



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:28 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

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.

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere read Ordinance 821-2020 by title.

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE A

PART I - ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

ARTICLE XVI, Department of Human Services

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

§ 1-97. Division of Outreach and Advocacy

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

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

- (1) Identifying and assessing the needs of community residents and identifying gaps in services in order to plan for and stimulate, in cooperation with governmental and voluntary agencies and citizens groups, solutions to address needs and assist residents to thrive.
- (2) Implementing effective marketing, including consolidating and

disseminating information through various forms that informs community residents of resources available.

- (3) Improving access to information and other resources through outreach, advocacy, referral, and case management.
- (4) Identifying areas in need of consumer and/or legislative advocacy to improve access to services and improve quality of life for residents of the County.
- (5) Assessing social service provision, workflow and efficiency, in an effort to improve consumer satisfaction.
- (6) Operate and maintain the Director's Action Line.

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

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

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

D. Office of Human Services Constituent Relations (OHSCR)

No Change

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

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

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

Chapter 2, ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION

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

ARTICLE V, Fiscal Provisions

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

§ 2-38. Central payroll.

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

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

§ 2-39. Advance Payment for Travel

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

Chapter 49, FEES

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

Article V, Engineering & Public Works Fees

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

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

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING

The meeting was open for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance Number 821-2020 only.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, asked for additional information relative to the changes being made.

Counsel Bergen noted several changes being made by the cited ordinance, including: establishing an office of analytic research for human services to improve efficiency; codify advance payment for work-related travel in accordance with existing state law; increase in shared services compost facility fees for leaf disposal. He also noted that the ordinance would replace gender-specific pronouns with gender-neutral pronouns as well as officially recognize the term Freeholder in place of Commissioner.

Clerk Pellettiere confirmed there were no additional public comments or questions on Ordinance No. 821-2020.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Freeholder Rebecca Williams, Policy Committee Chair, moved Ordinance Number 821-2020 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

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

SUSPENSION OF RULES

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

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

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.

Laurel Brennan, Secretary Treasurer of NJ State AFL CIO, spoke relative to Reso No. 2020-850 and We Are One New Jersey and thanked the Board and County for their invaluable partnership and continued support. She expressed the importance of such an initiative for individuals seeking American Citizenship.

She closed by wishing everyone a Healthy New Year, noting that she looked forward to continuing the great work with the support of the new Presidential Administration and their focus on immigration.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, expressed his concerns relative to Acting Prosecutor Lyndsay Ruotolo and Reso Nos. 2020-859 & 864. He also inquired about how many employees would be affected by Reso No. 2020-823 and how much money was involved. Relative to Reso No. 2020-825, Mr. Paterson made comments relative to the cited vendor and asked why these additional parking spots were necessary. Regarding Reso No. 2020-830, he asked if Scotch Plains reimbursed the County for operational expenses. Lastly, relative to Reso Nos. 2020-842, 2020-843, 2020-844, Mr. Paterson asked why three firms were necessary to furnish the cited service.

Relative to Reso Nos. 2020-859 & 864, relative to Acting Prosecutor Lyndsay Ruotolo, Chairman Mirabella expressed his and the Board's confidence in her qualifications and ability to execute the demands of the job. He also clarified what gender-neutral pronouns were, noting him/her as an example.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-823, Director Taylor advised that this Resolution would allow employees to sell back accrued 2019 Vacation Time, up to 20 days. She further advised that due to COVID-19, many employees had been unable to use their accrued time and would otherwise lose that time in 2021. She confirmed a total of 69 employees would be affected by this resolution, with a monetary NTE cap of \$393,000.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-825, County Manager Oatman advised that this item was an annual expense and was necessary to accommodate Social Services' employees.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-830, Recreational Facilities Division Director Armando Sanchez confirmed that Scotch Plains did reimburse the County for operational expenses and management fees for KemperSports. He added that any revenue in excess of the requested amount, in this case \$320,000, would go to Scotch Plains.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-842 & 844, Counsel Bergen advised that due to the volume of people employed by the County, multiple law firms were needed to handle varying labor and personnel matters.

Edward "Lefty" Grimes spoke relative to the Watchung Reservation and advised that a link for the virtual tour of the area on the County website was not functioning and the resource could not be accessed. He requested the Board look into the issue and resolve it as a means to provide some type of virtual recreational outlet for residents, in particular, residents with alternative needs, during COVID-19.

Chairman Mirabella and County Manager Oatman confirmed that the County's IT Department was looking into the issue and hoped to resolve it soon. They thanked Mr. Grimes for bringing this issue to the Board's attention.

