

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2020
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:59P.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.

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 Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

The Clerk of the Board read **Ordinance No. 815-2020** by title.

815-2020 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE UNION COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN BY INCLUDING A CLASS "C" RECYCLING FACILITY TO BE OWNED AND OPERATED BY LINDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY, LLC LOCATED AT 4900 TREMLEY POINT, LOT 8.02, BLOCK 587, LINDEN, NEW JERSEY TO ACCEPT ORGANIC WASTE OR ORGANIC SUBSTRATE AND UTILIZE ANAEROBIC DIGESTION TO CREATE RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS, A MARKETABLE SOIL AMENDMENT, AND LIQUID DIGESTATE THAT

WILL BE PROCESSED ON SITE TO PRODUCE LIQUID ORGANIC FERTILIZER.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Solid Waste Management Act, N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq., the County of Union is designated as a Solid Waste Management District and by law did develop and prepare a District Solid Waste Management Plan ("County Plan") that was adopted by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders on June 7, 1979, pursuant to and in accordance with the Solid Waste Management Act, N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the County Plan was approved, with modifications, by the Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP") on August 13, 1980, and has since been amended and modified from time to time; and

WHEREAS, on December 11, 1986, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders designated the Union County Utilities Authority ("UCUA") as the agency responsible for the implementation of the County Plan, as amended from time to time, and the UCUA is empowered to plan, acquire, construct, maintain and operate facilities for the processing, disposal and/or recycling of solid waste generated in the County; and

WHEREAS, the UCUA has formulated a Plan Amendment, and recommends that this Board set a public hearing for the purpose of taking public testimony on the proposed plan amendment, and review and enact said amendment that is now on file with the Clerk of this Board and available for public inspection and is made a part hereof by reference; and

WHEREAS, the subject amendment is summarized as follows:

This Plan Amendment is prepared as a result of a determination by the UCUA to:

TO MODIFY THE UNION COUNTY DISTRICT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN TO INCLUDE A CLASS C RECYCLING FACILITY TO BE OWNED AND OPERATED BY LINDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY, LLC LOCATED AT 4900 TREMLEY POINT, LOT 8.02, BLOCK 587, LINDEN, NEW JERSEY TO ACCEPT ORGANIC WASTE OR ORGANIC SUBSTRATE AND UTILIZE ANAEROBIC DIGESTION TO CREATE RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS, A MARKETABLE SOIL AMENDMENT, AND LIQUID DIGESTATE THAT WILL BE PROCESSED ON SITE TO PRODUCE LIQUID ORGANIC FERTILIZER.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Solid Waste Management Act, the County's Solid Waste Advisory Committee ("SWAC") must be consulted with respect to amendment to the County Plan; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 33-2020, duly adopted June 17, 2020, the UCUA approved the Plan Amendment and recommended that the Plan Amendment be approved by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County, after public hearing in accordance with the Solid Waste Management Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Solid Waste Management Act, the Plan Amendment was presented to SWAC:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, that:

1. The aforesaid recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The Plan Amendment, as prepared and recommended by the Union County Utilities Authority, is hereby adopted as an Amendment to the Union County District Solid Waste Management Plan.
3. Any provision of the County Plan that is inconsistent with the Plan Amendment is hereby repealed to the extent of said inconsistency and the provisions of the Plan Amendment shall be fully effective and shall control.
4. A certified copy of this Ordinance, as finally adopted, together with the Plan Amendment, shall be forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the County Clerk of the County of Union, and the Union County Utilities Authority.
5. The Clerk of this Board shall publish and disseminate notice of this Ordinance as provided by law.
6. The aforesaid Plan Amendment and a copy of the transcript of the public hearing to be held at such time as may be scheduled by said Board of Chosen Freeholders, and the necessary deliberations shall be submitted to the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.
7. This Ordinance shall take effect in the manner prescribed by law.

UCUA Executive Director Daniel Sullivan provided additional information relative to the new recycling facility and turned the meeting over to James Potter and Dennis Toft of Linden Renewable Energy LLC.

