



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:48P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present were County Manager Edward T. Oatman, County Counsel Robert E. Barry, Esq., and Clerk of the Board James E. Pellettieri.

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

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 Pellettieri.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

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

EXECUTIVE BUDGET STATEMENT

County Manager Edward T. Oatman delivered the 2020 Executive Budget to the Board for review.

County Manager Oatman spoke relative to the 2020 Executive Budget, noting the prospective Executive Budget was below cap and maintained the highest bond rating possible, while also fully funding the County's wide array of governmental services. He added that the Executive Budget included funding to cover recreational improvements to several locations through the county, including the Watchung Stables and Cedar Brook Park. Additionally, he noted that the Budget would cover postage costs associated with returning executed Mail-In Ballots as well as expansions to the County Dispatch Center and Library, Infrastructure, and

HEART Grants among others. He added that the Executive Budget would also furnish the continuation of the municipal Infrastructure, Library, and HEART Grants as well as the UC Means Green Garden Programs. County Manager Oatman advised that the Executive Budget would assist the initiatives put forth at the beginning of the year by Chairman Mirabella as it relates to inclusion, safety, and community outreach. He thanked the Board and Director Taylor as well as the various Directors and staff throughout the County for their hard work as it relates to the Budget.

Chairman Mirabella thanked County Manager Oatman for the presentation of the 2020 Executive Budget and spoke relative to upcoming Budget Hearings.

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 and asked questions relative to several resolutions. Relative to Reso No. 2020-185, Mr. Paterson inquired about the parking spots being rented and the associated costs. Relative to Reso No. 2020-191, he noted this as a new initiative and asked for additional information relative to this item. Relative to Reso No. 2020-194, Mr. Paterson made comments relative to the commissioner appointments being made to the Voter Accessibility Advisory Board. Relative to Reso No. 2020-195, he inquired as to why the DPW could not address these small locations. Relative to Reso No. 2020-199, Mr. Paterson asked why the DPW could not address these plumbing needs. Relative to Reso No. 2020-205, he made comments relative to the cost and why the existing material could not be reutilized, rather than recycled. He also made comments relative to Reso No. 2020-209.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-185, Director Anderson advised that the Division of Social Services had 347 employees and required these additional parking spots, as parking was limited at the current Division location. She added that this was a customary expense and costs have remained consistent over the last several years. Relative to Reso No. 2020-191, Director Anderson advised this was an innovative pilot program for workforce development that the Department had deemed beneficial to the youth as a means to acquire certain life tools.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-194, County Manager Oatman advised that the commissioner appointments had been recommended by Administrator of the Board of Elections, Nicole DiRado, based on their respective qualifications and experience.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-195, Director Zuber advised this method of addressing these small areas was more reasonable, as the county resources are often occupied addressing larger areas throughout the County.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-199, Director Graziano advised this item related to outside services and this item was a means to extend the original contract. He

added that the cited NTE amount would likely not be entirely consumed. Relative to Reso No. 2020-205, Director Graziano noted the design and replacement of these Guide Rails had to meet state standards. He added that cost would be curbed as much as possible and that the department would seek any available grant funding to complete the project.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

2020-178 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Updating Petty Cash Custodians for the Division of Social Services.

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

2020-179 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Updating Petty Cash Custodians for the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County within the Department of Human Services.

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

2020-180 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending resolution 2020-12, a resolution designating depositories, to reflect the designation of additional depositories.

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

2020-181 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

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

2020-182 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

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

2020-183 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

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

2020-184 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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 be 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.

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

2020-185 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2020-186 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2020-187 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) 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.

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

2020-188 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

(NJDCA) 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.

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

2020-189 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2020-190 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2020-191 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2020-192 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2020-193 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Resolution appointing Tisheka L. Allen (Domestic Violence) to the Human Service Advisory Council (HSAC) for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2022.

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

2020-194 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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).

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

2020-195 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2020-196 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2020-197 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2020-198 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2020-199 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract extension originally obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 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.

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

2020-200 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN: 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.

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

2020-201 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

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

2020-202 VICE CHAIRMAN ANGEL G. ESTRADA: 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.

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

2020-203 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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 \$93,860.00.

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

2020-204 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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)

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

2020-205 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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)

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

2020-206 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2020-207 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a professional services contract with Appraisal Associates, Inc., Cranford, NJ, 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.

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

2020-208 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

- 2020-209 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

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

- 2020-210 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

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

- 2020-211 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

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

- 2020-212 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

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

- 2020-213 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

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

- 2020-214 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to adjust and/or change the Internal Position Control Schedules.

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

2020-215 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2020-216 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution rescinding resolution number 2011-42 and 2012-272; officially sunsetting the Youth Violence/Gang Activity - Christopher's Program Advisory Board.

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

2020-217 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution rescinding resolution number 2002-744; officially sunsetting the Public Health/Weapons of Mass Destruction Advisory Board.

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

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2020-218 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Proclaiming the month of February 2020 as National Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month.

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

2020-219 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Proclaiming the week of February 22, 2020 - February 29, 2020 as "National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Week" throughout the County of Union.

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

2020-220 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

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

2020-221 VICE CHAIRMAN ANGEL G. ESTRADA: Resolution congratulating St. Genevieve's Church in Elizabeth upon their 100th Anniversary celebration on Sunday, February 9, 2020.