Jamie Van Schiber (spelling) expressed her concerns relative to the virtual, and in her opinion, informal formatting of the Freeholder meetings in light of COVID-19. She also spoke relative to the Watchung Reservation virtual tour resource that was non-functional at present time. She noted the importance of access to these and other resources as a means to give people an outlet during these difficult times. She closed by noting the importance of considering and attempting to include the differently abled and those with alternative needs, who often need specialized resources and assistance that has not always been possible or furnished during COVID-19.

Chairman Mirabella thanked Ms. Schiber for her comments, noting that although virtual meetings were not ideal, they allowed for the County to conduct essential business with an emphasis on safety for the general public and staff. He advised that the County would continue to observe the guidelines set forth by the State of NJ as they continued to navigate these unprecedented circumstances.

Clerk Pellettiere confirmed there were no additional public comments

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

2020-818 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to DFFLM, LLC (T/A Ditschman/ Flemington Ford, Inc.), Flemington, NJ for the purchase of a 2021 Ford F-450 Cab & Chassis in an amount not to exceed \$36,859.00.

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

2020-819 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON: Authorizing the County Manager to renew the maintenance and support agreement with Tritech Software Systems, a CentralSquare Company, Lake Mary, FL, for the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS) operated by the Union County Department of Public Safety for the contract period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$142,184.61.

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

2020-820 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept the New Jersey Department of Health Grant Award for the Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention (CLEP Grant) in the amount of \$337,459 for a contract period of October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

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

2020-821 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Resolution Approving Transfer of Current Fund Appropriations.

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

2020-822 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$6,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for a program entitled: Veterans Paratransit Program Grant.

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

2020-823 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Resolution Authorizing Payment for Accrued 2019 Vacation Leave Due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

2020-824 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to approve and pre-qualify, pursuant to a Request for Qualifications fair and open process, and award a professional services contract to Dr. Vipul C. Mody, Bridgewater, NJ to serve as Medical Director of the Union County Pediatric Immunization Clinic located at 40 Parker Road, Elizabeth for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$24,000.00.

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

2020-825 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Lease Agreement with SHARMA REALTY INVESTMENTS, LLC for the rental of 30 parking spaces located at 432 Westminster Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey commencing on January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount of not to exceed \$2,250.00 per month for a total amount not to exceed \$27,000.00.

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

2020-826 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution Number 2020-687 to reflect an increase in service cost funds to YWCA of Eastern UC, Elizabeth, NJ, in the amount of \$14,410.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$300,000.00.

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

- 2020-827 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-740 to amend the contract terms for Transportation Services between MPC Bus Corporation, Garden City, NY and the County of Union to address the vendor's unreimbursed operational expenses from a significant decrease in service hours due to the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions resulting therefrom, with no change in the total amount of the contract award.

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

- 2020-828 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve KemperSports Management's operational budget for Golf Course operational expenses for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount not to exceed \$4,830,002.00.

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

- 2020-829 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve KemperSports Management Inc.'s operational budget for Warinanco Sports Facility operational expenses for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$639,269.00.

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

- 2020-830 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve KemperSports Management Inc.'s operational budget for Scotch Hills Golf Course operational expenses for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$320,000.00.

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

- 2020-831 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution No. 2019-1127, a contract to Michael C. Aromando, DVM, MS, Town & Country Veterinary Services, Booton, NJ to provide veterinary services at Watchung Stables, to increase the contract by \$8,000.00 (\$4,000.00 for 2020 and \$4,000.00 for 2021), for the remainder of the contract period ending on December 31, 2021 in a total amount not to exceed \$217,000.00.

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

- 2020-832 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Authorizing the County Manager to award subcontracts on the attached Union County Youth Services Commission Spending Plan to provide program services based on the Juvenile Justice Commission Points of Continuum: Prevention, Diversion, Detention, Disposition and Reentry in the total amount not to exceed \$511,656.00 for the contract period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. This resolution would further

authorize the County Manager to transfer funds among the funded agencies/municipalities during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any funded agencies/municipalities fail to meet its contractual obligation, upon approval by the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission.

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

2020-833 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Amending Resolution Number 2020-695 to reflect the inclusion of Award number JDAI-21-IF-20 and to further include the following language: These grant funds will be utilized by the Union County Detention Alternative Initiative Local Council on Juvenile Justice System Improvement to fund the Family Engagement Program, Career Exploration and Job Readiness Programs that serve youth in the local juvenile justice system in the County.

