



## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:37 P.M.

### ROLL CALL

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

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

### PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

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

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

### APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

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Note and File

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to approve Communications. On a motion made by Freeholder Williams and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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1. Thursday, August 13, 2020 - Agenda Setting Session
2. Thursday, August 13, 2020 - Regular Meeting

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to approve the Minutes. On a motion made by Freeholder Williams and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the August 13<sup>th</sup> Agenda Setting and Regular Meeting Minutes.

### ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

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**817-2020 CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY  
AUTHORIZING THE DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING COUNTY**

**PARKING DECK ON ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PARKING DECK ON SUCH SITE IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$13,500,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM CAPITAL SURPLUS OF THE COUNTY.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The County of Union, New Jersey (the "County") is hereby authorized to demolish the existing County Parking Deck on Elizabethtown Plaza and construct a new Parking Deck on such site in, by and for the County. Said improvement shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefore.

Section 2. The sum of \$13,500,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the improvement authorized and described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be raised from Capital Surplus of the County as hereinafter provided. The sum of \$13,500,000 is hereby appropriated from Capital Surplus of the County to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 3. Said improvement is a lawful capital improvement of the County having a period of usefulness of at least five (5) years. Said improvement shall be made as a general improvement, no part of the cost of which shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 4. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this capital ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and is available for public inspection.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION.**

The meeting was opened for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance No. 817-2020 only.

Clerk Pellettiere advised there were two members of the public in the cue. He added that he had not received any correspondence from any other member of the public wishing to speak.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments relative to how the project was being funded and inquired about Reso No. 2020-484 from June which he claims cited demolition costs.

County Manager Oatman confirmed that the cited Resolution from June did not include demolition costs.

Michael Carvallo from the public cue had no comments.

**FINAL READING STATEMENT**

Freeholder Sergio Granados, Fiscal Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 817-2020 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 Williams, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION**

**818-2020 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 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, 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.

#### **FIRST READING STATEMENT**

Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Liaison to the Union County Utilities Authority, moved Ordinance Number 818-2020 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The public hearing and final reading will be scheduled to be held on October 1, 2020.

Clerk Pellettiere advised that Ordinance No. 818-2020 was being reintroduced, despite having been initially introduced on June 18<sup>th</sup> and adopted on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, due to new requirements relative to COVID-19. He noted that the NJDEP had requested the Ordinance be reintroduced to include the quantity of liquid organic food waste that would be processed in the public notice.

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

#### **ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION**

**819-2020 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 799-2018 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 506-99 ENTITLED 'AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING LAND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION' ADOPTED BY THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1999".**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the County Planning Enabling Act (N.J.S.A. 40:27 et seq.), the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union did Amend Ordinance No. 506-99 adopted September 23, 1999, by way of Ordinance No. 799-2018 adopted on October 11, 2018 to amend the Land Development Standards Fee Schedule; and

**WHEREAS**, the Union County Planning Board (“UCPB”) considered a need to update the 2018 Fee Schedule as it found that the exemption review was not clearly addressed in the fee schedule as revised by Ordinance 799-2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the UCPB considered various options that could be used in relation to applicants seeking exemption from County Planning Board Review; and

**WHEREAS**, the UCPB requested staff review potential exemption review cost as the current fee schedule did not specify this cost; and

**WHEREAS**, the UCPB reviewed and discussed the comparative information requested of staff over three board meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, the UCPB recommends the adoption of the attached 2020 Land Development Application Fee Schedule update adding an exemption review fee:

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

A. Ordinance No. 799-2018 is hereby amended by adding an Application Exemption Review Fee schedule as approved by the County Planning Board.

B. That the Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized to publish a notice in the appropriate newspaper of such introduction and of a public hearing on October 1, 2020 and shall forward one certified copy, upon final passage, to each Clerk of all Municipalities located within the County of Union.

C. That the Clerk shall give notice of the Public Hearing and a copy of this Ordinance by certified mail or delivery to the Municipal Clerk and Secretary of the Municipal Planning Board in each Municipality in the County of Union at least 10 days prior to the date set for public hearing.

D. That this Ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.

#### **FIRST READING STATEMENT**

Freeholder Rebecca Williams, Policy Committee Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 819-2020 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The public hearing and final reading will be scheduled to be held on October 1, 2020.

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

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**SUSPENSION OF RULES**

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

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

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**PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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The meeting was opened to the public for the purpose of commenting on Resolutions being offered for adoption and any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments and asked questions relative to several Resolutions. Relative to Reso Nos. 2020-633 and 2020-634, he asked for additional information relative to the expense. Relative to Reso Nos. 2020-622, 2020-623, and 2020-624, he asked about the increase in spending. Relative to Reso No. 2020-632, Mr. Paterson commented on the UCIA and how the money would be spent. Relative to Reso No. 2020-642, he congratulated former Vice Chairman Angel G. Estrada on his retirement and recognized his many years of service to the Board and community as a whole. To close, Mr. Paterson inquired about the upcoming COVID-19 mobile-testing unit in Garwood, in particular what kind of exam would be offered.

