



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2020
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:04 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed, Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Vice Chairman Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Sergio Granados, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, Freeholder Rebecca Williams were present; with Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

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

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The prayer and salute to the flag were led by Clerk of the Board 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 advised that the Communications would be approved later during the Regular Meeting.

Chairman Mirabella addressed the public:

Good evening, and welcome to another remote meeting of the Freeholder Board. As is our custom, we begin with heartfelt thanks for the people of Union County, who are looking out for one another, and taking care of each other during the COVID-19 outbreak. Because of your efforts, we have achieved remarkable progress together.

I have to say, it is distressing to see that in other parts of the country, many people are not taking simple, life saving precautions — but it makes me appreciate our Union County family even more. So please, as we start to re-open more of our County facilities, keep up the good work.

Wear masks, observe social distance, wash your hands, and stay home if you feel sick. And of course, if you need a COVID test you can get a free test at our Drive-Through Test Center at Kean University. Go to ucnj.org to book an appointment.

There is a lot to catch up on so I will try to be brief, but once again I would like to draw your attention to the waves of protest following the death of George Floyd. On behalf of the Freeholder Board, I reaffirm our support for communities here in Union County, and across the country, which are coming together peacefully — and safely — to raise their voices in support of justice and equality. Racism has been embedded in the bones of our country for more than 400 years, but we can — and will — be the generation that puts a stop to it, once and for all.

Since Juneteenth is tomorrow, I think this is a fitting time to remind everyone that on this date we mark the issuance of General Order Number 3, on June 19, 1865. General Order Number 3 informed the people of Texas that slaves were free, in accordance with the Proclamation of Emancipation. And it was very specific about the meaning of the word “free.” General Order Number 3 declared that freedom involves an absolute equality of personal rights. Absolute equality. One hundred and fifty-five years ago. So this Juneteenth, above all others, let’s remember that we have the power to make those words come to life.

And now, I would also like to thank all of those who are involved with food donations for their continued support during this time of crisis. Thanks to your generosity, thousands of Union County households are able to put food on the table. To help our displaced workers during the outbreak, earlier this month we also launched the new “Union County Works website.” It’s under the umbrella of the Union County the American Job Centers, with the goal of connecting job seekers, with employers and resources. “If you are a job seeker or employer, please check it out at ucajc.org. And, to assist our municipalities the County has been distributing face masks and other equipment to local agencies.

And now, I have the following updates on County services, beginning with our Parks Department. In accordance with statewide public health orders, the golf courses and archery range re-opened last month. As of last weekend, we also re-opened tennis courts and dog parks — again, following statewide guidelines. We are also now accepting reservations for picnic areas. The first available date will be July 1, but you can visit ucnj.org/parks to book a reservation online now. Also in accordance with statewide orders, the limit on gatherings in Union County parks is currently 100 people. It will rise to 250 on June 22, and to 500 on July 3.

I want emphasize that all this is made possible by the continued vigilance of Union County residents all working together in a common cause. So please, continue to observe COVID prevention guidelines while enjoying your outdoor activities. The Parks Department is also cautiously restarting its recreation programs, beginning with free drive-in movies. The drive-in format is recognized as a safe option, and we will continue to seek additional opportunities that are consistent with public health guidelines.

With the July 7 Primary Election less than three weeks away, I also have important updates from Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi and Board of Elections administrator Nicole DiRado. The County Clerk and Board of Elections offices are now open for extra hours, for voters who would like to deliver their Vote-by-Mail ballots in person. Please note that all visitors to these offices must wear masks and observe social distance. For office locations, instructions on filling out your Vote-by-Mail ballot, and other updates about the upcoming election visit ucnj.org/county-clerk or ucnj.org/boe.