James Potter, President of RNG Energy Solutions, spoke relative to the planned facility and the secured location. He provided elaborate details relative to the processes that would take place in the facility, including how the waste would be transported and subsequently converted into renewable natural gas. He added that the facility was slated to become one of the largest carbon reduction facilities in

NJ, noting a \$200 million investment requiring upwards of 400,000 hours of union labor for the construction of the facility. He advised that LRE hoped to start construction during the first quarter of 2021 and anticipated completion of the project in approximately 19 months. He noted some additional benefits of the facility, including that waste would be rerouted to the facility rather than be dumped at a land fill where it would subsequently produce methane, a highly flammable gas.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting was opened to the public for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance 815-2020 being offered for adoption only.

Chairman Mirabella directed Clerk of the Board Pellettiere to read into the record the public comment/questions from the Public Hearing that took place earlier that day. He also thanked Freeholder Hudak for his participation and involvement in that Public Hearing.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere advised that he had received two emails for the Public Hearing and read them into the record.

Cero Scalera, of Berkeley Heights, wrote:

Dear Mr. Pellettiere, at the last meeting I spoke in support of this project. I do not need to ask to speak again but I would like to indicate our continued support for this project. I would appreciate if my support, no need to testify, could be noted at the meeting for the record.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, wrote:

My comments and questions on ordinance 815-2020. Some of you may remember this is the same property that was going to have a New York city trash transfer station built back at the turn of the century but there was a lot of questionable and possible shady dealings involved and so it was forced to be shelved. Senator Lesniak's law partner Weiner and Linden Mayor Gregorio's son-in-law were involved in that fiasco.

A few questions on this for clarification for the public. Where was our organic waste being sent previously? This plant is being built on what looks like contaminated soil from an MFG and storage plant demolished around the turn of the century. Who is doing the Hazmat study and remediation? Who is paying for the construction of this facility and how much is it going to cost? Is there taxpayer funding involved? What is the schedule for completion and start up? Who are the principals of Linden Renewable Energy, LLC? Will New York City also be involved in shipping their waste to this site? Finally, it is good the defunct property is being repurposed to service the public's good. Thank you.

Dennis Toft, of Linden Renewable Energy LLC, advised that once the current property owner remediated the site, LRE would be leasing a portion of the property for the recycling facility. He noted that the new facility would focus on recyclable material coming from outside sources, noting that by the time the material was received, it would be reduced to a pre-processed liquid. He advised that funding for this project was secured through private activity bonds, confirming that County monies were not involved.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere advised that he had received an email from Judy McCarthy relative to Ordinance No. 815-2020 and proceeded to read the email into the record. He further advised the Ms. McCarthy was also tuned into the meeting and in the public cue.

Judy McCarthy, of Linden, wrote:

1. *What measures regarding potential runoff are going to be in place to ensure that the nearby waterway isn't contaminated?*
2. *To what extent is LRE bonded in the event contamination of product or waterway occurs and what is LRE's record of violations?*
3. *What protocols will be put in place to ensure that the third-party off-site facilities are ensuring no contamination.*

Dennis Toft, of LRE, advised that the necessary permits secured through the state required the facility to maintain runoff controls. He added that this was also the case for the third-party, off-site facilities.

James Potter, of LRE, advised that the necessary permits had been secured and that LRE had a very impressive track record with no violations and the skills and experience necessary to oversee this project.

Judy McCarthy, of Linden, noted that she was happy about the track record for LRE, but expressed concerns about potential hazards relative to a facility of that nature and size near a residential area as well as how additional inbound traffic to the facility could affect traffic patterns nearby.

Dennis Toft, of LRE, confirmed that the facility was required to obtain the necessary permits and approvals from the city and state for the facility and advised that investors in the project offered additional financial support to ensure the completion of the project. Relative to traffic concerns, Mr. Toft advised that the company would be working with Linden to ensure no disruptions or significant changes to traffic patterns as well as considering alternative routes.

James Potter, of LRE, added that an average of 5-7 trucks per hour were expected.

Vice Chairman Estrada inquired about the length of the projected pipeline and whether other materials other than food would be processed on site. He also inquired about any potential dangers.

