



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATIONS BY THE BOARD

A Resolution Presentation was made by Chair Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Kowalski and Freeholder Andrea Staten to Gwendolyn Ryan, Superintendent of Schools and various students of the Union County Vocational-Technical School, as the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders designates the month of February as "National Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month" in Union County.

Freeholder Hudak arrived at the meeting.

Chairman Mirabella recognized the various school principals and administrators in the audience. He noted the tremendous performance by the various students from UCTVS, expressing his pride and the Board's pride at being able to recognize the students for their efforts in achieving and surpassing academic expectations.

Superintendent Gwendolyn Ryan presented all the students in attendance and spoke relative to each of their respective academic achievements and prospective goals.

A Resolution Presentation was made by Chair Alexander Mirabella, and Freeholder Christopher Hudak and Freeholder Andrea Staten to Gwendolyn Ryan, Superintendent of Schools and Bonnie Baldasare, FFA Advisory as the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders designates

the week of February 22, 2020 through February 29, 2020 as the "National FFA Organization Week" throughout the County of Union.

Chairman Mirabella raved about FFA and his son's prior involvement in the initiative and expressed his excitement and honor at being able to make this resolution presentation to the students in attendance.

Superintendent spoke relative to the students present from FFA and spoke relative to their accomplishments and prospective goals.

FFA Advisor Bonnie Baldasare made comments relative to Freeholder Kowalski's recently being honored with a State Honorary FFA Degree from the State FFA Association for her support and hard work relative to the initiative.

A resolution presentation was made by the Board to Sally Straus, affectionately referred to as "Miss Union" throughout the Township, congratulating her for her dedication to the Union Township community.

Chairman Mirabella spoke relative to Sally Straus and her achievements and continued service and contributions to the community. He noted her direct involvement in various initiatives aimed to improve the lives of the youth and senior citizens as well as an array of committees. He called up Senator Joseph P. Cryan and Former Senator Anthony Russo to participate in the presentation.

Senator Cryan thanked the Board and wished Freeholder Hudak a Happy Birthday. He spoke relative to Ms. Straus and her many accomplishments and congratulated her on being recognized by the Board. He spoke relative to Anthony Russo and his distinguished career, having served as the Mayor of Union Township and the County Adjuster.

Ms. Straus thanked the Board for the honor and recognition as well as her guests for attending the resolution presentation. She closed by encouraging those present to engage and contribute in their community in the spirit of bringing forth change and improvement.

A resolution presentation was made by the Board to Dan Sullivan congratulating him on his 50 years of service with the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad.

Chairman Mirabella, joined by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, spoke relative to Dan Sullivan and his many achievements during his 50 years of service to the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad. He commended Mr. Sullivan for his dedication, noting the invaluable resource he has proven to be over the years.

Dan Sullivan thanked his family for their support continued sacrifice over the years. He also thanked his Squad family and Township Administrator/Freeholder Mirabella for his contributions to Scotch Plains.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

A presentation was made by Janus Solutions to the Board relative to the Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment for Union County, New Jersey: Looking into the Future Together.

Janus Solutions, represented by President and Founder Tom Blatner and Senior Vice President Gena Haranis, presented the findings of their Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment of Union County to the Board. They discussed their methods of assessments, the myriad of factors being assessed, and the ultimate findings of their study. They noted certain factors of concern including poverty and language barriers, among others. He also cited Elizabeth and Plainfield as areas needing improvement relative to quantified factors. To close, President and Founder Mr. Blatner offered his recommendations on how to address the problems identified by the assessment.

Chairman Mirabella thanked Janus Solutions for the presentation, noting that he looked forward to addressing the noted areas of concern to improve the overall quality of life for the residents of Union County. He also expressed his desire for continued reporting methods to determine whether or not findings have changed over the course of time.

Mr. Blatner advised that once measures were in place to address certain issues, community involvement and reporting would be needed to determine whether improvement has occurred.

Freeholder Kowalski thanked Janus Solutions for the informative presentation and expressed her desire to tackle these issues for the sake of the residents. She also thanked the Human Services staff for their efforts and hard work.

