



## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

### ROLL CALL

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

Also present were County Manager Edward T. Oatman, County Counsel Robert E. Barry, 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 Granados and seconded by Vice Chairman Estrada, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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1. December 5, 2019 - Agenda Setting Session
2. December 5, 2019 - Regular Meeting
3. December 19, 2019 - Agenda Setting Session
4. December 19, 2019 - Regular Meeting

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to approve the Minutes. On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed seven votes in the affirmative for the minutes of December 5<sup>th</sup> Agenda and Regular meetings; with Vice Chairman Estrada abstaining; seven votes in the affirmative for the December 19<sup>th</sup> Agenda Setting Meeting; with Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded abstaining; six votes in the

affirmative for the December 19<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting; with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Palmieri-Moued abstaining.

### **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 only.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments and inquired about several Resolutions. Relative to Reso Nos. 2020-63, 2020-73, 2020-74, 2020-75, Mr. Paterson asked for a more detailed explanation. Relative to Reso Nos. 2020-80 and 2020-81, he asked why the cited contracts were for a 24-month period. Relative to Reso Nos. 2020-89 and 2020-103, Mr. Paterson asked for additional information related to these items.

Relative to Reso No. 2020 – 63, Director Taylor advised that the amendment to the 457B Deferred Compensation Plan would allow plan participants to access vested funds in accordanc with IRS safe harbor rules.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-73, Director Anderson advised that the county would only be responsible for \$1.6 million of the cited amount. She added that the remaining funds would be furnished by federal and state funding. She noted that this initiative related to various services for aging adults facilitated through partnerships with several local organizations. Relative to Reso No. 2020-74, Director Anderson advised that this item was entirely funded by the state and related to respite services for caregivers that provide 24/7 care to aging adults. Relative to Reso No. 2020-75, Director Anderson noted that these funds would be used to provide gap-services for aging adults, noting in-home services, generally for low-income seniors.

Relative to Reso Nos. 2020-80 and 2020-81, Clerk Rajoppi advised that election-related contracts were secured for a 24-month period to mitigate overall cost.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-89, Deputy County Manager Wagner confirmed that the original award amount was \$200,000, noting an administrative component built into the fee. She noted the importance of such a study as it relates to the safety of passenger cars sharing the road with trucks.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-103, County Manager Oatman advised that this item related to one position in the Department of Economic and Community Development.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

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The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

- 2020-60 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** Resolution appointing the following members to the Union County Status of Minorities Advisory Board: Jeff Brooks of Rahway, Linda McConneyhead, of Elizabeth; Anjali Mehrotra, of

Mountainside for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2022; Patricia Perkins-Augusta, of Elizabeth; Lilsa Williams, of Hillside; Ogechi Onyeani, of Union for a two-year term ending December 31, 2021; Janna Williams, of Roselle; Guillermo Santillo, of Linden; Leonard Jones, of Union for a one-year term ending December 31, 2020.

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

- 2020-61 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** Resolution appointing Angela R. Garretson (Freeholder) to the Emergency Management Council; and Lyndsay Ruotolo (Acting Prosecutor) terms ending December 31, 2020; re-appointing the following: Ed Oatman (County Manager); Andrew Moran (Public Safety Director); Christopher Scaturo (OEM Coordinator); William Kane (Deputy OEM Coordinator) Chris Debbie (County Police Chief); Frederic Fretz (Fire Coordinator); Gareth Williams (EMS Coordinator); Thomas Mineo (Damage Assessment/County Engineer); Sebastian D'Elia (Public Information Officer); Michael Redding (Elizabethtown Gas); Peter Corvelli (Sheriff); Joseph Graziano Sr., (DPW Director); Annarely McNair (Health Officer) and Drew Stephens (Salvation Army), terms ending December 31, 2020.

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

- 2020-62 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending the 2020 Temporary Budget Ch. 96 P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20).

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

- 2020-63 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution approving a Plan Amendment to the 457B Deferred Compensation Plan.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Kimberly Palmieri-MouDED abstaining and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2020-64 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Union County Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee in the amount of \$4,000 in support of their St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on March 14, 2020.

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

- 2020-65 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the United Youth of New Jersey's Black History Month event held on February 1, 2020 in the amount of \$4,000.00.

