



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020
REORGANIZATION MEETING AGENDA

RETURN FROM RECESS

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to return from recess at 1:55PM

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

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Freeholder Garretson and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call 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 only.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments relative to Reso No. 2020-26.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

- 2020-1 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Adopting the Bylaws and Rules of Procedures for the Year 2020.

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

- 2020-2 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Adopting the Meeting Schedule of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders for the Year 2020.

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

- 2020-3 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Designating Newspapers for legal notices of the County of Union for the Year 2020.

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

- 2020-4 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Adopting the Freeholder Standing Committee assignments for 2020.

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

- 2020-5 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Appointing members of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders as liaisons to various Advisory Boards for the Year 2020.

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

- 2020-6 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Appointing the following as representatives to the New Jersey Association of Counties for the term commencing January 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2020: Freeholder Angela Garretson (Delegate) and Freeholder Sergio Granados (Alternate).

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

- 2020-7 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Appointing the following as representatives to the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for the term commencing January 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2020: Freeholder Angel G. Estrada (Delegate) and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski (Alternate).

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

- 2020-8 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Appointing Freeholder Angel G. Estrada as the Union County Delegate to Meadowlink/EZ Ride for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2020.

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

- 2020-9 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Adopting the Temporary Budget for the Year 2020.

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

- 2020-10 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Establishing change funds for year 2020.

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

- 2020-11 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Establishing Petty Cash Funds for year 2020.

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

- 2020-12 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Designating depositories wherein all public monies and funds of the County of Union shall be kept for the year 2020.

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

- 2020-13 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Designating signatories for calendar year 2020.

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

- 2020-14 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Approving a list of pre-qualified financial advisors for the Year 2020.

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

- 2020-15 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Approving a list of qualified Law Firms to provide specialized bond counsel services as conflicts counsel as necessary in connection with the issuance of bonds, or notes by the County of Union from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

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

- 2020-16 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Awarding a contract to Rogut McCarthy, LLC, to provide specialized counsel services in connection with the issuance of bonds, or notes by the County of Union from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

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

- 2020-17 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Awarding a contract to Suplee, Clooney & Company, Westfield, New Jersey, to provide statutory audits of accounts of the County of Union and its agencies from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

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

- 2020-18 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Awarding a contract to Lerch, Vinci Higgins LLP, to provide financial advisory services in connection with capital projects for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

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

- 2020-19 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Pino Consulting Group, Toms River, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing consulting services for preparation of the Central Service Cost Allocation Plan and Medicare and Medicaid Cost Reports for Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County for the contract period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 in the total amount of not to exceed \$192,000.

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

- 2020-20 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Renewing the New Jersey Counties Excess Joint Insurance Fund to administer and provide excess insurance for the following: Liability (other than motor vehicles), Property Damage (other than motor vehicles), Motor Vehicles, Public Officials Liability/Employment Practices Liability, and Workers Compensation for the budget period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$2,523,327.00. (Union County portion)

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

- 2020-21 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the use of NJ State, Somerset County, Educational Services Commission of NJ, and Cranford, Police Cooperative contracts as exceptions to bidding pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-10,11 and 12 and NJAC 5:34-Subchapter 7 for 2020.

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

- 2020-22 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution authorizing a program of pre-approved reimbursement for completed job related courses by Union County full-time employees in a total amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

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

- 2020-23 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2017-323, a contract with Remedy Analytics, Milwaukee, WI, to provide Prescription Monitoring Services over the length of the contract April 15, 2017 through April 14, 2020 at a contract commission of 20% of all demonstrated and attested

savings, to increase the commission amount by \$325,000.00 for a total not to exceed \$1,825,000.00.

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

- 2020-24 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing a payment to Beckerman, Inc., the County's General Insurance Agent of record, to renew the Marine Insurance Policy covering UC Marine 1 and UC Marine 2, Union County Police Fire Boats, with North American Specialty for twelve (12) consecutive months of January 22, 2020 through January 21, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$13,128.00.

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

- 2020-25 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the first option to extend a contract with FMLASource, a ComPsych affiliate, Chicago, IL, for the provision of a comprehensive State and Federal Family Leave Administration Program to County employees for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$46,000.00 with one additional twelve month option to extend available in the County's sole discretion.

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

- 2020-26 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the only option with extend a contract to Acrisure, Woodbridge, New Jersey, for the provision of Risk Management Services for the period of twenty four consecutive months of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$490,000.00.