And last but certainly not least, June is Pride Month. Though we cannot celebrate together in person as one family, the Union County Office of LGBTQ Affairs has put together a weeklong series of "Pride in Place" online events to include all ages in the celebration, from June 22 to June 26. You can get all the details on our website, ucnj.org/lgbtq, but I just want to share some of the information with you now and encourage you to join in. The social distance rules have been difficult for everyone, and all the more so for people who may also be isolated by prejudice and estrangement from their own families. So, please reach out to the Office of LGBTQ Affairs if you are looking for ways to connect.

The Pride in Place series starts with Drag Queen Story Hour next Monday, June 22. Our host will be Harmonica Sunbeam, and she will guide the audience through children's stories, sing-alongs, and a rainbow craft. The series also includes an LGBTQ Trivia Night on June 23, a Beauty Queen Makeup Demo on June 24, and a Pasta Party cooking demonstration on June 26. There will also be Lunch-and-Learn town hall events during the week, and many other activities you can do at home.

On a more serious note, on June 25 Pride in Place will feature a panel discussion on LGBTQ justice and related issues moderated by our esteemed colleague, Freeholder Rebecca Williams. With that in mind, I would like to say a few words about recent events impacting LGBTQ rights. In this day and age, no-one should face discrimination based on their sexual orientation or gender identity. It's just that simple. And yet here we are today, with the highest elected representative in the land deploying the full force of the federal government to trample on human rights. Last Friday the Trump administration issued a final rule that erased health care protections for people who are transgender. In what has become an all too familiar act of malicious symbolism, the announcement occurred during Pride Month and on the anniversary of the 2016 Pulse nightclub shooting. Surely that was no coincidence. I am certain that I speak for the entire Board in condemning the rollback. And, I am just as certain that we strongly affirm Monday's historic Supreme Court decision. By a six-to-three majority, the Court determined that Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act bans employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. The majority decision was written by Justice Neil Gorsuch, and he explained why a law passed by different legislators, in a different era, almost 50 years ago, is still just as relevant today. "The limits of the drafters' imagination supply no reason to ignore the law's demands," he wrote. My friends, I know we can do even better than that. Let's all reaffirm our commitment to seek out injustice wherever it may be, from every

nook and corner. Let's imagine the day when the laws of the land guarantee that every person in this great nation lives on an equal footing with every other — and let's make that happen now, in our lifetimes.

With that, I do have one last reminder before we turn to tonight's agenda. After the meeting, please tune into the "Union County Home Haircut Challenge" event on Facebook, to watch me get a haircut at home. Vice Chairman Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Granados, and County Manager Ed Oatman have also taken up the challenge and will join us online with scissors at the ready. We are all going to have our hair cut, at home, to raise money for charity. We have been inspired by the many creative ways that volunteers have raised funds for worthy causes while observing precautions against spreading COVID-19, and we hope that this event motivates others to help pitch in. The funds we raise will go to non-profit organizations that help victims of domestic violence, an issue that is all the more important during this time of isolation and crisis. So please join us and let's lend a helping hand to those in need of assistance.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY CLERK

Joanne Rajoppi, County Clerk

County Manager Oatman represented the Office.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution 2020-438 adopted 6/4/2020, a contract with B & B Press Inc., in Lebanon, New Jersey, to provide print services for additional COVID-19 related primary election provisional and Vote-By-Mail ballots in the amount of \$45,299.62, for a total amount not to exceed \$899,535.34. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

County Manager Oatman advised that the amendment involved an increase relative to the additional provisional ballot that would be made available at each polling location for the Primary Election.