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

- 2020-66 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution appointing the following members to the Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC): Tanisha Hansford-Colon (Legal Aide); Linda Flores-Tober (Consumer Advocate) Catherine Hart (Housing Authority); and Juanita Vargas (Volunteer Sector), terms ending December 31, 2022; re-appointing Larisa Hernandez (Service Sector) term ending December 31, 2020; Tom Beck (Community at Large) term ending December 31, 2021; re-appointing Donna Lowe Alexander (Target Population-African American); Debbie-Ann Anderson (County Designee); Laurie Cicero (Health Services); Marconi Gapas (Major City); Carmen Hernandez (Domestic Violence); Susan Pepper (Target Population-Homeless); Woody Philippe (Community At Large); Carol Presley (Consumer Advocate) terms ending December 31, 2022; and appointing the following to unexpired terms: Molly Fagan (Families In Crisis) and Manuela Garcia (Community At Large), terms ending December 31, 2020.

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

- 2020-67 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution appointing Christopher Kolibas, of Cranford, to the Union County Improvement Authority to serve an unexpired term ending January 31, 2023.

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

- 2020-68 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution appointing Margaret McManus to serve as Commissioner (formerly Alternate Commissioner #1) to the Union County Utilities Authority for a new five (5) year term beginning February 1, 2020 and ending January 31, 2025.

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

- 2020-69 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED:** Resolution adopting the bylaws of the Commission on the Status of Women (as approved by the Commission).

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

**2020-70 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED:** Resolution appointing the following individuals to the Commission on the Status of Women to allow for the proper staggering of terms as per the Commission's official bylaws: appointing Laura Giacobbe, of Rahway to a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2022; further re-appointing Lisa Bonanno, of Hillside; Nicole DeAugustine, of Kenilworth; Marissa Ruggiero, Esq., of Springfield; Jennifer Blumenstock, of Garwood; Amelia Mapp, of Plainfield; and Phyllis Mirabella, of Fanwood to a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2022; further re-appointing Jacinth Clayton-Hunt to a two (2) year unexpired term ending December 31, 2021; and re-appointing Joseph Ayana, of New Providence, Shahrads Heidary, of Springfield, and Sara Todisco, of Garwood, to a one (1) year unexpired term expiring December 31, 2020.

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

**2020-71 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN:** Resolution re-appointing Sonja Ash (Mental Health Discipline) to the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACADA) for a term ending December 31, 2022.

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

**2020-72 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Resolution requesting a waiver of the County's residency requirement for Kamili Williams, Division Director of Social Services.

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

**2020-73 VICE CHAIRMAN ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award year two (2) contracts in accordance with the three (3) year 2019-2021 Area Plan in the total amount not to exceed \$4,639,190.00, pursuant to a Request for Proposal (RFP), for the contract period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, to deliver services to Union County residents 60 years of age or older and/or their caregivers with an option to renew contracts for one year; and further authorizing the County Manager to transfer funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies should fail to meet its contractual obligation.

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

**2020-74 VICE CHAIRMAN ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2020 Statewide Respite Care Spending Plan in the total amount not to exceed \$280,049.00 and entering into agreements with various agencies, pursuant to a Request for Proposal, for contract year two of a three year cycle with the option to renew contracts for one year, to provide Respite Care services to unpaid caregivers of Union County for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the funded agencies, during the contract period, should services needs change and/or if any of the agencies should fail to meet its contractual obligation.

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

**2020-75 VICE CHAIRMAN ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2020 Coordinated Community Care Spending Plan, pursuant to a Request for Proposal (RFP), in the total amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 and entering into agreements with various agencies for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, representing contract year two of a three year cycle with the option to renew contracts for one year, to deliver services to Union County residents 60 years of age or older and/or their caregivers in accordance with the 2019-2021 Coordinated Community Care Program; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the funded agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies should fail to meet its contractual obligation.

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

**2020-76 VICE CHAIRMAN ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Resolution reaffirming Resolution Number 2012-806, designating Meadowlands Transportation Brokerage Corporation (also known as Meadowlink/EZRide) as the official Transportation Management Association (TMA) of record for Union County.