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

2020-834 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Amending Resolution Number 2020-696 to reflect the inclusion of Award numbers listed below and to further include the following language: To authorize the County Manager to apply for and accept funding under the 2021-2023 Comprehensive County Youth Services Plan and Application and further list Award Numbers for each funding source as required by the State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission and Attorney General's Office. Award Numbers: The State Community Partnership (Award #SCP-21-PM-20), Program Management Funds in the amount of \$55,550.00; State Community Partnership (Award #SCP-21-PS-20) Program Service Funds in the amount of \$384,876.00 and Family Court Services (Award #FC-21-20) in the amount of \$248,737.00.

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

2020-835 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Authorizing the County Manager to award subcontracts on the attached Union County Youth Services Commission Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative Spending Plan in the total amount not to exceed \$114,000.00 for the contract period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. This resolution would further authorize the County Manager to transfer funds among the funded agencies/municipalities during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any funded agencies/municipalities fail to meet its contractual obligation, upon approval by the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission.

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

2020-836 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN: Amending Resolution Number 2020-804 increasing funds for year 2 of the Union County Division on Aging 2019-2021

Area Plan Contract, commencing January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an additional amount not to exceed \$13,230.00 to reflect a new total of \$6,165,248.00.

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

2020-837 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN: Amending Resolution Number 2020-526 to reflect a three (3) month extension to the FY2020 Alliance Program Spending Plan grant term with no increase to the overall spending plan as outlined in the attachment.

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

2020-838 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Approving the attached list of Medical Practitioners authorized to provide services to Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

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

2020-839 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into agreements with pre-qualified Medical Practitioners to provide necessary services for the patients of the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County for the contract period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

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

2020-840 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to utilize the County's first option to extend the contract with Center for Family Guidance, P.C., Marlton, NJ pursuant to a fair and open competitive contracting process (RCCP#2-2020), for the provision of Medical and Psychiatric services at Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital, for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, representing Year 2 of the total five (5) year contract with three (3) one-year extension options remaining, at the County's sole discretion, in the amount not to exceed \$1,477,522.00.

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

2020-841 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital-Medical Malpractice Policy, General and Professional Liability Policy and Excess Umbrella Liability Policy with Princeton Insurance for the period of December 15, 2020 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$138,093.84.

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

- 2020-842 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-35, a professional services contract with Florio, Perruci, Steinhardt & Cappelli, LLC, New Providence, NJ, special counsel for Labor and Personnel matters, to increase the contract by \$25,000.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$70,000.00.

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

- 2020-843 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-33, a professional services contract with Ruderman & Roth, Springfield, NJ special counsel for Labor and Personnel matters, to increase the contract by \$45,000.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$170,000.00.

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

- 2020-844 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-32, a professional services contract with Eric M. Bernstein and Associates, LLC, Warren, NJ, special counsel for Labor and Personnel matters, to increase the contract by \$15,000.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$125,000.00.

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

- 2020-845 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, New Jersey for the purpose to provide anger management training for the incarcerated inmates of the Union County Department of Corrections for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

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

- 2020-846 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Minister Richard Hogans, Linden, New Jersey, to provide 10 hours of religious and counseling services per week for the Protestant inmates in the Union County Jail for the contract period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$7,280.00.

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

- 2020-847 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Deacon Michael DeRoberts, Mountainside, New Jersey, to provide 5 hours of religious and counseling services per week for the Catholic

inmates in the Union County Jail for the contract period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$3,640.00.

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

2020-848 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the third and final one (1) year option to extend the contract authorized by Resolution No. 2016-977, (RCCP#4-2016) with GD Correctional Services, LLC Watchung, New Jersey, to provide food services for the Union County Jail for the contract period of January, 1 2021 through December 31, 2021 at a cost not to exceed \$1,200,000.00.

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

2020-849 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the County's only option to extend the contract with The Keefe Group, Edison, NJ for twenty-four (24) months pursuant to Resolution No. 2017-1099 (RCCP 4-2017) for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022 for the provision of off-site inmate commissary services, hygiene kits, and Inmate Trust Fund Accounting System for the Union County Jail in an amount not to exceed \$12,000 per year for a total amount not to exceed \$24,000.00. (This is a revenue producing contract with the exception of inmate hygiene kits at a cost not to exceed amount \$12,000.00 each year.)

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

2020-850 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with We Are One New Jersey Inc., Trenton, NJ, to provide social and human services that educate, empower, and uplift working families' under the We Are One New Jersey Project, for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$245,000.00.