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Lyndsay V. Ruotolo, Acting Prosecutor

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into an agreement with Thermo Fisher/ Lifetech of Carlsbad, CA to purchase proprietary reagents supplies and service agreements for instrument maintenance through the N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) dd exception to bidding for the period of March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$243,990.04. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICESLaura Scutari, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract for Watchung Stables Accident and Health Insurance, through Beckerman & Company, the County's Insurance Broker of Record, with Axis Insurance Company, Chicago, IL for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$9,500. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract for Cyber Security insurance coverage, through Beckerman & Company, the County's Insurance Broker of Record, with ACE American Insurance Company, Philadelphia, PA, for the period of June 26, 2020 through June 25, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$55,337.04 **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract for a Medical Malpractice insurance policy for Cornerstone staff, through Beckerman & Company, the County's Insurance Broker of Record, with Princeton Insurance Company, Princeton, New Jersey, for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in amount not to exceed \$5,093.38. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement for a Blanket Surety Bond for Public Officials through Beckerman & Company, the County's insurance broker of record, with Liberty Mutual Surety, for the period of July 12, 2020 through July 11, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$5,705.00 **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
5. Approving Claims Payment Authorization for Employee Health and Prescription Self-Insurance Program to Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of Newark, NJ and CAREMARKPCS Health, L.L.C., Woonsocket, RI, the County's contracted Third Party Administrators for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, in the amount not to exceed \$62,131,373.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to award a stop-loss insurance contract to Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of Newark, NJ in an amount not to exceed of \$2,350,000 for a one year period commencing July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the second and final option to extend a contract to Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of Newark, NJ to act as third party administrator under the terms of the original contract awarded by Resolution 2018-498, as first extended by Resolution 2019-495, for a contract period of July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021, in an amount of not to exceed \$1,400,000. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
8. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract obtained through advertised public bidding (BA 16-2020) for the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Motor Vehicles, to Union County Collision, Roselle Park, NJ, for the

purpose of providing the County with automobile and light truck collision repair for a period of 24 months, with the option to renew for an additional 24 months, in an amount not to exceed \$233,960.00 for one 24-month period. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amy Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

1. Resolution of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board to amend the Program Year 2019 Union County Workforce Area Budget in order to create indirect budget accounts and to deposit funds into said accounts, specifically for WorkFirst New Jersey and Workforce Learning Link grant funds as approved through UCWDB Resolution No. 2020-09 and in accordance with Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Final Rules; and in accordance with 20 C.F.R. 679.370(i). **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Granados asked Deputy County Manager Wagner to elaborate on this item.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that at the end of the grant term, remaining funds would be re-evaluated and channeled back into the county to cover various costs, including interim building space costs as well as funding of salaries for employees outside of grant funding. She further advised that this year a significant portion of money would remain at the end of the grant cycle due to the fact that training could not and cannot be provided due to COVID-19.

2. Resolution of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board approval to amend the Program Year 2019 Union County Workforce Area Budget, through UCWDB Resolution No. 2020-10, for the purpose of accommodating budget requests by the American Job Center for information technology services, equipment, and office expenses, in accordance with Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Final Rules; and in accordance with 20 C.F.R. 679.370(i). **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and to accept funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and to expend funds as specified in the attached approval; further authorizing Approval of the 2020 - 2024 5 Year Consolidated Action Plan and the 2020 - 2021 (Year 46) Annual Consolidated Action Plan including the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grants Program application. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Joseph Graziano, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution Number 2018-634 adopted July 12, 2018, BA# 6-2018, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to CMS Construction Inc., of Plainfield, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Replacement of W.R. Tracy Road Bridge (Mo37) Borough of

Mountainside and City of Summit, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will REDUCE the original contract amount by \$111,440.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$447,333.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-020) **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Granados asked Director Graziano to elaborate on this item.

