contract through a competitive contracting process to Primepoint, LLC for the provision of Integrated Human Resource and Outsourced Payroll System services and Time and Labor Management Services, to now include Time and Labor Management Services for the Division of Social Services in an amount not to exceed \$41,679 for a new contract for Time and Labor Management Services in an amount to exceed \$70,479 and a new total contract in the amount of \$608,312.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

#### **FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

**2020-923 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating the Elizabeth Varsity Legends on winning the National Title for Sideline Performance and Show Cheer; this there 4th National Title.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-924 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating the Elizabeth Junior Varsity Stars on winning the National Title for Sideline Performance and Show Cheer.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-925 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Union County Employee Bill Temple during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-926 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's sympathies to the Union County employee Joseph Policay and his family, for the passing of his father Joseph J. Policay, Sr.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-927 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating former Union County Freeholder Angel G. Estrada upon his induction to the New Jersey Association of Counties' Hall of Fame in recognition of his 20+ years of service as a Union County Freeholder.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-928 FREEHOLDER GARRETSON, FREEHOLDER GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution proclaiming December 10, 2020 through April 9, 2021 as "119 Days of Education" and hereby congratulates the efforts of Bris Avrohom for reminding us of the importance of education, kindness towards others, and the need to remain vigilant against spiritual oppression.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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

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Freeholder Williams wished everyone a Happy Holidays, including those celebrating Hanukah, starting the following evening.

Freeholder Hudak recognized Chairman Mirabella's efforts as he navigated this difficult and uncertain year with great leadership in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. On a more somber note, he spoke relative to the many lives affected and lost to COVID-19, noting approximately 3,000 lost each day. Freeholder Hudak also spoke about the upcoming holidays and asked residents to be responsible and safe during this time to ensure the safety of others, including family and friends. He noted the tremendous efforts of the Union County family relative to COVID-19 resources, including the COVID-19 Drive-Through Testing Center at Kean University and the various Emergency Food

Distributions organized to assist residents dealing with food insecurity. He thanked County Manager Wagner and the entire County staff for being proactive and meeting the growing and unanticipated demands of County residents as a result of COVID-19 and the subsequent restrictions. In closing, Freeholder Hudak noted his hope in a better year, especially with the introduction of the COVID-19 vaccine, and wished everyone a Happy Holiday season.

Freeholder Granados wished everyone a Happy Holiday season, including a Happy Hanukah. He noted tonight's evening as the final meeting of the Board as Chosen Freeholders and thanked Chairman Mirabella for his leadership throughout the year. Freeholder Granados also congratulated Chairman Mirabella for his recent appointment to the National Association of Counties (NACo) 2020-2021 Board of Directors, noting that he looked forward to having Chairman Mirabella's leadership on a national level. On another note, he spoke relative to the County's timely and effective response to the COVID-19 pandemic and meeting the growing need of County residents. To close, he spoke about his endorsement and support of Bill S2480-A4171 which would allow for a one-time payment to undocumented residents relative to tax filings, noting that every resident deserved access to these funds.

Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded recognized the Union County family for its tremendous strides relative to the COVID-19 pandemic and navigating these unfamiliar circumstances. She noted the growing need of residents as the situation with COVID-19 progressed and reiterated the County's commitment to meeting these demands. She also noted her hope and enthusiasm in brighter days ahead in 2021. She closed by wishing everyone a Happy Hanukah, Happy Holidays and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Freeholder Staten extended her thoughts and prayers to everyone affected by COVID-19 and related circumstances. She encouraged residents to remain strong and continue their individual efforts to ensure the safety of the community at large. She also expressed her hopes in brighter days ahead. She also encouraged residents to participate in the many toy-drives throughout the County to furnish Christmas for the many children that would otherwise go without gifts. On another note, she congratulated former Freeholder and Vice Chairman Angel G. Estrada on his induction to NJAC's hall-of-fame and wished him and his family well on their new endeavor. She also noted that she looked forward to serving alongside County Commissioner-elect Lourdes Leon. On another note, she reminded residents about the various Emergency Food Distribution Drives throughout the County, noting upcoming distributions in Plainfield and Roselle as well as in Scotch Plains at the UC Vocational-Technical Schools. She closed by wishing everyone a Happy Hanukah and Happy Holidays.