Freeholder Williams inquired about the upcoming forum and whether or not the various municipalities throughout the county would be participating.

Mr. Blatner advised that the municipalities had been notified about the forum, noting that several State Officials had expressed interest in participating.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Chairman Mirabella advised that the Communications would be approved later during the Regular Meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amy Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

Director Scutari represented the Department.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to extend the contract with All Covered, a division of Konica Minolta Business Solutions, USA, Cherry Hill, NJ (RCCP#2013-2) for an additional two (2) month period beginning March 1, 2020 through April 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$46,930.00, for a new total amount not to exceed \$93,860.
(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)

Freeholder Granados asked Director Scutari to elaborate on the services.

Director Scutari noted that this contract had been in place since 2013 and that the vendor would provide security services/24-hour monitoring services for county servers as well as technical and infrastructure support, among other services.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Joseph Graziano, Director

1. Amending Resolution Number 2017-673, (BA# 33-2017), 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 CMS Contracting of Plainfield, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for Watchung Reservation – Tracy Loop Sewer Connection, Borough of Mountainside, New Jersey. This change order will decrease the original contract amount by (\$20,000.00) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$323,025.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2014-033) **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to McMahon Associates, Inc. of Yardville, New Jersey to evaluate, design, and provide construction administration and inspection services for the replacement of approximately 9.26 miles of Union County Guide Rail in an amount not to exceed \$240,698.12. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2019-022) **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Vice Chairman Estrada asked for additional information relative to the Guide Rails. He also asked approximately how much the actual replacement project would cost.

Director Graziano advised that the Guide Rail could be found throughout Watchung Reservation and the surrounding roads. He added that the rails were no longer up to code in terms of height. He advised that this item only related to the preliminary design work, but he expected the Guide Rails to run approximately \$100,000 a mile, roughly \$1 million for the 9.26 that need to be replaced.

Vice Chairman Estrada advised that any scrap metal being removed should be recycled and or disposed of properly.

3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement between the County of Union and the City of Summit to permit installation of a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) on County Road, Union Place and Summit Avenue (657), in the City of Summit. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract extension originally obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Work & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management, Magic Touch Construction Company Inc., Keyport, NJ, for the purpose of providing Plumbing Services, BA#8-2019, twenty-four (24) consecutive months from March 23, 2020 through March 22, 2022, in an amount not exceed \$130,963.00. **(Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with R. J. Sherman & Associates DBA Vermeer North Atlantic Sales & Services, Lumberton, NJ, for the purchasing and repairs of various Parts for the Vermeer Compost Turner in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00. **(Freeholder Andrea Staten)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a professional services contract with Appraisal Associates, Inc., 524 South Avenue East, Cranford, NJ 07016 for the purpose of providing appraisal services in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for the period of February 20, 2020 through December 31, 2020. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Bibi Taylor, Director

There were no questions or comments from the Board.

1. Updating Petty Cash Custodians for the Division of Social Services. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
2. Updating Petty Cash Custodians for the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County within the Department of Human Services. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
3. Amending resolution 2020-12, a resolution designating depositories, to reflect the designation of additional depositories. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into lease agreement with 28 Prince Street Holdings LLC, Newark, New Jersey, for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for the rental of 26 parking spaces located at 28 Prince Street, Elizabeth, for use by the Division of Social Services' employees in the amount of \$65.00 per space per month for a total not to exceed \$1,690.00 per month. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a quarterly maintenance agreement as needed with Visual Computer Solutions, Inc., Freehold, New Jersey, to provide maintenance for the Division of Social Services employees' time management system/time clock in the total amount not to exceed \$8,767.50 for the 2nd quarter period of March 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 2019-1041, entering into a professional services agreement with Dr. Meenu Goglia Bhalla, MD, Bridgewater, NJ, to provide medical services to the patients at Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital as a part-time Medical Director, to extend the contract by a one month for a new contract period of March 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020, and to reflect additional contract dollars in an additional amount not to exceed \$8,800.00, for a new contract total not to exceed \$26,133.33. **(Freeholder Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJCA) in the approximate amount of \$13,401.00

for the County Welfare Administration (CWA) Administration of the 2019 Universal Service Fund for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**

5. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCOA) in the approximate amount of \$20,102.00 for the purpose of LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) CWA Administration for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Human Services, Paratransit System: Rohrer Enterprises, Inc., Trenton, New Jersey, (BA #04-2020) for the purpose of providing one (1) twenty passenger van with two (2) wheelchair positions, in the amount of not to exceed \$67,435.00. **(Vice Chairman Angel G. Estrada)**
7. Amending Resolution Number 2019-1057, awarding a contract to Prevention Links of Roselle for professional services in the form of licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselors (LCADC) to provide clinical assessment, referral and program compliance for the Intoxicated Driver Resource Center (IDRC), to extend the contract by two (2) months for a new contract period of January 1, 2020 through April 30, 2020, and to reflect additional contract dollars in the amount of \$15,000.00 for a new contract total not to exceed \$31,000.00. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Estrada asked Director Anderson to confirm that Prevention Links would be facilitating these services for the IDRC.

Director Anderson that as a result of a vacancy and the rigorous requirements needed to become a LCADC, Prevention Links was the most viable and reasonable alternative to provide the cited services for the IDRC.

8. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with CareerEDGE, LLC, North Haven, CT, for the period of March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$17,500, to provide online access through the CareerEDGE online learning center for interactive employment and training toolkits for youth enrolled in the Youth Forward Program. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Plamieri-Mouded asked Director Anderson to elaborate on this item.

Director Anderson advised that this related to an online workforce development activity as a means to improve interview skills.

9. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a professional services contract with Live Life Virtually (LLV), LLC, Linden, New Jersey for the period of March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$26,905, to provide online access to curriculum, training materials, data collection, and the full customization of a version of LLV "Your Practice Life" program. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Plamieri-Mouded asked Director Anderson to elaborate on this item.

Director Anderson advised that this was a virtual reality resource for the youth to explore alternative career and or education paths as well as learn essential life like budgeting.

10. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with The Mount Olive Baptist Church, Plainfield, New Jersey, for the period of January 15, 2020 through March 31, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000, to provide warming center services for homeless individuals and families on Union County designated Code Blue Nights. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Ron Zuber, Director

There were no questions or comments from the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into agreement with Landscape Solutions, of Union, New Jersey for landscaping services and lawn maintenance of small county areas throughout Union County properties, for a period of 9 months commencing on April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, in the amount not to exceed \$40,000.00. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2018-769, a contract with CivicPlus, Inc. of Manhattan, KS for a Cloud Based Recreation Management Software System, to increase the contract in an amount not to exceed \$3,026.09 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$20,026.09, and a total contract amount not to exceed \$96,526.09. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Robert Barry, County Counsel

There were no questions or comments from the Board.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2020-39 adopted January 5, 2020 approving a list of Qualified Litigation Defense Counsel for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2020-100 dated January 23, 2020 to increase the appropriation to Rainone, Coughlin Minchello, LLC, of Iselin, NJ in the matter entitled Reginald Curry v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$35,000.00 **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 2018-125 dated January 25, 2018 to increase the appropriation to LaCorte, Bundy, Varady, Kinsella of Union, NJ in the matter entitled Reginald Curry v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$25,000.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
4. Amending Resolution Number 2020-101 dated January 23, 2020, 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 \$15,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$35,000.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

5. Amending Resolution Number 2019-1009 dated December 5, 2019 to increase the appropriation to DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, of Paramus, NJ in the matter entitled H.C. Equities v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$140,000.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
6. Amending Resolution Number 2020-99 dated January 23, 2020, 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 \$1,072.00 for a total sum not to exceed \$109,105.67. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGEREdward Oatman, County Manager

