



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2020
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:06 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 Andrea Staten, and Freeholder Rebecca Williams were present; with Vice Chairman Angel G. Estrada 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:

As is our custom, we begin with 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.

We try to stay focused on the positives, but tonight I feel compelled to draw attention to the alarming spread of the virus in other parts of the country. We cannot be lured into a false complacency, as happened elsewhere. We cannot listen to those who downplay the life-and-death consequences. We cannot, and will not, repeat the catastrophic events of March and April, when the infection rate appeared to be spinning out of control. Well, it did not spin out of control.

That's because we worked hard, we worked together, we took it seriously, and we prevailed. Now our job is to hold on to the progress we have made.

My faith in the Union County community grows stronger every day, and I know we can do it. And so, as we slowly and carefully restart County services, please continue to stay the course, stay alert, and take every precaution to protect your family, friends, neighbors, and the whole Union County family. Observe social distance, wear a mask, and of course, wash your hands frequently. If you are sick, or if you come into contact with someone who is sick, stay away from other people until you get a COVID test.

I am proud of my Union County family, and all of New Jersey, for making remarkable progress against this horrible disease. And I am confident that we will continue to lead the nation in health and healing.

Before we start tonight's business, I have some news and updates.

Our free Drive-Through COVID Test Center at Kean University is still available by appointment to every Union County resident on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The Test Center has been central to our efforts to control the virus, with 30,000 tests administered so far. You do not need any symptoms to use the Test Center. Make an appointment if you think you may have been exposed, or if you have any other concerns, by using the online form at ucnj.org, or call 908-214-7107.

Also, I would again like to thank all of the volunteers and nonprofit agencies that have pitched in to help families in financial distress due to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak. Earlier today, we participated in a food drive with the Community Foodbank of New Jersey and Stop-and-Shop. Outstanding community partners like the Foodbank and Stop-and-Shop are making all the difference in our efforts to assist County residents in need.

I would also like to draw your attention to the Union County Covid-19 Relief Grant Program for small businesses. We launched Phase One of the program on July 16 with a total of \$2 million in federal CARES Act relief funds, and we received 762 applications from small businesses in Union County within one week. Due to the overwhelming response, we are adding an additional \$2 million dollars to the program with a special emphasis on certified minority, women, veteran, LGBTQ, and disabled owned businesses. As a reminder, if you are a displaced worker or an employer, please visit the new "Union County Works" website at ucajc.org, for resources and referrals.

Turning to other updates, County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi will be resuming regular evening and Saturday hours beginning in August. Ms. Rajoppi also reminds County residents that her office will begin in-person passport services by

appointment only, in August. You can check the County Clerk's website for more details.

As part of our efforts to offer more recreation activities, this summer the Parks Department is offering a series of free drive-in movies, by pre-registration for County residents only. We are also inviting all residents and visitors to attend a series of free walk-up outdoor movies, with no registration required. I cannot emphasize enough that moviegoers must take every precaution to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in accordance with statewide guidelines. Do not let up your guard, even outdoors.

For residents seeking nature activities, Union County's Trailside Nature and Science Center has developed a free virtual summer camp with a different nature theme each week. They've done a great job of producing the series, which includes original videos and activities for all ages. Anyone can join the camp by visiting Trailside online at ucnj.org/trailside.

Our Office of Heritage and Cultural Affairs has also created a virtual Senior Art Show, and is now accepting applications online through September 4. Any Union County resident age 60 and up is invited to register.

And, I would like to thank the outstanding high school graduates from all over Union County, who participated in our third annual Quest for Academic Excellence event, held remotely on June 30. These promising students have already made an impact on the Union County community, and I am sure we will hear more from them in the future.

I would also like to remind everyone to fill out your 2020 Census form, if you have not done so already. It's quick, it's simple, and it makes a difference. A complete and accurate count for the Census is more important now than ever before, as we seek our share of federal funding for COVID-19 recovery, education, infrastructure and other critical needs. We have set up a phone bank to encourage participation, so if you get one of those calls please let our trained staff answer any questions you may have about the 2020 Census.