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

2020-851 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to accept the award of additional Section 8 Choice Voucher Program funds through the CARES Act Mainstream Vouchers Program through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, in the amount of \$479,232.00.

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

2020-852 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board approval to amend the Program Year 2020 Union County Workforce Area

Budget—through UCWDB Resolution No. 2020-19—in accordance with Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Final Rules; WorkFirst New Jersey Funding Regulations; and the Workforce Learning Link program requirements.

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

2020-853 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders to concur with the Union County Workforce Development Board, through UCWDB Resolution No. 2020-20, to amend the agreement with Union County College by revising the contract start-and-end period as follows: from beginning on July 1, 2019 and ending on December 31, 2020 to the new contract period beginning on July 1, 2019 and ending on May 31, 2021.

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

2020-854 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders to concur with the Union County Workforce Development Board Resolution No. 2020-21 to amend the agreement with the International Rescue Committee by revising the contract start-and-end period as follows: from beginning on February 14, 2020 and ending on January 31, 2021 to the new contract period beginning on February 14, 2020 and ending on May 31, 2021.

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

2020-855 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board Resolution No. 2020-22 to award contracts to Union County College and also to Workforce Advantage to provide WorkFirst New Jersey services to clients enrolled in the WorkFirst New Jersey Program for the contract period beginning December 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in the amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 to each vendor, for a total amount not to exceed \$400,000.00.

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

2020-856 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders to concur with Resolution No. 2020-23 of the Union County Workforce Development Board to award a contract in the amount of \$270,310 to Union County College, a partner agency, in the COVID-19 Dislocated Worker Grant—New Jersey Endures.

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

2020-857 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Foggia Trinity

Electric, LLC of Scotch Plains, New Jersey for the Intersection Improvements at Rahway Avenue and Lamberts Mill Road (CR606) and West Broad Street and Scotch Plains Avenue, County of Union, Town of Westfield, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$400,245.25 (BA# 14-2020; Union County Engineering Project # 2010-017).

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

2020-858 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2019-1113 adopted on December 19, 2019, to French & Parrello Associates, P.A., of Wall, New Jersey to provide additional On-Call MEP Engineering Services in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$17,500.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2019-017)

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

2020-859 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: A Resolution appointing Chasan Lamparello Mallon & Cappuzzo, PC, Secaucus, NJ to represent the County of Union, Union County Prosecutor's Office and Acting Prosecutor Lyndsay V. Ruotolo, in the matter entitled Maria Reynolds-Jerussi v. NJ Office of the Attorney General, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.00.

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

2020-860 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution 2019-635 dated 7/25/19 to increase the appropriation to Renaud & DeAppolonio, LLC, Cranford, NJ in the matter entitled Tatiana Cunningham v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

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

2020-861 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: A Resolution adopting the 2020 Union County Policy Against Workplace Discrimination and Harassment.

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

2020-862 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: A Resolution adopting the 2020 Union County Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Manual.

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

2020-863 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution appointing Stella Malpere as the Union County Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) for the term January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

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

- 2020-864 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution appointing Hatfield Schwartz, LLC to represent the County of Union, Union County Prosecutor's Office and Acting Prosecutor Lyndsay V. Ruotolo in the matter entitled Susan J. Gleason v. New Jersey Office of the Attorney General et al, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00

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

- 2020-865 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with PBA 73A - County Police Superior Officers, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

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

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2020-866 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution commending Ramon Antonio Ramirez for his exemplary service within his community and his strong commitment to leadership.

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

- 2020-867 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution supporting Senate Bill No. 2072 and Assembly Bill No. 2258, establishing a pilot program in DOE to use therapy dogs in public elementary school wellness programs.

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

- 2020-868 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN, FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to East Orange Mayor Ted Green and his family as they mourn the passing of his father, Theodore R. Green Sr.

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

- 2020-869 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating CJA Delta Sigma Theta as they celebrate their 45th Anniversary.

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

2020-870 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution recognizing Rose Marie Cathcart for her 25 years of dedication and commitment to the City of Plainfield; and further congratulating her on the occasion of her retirement.

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

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Granados referenced the earlier public comments relative to the differently-abled and individuals with alternative needs. He commended Union County for their continued efforts in ensuring that all County residents of all circumstances have the resources they need to prosper and succeed. He noted the County's Office for Persons with Disabilities and Special Needs as one of the first in the state as well as the Sensory Friendly Trail at the Trailside Nature and Science Center, noting Union County and the Board's continued commitment to be at the forefront of progress and inclusion. He spoke relative to the Board's accessibility to its residents and encouraged those with concerns to reach out and facilitate a discussion as a means to achieve resolution. Freeholder Granados again expressed his gratitude towards everyone doing their part to give back to others during these difficult times. He closed by congratulating County Manager Edward T. Oatman for securing a spot on NJ's 2020 Globe Power List.