James Potter, of LRE, advised that the anticipated pipeline would run from the new facility in Linden to an existing pipeline of the Texas Eastern Transmission Company that would facilitate delivery of the renewable gas to anywhere in the country. He added that the renewable gas had already been sold under a long-term contract to produce renewable hydrogen. Relative to the safety concerns, Mr. Potter confirmed that many protocols were in place to oversee the operation of the site to mitigate any related risks.

Mr. Potter confirmed that only diverted organic waste would be processed through the facility.

Chairman Mirabella expressed his approval of the facility, noting the many prospective benefits of such a resource, in particular the employment opportunities that would arise from the project. He inquired about potential tours at the facility as a means to help residents secure a more thorough understanding of the site operations and hopefully ease their concerns.

James Potter, of LRE, advised that the facility would offer daily tours and intern opportunities in certain areas of operation would be available.

Freeholder Hudak expressed his approval relative to the anticipated benefits of the project and noted the heavy oversight relative to the project as a means to ensure the safety of residents as well as mitigate potential disruptions or dangers to residents in the surrounding area.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Liaison to the Union County Utilities Authority, moved Ordinance Number 815-2020 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

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

The Clerk of the Board read **Ordinance No. 816-2020** by title.

816-2020 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND "THE LAWS OF UNION COUNTY: ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION" BY AMENDING: PART 1-THE UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, ARTICLE IV-FEES FOR RECREATION FACILITIES, § 107-6 PARK FEES FOR THE YEAR 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting was opened to the public for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance 2016-2020 being offered for adoption only.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere confirmed that he had not received any questions/comments via email relative to Ordinance No. 816-2020. He advised that Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, was in the public cue.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, had no comments relative to Ordinance No. 816-2020.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Freeholder Sergio Granados, Fiscal Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 816-2020 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine 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 nine 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 as well as any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments relative to several resolutions, including: Reso Nos. 545, 552, 556, 557, and 560. Relative to Reso No. 2020-519, he inquired as to why costs for the Reservoir were not included in the original park study. Relative to Reso No. 2020-531, he asked for additional information relative to the increase and expressed concerns relative to the vote-by-mail system.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-519, County Manager Oatman advised that the initial Open Space Planning Study was exclusive to park systems. He added that given that the Clark Reservoir was not a considered a park system, it was excluded from the original study. He noted that the requested funds would be used to assess the reservoir and determine how long it would take to clean as well as relative costs, and determine alternative uses for the area.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-531, County Clerk Rajoppi advised that the additional costs were a result of COVID-19 and subsequent executive orders that mandated mail-in voting for the Primary Election. She added that additional funding for the

Primary was needed in order to provide vote-by-mail applications to unaffiliated voters throughout the county. She advised that she was aware of certain drawbacks in the vote-by-mail process and the respective state-wide voter database, which could explain some of the cited discrepancies. She added that a majority of issues relative to the database would be resolved using the vote-by-mail applications that were mailed for the Primary Election.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

2020-492 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON: 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).

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

2020-493 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON: 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.

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

2020-494 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON: 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.

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

2020-495 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON: 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.

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

- 2020-496 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

- 2020-497 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

- 2020-498 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

- 2020-499 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

- 2020-500 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

- 2020-501 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

2020-502 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2020-503 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2020-504 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2020-505 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2020-506 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

- 2020-507 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

- 2020-508 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

- 2020-509 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

- 2020-510 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

- 2020-511 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

- 2020-512 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

- 2020-513 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

- 2020-514 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

- 2020-515 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

- 2020-516 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

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

- 2020-517 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

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

- 2020-518 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

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

- 2020-519 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

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

- 2020-520 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

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

- 2020-521 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

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

- 2020-522 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDE:** 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.

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

- 2020-523 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN:** 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.

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

- 2020-524 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN:** 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.

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

- 2020-525 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN:** 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.

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

- 2020-526 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN:** 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.

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

- 2020-527 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN:** 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.

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

- 2020-528 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN:** Resolution re- appointing Steven Lee as a member of the Union County Planning Board to a three-year term ending on December 31, 2022.

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

- 2020-529 VICE CHAIRMAN ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** 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.

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

- 2020-530 VICE CHAIRMAN ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** 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.