Finally, I want to ensure that everyone is clear about the Freeholder Board's position on the George Floyd murder and the Black Lives Matter movement. We are proud of the many Union County residents who organized peaceful demonstrations in our community, and we are proud of the thousands who joined those events and raised their voices in support of reform. These past weeks have been a wake-up call for all of us who have worked hard to create an inclusive community. The message is loud and clear: we need to work harder. We need to do more. We need to call out racism wherever we see it, and we need to reform the structures of society that enable racism and bigotry to thrive.

For the Freeholder Board, that includes shedding, finally, the anachronistic name of "Freeholder," which fails to embrace the full diversity of our community. So tonight, we will be voting on a resolution in support of state legislation, which will replace Freeholder with the more inclusive term, "Commissioner." This change has been a long time coming and we are proud to support it.

With that, I have one last message before we turn to tonight's agenda.

Thank you to all of the donors who contributed to last month's "Union County Home Haircut Challenge" event on Facebook, in which I joined with Vice Chairman Estrada, Freeholder Hudak, Freeholder Granados, and County Manager Ed Oatman, to raise funds for victims of domestic violence.

We hope that this event motivates others to help pitch in, and help those in the Union County family who are struggling in this time of crisis.

Vice Chairman Estrada joined the meeting at 5:10 PM

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY CLERK

Joanne Rajoppi, County Clerk

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2020-437, adopted June 4, 2020, a contract with Royal Printing Services, West New York, New Jersey, to provide additional printing services as follows: outer envelopes, return envelopes, special remittance, and provisional ballots to accommodate the large number of Vote-By-Mail ballots anticipated in the Presidential 2020 General Elections due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. There were also 10,000 VBM additional applications that were needed for the July 7, 2020 Primary because there were more than anticipated newly registered unaffiliated voters. These additions are for an amount not to exceed \$371,852.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$2,834,704.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

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 to enter into an agreement with Sumuri, LLC, Wyoming, DE, for the purchase of forensic examination equipment in an amount not to exceed \$15,616.30. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Affiliation Agreement with Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Child and Adolescent Outpatient Unit, Department of Psychiatry and The Friends of the Child Advocacy Center of Union County for licensed clinician / therapist services as per the terms of the

Affiliation Agreement for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)

Chairman Mirabella thanked Acting Prosecutor Ruotolo for all her hard work in collaboration with her department to organize and facilitate a graduation ceremony for recent law enforcement graduates at an outdoor venue. He expressed his pride at being able to participate in the event along with Vice Chairman Estrada to celebrate the momentous occasion with the graduates and their families.

Acting Prosecutor Ruotolo noted that she was grateful for the Board's support and their presence at the ceremony.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF

Peter Corvelli, Sheriff

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Visual Computer Solutions, Inc. (VCS, Inc.), Freehold, New Jersey for SaaS renewal services for the Union County Sheriff's Office for the period of September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021 in the amount not to exceed \$22,270.00. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amy Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

1. Amending Resolution Number 2019-681 to exercise the first option to extend a contract with Development Directions, LLC for consulting services for the administration of the Union County Home Improvement and Senior Home Grants, in an amount not to exceed \$339,000.00 for the period of September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 with one remaining one year option to extend. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

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

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that this item related to home improvement and senior development administration costs, noting this item reflected an initial extension of a previously secured service.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to support of the Township of Berkeley Heights grant application with The Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS), through the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP), to provide dispatch services for participating local units through the Union County Dispatch center, to benefit residents of participating units. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 2020-479 approving the 2020-2021 Annual Consolidated Action Plan to include the following fund revision for the Home Action Plan for the year 202-2021 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,642,742.37. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

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

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that this item related to a home investment partnership program, advising that funds being returned for non-compliant programs would be channeled back into the initiative and reallocated as needed to fund alternative programs and services.