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

**2020-77 VICE CHAIRMAN ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Resolution re-appointing the following members to the Senior Citizen Disabled Resident Transportation Advisory Board for a one year term ending December 31, 2020: Sonja Ash (Senior/Disabled); Ellen Steinberg (Senior); and Robert Edwards (Senior).

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

**2020-78 VICE CHAIRMAN ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement between the County of Union and Township of Scotch Plains for the installation of a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) on the following County roads: Park Avenue between Front Street and East Second Street (mid-block in front of the Municipal Building; at the intersection of Park Avenue and Church Avenue; and the intersection of Terrill Road and Kevin Road).

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Chairman Mirabella abstaining and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

**2020-79 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the County's option to extend the contract with Royal Printing Services, West New York, New Jersey, as per Resolution 2017-1075, for the 24 month period beginning February 1, 2020 to January 31, 2022, to provide election printing services of primary sample ballots, emergency ballots, tally sheets, and official voting machine set-up, for the 2020 and 2021 Primary Elections, General Elections, and Special Elections, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,960,697.00.

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

**2020-80 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the County's option to extend the contract with Full Service Mailers, Hackensack, New Jersey, as per Resolution 2017-1078, for the 24-month period from February 1, 2020 to January 31, 2022, to provide election mail fulfillment services for the 2020 and 2021 Primary, General and Special Elections, for a total amount not to exceed \$208,713.00.

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

**2020-81 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the County's option to extend the contract with B & B Press Inc., Lebanon, New Jersey, per Resolution 2017-1077, for the 24-month period from February 1, 2020 to January 31, 2022, to provide print services for Mail-in-Ballots and Provisional Ballots for the 2020 and 2021 Primary, General and Special Elections, for an amount not to exceed \$614,549.47.

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

**2020-82 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Equipment Maintenance Insurance Policy with Specialty Underwriters, Oak Creek, WI for the provision of coverage for maintenance costs of electronic

office equipment for the contract period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$215,000.00.

- 2020-83 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2019-40, authorizing a contract with T&M Associates, Middletown, NJ for the provision of Workplace Health and Safety Consulting and Compliance Services, to extend the contract for the period of two months from January 1, 2020 through February 29, 2020 (month-to-month) in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

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

- 2020-84 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2017-100, authorizing the 2019 Non-Contractual Salary Guide Ranges, to adjust the salary guide based upon the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous twelve months.

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

- 2020-85 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Institute of Forensic Psychology, Oakland, NJ to provide Psychological Evaluation Services to the Departments of Administrative Services (Division of Personnel), Sheriffs, Corrections and Prosecutors for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in a total amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

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

- 2020-86 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-22, authorizing the County's tuition reimbursement policy, to reflect a change in account numbers only.

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

- 2020-87 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Wizdom Media, LLC, Rahway, NJ 07065 to provide marketing & graphic design consulting services for various County events and initiatives in an amount not to exceed \$90,000, for the contract period of January 27, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

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

- 2020-88 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into contracts with various municipalities and non-profit agencies to provide resources from the NJ Department of State 2020 Complete Count Commission Grant to encourage a full participation of hard to count (HTC) populations.

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

- 2020-89 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the firm of WSP USA, Inc. to provide professional services for the transportation planning study entitled "Union County Truck Mobility Study" in an amount not to exceed \$160,000.

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

- 2020-90 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2017-847, authorizing entering into a lease agreement with Koam Investors Group, LLC c/o The Liz Group Corp. for rental space for We Are One NJ – Union County Program, to reflect a change in account numbers only.

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

- 2020-91 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2019-1093, entering into a contract with We Are One New Jersey, Inc., Trenton, NJ, to provide social and human services under the We Are One New Jersey Project, to reflect a change in account numbers only.

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

- 2020-92 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Cartegraph, Inc. of Iowa, to provide the licensing, upgrade and maintenance to the web based Operations Management System with Enterprise Licensing for a one year period commencing January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in the amount not to exceed \$92,975.00.

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

- 2020-93 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to execute a "Right of Entry Agreement" with the City of Rahway for the right of

ingress and egress onto Grantor's property during the construction of Hamilton Street Bridge Ra-29. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-008)

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

- 2020-94 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2018-803, (BA#37-2018) authorizing 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 Empire Construction & Property Management Group, of Middletown, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Dam Repair Improvements, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$17,351.97) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$227,102.04. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-043)

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

- 2020-95 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Smith-Sondy Asphalt Construction Company, Inc., of Wallington, New Jersey for the 2020 Road Resurfacing Project, Various Municipalities, County of Union, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$6,940,910.05, subject to the approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation. (BA# 47-2019; Union County Engineering Project #2018-020). This project is being funded by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) FY 2019.