Freeholder Garretson noted the tremendous strides made by Union County and the Board as they tackled the COVID-19 pandemic. On another note, she spoke about the Board's name change to County Commissioners and how pleased she was with the change and the Board's reception of the change. She also spoke relative to a recent mask distribution event in Hillside at Conant Park, and thanked everyone that volunteered for their efforts. Furthermore, she thanked everyone throughout the County for their strong efforts and for coming together in such a strong way in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. She closed by noting that she looked forward to the year ahead and the work ahead.



Freeholder Kowalski congratulated Chairman Mirabella on a successful year as Chairman as well as for his appointment to NACo's Board of Directors. She also congratulated former Freeholder and Vice Chairman Angel G. Estrada for his induction into the NJAC's hall-of-fame for his work as Freeholder. She also recognized Freeholder Garretson for the instrumental role she played in having the term Freeholder changed to Commissioner. On another note, she thanked Board of Elections Administrator Nicole DiRado and County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi as well as their staff for their hard work in the 2020 election cycle and for being proactive in tackling upcoming elections amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Freeholder Kowalski closed by thanking the Union County family, in particular County Manager Oatman and Deputy County Manager Wagner, for their response to the COVID-19 pandemic, noting the Kean testing site as an essential shared service, vital to the health and safety of the County and its residents.

Chairman Mirabella thanked the Union County family, including residents and volunteers for all their efforts and comradery relative to COVID-19, noting his pride in everyone coming together amidst the pandemic to provide essential services and resources to those in need. He thanked County Manager Oatman and Deputy County Manager Wagner as well as the various Department Directors and staff for all their hard work during these uncertain times. He noted the County's proactive response to COVID-19 and the success and importance of the Drive-Through Testing Center at Kean University, adding that moving forward, vaccine distribution would also be at the forefront of these COVID-19 related resources. He also noted the importance of the Emergency Food Distribution Drives in providing meals to residents contending with food insecurity. On another note, he spoke relative to the many strides of the LGBTQ Department, created under Freeholder Granados, noting the success of the Queer Empowerment Hour and that he looked forward to future installments. To close, he spoke about the upcoming year, noting a focus on getting people back to work safely and continuing to provide necessary resources to residents, local municipalities, school districts, libraries, and non-profits. He recognized Freeholder Garretson for being instrumental in updating the Freeholder name to reflect Commissioners and noted that he looked forward to working with incoming Freeholder/Commissioner Lourdes Leon.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Freeholder Garretson and seconded by Freeholder Staten, voice vote showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 6:30pm in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified. In the event an Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting are held on the same night, the Agenda Setting Session will commence at 6:30pm and the Regular Meeting will commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session.

Persons requiring a sign language interpreter should contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 908-527-4140.

**REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020 at 12:00 pm**  
**Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ**

### 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

#### AGENDA SETTING SESSION

January 23, 2020

February 6, 2020  
February 20, 2020

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

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

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

June 4, 2020  
June 18, 2020

July 23, 2020

August 13, 2020

September 3, 2020  
September 10, 2020

October 1, 2020  
October 15, 2020

November 5, 2020  
November 12, 2020

December 3, 2020  
December 10, 2020

#### REGULAR MEETINGS

January 23, 2020

February 6, 2020  
February 20, 2020

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

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

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

June 4, 2020  
June 18, 2020

July 23, 2020

August 13, 2020

September 3, 2020  
September 10, 2020

October 1, 2020  
October 15, 2020

November 5, 2020  
November 12, 2020

December 3, 2020  
December 10, 2020

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

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

\*\*\* Meeting cancelled.

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