4. Resolution of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board (UCWDB) award, as per UCWDB Resolution Number 2020-11, approval of the Program Year 2020 Union County Workforce Development Area Budget, in accordance with Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Final Rules; and the Workforce Learning Link programs. The Workforce Development Board shall modify the budget in an effort to ensure the efficient expenditure of grant funds and to better service the clients of the various programs. The contract period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
5. Resolution of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board (UCWDB) award, as per UCWDB Resolution Number 2020-14, of a contract to Union County Vocational Technical Schools for the eighteen (18) month period: July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Out-of-School Youth Grant. Funding will be utilized to operate the Simon Youth Academy to provide Out-of-School Youth an alternative educational program leading to a high-school diploma. Total funding for the eighteen (18) month period will not exceed \$333,000.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Granados noted the great partnership between the County and UCVTS as well as the Simon Youth Academy and asked Deputy County Manager Wagner to elaborate on this initiative.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that this item funded an alternative high school experience for students unable to attend traditional school due to various challenges. She noted that upon completion, students would receive their high school diploma and have secured work experience. She further added that the program was well-received, noting a constant waiting list, and that it was truly rewarding to see the success of the students. She noted that certain changes to service had been made due to COVID-19, but looked forward to the continuation of the program. She thanked Granados for being such a strong advocate and supporter of the program.

Chairman Mirabella added that like the Simon Youth Academy, the Raymond J. Lesniak ESH Recovery High School, was also an incredible resource for students facing various challenges. He recognized UCTVS, in particular Superintendent Gwen Ryan, for working closely with these institutions to provide a framework and curriculum for the schools. He noted his strong support and expressed his pride in Deputy County Manager Wagner and Superintendent Ryan for their hard work in guiding this program.

6. Resolution of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board (UCWDB), as per UCWDB Resolution Number 2020-16, award of a contract to Shain Schaffer, PC, for

- professional legal services for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in the total amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. This resolution would allow Shain Schaffer, PC, to provide legal services in connection with the Union County Workforce Development Board's implementation of the Local Strategic Plan and related legal services. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
7. Amending Resolution Number 2020-479 dated June 18, 2020 approving the 2020-2021 Annual Consolidated Action Plan to include the following projects funded with Community Development Program Income Funds received from the City of Rahway and City of Plainfield. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
 8. Resolution of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board (UCWDB) award, as per UCWDB Resolution Number 2020-12, approval to amend the Program Year 2019 Union County Workforce Area Budget in the form attached hereto and made a part hereof, in accordance with Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Final Rules; and in accordance with 20 C.F.R. 679.370(I). Contract period July 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020 **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
 9. Resolution of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board (UCWDB) award, as per UCWDB Resolution Number 2020-13, designating the budget account numbers and the appropriated budget amounts to the Union County Department of Human Services for the American Job Center Services Operator to be rendered starting July 1, 2020 ending September 30, 2020. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
 10. Resolution of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders concurring with the Union County Workforce Development (UCWDB), as per UCWDB Resolution Number 2020-15, to award a contract to Supplee, Clooney and Company, from July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021, for Professional Services: Sub-Recipient Fiscal Monitoring, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00. This resolution would allow Supplee, Clooney and Company to provide the Union County Workforce Development Board with the fiscal monitoring services required of its sub-recipient agencies. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
 11. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Division of Community Services, to apply for and accept funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for Citizenship and Assimilation Grant in the amount of \$250,000 in federal funds for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

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

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that this item was being presented to ensure that if this item was made available in August, as customary, the department wanted to have the approval to proceed as necessary to secure the funding. She added that due to COVID-19, the fate of this funding and whether or not it would be made available was still unclear.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENTJoseph Graziano, Director

1. Approving Change Order #8, Amending Resolution Number 2019-455 adopted on May 23, 2019, a professional architectural service contract with Netta Architects, LLC, Mountainside, NJ, for additional architectural/engineering services associated with the Union County Courthouse Complex, New Tower Stairwell Modernization project, in an amount not to exceed \$283,100.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$4,824,930.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-033C) **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution Number 2019-738, a professional engineering service contract with Mast Construction Services, Little Falls, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing construction management and inspection services for the Union County Courthouse Fire Code Renovations, New Jersey, for an additional amount not to exceed \$144,756.00, for a new contract amount not to exceed \$2,170,584.00 (UC Engineering Project # 2010-033C). **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to award a professional service contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Maser Consulting, PA of Red Bank, New Jersey for complete engineering services for improvements to "Five Points" intersection in Union, New Jersey for a contract amount not to exceed \$89,850.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2020-009) **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Williams asked Director Graziano to elaborate on this item.

Director Graziano advised that the County had been contacted by the Township of Union to discuss a recent crossing incident at the location in which a child was injured by a vehicle. He noted that they were in negotiations to review Five Points and hopefully redesign the crosswalks to prevent any future incidents at the busy intersection.

4. Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution Number 2019-398 adopted on May 16, 2019, a professional architectural service contract with The Musial Group, Architecture of Mountainside, New Jersey for additional design and construction administration services associated with the Elevator Replacement at the Union County Court House Tower in an amount not to exceed \$41,086.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$164,149.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-017) **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Hudak inquired about item nos. 1-4.

Director Graziano advised that item no. 4 related to the elevator replacement in the Union County Courthouse Tower. He added that unanticipated issues with the shaft and asbestos required additional funds to be allocated. Relative to item nos. 1 and 2, additional monies were needed to fund changes being done to comply with fire code renovations and the inclusion of a new stairwell. He noted that cited items would ideally cover the remaining project as well as additional construction administration and engineering costs, adding

that he expected the project to be completed on schedule in June of 2021, without additional change orders or increase in spending.

Freeholder Hudak expressed his concern over the various change orders relative to the project, adding that he hoped no additional charges would be incurred.

Director Graziano advised that he was confident the extra funds would cover the remaining structural and environmental issues as well as professional services and confirmed he expected the project to be completed in June of 2021, but not sooner.

Chairman Mirabella noted that the fire code renovations had been mandated by the state to ensure the safety of staff and visitors. He added that the project was indeed expensive, but necessary and that the County had considered various, less costly alternatives to this project, but in the end these avenues proved ineffective.

Vice Chairman Estrada inquired about whether the issues of lead and asbestos remediation had been taken care of at this stage. He also asked about the potential for additional fees and or services that may arise moving forward.

Director Graziano advised that any hazards and dangers relative to lead and asbestos had been addressed and remediated. He confirmed that he did not expect any additional costs or services and was confident in the projected end date.

5. Amending Resolution Number 2018-85 adopted on January 25, 2018; a contract awarded to Remington & Vernick Engineers, Secaucus, New Jersey to provide additional Engineering Design Services, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the 2018 Bridge Improvement Program for the County of Union, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$30,189.70 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$223,807.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-024) **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
6. Amending Resolution Number 2020-097 adopted on January 23, 2020, to LCA Engineering, LLC, of Union, New Jersey to provide additional design services to repair or modify building plumbing/drainage systems in order to reduce leaks in basement of the Union County Board of Elections Building, Elizabeth, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$27,100.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$94,385.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2019-024) **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to award a professional licensed site remediation service contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Matrix New World, of Florham Park, New Jersey for environmental site investigation services to the County of Union Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities/Division of Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$12,800.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2020-007 DPW Chlorinated Solvent Remediation) **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
8. Authorizing the County Manger to amend Resolution Number 2019-1110 adopted on December 19, 2019, to CME Associates of Parlin, New Jersey to provide On-Call Environmental Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2020 through

- December 31, 2020 for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$45,000.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2019-014). **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
9. Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution Number 2019-1109, adopted on December 19, 2019, to Neglia Engineering Associates, of Mountainside, New Jersey to provide further On-Call General Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for an amount not to exceed \$34,775.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$42,275.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2019-013). **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
10. Amending Resolution Number 2019-456, adopted on 5/23/2019 to PS&S of Warren, New Jersey to prepare a Class C Recycling Permit Renewal for the Union County Recycling and Compost Center in the Township of Springfield, for a change in account number and for an increase in an amount not to exceed \$9,700.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$25,520.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2019-007). **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
11. Amending Resolution Number 2019-73 adopted on January 24, 2019, (BA#29-2017) Improvements to Jury Waiting Room, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Precision Building and Construction of Bound Brook, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 2. This Final Change Order #2 will reduce the existing contract amount by \$16,031.89 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$365,956.67. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-035) **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
12. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management, Division of Public Works, Division of Emergency Management, Division of Park Planning & Environmental Services: Garden State Building Supply, Linden, NJ and Continental Hardware, Inc., Newark, NJ (BA#26-2020) for the purpose of providing Lumber & Associated Materials for twenty-four (24) consecutive months for a total contract amount not to exceed \$197,424.80. **(Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
13. Resolution granting permission to the Borough of Roselle Park to hang a banner advertising the Borough's Christmas Celebration from November 16, 2020 until December 7, 2020 and to close Chestnut Street from Westfield Avenue to Grant Avenue on Friday, December 4, 2020 from 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm for the 2020 Christmas Celebration. **(Freeholder Andrea Staten)**
14. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Factory Direct Promos, Coral Springs, Florida, to provide re-usable totes for the County's Choose to Reuse program in an amount not to exceed \$2,318.10. **(Freeholder Andrea Staten)**

15. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to TAPinto, New Providence, NJ to publish a monthly Recycling column for the County of Union and for 2020 Census Campaign advertising in the amount not to exceed \$18,800.00. **(Freeholder Andrea Staten)**

Freeholder Williams asked Director Graziano to elaborate on this item.