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

- 2020-96 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Neglia Engineering Associates, of Mountainside, New Jersey to provide design, construction administration and inspection services for the 2021 Road Resurfacing Project in an amount not to exceed \$284,739.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2019-023)

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

- 2020-97 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to LCA Engineering, LLC, of Union, New Jersey to provide design services to repair or modify building plumbing/drainage systems of the

Union County Board of Elections Building, Elizabeth, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$ 67,285.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2019-024)

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

- 2020-98 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** A Resolution authorizing the Office of the County Counsel to engage and compensate experts such as court reporters, expert witnesses, examining physicians and other litigation support and specialists, which are essential to the defense of the County of Union in amount not to exceed \$35,000.00.

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

- 2020-99 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution 2019-91 dated January 24, 2019 to increase the appropriation to West Publishing Corporation for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an additional amount not to exceed \$183.67 for a total sum not to exceed \$108,033.67.

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

- 2020-100 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2018-126, dated January 25, 2018 to increase the appropriation to Rainone Coughlin Minchello of Iselin, NJ in the matter entitled Reginald Curry v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$20,000.00.

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

- 2020-101 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2018-127, dated January 25, 2018 to increase the appropriation to Aloia Law Firm of Bloomfield, NJ in the matter entitled Reginald Curry v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$20,000.00.

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

- 2020-102 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2019-752, dated September 12, 2019 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 \$70,000.00.

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

**2020-103 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to adjust and/or change the Internal Position Control Schedules.

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

**2020-104 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-3, a resolution designating official newspapers for the provision of legal notices for the County of Union, to include NJ Advance Media.

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

**2020-105 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution 2020-4, a resolution establishing Freeholder appointments to Advisory Boards.

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

**2020-106 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract, as an exception to public bidding pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(dd), to Continuum Voice and Data Systems, Inc., Syracuse, New York for the purposes of providing proprietary software maintenance services for the OnBase Records Management proprietary software system of the County, for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$33,612.29.

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

**2020-107 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Appointing the following members to the Fire Services Advisory Board: Chairman Alexander Mirabella (Freeholder Liaison); Wayne Hanns (Fire Investigation Representative); Gareth Williams (Regional Communications Center); John Lestarchick (Chief, Volunteer Department) terms ending December 31, 2020; and re-appointing the following: Joseph Moschello (Fire Prevention Association); Steven Ruhl (Fire Academy Dean); Andrew Moran (Union County Public Safety Director); Christopher

Scaturro (Union County Emergency Services Director/Chief); William Kane (Union County Emergency Services Deputy); Eric Evers (Chief, Combo Department); Thomas McNamara (Largest City Fire Chief); Michael Scanio (2nd Largest City Fire Chief and President, Fire Chief Association); Fred Fretz (County Fire Coordinator); and Kristen Von St Paul (Emergency Services Support Staff) for terms ending December 31, 2020.

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

#### **FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

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**2020-108 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Mary Jacobs, during their time of sorrow.

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

**2020-109 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Curtis Ivey, during their time of sorrow.

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

**2020-110 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Fernando G. De Jesus, during their time of sorrow.

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

**2020-111 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution congratulating the Elizabeth Portuguese Lions for their 41st Anniversary celebration on February 29, 2020.

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

**2020-112 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing the month of March as Youth Art Month throughout the County of Union.

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

**2020-113 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution acknowledging Merlyn A. Paisley, Department of Human Services/Division of Social Services, for her 26 years of dedicated service to the residents of Union County, and further wishing her health and happiness in her retirement.

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

**2020-114 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution acknowledging Sharon W. Tyler, Department of Human Services/Division of Social Services, for her 36 1/2 years of dedicated service to the residents of Union County, and further wishing her health and happiness in her retirement.

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

**2020-115 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Susan Shultis, of Cranford, during their time of sorrow.

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

**2020-116 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Michele Daniels, of Cranford during their time of sorrow.