On a motion made by Freeholder Williams 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 comment on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.

Charlotte Gala, of Livingston, thanked Chairman Mirabella for his interest and willingness to acknowledge and entertain different methods to address the stray cat issues throughout the county. Once again, she encouraged the Board's continued support.

Chairman Mirabella thanked Charlotte Gala for the information provided and thanked her for her continued passion and interest.

Marjorie Fox, Council President of Summit, thanked the Board for their hard work in presenting yet another Executive Budget under cap and for demonstrating fiscal prudence.

Chairman Mirabella thanked Ms. Fox for her positive comments and thanked her for Summit's continued involvement with the Board.

John Bury, of Kenilworth, spoke relative to Janus Solutions prior presentation and the upcoming open forum. He also made comments relative to the 2020 Executive Budget that was presented for review.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere advised of the Budget Hearing Schedule and advised as to when drafts of the 2020 Executive Budget would be available for public review.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments relative to the presentation by Janus Solutions and made comments relative to the availability of affordable housing throughout the County. Mr. Paterson closed by commenting on the Agenda Setting Meeting format.

Relative to affordable housing, Chairman Mirabella noted that the availability of affordable housing units included in new developments was a local matter and the respective municipalities' discretion.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Garretson spoke relative to a recent NJAC call she participated in with County Manager Oatman. She advised that NJAC had separated into regional clusters and that Union County would participate alongside Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, and Somerset County, noting two meetings scheduled for 2020, which she

looked forward to attending. She commended Deputy County Manager Wagner for her preliminary research as it relates to the 2020 Census. She closed by congratulating everyone that participated in the UC Means Business Networking Event, noting the quality of the event and the respective presenters and speakers. Chairman Mirabella echoed Freeholder Garretson's sentiments about UC Means Business Networking Event. He thanked everyone for their facilitation and participation in the event.

Freeholder Staten spoke relative to the 50th anniversary of Earth Day and several upcoming recycling events beginning in March. She advised that these events would offer secure paper shredding throughout the county, noting that the first event would be taking place at UCVTS on March 28th. She added that UCVTS would also be hosting the first Household Hazardous Waste event, schedule for April 4th. She encouraged residents to access the complete schedule on the county website and or download the free Recycle Coach app.

Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded spoke relative to her recent visit to Overlook Medical Center, joined by Vice Chairman Estrada, in honor of the facility being recognized as one of the 50 best hospitals in America, according to Healthgrades. She discussed her recent personal dealings with Overlook Medical Center and thanked the wonderful staff and physicians for the care they bestowed on her father-in-law as well as their continued care, hard work, dedication, and insistence on providing professional excellence to their patients.

Freeholder Granados wished fellow Freeholder Hudak a Happy Birthday. On another note, he spoke relative to the upcoming Lace Up Your Skates event for residents with disabilities and special needs at Warinanco Sports Center on February 29. He also spoke relative to the upcoming Budget Hearings scheduled throughout the county, noting the importance of having these meetings in various locations to encourage resident participation. He closed by congratulating Chairman Mirabella for being recognized by Ground Work Elizabeth for his continued contributions and leadership.

Freeholder Williams congratulated Dr. Herald Yu, former Director of Medicine at Muhlenberg Hospital, on his 100th birthday. She noted that he was one of Plainfield's premiere bloggers. She also spoke relative to an award she presented on behalf of the Board to Walter Young III a Junior at Plainfield High School and an Airforce ROTC Cadet. On another note, she encouraged residents to attend an upcoming presentation relative to the recent legislation introduced to streamline parental rights for same-sex couples.

Freeholder Kowalski acknowledged and congratulated the 2020 Women of Excellence Honorees, among them Clara C. Fernandez, Deputy County Clerk. She also spoke relative to the Black History Month display being featured at the Freeholder Gallery on the 6th floor. She thanked the Board and all those that for became involved and participated in the various Black History Month-related events throughout Union County. Freeholder Hudak had no comments.

Vice Chairman Estrada wished Freeholder Hudak a Happy Birthday. On another note, he congratulated Freeholder Granados for being recognized at the One Step Closer to

Financial Freedom, hosted by the National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals of Union and Essex Counties for his continued leadership and commitment to the community. Vice Chairman Estrada ended his comments and banked the remainder of his time.

Chairman Mirabella spoke relative to UC Means Green Community Garden Grant program which was now accepting applications for the 2020 growing season. He expressed the Board's pride in being able to support this community garden initiative. He added that this program provided recreation, education, therapy and community services for residents of all ages and abilities. On another note, he spoke relative to the Board's partnership with Hyacinth Foundation to address the stigma and judgment associated with HIV/AIDS. He encouraged resident to attend an upcoming two-day training session entitled "Leadership Hyacinth" on May 18th and 19th. He closed by wishing Freeholder Hudak on his upcoming personal endeavors.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 P.M.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

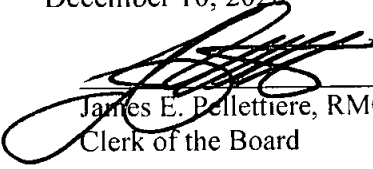
Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 6:30 PM in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified. In the event an Agenda Setting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

<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
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