Freeholder Williams reminded residents that an Emergency Food Distribution Drive scheduled for Saturday, December 5th at Warinanco Park has been rescheduled to Sunday, December 6th. She encouraged residents in need to take advantage of the wonderful resource.

Freeholder Kowalski echoed the sentiments of her colleague, Freeholder Granados relative to the variety of services made available to the residents of Union County. She encouraged residents in need to contact the Department of Human Services DHS Action Line at 908-558-2288 for assistance with food and shelter insecurity as well as mental health issues, in addition to other social services. She also reminded aging residents to contact the Division of Aging and Disability Resource Connection at 888-280-8226 for help with their respective needs.

Freeholder Hudak echoed the earlier sentiments of Chairman Mirabella relative to Acting Prosecutor Ruotolo. He expressed his confidence as well as the Board's confidence in Acting Prosecutor Ruotolo's ability to carry out the demands of her position, noting her tremendous effort relative to Operation Helping Hand. On another note, he spoke relative to the recent ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new athletic field in Oak Ridge Park. He noted that the project had been in the works for quite some time and he was happy to see the final outcome of the project. To close, Freeholder Hudak thanked all the County staff and volunteers for their continuous and arduous efforts at the Emergency Food Distribution Drives and at the Kean Testing Center. He recognized the tremendous

dedication and sacrifice of the volunteers as they continued to work countless hours to ensure residents have access to all of these important resources.

Freeholder Staten also spoke relative to the upcoming Emergency Food Distribution Drive rescheduled for Sunday, December 6th, reminding residents that the distribution drive would commence at 9AM; she encouraged all interested residents to take advantage of the invaluable resource and remain patient during the process. On another note, she congratulated Roselle Mayor-elect Donald M. Shaw on securing his victory, noting that she looked forward to working with him in the coming years. She also thanked former Roselle Mayor Reginald Atkins for his leadership and efforts. She closed by welcoming back colleague Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded and wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded referenced the earlier public comments relative to the Watchung Reservation Virtual Tour, ensuring concerned residents that she would personally ensure the restoration of that resource. She noted that December 3rd was International Day of Persons with Disabilities and reaffirmed the County and Board's commitment to ensuring that all residents of all circumstances have the necessary tools to thrive. She noted that she was proud of the work done by Union County, recognizing the County's commitment to expand and improve upon these and other services. She encouraged residents to visit the County website to remain abreast relative to all these available resources. She closed by reminding residents to remain vigilant and continue to adhere to the COVID-19 guidelines established by the State of NJ and to contact the County and or the Board with any issues and or concerns that may arise.

Freeholder Garretson spoke relative to the recent success of a Food Distribution Drive in Hillside, where she was joined by colleague Freeholder Granados and Sheriff Corvelli, among others. On another note, she reminded residents about the importance of getting tested for COVID-19 as a means to mitigate the spread of the disease and ensure the safety of all residents. On another note, she expressed her approval relative to changing the term Freeholder to Commissioner and Union County's efforts to that effect, also noting a potential change to the Union County seal. She also spoke about the Board's commitment alongside the Department of LGBTQ Affairs to continue to make progress in this area to ensure the inclusion of all residents. She closed by reminding residents about the County and Board's commitment to remain accessible to its residents and their concerns.

Chairman Mirabella echoed the sentiments of his colleagues, noting his pride in Union County for its unyielding efforts, in particular, as they relate to COVID-19. He thanked County Manager Oatman and his staff for their continued commitment and management of daily operations in light of the pandemic. He noted that the County continued to participate in regular direct communications with state and local officials as they continued to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. On another note, he congratulated all the winners of the 2020 Election cycle at the Federal, State, and Local levels. He also recognized the tremendous effort and sacrifice of the Board of Elections and County Clerk's Office relative to navigating an all-mail election and thanked the staff for their incredibly hard work. Chairman Mirabella closed by encouraging residents to shop

locally as a means to promote small businesses and hopefully lessen some of the financial hardships resulting from COVID-19 and the subsequent restrictions.

County Manager Oatman confirmed that Robert Charkowsky, Director of Digital, Web, and Social Media Services, had identified the problem with the Watchung Reservation Virtual Tour link, noting the issue would be corrected by morning.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 P.M.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 6:30pm in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 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

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* 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