Relative to Reso Nos. 2020-633 & 2020-634, County Manager Oatman advised that these items would furnish a variety of resources and services including PPE gear. Director Taylor added that funds would also be used to lessen the financial strain on parents in light of distance learning, noting that funds would be used to offset unanticipated child care costs as well as furnish lunches for children who would otherwise be eligible for free or reduce-meal plans through school.

Relative to Reso Nos. 2020-622, 2020-623, and 2020-624, County Clerk Rajoppi advised that much of the increase was relative to the additional resources needed for an all-mail General Election, as mandated by Executive Order 177. She noted that the only miscellaneous expense related to a "How to Vote" brochure she had opted to include with the mailing to offer additional guidance to voters unfamiliar with the vote-by-mail process. She added that postage would be covered as an additional convenience to voters, noting a reasonable charge of \$0.42 per envelope.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-632, County Manager Oatman advised that funding would be used for some of the costs associated with the new government complex project, including the hiring of an architect.

Relative to the mobile-testing unit in Garwood, County Manager Oatman confirmed the saliva testing would be conducted.

Michael Carvallo, also in the public cue, had no comments.

Clerk Pellettiere read a comment into the record for Maria Echeverria, of Elizabeth. She expressed her concerns relative to Legislative Bill A4576 and mandatory flu vaccinations for children K-12.

Clerk Pellettiere confirmed there were no additional public comments.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

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The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

**2020-615 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$10,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families, Division on Women for a program entitled: Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) Grant.

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

**2020-616 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the Amount of \$92,545 as a result of notification received from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for a program entitled: CARES ACT-Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program Grant.

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

**2020-617 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter in to a contract with Aquatic Analysts, Middletown, NJ for the purchase of a compressor to provide lake aeration and the purpose of lake aerator maintenance at the County Parks at Black Brook Park, Cedar Brook Park, Meisel Park and Nomahegan Park in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00.

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

**2020-618 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award \$9,400.00 to local organizations from the federal CARES Act through the New Jersey State Council on the Arts (NJSCA) to assist with salary support, fees for artists and/or contractual personnel and facility costs.

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



**2020-619 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed open ended contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq. to: Weldon Materials, Inc., Westfield, NJ for the purpose of providing Road Materials for the Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, Divisions of Public Works, Park Maintenance, and Park Environmental Services for a twelve (12) month period in an amount not to exceed \$761,676.75 (BA# UCCP 22-2020), with a twelve (12) option to extend.

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

**2020-620 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed open ended contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts laws, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq. to: Louis Barbato Landscaping, Holbrook, New York for the purpose of providing and planting trees throughout Union County Parks and Roadways for the Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management for a twelve (12) month contract period in the amount not to exceed \$85,719.00 (BA# UCCP 21-2020).

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

**2020-621 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN:** Amending Resolution 2019-689 to exercise the option to extend the contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq., Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management: Morton Salt, Inc., Chicago, IL, for the purpose of providing rock salt for an additional twelve month (12) period of October 29, 2020 through October 28, 2021 in the amount of not to exceed \$487,200.00 (BA #UCCP29-2019).

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

**2020-622 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-81 a contract with B&B Press Inc., Lebanon, New Jersey, to provide additional services needed as per Executive Order 177 mandating the General Elections to be primarily Vote By Mail, in an additional amount not to exceed \$555,300.24 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,169,849.71.

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

**2020-623 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-439 a contract with Full Service Mailers, Hackensack, New Jersey, to provide additional election mail services for the 2020 General Elections due to Executive Order 177 mandating the elections to be primarily Vote By Mail, in an amount not to exceed \$204,953.25 for a total not to exceed \$633,544.99.

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

- 2020-624 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-531, a contract with Royal Printing Services, West New York, NJ, to provide additional printing services due to Executive Order 177 mandating the General Election to be primarily VBM due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, in an additional amount not to exceed \$39,822.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,874,526.00.

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

- 2020-625 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Division of Administration, Department of Law and Public Safety for FFY19 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Program for the project titled County Sexual Assault Response Team/Forensic Nurse Examiner Program in the amount of \$87,451.00 in Federal funds with a required match of \$21,863.00 for a project total cost of \$109,314.00.00 for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. Subaward number VS-41-19.

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

- 2020-626 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Pro Libra Associates Inc. for Law Library services for the Union County Department of Corrections for the period of September 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in the amount not to exceed \$6,500.00.

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

- 2020-627 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Benevate, Inc. D/B/A Neighborly Software, Atlanta, GA, for the provision of software to expedite Community Development Block Grant subgrantee reimbursements and decrease document storing in an amount not to exceed \$32,500.00.

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

- 2020-628 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Comcast Cable Communications, Holmdel, NJ for 2020 Census Campaign advertising in the amount not to exceed \$3,025.00.

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

**2020-629 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement between the County of Union and Borough of New Providence to allow New Providence to own, install and operate a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) and an in-pavement flashing light crosswalk system to be located at the intersection of Springfield Avenue (C.R. 513) and Academy Street.

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

**2020-630 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-553 adopted on July 23, 2020, to CME Associates of Parlin, New Jersey to provide additional On-Call Environmental Engineering Services in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$65,000.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2019-014).