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

- 2020-27 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an open ended contract for essential Telecommunication Services with Verizon Inc. of New Jersey, a Board of Public Utilities regulated supplier, for an estimated not to exceed amount of \$300,000.00 for the period of twelve (12) consecutive months of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

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

- 2020-28 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Atlantic Health Systems, Atlantic Medical Group, Clark, New Jersey for the provision of pre-employment medical examinations, drug screenings and other related medical services for the County of Union (Division

of Personnel and Office of the Sheriff) for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for a total amount not to exceed \$109,000.00.

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

- 2020-29 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with ComPsych, Chicago, IL, for the provision of a comprehensive Employee Assistance Program (EAP) to County employees and their families for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$54,000.00.

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

- 2020-30 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Dr. Susan A. Furnari, Licensed Psychologist, Nutley, NJ, to provide Psychological Evaluation Services to the Departments of Administrative Services (Division of Personnel), Corrections and Prosecutors for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in a total amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

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

- 2020-31 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Awarding a contract to The Weiner Law Group, LLP, Parsippany, New Jersey to serve as Labor and Personnel Counsel for twelve (12) consecutive months of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$225,000.00.

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

- 2020-32 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Awarding a contract to Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC, Warren, New Jersey, to serve as Personnel Counsel, for twelve (12) consecutive months of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.00.

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

- 2020-33 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Awarding a contract to Ruderman & Roth, LLC, Springfield, New Jersey, to serve as Personnel Counsel for twelve (12) consecutive months of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00.

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

- 2020-34 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Awarding a contract to DiFrancesco Bateman, Warren, NJ, to serve as Personnel Counsel, for twelve (12) consecutive

months of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

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

- 2020-35 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Awarding a contract to Florio Perrucci Steinhardt & Cappelli, LLC, Rochelle Park, NJ, to serve as Personnel Counsel, for the twelve (12) consecutive month period of period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00.

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

- 2020-36 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Awarding a contract to Rainone Coughlin Minchello, LLC, Iselin, NJ, to serve as Personnel Counsel, for the twelve (12) consecutive month period of period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an estimated amount not to exceed \$45,000.00.

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

- 2020-37 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Awarding a contract to James Jude Plaia, Esq., Verona, New Jersey, to provide Worker's Compensation Defense Counsel Services for twelve (12) consecutive months of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, with any sums to be paid through the Third Party Administrator.

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

- 2020-38 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** A resolution awarding a contract to Manuel R. Grova, Esq. as Special Counsel to the Union County Planning Board for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 at an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00

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

- 2020-39 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** A resolution approving a list of Qualified Litigation Defense Counsel for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

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

- 2020-40 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** A resolution approving a list of Qualified Shorthand Reporters for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

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

- 2020-41 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution 2019-694 dated August 22, 2019 to increase the appropriation to DeCotiis Fitzpatrick Cole & Giblin for Special Legal Counsel for redevelopment projects in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for a total sum not to exceed \$50,000.00.

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

- 2020-42 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing County Manager, Elizabeth, New Jersey to enter an agreement with Geo Reentry, Boca Raton, Florida, to amend resolution number 2019-1089 to provide comprehensive inmate substance abuse treatment and residential correctional facility services for Union County jail inmates daily by amending the not to exceed amount to \$2,087,811.24 and revising the period from July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020.

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

- 2020-43 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Victory Industrial Supply Inc., Linden, NJ, for the purchasing of hardware, factory and mill supplies for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

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

- 2020-44 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, NJS 40A:11-1 et seq: Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Sherwin-Williams, Cleveland, Ohio, for the purpose of purchasing traffic paint, for a twenty-four month period in an amount of not to exceed \$61,212.50.

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

- 2020-45 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with SOS Corporation, Pinehurst, North Carolina, to provide computer software license, maintenance and support for Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County for the contract period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in the total amount not to exceed \$19,840.89.

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

2020-46 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into agreement with Geneva Worldwide Interpretation Services, New York, NY, to provide translation services, on an as needed basis, for clients of the Department of Human Services' Division of Social Services in the total amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

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

2020-47 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Designating the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs as the Official County Cultural and Heritage Agency of the County of Union for the year 2020.

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

2020-48 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs to apply for private and public funding for the year 2020.

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

2020-49 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra to perform a Concert on Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside/Westfield, New Jersey for a sum not to exceed \$35,000.00.

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

2020-50 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the First Tee of America Raritan Valley Chapter to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Learning Center to develop community outreach programs for the County's youth from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 at no cost to the County.

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

2020-51 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Girls for Golf Program, part of the LPGA, Daytona, Florida to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Learning Center to develop community outreach programs for the County's youth from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 at no cost to the County.

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

- 2020-52 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the NJ Golf Foundation to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Learning Center to develop community outreach programs for the County's youth from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 at no cost to the County.