Director Graziano advised that this related to a monthly column that would be used to provide residents with essential information relative to recycling. He added that the 2020 Census would also be advertised by this resource.

Freeholder Hudak recognized JoAnn Gemenden and the Bureau of Recycling & Planning for their hard work in providing this valuable resource to residents.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Bibi Taylor, Director

1. Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$9,400.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of State for a program entitled: CARES ACT New Jersey Council on the Arts Grant. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
2. Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$55,955.58 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a program entitled: Clean Communities Grant. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
3. Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$300,000.00 as a result of notification received from the New Jersey Transit for a program entitled: New Jersey Job Access/Reverse Commute (JARC) Grant. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
4. Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$35,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities (ROID) Grant. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
5. Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$61,215.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department Treasury, Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for a Program Entitled: Municipal Alliance Program. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
6. Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$41,148.00 as a result of notification received from the New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials for a Program Entitled: NJACCHO COVID-19 Agreement. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
7. Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$956,527.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department

of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: Workforce Innovations Opportunities Act (WIOA) Adult Grant. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**

8. Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$887,199.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: Workforce Innovations Opportunities Act (WIOA) Youth Grant. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
9. Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$1,203,600.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: Workforce Innovations Opportunities Act (WIOA) Dislocated Worker Grant. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
10. Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$42,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: Workforce Learning Link (WLL) Grant. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
11. Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$94,629.83 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of State for a program entitled: CARES ACT- (HAVA) Election Related Grant. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**

Chairman Mirabella asked Director Taylor to confirm that these items related to the receipt and acceptance of grant funding.

Director Taylor confirmed.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

1. Amending Resolution 2019-419 to request an additional twelve (12) month extension, due to extenuating circumstances related to COVID-19, for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 to award Aging GAP Spending Plan contracts in the total amount not to exceed \$508,000.00; terms remain the same; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies should fail to meet the contractual obligation. **(Vice Chairman Angel G. Estrada)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2020-338, entering into agreements with various community based organizations to provide shelter night stays for TANF, GA, and/or Emergency Assistance recipients for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, to add the services of additional motel - Ramada Plaza Totowa Hotel, Totowa, NJ to the list of shelter care facilities due to the increase in the number of homeless

placements directly related to the COVID-19 Pandemic Shelter In Place Executive Order.
(Freeholder Sergio Granados)

3. Amending Resolution Number 2020-339, approving the Countywide Code Blue Emergency Shelter Initiative to address the needs of the homeless during periods of extreme weather conditions, to add the services of one additional hotel - Ramada Plaza Totowa Hotel, Totowa, NJ to the list of Code Blue vendors for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 due to the increase in the number of homeless placements directly related to the COVID-19 Pandemic Shelter in Place Executive Order.
(Freeholder Sergio Granados)

Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded asked for additional information relative to this item.

Director Anderson advised this related to expanded housing and sheltering resources needed, largely due to COVID-19. She added that the state had recommended the pursuit of additional resources given the County centers were operating at capacity.

Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded noted she was happy that proactive measures had been taken to secure these resources in a timely fashion.

Freeholder Williams asked Director Anderson whether or not additional resources would continue to be pursued and if additional housing/sheltering needs were expected.

Director Anderson advised that she anticipated additional housing resources would be needed as housing challenges continued relative to COVID-19 and the consequent restrictions. She noted that over 500 families were homeless and additional difficulties did arise when trying to house these families together.