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

- 2020-531 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

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

- 2020-532 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

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

2020-533 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2020-534 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2020-535 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2020-536 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2020-479 approving the 2020-2021 Annual Consolidated Action Plan to include fund revision for the Home Action Plan for the year 2020-2021 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,642,742.37.

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

2020-537 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board (UCWDB), 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 is for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

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

- 2020-538 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

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

- 2020-539 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

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

- 2020-540 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-479 dated June 18, 2020 approving the 2020-2021 Annual Consolidated Action Plan to include projects funded with Community Development Program Income Funds received from the City of Rahway and City of Plainfield.

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

- 2020-541 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board (UCWDB), as per UCWDB Resolution Number 2020-12, approval to amend the Program Year 2019 Union County Workforce Area Budget 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

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

- 2020-542 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

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

- 2020-543 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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 Suplee, 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 Suplee, Clooney and Company to provide the Union County Workforce Development Board with the fiscal monitoring services required of its sub-recipient agencies.

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

- 2020-544 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

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

- 2020-545 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-491, to increase the total funding for the Emergency Small Business Grant Program by an additional amount of \$2,000,000.00 with special emphasis to be placed on certified minority/women/veteran/LGBTQ/disabled business owners for a total funding amount of not to exceed \$4,000,000.00.

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

- 2020-546 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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)

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

- 2020-547 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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).

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

- 2020-548 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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).

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

- 2020-549 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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)

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

- 2020-550 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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)

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

- 2020-551 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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)

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

2020-552 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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)

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

2020-553 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager 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).

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

2020-554 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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).

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

2020-555 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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 increased 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).

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

- 2020-556 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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)

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

- 2020-557 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2019-1140 dated December 19, 2019 to increase the appropriation to Renaud & DeAppolonio, LLC, Cranford, NJ in the matter entitled Monique Hall v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$30,000.00.

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

- 2020-558 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-393 dated May 21, 2020 to increase the appropriation to Kologi Simitz of Linden NJ in the matter entitled Emmanuel Mervilus v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$100,000.00.

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

- 2020-559 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** A Resolution authorizing the County Manager to Appoint DiFrancesco Bateman, Warren, NJ to represent the County of Union in the matter entitled Wadlyne Stelus v. County of Union, et al in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

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

- 2020-560 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution 2020-41 dated January 5, 2020 to increase the appropriation to DeCotiis Fitzpatrick Cole & Giblin of Teaneck, NJ for Special Legal Counsel for Redevelopment Projects in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for a total sum not to exceed \$80,000.00.

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

- 2020-561 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution 2020-212 dated February 20, 2020 to increase the appropriation to DeCotiis Fitzpatrick Cole & Giblin of Teaneck, NJ for Special Legal Counsel in the matter entitled H.C.

Equities v. UC, et als, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$160,000.00

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

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2020-562 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution supporting Senate Bill S855 and Assembly Bill A3594 which changes the title of "chosen freeholder" to "county commissioner."

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

2020-563 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON: Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Samuel Edward Fleming during their time of sorrow.

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

2020-564 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS, FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & VICE CHAIRMAN ANGEL G. ESTRADA: 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.

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

2020-565 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS, FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & VICE CHAIRMAN ANGEL G. ESTRADA: 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.

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

2020-566 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDE: 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."

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

2020-567 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

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

- 2020-568 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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.

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

- 2020-569 VICE CHAIRMAN ANGEL G. ESTRADA & FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

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

- 2020-570 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

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

- 2020-571 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution recognizing Susan Staub's many years of dedicated service as Librarian at the Fanwood Childrens Library, and further congratulating her upon her retirement.

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

- 2020-572 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

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

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Kowalski offered her sympathies to the families of those lost to COVID-19. She thanked the County of Union for their charity and willingness to help others during these difficult times.

Freeholder Williams echoed Freeholder Kowalski's sentiments relative to those lost to COVID-19. She also expressed her gratitude and appreciation for all of the volunteers that assisted in the food distribution drive earlier that day at Kean University.

Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded also extended her sympathies to those affected by loss relative to COVID-19. She also congratulated those that had run as well as secured a win in the Primary Election, noting the additional difficulties of running during these difficult times. She closed by thanking County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi and Administrator Nicole DiRado and their departments for all the hard work that went into this election cycle.