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

- 2020-53 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Renaissance Jr. Golf, Inc., of Newark, NJ to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Learning Center to develop community outreach programs for the County's youth from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 at no cost to the County.

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

- 2020-54 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution #2019-478, a contract with the Union County Performing Arts Center, 1601 Irving Street, Rahway, New Jersey to provide services necessary for the execution of the 2020 season of the Sensory Friendly Theater program, to change the ending date to June 30, 2020 with no other changes to the terms or conditions of the contract. There is no fiscal impact.

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

- 2020-55 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Union County Performing Arts Center's Black History Month celebratory production of "Raisin" held on February 8, 2020 in the amount of \$5,000.00.

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

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2020-56 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing New Hope Memorial Baptist Church for their annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration held on January 20, 2020.

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

- 2020-57 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing the Linden Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Committee, Inc., for their annual remembrance ceremony for the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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

- 2020-58 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing the Plainfield Area Club of Frontiers International on their 44th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial breakfast.

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

- 2020-59 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Joseph A. Martin, Jr., who served as the Essex County Administrator and as the Union County Manager, during their time of sorrow.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Maria Echeverria, of Elizabeth, spoke relative to Bill S2173 and expressed her concerns relative to mandatory vaccination. She noted that people should have the right to autonomy as it relates to their bodies.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments relative to the news that this would be Vice Chairman Estrada's last year serving on the Board. Bruce Paterson commended Vice Chairman Estrada for his approach to his position as Freeholder over the course of his career, in particular, his willingness to oppose certain items. On another note, Mr. Paterson inquired as to whether or not the Freeholder meetings would be scheduled at different locations throughout the county. He also made comments relative to the 2020 Meeting Schedule.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Staten had no comments.

Freeholder Garretson congratulated her fellow Board members, in particular Chairman Mirabella and Vice Chairman Estrada, noting that she looked forward to working with them in the year ahead.

Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded wished everyone a prosperous New Year and congratulated her fellow Board members, in particular Chairman Mirabella and Vice Chairman Estrada.

Freeholder Hudak congratulated Chairman Mirabella and Vice Chairman Estrada as well as his fellow Board members that had been sworn into office during the earlier ceremony. Relative to the 2020 Meeting Schedule, Freeholder Hudak advised that he believed this format would allow for more interaction between the Board, Directors, and members of the public as well as a greater overall understanding of the Board's role in County matters.

Freeholder Granados wished everyone a happy New Year, noting he looked forward to serving under Chairman Mirabella and Vice Chairman Estrada.

Freeholder Williams congratulated Chairman Mirabella and Vice Chairman Estrada. She wished everyone a happy New Year, noting that she looked forward to another year alongside her colleagues and fellow Board members:

Freeholder Kowalski congratulated her running mates for securing another win as Freeholder Board members. She congratulated Chairman Mirabella and Vice Chairman Estrada. She also thanked County Manager Edward T. Oatman, Deputy County Manager Amy C. Wagner as well as the Directors and staff throughout the county for all their hard work.

Vice Chairman Estrada cited his personal position on vaccines and the proposed mandates mentioned by Ms. Echeverria, noting that the issue has been met by strong support and opposition from all sides. He noted that although this is a personal choice, there is the matter of public health to be considered.

Chairman Mirabella mentioned his proposed initiatives, noting that he looked forward to working with his fellow Board members, while also lamenting the fact that this would be Vice Chairman Estrada's last year as Freeholder. He noted that Vice Chairman Estrada had always been a prominent and instrumental member of the Board and would be missed dearly upon his departure.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:12pm. On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative:

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

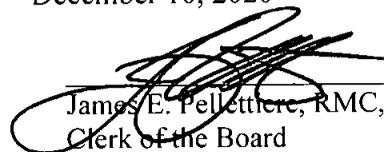
Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 6:30 PM in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified. In the event an Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting are held on the same night, the Agenda Setting Session will commence at 6:30 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 6, 2020
February 20, 2020	February 20, 2020
March 5, 2020	March 5, 2020
March 26, 2020	March 26, 2020
April 2, 2020	April 2, 2020
April 23, 2020	April 23, 2020
May 14, 2020	May 14, 2020
May 21, 2020	May 21, 2020
June 4, 2020	June 4, 2020
June 18, 2020	June 18, 2020
July 23, 2020	July 23, 2020
August 13, 2020	August 13, 2020
September 3, 2020	September 3, 2020
September 10, 2020	September 10, 2020
October 1, 2020	October 1, 2020
October 15, 2020	October 15, 2020
November 5, 2020	November 5, 2020
November 12, 2020	November 12, 2020
December 3, 2020	December 3, 2020
December 10, 2020	December 10, 2020


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