4. Amending Resolution 2020-311, a contract with The WT Group, LLC, to extend the contract term an additional six (6) months for a new contract term of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020; no further changes. **(Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
5. Amending Resolution Number 2020-378, a contract with Prevention Links for Intoxicated Driver Resource Center services, to extend the grant term by two (2) months for a new grant term of January 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020 and to reflect additional dollars in the amount of \$15,076.00 for a new total not to exceed \$58,091.00.
(Freeholder Sergio Granados)
6. Amending Resolution 2019-916, adopting the Homeless Trust Fund (HTF) Spending Plan, to extend the grant term by six (6) months for a new grant term of June 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020; no further changes. **(Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
7. Amending Resolution 2020-276 adopted on 3/26/2020 to extend the 2019 CSBG Spending Plan grant term by three (3) months to a new subcontract term of January 1,

2019 through September 30, 2020; with no increase to the overall budget. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**

8. Authorizing the County Manager to award 2020-21 HEARTH Emergency Solutions (HES) Grant renewal subcontracts for services related to shelter and housing for the homeless in the amount of not to exceed \$367,289.00 for the period of August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021 and further authorizing the County Manager to transfer funds among the agencies listed during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the listed agencies fail to meet contractual obligation. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
9. Authorizing the County Manager to enter in to a contract with Mutual of America, Parsippany, New Jersey, for the implementation of an employee 401(a) benefits plan for county employees not covered under the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) in an amount not to exceed \$70,535.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, with potential options to extend for two (2) consecutive one (1) year periods. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
10. Authorizing the County Manager to enter in to a renewal contract with Mutual of America, Parsippany, New Jersey, for the provision of Group Life Insurance with Group Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan for employees not covered under the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS), in an amount not to exceed \$14,400.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, with potential options to extend for two (2) consecutive one (1) year periods. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
11. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a professional service contract with Community Coordinated Child Care of Union County, Inc., Rahway, New Jersey, for the Union County Child Care Subsidy program for the period of August 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$34,500.00. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Granados asked Director Anderson to elaborate on this item.

Director Anderson advised that this item related to funding for qualifying individuals and would assist families in getting back to work by helping them secure childcare.

12. Amending Resolution Number 2018-976 adopted on November 28, 2018 to reflect an extension to the FY2020 Program Spending Plan grant term from July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020 and award additional funding in the amount of \$61,215.00 for a new total amount not to exceed \$597,416.00 as outlined in the spending plan. **(Freeholder Andrea Staten)**

13. Amending Resolution Number 2020-436 adopted on June 4, 2020 to reflect an increase in the original Area Plan Contract Spending Plan in the amount of \$793,440.00 to reflect a new total of \$5,891,915.00 highlighting the only change referenced in the Request for Resolution. **(Vice Chairman Angel G. Estrada)**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Ron Zuber, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application and execute the contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Union County Parks FLO Greenway Extension. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Hudak asked for additional information relative to this contract.

Director Zuber advised that this item allowed for an application to be submitted and funding, if received, would be used to make certain repairs and design changes to a bike path in New Providence.

Freeholder Hudak noted his approval for the potential redesign of the bike path with safety in mind, noting it as a great outdoor resource for children and families. He noted that this plan does not include mountain biking, which was a topic the Board considered and does not allow in our park system.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to conduct the 2020-2021 Deer Management Program for Union County, relative to the reduction of the white-tailed deer population within certain areas of the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$19,515.00. The County Manager is authorized to restrict areas when conditions necessitate. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Summit Soundz Entertainment LLC, Summit, NJ, to provide the necessary equipment and services related to the County's Family Fun & Flix Summer 2020 walk-up and drive-up movies series, in an amount not to exceed \$22,400.00. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Amending Resolution Number 2019-894, a contract with CME Associates, of Parlin, New Jersey to prepare a comprehensive Open Space & Recreation Plan Element of the Union County 2020 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan, to add an addendum for the inclusion of Clark Reservoir Concept Planning Study in an amount not to exceed \$94,500.00 for a new total amount not to exceed \$262,000. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Hudak noted that he was looking forward to the developments relative to this plan.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to execute any and all documentation for the extension of the agreement between the Union County Office of Health Management (UCOHM) and the Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA). **(Freeholder Angela R. Garretson)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend the New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials (NJACCHO) funds for COVID-19 related response activities in the amount of \$41,148.00 for a contract period of January 20, 2020 through February 21, 2021. **(Freeholder Angela R. Garretson)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept and expend funds awarded through the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM) Preparedness Bureau via NJEM Grants funded through the 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant - EMPG/ Emergency Management Agency Assistance- EMAA Grant (FY20-EMPG-EMAA-2000) in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.00; consisting of up to a \$55,000.00 Federal Award (with a County in-kind match of up to and in an amount of not to exceed \$55,000.00), for the performance period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The grant award assists Union County Emergency Services ability to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism, natural disasters and other catastrophic events and emergencies. The funding will be used towards salaries, wages and fringe benefits. **(Freeholder Angela R. Garretson)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Attachmate Corporation, Seattle, WA, for licensing and software upgrades in an amount not to exceed \$25,551.02. **(Freeholder Angela R. Garretson)**