There were no questions or comments from the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to adjust and/or change the Internal Position Control Schedules. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution sponsoring the Borough of Roselle Park's Annual Independence Day celebration, to be held on July 2, 2020, in the amount of \$3,500. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados & The Entire Board)**
2. Resolution sponsoring the Friends of New Jersey Legacy Foundation Inc.'s 2020 Juneteenth celebration, to be held on June 21, 2020, in the amount of \$2,000. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados & The Entire Board)**
3. Resolution sponsoring the Elizabeth Portugal Day Committee in the amount of \$4,000 for the following events: Children's Fishing Derby to be held on May 30, 2020 and the Portugal Day Parade to be held on June 7, 2020. **(Freeholders Sergio Granados & The Entire Board)**
4. Resolution sponsoring the City of Rahway in the total amount of \$10,000 for the following City events: Live Well Expo 2020 to be held on April 26, 2020; Ready Set Glow 5K to be held on May 21, 2020; Baile! Rahway's Free Dance Party to be held on June 4, 2020, June 11, 2020, June 18, 2020, June 25, 2020; Independence Day Celebration to held on July 3, 2020; Movies on the City Hall Plaza to be held on July 9, 2020, July 16, 2020, July 23, 2020, July 30, 2020; 25th Anniversary Party to be held on September 21, 2020; Monster Mash Halloween Spooktacular to be held on October 31, 2020; and Winter Wonderland to be held on November 27, 2020. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados & The Entire Board)**
5. Resolution appointing Tisheka L. Allen (Domestic Violence) to the Human Service Advisory Council (HSAC) for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2022. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
6. Appointing the following Commissioners to the Voter Accessibility Advisory Board for a one-year term commencing on January 1, 2020 and expiring on December 31, 2020:

- Robert Polidore (Public Member); Richard Barry (Public Member); John Waters (Disability); Helen Alvarado (Trained in Provisions ADA); Nicole DiRado (County Manager Representative); Mary Ellen Harris (Commissioner); John DiSimone (Commissioner); Marie Oakie (Commissioner); Clara Harelik (Commissioner); Manuel Ramirez (Public Member); and Sergio Granados (Governing Body Representative). **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**
7. Proclaiming the month of February 2020 as National Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Andrea Staten & The Entire Board)**
 8. Proclaiming the week of February 22, 2020 - February 29, 2020 as "National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Week" throughout the County of Union. **(Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Andrea Staten & The Entire Board)**
 9. Resolution appointing Robert Ehrenbeck, of Cranford, as an At-Large Member to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2020. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
 10. Resolution appointing Maura Blau, of Springfield, a member to the Union County Shade Tree Advisory Board for a three-year term ending December 31, 2022. **(Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski)**
 11. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Laura Taylor, mother of Veronica Taylor, Recreation Director of Plainfield during their time of sorrow. **(Freeholder Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded asked to be added to this Resolution.

12. Resolution congratulating St. Genevieve's Church in Elizabeth upon their 100th Anniversary celebration on Sunday, February 9, 2020. **(Vice Chairman Angel G. Estrada)**

Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded asked to be added to this Resolution.

13. Resolution re-appointing Toby Marx, Phyllis Monguso and Dana Farrell-Famiglietti to the Union County Advisory Council on Aging for a three-year term ending December 31, 2022. **(Vice Chairman Angel G. Estrada)**
14. Resolution appointing the following individuals to the Union County Construction Board of Appeals: David Mass, of Springfield (Fire Official/Fire Subcode Official) to a three year term ending December 31, 2022; Richard Watkins, of Westfield (Building Inspector/Architect) to a three year term ending December 31, 2022; Matthew Sontz, of Westfield (Contractor) to a three year term ending December 31, 2022. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
15. Resolution rescinding resolution number 2011-42 and 2012-272; officially sunseting the Youth Violence/Gang Activity - Christopher's Program Advisory Board. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

16. Resolution rescinding resolution number 2002-744; officially sunsetting the Public Health/Weapons of Mass Destruction Advisory Board. (**Chairman Alexander Mirabella**)

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 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, 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

AGENDA SETTING SESSION

REGULAR MEETINGS

January 23, 2020

January 23, 2020

February 6, 2020
 February 20, 2020

February 6, 2020
 February 20, 2020

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 March 26, 2020

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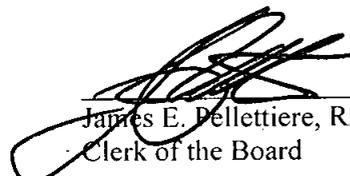
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 James E. Pellettiere, RMC, QPA
 Clerk of the Board