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

**2020-117 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Laddie Wyatt, long-time Plainfield City Clerk, during their time of sorrow.

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

**2020-118 VICE CHAIRMAN ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Resolution congratulating Chairman Alexander Mirabella upon being inducted into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame at the 84th annual Hot Stove awards dinner on February 9, 2020.

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

**2020-119 VICE CHAIRMAN ANGEL G. ESTRADA, FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS, FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON & FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution recognizing National Action Network, Founding President Reverend Dr. Al Sharpton and the Elizabeth Martin Luther King Committee at their Martin Luther King Celebration on January 20, 2020 at New Hope Memorial Baptist Church.

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

**2020-120 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution congratulating Gene Mirabella, Jim Dietz, and Karen Pedersen upon being inducted into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame at the 84th annual Hot Stove awards dinner on February 9, 2020.

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

**2020-121 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution commending the JCC of Scotch Plains for their recognition of the work done by Martin Luther King Jr. at their MLK Day of Service on January 20, 2020.

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

**2020-122 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Rudy Rivera Jr., Union County Correction Officer, during their time of sorrow.

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

**2020-123 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Bernice Peterson Covert, mother of Anita McNamara during their time of sorrow.

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

**2020-124 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating the UC STEP's Red Team on winning the civic engagement project idea titled: "It makes sense to...come to your CENSUS 2020".

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

**2020-125 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family Roselle Park Police Officer Edward Nortrup, during their time of sorrow.

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

**2020-126 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution congratulating Overlook Medical Center upon receiving the Healthgrades 2020 America's 50 Best Hospitals Award; a distinction that places Overlook Hospital at the top 1% of all U.S. hospitals for outstanding clinical outcomes.

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

**2020-127 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution congratulating Dan Sullivan on 50 years with the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad.

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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The meeting was opened to the public for comment on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.

Charlotte Gala aka Mama Meow, of Irvington, implored the Board to get involved in addressing the stray/feral cat situation within the community. She noted Essex's advancements in the cause.

Chairman Mirabella thanked Charlotte Gala, of Irvington for her comments, noting Jamel Holley's interest and efforts in addressing this issue with Governor Phil Murphy.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments regarding the Election Calendars issued by County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi as well as the county's issue with cybercrime the year before.

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**FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

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Freeholder Williams spoke relative to several free upcoming events in celebration of Black History Month, including a flag raising ceremony at the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. She also noted a production of *A Langston Hughes Son Revival* taking place on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Hamilton Stage in Rahway as well as a performance of *Raisin: A Musical* on February 8<sup>th</sup> at UCPAC's Main Stage. She noted that the Board would be presenting the annual Chester Holmes Humanitarian Award, prior to the performance of *Raisin*. Freeholder Williams also spoke relative to an educational presentation taking place on February 10<sup>th</sup> at the U.C. Administration Building. She also invited residents to visit Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside on February 13<sup>th</sup> for an opportunity to "meet" Rosa Parks in a first-person interpreter presentation by Alexandra Ford of the American Historical Theater. She advised that space was limited and pre-registration was recommended.

Freeholder Kowalski reminded residents that there was still time to join the Rutgers Environmental Stewards and interested parties should contact Michele Bakacs. She advised that no experience was necessary and volunteers would receive training to create environmental initiative in their communities. On another note, Freeholder Kowalski shared Union County's support for the "Choose to Reuse" statewide environmental campaign focused on mitigating the use of single-use plastic bags. She noted that residents could opt to bring reusable bags to the grocery store instead of relying on plastic bags for their groceries. Freeholder Kowalski also reminded residents that the county would be restarting its annual series of recycling events, beginning with paper shredding on March 28<sup>th</sup>. She noted that residents could download the free "Recycle Coach" app to remain abreast regarding all the available countywide and local recycling programs.