Freeholder Hudak asked for additional information relative to the upgrades.

Director Moran advised that this software would be employed for dispatch-related services, adding that it would allow the County to connect with state and federal information systems. He further advised that it would also be employed by the detective bureau to conduct certain investigations.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Bruce H. Bergen, County Counsel

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

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 total project cost in an amount not to exceed \$366,346.87.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution supporting Senate Bill S855 which changes the title of "chosen freeholder" to "county commissioner." **(Freeholder Angela R. Garretson & The Entire Board)**

2. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Samuel Edward Fleming during their time of sorrow. **(Freeholder Angela R. Garretson)**
3. Resolution recognizing and supporting Make the Road NJ for their "Feed the People, Not Billionaires" vigil held on July 22, 2020 in Elizabeth, New Jersey. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados & Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholders Garretson and Williams asked to join this resolution; with Chairman Mirabella advising that this item would be from the entire Board.

4. Resolution supporting New Jersey Senate Bill S2480 which establishes a COVID-19 Relief fund to provide for one-time payments in Fiscal Year 2021 to undocumented immigrants in New Jersey who filed gross income tax returns for the State in tax year 2018 or tax year 2019. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados & Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholders Garretson and Williams asked to join this resolution; with Chairman Mirabella advising that this item would be from the entire Board.

5. Recognizing the 30th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on July 26, 2020; and further acknowledging this year's theme: "Increasing Access and Opportunity." **(Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

Freeholder Garretson and Freeholder Williams asked to join this resolution.

6. Appointing Karyn R. Weingarten (Criminal Justice) to the Union County Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACADA) to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2020. **(Freeholder Andrea Staten)**
7. Resolution re- appointing Steven Lee as a member of the Union County Planning Board to a three-year term ending on December 31, 2022. **(Freeholder Andrea Staten)**
8. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Tyquan Maurice McAllister, son of Roselle Councilwoman Cynthia Johnson, during their time of sorrow. **(Freeholder Andrea Staten & The Entire Board)**
9. Resolution recognizing and commending Kori Johnson, 7-year old who is also known as "Kori the SoapMaker," for her efforts in giving back to essential workers by providing homemade soap to doctors and nurses during the Covid-19 pandemic. **(Freeholder Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

Freeholder Staten asked to join this resolution.

10. Resolution supporting Senate Resolution SR57 urging the Governor and Attorney General to pursue legal action against fossil fuel companies for damages caused by climate change. **(Vice Chairman Angel G. Estrada & Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Garretson asked to join this resolution; with Chairman Mirabella advising that moving forward, Freeholder Sponsored Resolutions would reflect support from the entire Board.

11. Resolution supporting Congressional passage of the latest HEROES Act; incorporating provisions that include \$3.6 billion in funding that state and local communities need to run free, fair and accessible elections, including expanding early voting and establishing no-excuse mail voting and other vital protections in recognition of the 7th anniversary of Shelby County v. Holder, in which the U.S. Supreme Court gutted the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and upended decades of progress on the right to vote. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski & The Entire Board)**
12. Resolution recognizing Susan Staub's many years of dedicated service as Librarian at the Fanwood Childrens Library, and further congratulating her upon her retirement. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
13. Resolution proclaiming Friday, September 18, 2020 as POW/MIA Remembrance Day throughout the County of Union; and further encourages each municipality to appropriately recognize this solemn day in light of the Covid-19 pandemic. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 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.

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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

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June 18, 2020

July 23, 2020

August 13, 2020

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September 10, 2020

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October 15, 2020

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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