Freeholder Granados extended his sympathies to the families of those lost to COVID-19. He also recognized and thanked the residents of Union County for their efforts during these difficult times. He closed by congratulating all the recent graduates throughout the county.

Freeholder Garretson thanked all the strong leaders at the local and state level for their guidance and leadership in relation to replacing the term Freeholder. She thanked her fellow Board members for their unyielding support and encouragement.

Freeholder Staten extended her sympathies to Roselle councilwoman Cynthia Johnson on the recent loss of her son, Tyquan McAllister. She also thanked her fellow Freeholder Angela R. Garretson for her leadership in guiding the recent legislation relative to the term Freeholder, noting she was happy about the change.

On another note, she closed by thanking everyone involved in the food distribution event earlier that day, including County Manager Oatman, Director Anderson, and Director Moran.

Freeholder Hudak spoke relative to the Primary Election and thanked the County Clerk's Office and Board of Elections for their hard work in ensuring a successful election cycle. He encouraged residents to continue to adhere to the various mandates and restrictions throughout the state to ensure a safe and steady recovery from COVID-19.

Vice Chairman Estrada congratulated all the winners of the Primary Election cycle, noting that several of his Board colleagues and Elizabeth officials had secured a win. On another note, he recognized fellow Freeholder Garretson for being instrumental in achieving the transition from the term Freeholder to Commissioner. He also spoke relative to New Jersey's response to COVID-19

and its ability to adequately manage the pandemic to maximize the safety of its residents.

Chairman Mirabella thanked the Departments of Parks and Recreation as well as Deputy County Manager Wagner for their efforts in creating and facilitating recreational events throughout the County in accordance with COVID-19 restrictions, like the drive-in/walk-up movies. He congratulated the winners of the Primary Election cycle, in particular Sheriff Peter Corvelli and Lourdes Leon as well as Freeholders Garretson and Hudak. On another note, he congratulated all the graduates throughout the county. He closed by announcing that NJAC had contacted him to advise that Vice Chairman Estrada would be inducted into the Freeholder Hall-of-Fame this year. He congratulated Vice Chairman Estrada on the well-deserved recognition.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To the extent known, the following item will be discussed in Executive Session:

- 1) Attorney Client privileged communications and discussions relative to the matter of Kevin Joy vs. County of Union.

County Counsel Bergen stated that pursuant to provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, a public body may enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing certain enumerated subjects.

He stated that the Board wished to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Attorney Client privileged communications and discussions relative to a potential settlement agreement in the matter concerning Kevin Joy vs. County of Union.

He stated that the minutes of the Executive Session shall be separated from the minutes of the Open Public Session and that the minutes of the Executive Session, redacted as appropriate and necessary, shall be available in approximately 30 days. He stated that the Clerk of the Board shall retain the original minutes until such time as the confidential limitations have been removed, at which time they shall be made available.

He stated that upon affirmative vote of the majority of the members present, the Board may enter Executive Session and upon the Board's return may take formal action on the matter discussed.

Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session. On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski a voice vote showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to return from Executive Session. On a motion made by Freeholder Garretson and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded a voice vote showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

County Counsel Bergen had no comments or reports relative to matter discussed during the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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

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

2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

AGENDA SETTING SESSION

January 23, 2020

February 6, 2020
February 20, 2020

March 5, 2020
March 26, 2020**

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

May 14, 2020***
May 21, 2020

June 4, 2020
June 18, 2020

July 23, 2020

August 13, 2020

September 3, 2020
September 10, 2020

October 1, 2020
October 15, 2020

November 5, 2020
November 12, 2020

December 3, 2020
December 10, 2020

REGULAR MEETINGS

January 23, 2020

February 6, 2020
February 20, 2020

March 5, 2020
March 26, 2020**

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

May 14, 2020***
May 21, 2020

June 4, 2020
June 18, 2020

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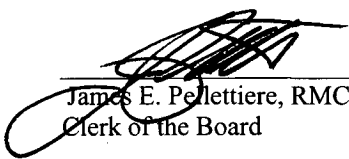
November 5, 2020
November 12, 2020

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