Freeholder Hudak spoke relative to the Union County Medical Reserve Corps, noting that the organization was currently seeking volunteers who are willing to lend their skills during emergency situations. He noted that health care professionals, retirees, and students in a health care field were welcome to apply as well as residents without any health care experience. He advised that those with no prior experience would receive training in emergency support services. He added that a free CPR training class for members of the Medical Reserve Corps would be held on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, and those interested could contact the Office of Health Management for additional information. On another note, Freeholder Hudak spoke relative to the progress being made on the Tremley Point connector road, noting that the final engineering design work was underway. He noted the consistent support received from the county relative to this project as well as the support from NJTPA, Senator Nicholas Scutari, NJ Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney and others that drove this project forward. On a personal note, he spoke about a situation that occurred in his home during the Board's December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. He thanked Linden Fire Department and the County's Bureau of Hazardous Materials for their timely and thorough response to the potentially dangerous matter.

Freeholder Garretson spoke relative to an event she attended in Hillside to commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. She commended the students for a wonder performance. She also congratulated the UC STEP Red Team for their civic engagement and winning idea related to the 2020 Census. She also noted that January was National Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, reminding residents that screening and early detection were imperative. She added that cervical cancer was considered to be the

easiest gynecologic cancer to prevent with regular screenings and encouraged residents to seek the available resources. Freeholder Garretson spoke relative to the 2020 Census and Presidential Election, noting her excitement related to these and other upcoming events and or initiatives, including continuing work on the Status on Minorities Advisory Board.

Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded spoke relative to the need for poll workers through the Board of Elections for the various election cycles throughout the year. She also reminded residents that Ulrich Memorial Pool in Rahway River Park would be hiring lifeguards for the summer. She advised that interested residents should contact the Dept. of Parks and Recreation for additional information.

Freeholder Granados spoke relative to volunteering during Martin Luther King Jr.'s Day of Service, joined by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, Freeholder Williams, Deputy County Manager Amy Wagner, and various other county staff. He noted that hundreds of sandwiches had been prepared and supplied to individuals housed in shelters as a result of Code Blue Procedures being activated due to severe winter weather. He also noted that handwritten cards had also been created and sent to children in surrounding hospitals. He commended and thanked the volunteers for their hard work and civic engagement. On another note, Freeholder Granados congratulated Chairman Mirabella for being inducted into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame at the upcoming 84<sup>th</sup> annual Hot Stove Awards Dinner.

Vice Chairman Estrada spoke relative to a ribbon-cutting ceremony he attended at Union County College's Plainfield Campus to commemorate a new addition to the campus dedicated to studies related to inhalation therapy, physical therapy, and EMS services, among others. He added that in the coming years NJ would have an increased need for inhalation therapists.

Chairman Mirabella recognized and congratulated the Board for their participation in several Martin Luther King Jr. related events throughout the county. On another note, he spoke relative to a bill signed into law by Governor Phil Murphy that would streamline the adoption process for LGBTQ families and other married couples using assisted reproductive technologies. He thanked The Governor as well as Senator Nicholas P. Scutari for working towards equal rights and protection for all families. He emphasized the need to continue educating the public about these matters and more importantly their rights, and recommended affected residents to attend a free public information workshop of February 25<sup>th</sup> at the Hamilton Stage in Rahway. He closed by mentioning an upcoming Shared Services Forum related to shared services amongst and between municipalities and the county as a whole. He thanked County Manager Oatman and Deputy County Manager Wagner for their strong focus and efforts related to the matter of shared services.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

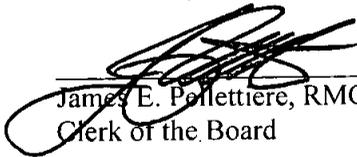
Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 6:30 PM in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified. In the event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

<u>AGENDA SETTING SESSION</u>	<u>REGULAR MEETINGS</u>
January 23, 2020	January 23, 2020
February 6, 2020 February 20, 2020	February 6, 2020 February 20, 2020
March 5, 2020 March 26, 2020	March 5, 2020 March 26, 2020
April 2, 2020 April 23, 2020	April 2, 2020 April 23, 2020
May 14, 2020 May 21, 2020	May 14, 2020 May 21, 2020
June 4, 2020 June 18, 2020	June 4, 2020 June 18, 2020
July 23, 2020	July 23, 2020
August 13, 2020	August 13, 2020
September 3, 2020 September 10, 2020	September 3, 2020 September 10, 2020
October 1, 2020 October 15, 2020	October 1, 2020 October 15, 2020
November 5, 2020 November 12, 2020	November 5, 2020 November 12, 2020
December 3, 2020 December 10, 2020	December 3, 2020 December 10, 2020

  
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