Director Graziano advised that this item related to bridge work at Watchung Reservation that was completed sooner than expected leading to a decent reduction in the initially quoted cost. He noted that additional monies were saved as police allowance was not needed nor were “flaggers” due to reduced transit during COVID-19 and also a drainage system that was factored into the initial cost was not necessary, saving the County approximately \$100,000 of the overall project cost.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution Number 2019-626 adopted July 25, 2019 BA# 25-2019, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Colonnelli Brothers, Inc., of Hackensack, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Mountain Avenue, Eastbound Drainage Improvements, Berkeley Heights, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will REDUCE the original contract amount by (\$9,475.32) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$95,454.68. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2019-003) **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution Number 2020-160 adopted February 6, 2020, a Professional Engineering Service Contract with Maser Consulting PA, of Red Bank, New Jersey for the Replacement of Mountain Avenue Minor Bridge, Be26, Twp. of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey for additional engineering services not to exceed \$8,079.53 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$234,949.53 (UC Engineering Project # 2013-024) **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
4. 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 services, procurement assistance and construction administrations for the Asbestos Abatement and Fire Sprinkler Installation on the 2nd Floor of The New Annex Building, Elizabeth, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$219,325.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2020-005) **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Construction Management Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Lehrer Cumming, of Cranford, New Jersey to perform the project management and site supervision services specified in connection with the design and construction administration for the demolition of the existing Union County Courthouse Parking Deck and the construction of a new parking deck in Elizabeth, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$1,481,207.00 (Union County Engineering - Project Number 2019-026) **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

6. Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution 2018-580 to extend the contract originally obtained through advertised public bidding (BA#30-2018) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Work & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management, Tri-County Termite & Pest Control, Inc., Carney's Point, NJ, for the purpose of providing Exterminating/Pest Control Management Services, for an additional twenty-four (24) consecutive months from July 5, 2020 through July 4, 2022, in an amount not exceed \$75,064.00. **(Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Moued)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to enter in to Temporary License Agreements with County of Union Municipalities for Road Closures and/or Parking Lane Closures for the period commencing June 15, 2020 and continuing through no later than November 30, 2020. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Chairman Mirabella asked Director Graziano to elaborate on this item.

Director Graziano advised that this item was related to the expressed desire of some towns to partially close county roads and or parking areas to allow for local restaurants to expand outdoor dining. He noted this item would ultimately allow interested towns to pursue this alternative which would require a plan to be submitted to the County for approval. He added that this item was included in this evening's agenda, as the next Freeholder meeting was not until late July, and the County wanted to have this option available as soon as possible to assist struggling businesses.

Freeholder Hudak asked Director Graziano to clarify the terms of this item, particularly whether the final decision would be made by the County or the respective municipalities and asked about any pending requests.

Director Graziano advised that the respective municipalities would submit a request to the county for approval, but the county would not be providing resources to facilitate the increase in outdoor accommodations. He added that the County would merely be responsible for reviewing the plan to ensure compliance and safety. He noted that as of yet, he was not aware of any pending requests.

Freeholder Hudak expressed his confidence in County Manager Oatman and County Counsel Bergen to provide leadership and guidance on this issue moving forward.

Chairman Mirabella commended County Manager Oatman for his forethought in considering traffic patterns in certain areas to mitigate any potential disruptions to traffic flow related to this initiative.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Bibi Taylor, Director

1. Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$58,008 as a result of notification received from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for a program entitled: CARES Act-BJA Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**

2. Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$1,226,380 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services for a program entitled: CARES Act-Area Plan Contract (APC) Grants. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Kowalski asked Director Taylor to clarify the funding details.

Director Taylor advised that this was an initial allocation for \$1.2 million relative to COVID-19.

3. Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$1,990,737 as a result of notification received from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for a program entitled: CARES ACT-Emergency Solutions Grant Coronavirus (ESG-CV) Funds. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Williams asked Director Taylor to elaborate on this item.

Director Taylor advised that this item related to the ESG COVID federal grant and this was the second allocation of these funds for 2020. She added that these funds were meant to provide community program and resources for low-income County residents including: case management services, rental payments, and homelessness prevention among other resources.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountainside, New Jersey, for the provision of the Special Child Case Management and Early Intervention Programs, for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in the amount not to exceed \$50,000; funds represent the cash match as stipulated by N.J.S.A. 9:13-7 and 8 requiring the County to match the Special Child Case Management and Early Intervention grants from NJ Department of Health and Senior Services. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Granados asked Director Anderson to elaborate on this item.