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

**2020-631 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-530 increasing funds for Year 2 of the Union County Division on Aging 2019-2021 Area Plan Contract, commencing January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in the additional amount not to exceed \$65,538.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$5,957,453.00.

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

**2020-632 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution to provide funding to the Union County Improvement Authority for preliminary expenses in the planning, design and undertakings for the new Union County Government Complex in the amount of \$2,000,000.00.

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

**2020-633 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Authorizing CARES Act Non-Profit Organizations Grants in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.00.

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

**2020-634 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Authorizing CARES Act Safe Learning Setting Grants in an amount not to exceed \$ 4,000,000.00.

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

**2020-635 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Numbers 2020-491 and 2020-545 to increase the total funding for the Emergency Small Business

Grant Program by an additional amount of \$4,000,000.00 for a total funding amount of not to exceed \$8,000,000.00.

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

#### **FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

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**2020-636 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's sympathies to the family of Irving Gene Callender during their time of sorrow.

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

**2020-637 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Dr. Michel Bitritto, the first Democrat female elected to Summit City Council and past president of the NJ Women's Political Caucus, during their time of sorrow.

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

**2020-638 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Beatrice Russo, of Linden, who passed away at 96 years of age.

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

**2020-639 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing Kathleen Willis for her many years of service to the community through her personal and professional career with Cranford Family Care; and further wishing her health and happiness in her retirement.

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

**2020-640 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution acknowledging September 2020 as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, which remembers those affected by suicide, and raises awareness and encourages to focus efforts on directing treatment to those who need it most; and to further encourage all community members to normalize discussions and support one another around reducing the stigma associated with seeking mental health treatment for common mental health matters such as depression, anxiety and other mental states.

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

**2020-641 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution acknowledging September 2020 as National Recovery Month, which highlights the achievements of individuals who have reclaimed their lives in long-term recovery and honors the service providers who make their recovery possible.

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

**2020-642 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's sincere gratitude to Freeholder Vice Chairman Angel G. Estrada Angel for his friendship and camaraderie and recognizing his many years of impactful service to the residents of Union County; and further, wishing him health and happiness upon his retirement from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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

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

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Freeholder Hudak spoke relative to vaccinations and encouraged residents to get vaccinated against the flu as an additional defense against COVID-19. To close, he congratulated former Vice Chairman Estrada on his retirement, noting that it was a pleasure to serve with him on the Board. He wished him well on his future endeavors, adding that he would be greatly missed.

Freeholder Staten offered her well wishes to students around the County on a successful school year. On another note, she encouraged residents to donate much needed back-to-school supplies through their local churches and or municipal halls. She closed by reminding residents about the upcoming Emergency Food Distribution Drive scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup> at Kean University.

Freehold Williams offered her best wishes to students starting out the school year under such unanticipated circumstances, noting that virtual education was a viable alternative if conducted appropriately. On another note, she spoke relative to the 2020 Census and encouraged residents to respond, noting the importance of reporting as it relates to federal funding. She closed by recognizing former Vice Chairman Estrada and wished him and his family well on their new journey.

Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded banked her time in honor of former Vice Chairman Estrada.

Freeholder Kowalski echoed the sentiments of her colleagues, wishing former Vice Chairman Estrada well on his retirement after his many dedicated years of service. On a more somber note, she spoke relative to the passing of Dr. Michel Bitritto, noting her as a dedicated public servant and important member of the community. To close, she reminded residents to respond to the 2020 Census.

Freeholder Granados applauded former Vice Chairman Estrada and his career, recognizing him as a mentor and an important and esteemed figure in the City of Elizabeth for many years. On another note, he spoke relative to CARES funding and the important resources that would be furnished, including mental health and financial services for residents in need.

Freeholder Garretson also echoed the sentiments of her colleagues relative to former Vice Chairman Estrada and wished him well on his retirement. On another note, as the county representative for NJAC, she congratulated Jennifer Edouard of Hillside and Natalia Szczepanek on being the recipients of a \$500 Investors Foundation scholarship award, funded by Investors Bank and allocated by the NJAC Foundation. She closed by wishing them well on their future endeavors.

Chairman Mirabella addressed former Vice Chairman Estrada's early retirement, noting that Vice Chairman Estrada made the decision to be close with his family. He wished him well on his retirement. On another note, he recognized the tremendous effort of the County administration and staff relative to processing CARE funding requests to ensure the necessary funding would be made available to residents in need. He also thanked those volunteering at the testing center for their efforts. Chairman Mirabella also spoke relative to back-to-school efforts, noting safety as the main factor to be considered in the reopening process. He also spoke relative to Dr. Michel Bitritto, offering his condolences. To close, he wished everyone a safe Labor Day.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 P.M.

## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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

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

### 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

#### AGENDA SETTING SESSION

January 23, 2020

February 6, 2020  
February 20, 2020

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

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

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

June 4, 2020  
June 18, 2020

July 23, 2020

August 13, 2020

September 3, 2020  
September 10, 2020

October 1, 2020  
October 15, 2020

November 5, 2020  
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#### REGULAR MEETINGS

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

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

\*\*\* Meeting cancelled.

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