Director Anderson advised that this initiative related to early intervention for at-risk youth on the verge of being diagnosed with special needs. She added that the program would help families with case management as well as establishing individualized service plans so that these children have the necessary resources to succeed.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution 2018-568, to exercise the 24 month option to extend a contract with Able Mechanical, Inc., Red Bank, NJ (BA #26-2018) for the purpose of providing kitchen equipment maintenance and repair services for the Division on Aging/Nutrition Kitchen, Linden, New Jersey for the period of July 5, 2020 through July 4, 2022 in the total amount not to exceed \$47,500. **(Vice Chairman Angel G. Estrada)**

3. Authorizing the County Manager to accept 2019 SuperNOFA Continuum of Care (CoC) competitive grant award funds in the total amount not to exceed \$4,274,388 from US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD); awarding subcontracts with non-profits agencies for varied one-year time frames as specified on the Spending Plan; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the awarded agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any fails to meet its contractual obligation. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Williams asked Director Anderson to elaborate on this item.

Director Anderson advised that this year's award amount from HUD was \$1.2 million. She added that the funds would be used to address homelessness as well as fund homelessness prevention programs and resources. She noted that in comparison to last year, the County received approximately \$100,000 more in award funding which would help provide additional services to more residents. She added that the County serviced 485 residents through this initiative last year.

4. Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution 2020-277, that adopted the 2020 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Spending Plan grant modification, to reflect additional grant dollars in the amount of \$526,009 for a new total not to exceed \$679,096 as outlined in the spending plan; no other changes to the terms of the 2020 CSBG Spending Plan. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution 2019-390, a contract awarded through BA #12-2019 with Universal Protection Services LLC, Bridgewater, NJ, for the purpose of providing security coverage to Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County, in order to exercise the first option to extend the contract for the 12 month period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in the total amount of not to exceed \$367,218 with one final 12 month option to extend remaining. **(Freeholder Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution 2019-621 to exercise the County's option to extend a contract pursuant to competitive contracting law, with Geographic Solutions, Palm Harbor, FL, for the delivery of a Workforce Information Management and Data Exchange System for the County of Union for the period of July 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$9,850 with additional options to extend remaining. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Kowalski asked Director Anderson to elaborate on this item.

Director Anderson confirmed this item was for the Meals on Wheels facility located in Linden to furnish kitchen equipment and other necessary services and supplies.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend funds awarded through the Department of Justice (DOJ) Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program (award # 2020-VD-BX-0978) in an amount not to exceed \$58,008.00 for the performance period of January 20, 2020 through January 31, 2022. **(Freeholder Angela R. Garretson)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Bruce H. Bergen, County Counsel

1. Authorizing the County Manager to Execute Amendment IV to the Shared Services Agreement between the Union County Improvement Authority and the County of Union for the Oak Ridge Park Project, increasing the cost in an amount not to exceed \$669,000.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

County Counsel Bergen noted a last minute change to the cost of the item, advising that the new amount was \$366,346.87. He added that the item related to a project at Oakridge Park.

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Biagio Moriello, during their time of sorrow. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak & Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
2. Resolution appointing Amed Shehata as Commissioner of the Union County Improvement Authority to fill an unexpired term ending January 31, 2021. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
3. Resolution offering the Board's heartfelt condolences to the family of eleven year-old Will "the Warrior" DeGregorio, of Cranford, who passed away after his inspiring battle against cancer. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski & The Entire Board)**
4. Resolution appointing the following individuals as members of the Union County Planning Board: Alma Blanco to fill an unexpired term ending on December 31, 2022 and Tim McConway to fill an unexpired term ending on December 31, 2021. **(Freeholder Andrea Staten)**
5. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Tiran Billups, of Plainfield, president of Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 819, during their time of sorrow. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**
6. Resolution congratulating Lamont Repollet, Ed.D on his appointment as the 18th President of Kean University. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 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

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October 15, 2020

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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

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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