

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 06, 2020
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:12 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

Note and File

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting was opened to the public for the purpose of commenting on Resolutions being offered for adoption only.

John Bury, of Kenilworth, asked for additional information relative to Reso No. 2020-136.

Director Anderson advised that Janus Solutions was contracted to conduct an internal report of the Division of Social Services to assess the effectiveness of current division operations as a means improve daily operations. She noted that the Division of Social Services provides services to approximately ¼ of the county's population and this assessment would help improve community outreach

and the accessibility to related services. She noted the vendor was an independent contractor with ample experience in social work and services and she was confident in their ability to assess the needs of the Division.

Bruce Paterson made comments and inquired about several resolutions. Relative to Reso No. 2020-129, Mr. Paterson asked why the agreement was made for 10 years. Relative to Reso Nos. 2020-137 & 2020-138, he asked why the contract was for only six months. Relative to Reso No. 2020-139, Mr. Paterson inquired about the 20% increase and how related expenses were tracked. Relative to Reso No. 2020-143, he made comments relative to the cost. Relative to Reso No. 2020-148, Mr. Paterson asked for confirmation that there would be no hidden costs associated with the item. Relative to Reso No. 2020-149, he inquired about total cost for this item. Relative to Reso No. 2020-152, Mr. Paterson asked for additional information. Mr. Paterson made comments relative to Reso Nos. 2020-164, 165, 166, and 167. Relative to Reso No. 2020-168, Mr. Paterson asked about the municipalities current Certified Public Works Manager.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-129, Director Moran expressed the department's focus on shared services, noting that the contract was established for 10 years, the maximum allowed, in order to maintain effectiveness and efficiency of services. He added that the contract had a 90 day cancellation clause for both parties.

Relative to Reso Nos. 2020-137 & 2020-138, Director Anderson advised that the contract period for these items ran from January 1st to June 30th. She added, that as a result, the Department was unable to appropriate past the six month period, at which point a new contract would be entered into for a year.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-148, Director Anderson advised that this item would ensure Paratransit vehicle and cover related repairs.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-139, Deputy County Manager Wagner that this item related to federal funding through the Department of Labor and the item was only meant to reallocate funds from one program to another based on growing need.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-149, Director Scutari advised that the county furnished the \$1.5 million and would be subsequently repaid approximately 60% through employee contributions. Relative to Reso No. 2020-152, Director Scutari advised that this was a monthly expense, noting that the Department of Administrative Services and the Division of Personnel were responsible for monitoring the vendor's activities. She added that the vendor also attended monthly Executive, Correctional, and Labor Correctional Safety Committee meetings.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

- 2020-128 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** 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 Public Safety: (Open Ended BA# 1-2020) Firefighter One LLC, Sparta, New Jersey for the purpose of purchasing Rope Rescue Equipment for the UASI Metro Strike Team, in an amount not to exceed \$148,390.54.

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

2020-129 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement to provide public health services through the Union County Office of Health Management to the Berkeley Heights Board of Health for the contract period of ten years commencing February 1, 2020 through December 31, 2029; this is a revenue generating agreement.

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

2020-130 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Firefighter One LLC, Sparta, NJ, for the purpose of purchasing (70) ROBOPAK power packs for the UASI Metro Strike Team in an amount not to exceed \$30,800.00.

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

2020-131 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON: Amending Resolution Number 2019-1050, a professional agreement with three (3) per diem pathologists to be available in the absence of the County Medical Examiner, to include two (2) additional per diem pathologists with no change in contract amount for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

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

2020-132 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON: Amending Resolution Number 2018-1024, a professional services contract with Lehrer-Gibilsco Funeral Home, Inc., for the purpose of providing Livery Services, to increase contract in an amount not to exceed \$10,520.00, for a new contract amount not to exceed \$160,520 for expenses incurred during the contract period of January 31, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

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

2020-133 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Michael Baker International, Newark, NJ, for the purpose of updating the County's Hazard Pre-Mitigation Plan, in an amount not to exceed \$126,000.00.

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

2020-134 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Sea Box Inc., 720 Union Landing Road, Cinnaminson, NJ, for the purpose of purchasing a customized steel cargo container for the UASI Metro Strike Team in an amount not to exceed \$26,974.00.

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

2020-135 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON: Appointing Jerome Feder (Delegate) and Scott Jaffee (Alternate) to the Union County Air Traffic Advisory Board for a two (2) year term ending December 31, 2021.

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

2020-136 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a consulting services contract with Janus Solutions, Ewing, NJ, for the implementation of organizational assessment and development of the Division of Social Services in the total amount not to exceed \$11,000.00 for the period of February 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020.

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

2020-137 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter in to a contract with Mutual of America, Parsippany, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$31,612.00 for the period of January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020, with potential options to extend for two (2) additional and consecutive one (1) year periods, for the implementation of an employee 401(a) benefits plan for county employees not covered under the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS).

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

2020-138 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter in to a contract with Mutual of America, Parsippany, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020, with potential options to extend for two (2) additional and consecutive one (1) year periods, for the provision of Group Life Insurance with Group Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan for employees not covered under the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS).

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

2020-139 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Resolution of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders to concur with the Resolution of the Union County Workforce Development Board to amend its agreement with Union County College by providing additional Adult for Dislocated Worker in PY18 funding in the amount of \$135,000.00 to the previous award, for a revised award not to exceed \$735,000.00.

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

2020-140 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Resolution re-appointing Raymond Szpond to serve as Commissioner to the Union County Utilities Authority to a five (5) year term ending January 31, 2025; and further appointing Ronald Scott Bey to the Union County Utilities Authority to serve as Alternate Commissioner/Member #2 for the unexpired term ending January 31, 2021; and further appointing Carlos Alma to serve as Alternate Commissioner/Member#1 with no change in term expiration of January 31, 2023 (previously Alternate Member #2).

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

2020-141 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with This Is It! Productions, of Jersey City, New Jersey, for the management and production of the 2020 Summer Arts Festival Concert Series for the County of Union for the period commencing the with contract execution through September 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$88,790.00.

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

2020-142 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Ultra Artists, of Morristown, NJ for the management and production of the 2020 Parks and Recreation Events Wild Earth Fest and UC

Pride for the County of Union for the period commencing with the contract execution through September 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$24,100.00.

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

2020-143 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with This Is It! Productions, of Jersey City, New Jersey, for the management and production of the 2020 Rhythm and Blues by the Brook Concert to be held on Saturday, May 30, 2020 at Cedar Brook Park, Plainfield, NJ, in an amount not to exceed \$144,100.00.

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

2020-144 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Resolution appoints and re-appoints the following members to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board to represent various municipalities for a one year term ending December 31, 2020: Natalie Chin (delegate) and Meera Rao (alternate) Township of Berkeley Heights; Gabriel Bailer (delegate) and Ben Cohen (alternate) Township of Cranford; Francisco Ortiz, (delegate) City of Elizabeth; Stephen Wilson, (delegate) Township of Hillside; Robert W. Messler (delegate) and Michael Disko, Jr., (alternate) Borough of Mountainside; re-appointing the following: Valerie Jackson (delegate) and William Nierstedt (alternate) City of Plainfield; Joseph Signorello, Jr., (delegate) and Daniel Petrosky (alternate) Borough of Roselle Park; John Morgan, (delegate) Township of Scotch Plains; Harris Laufer (delegate) Township of Springfield; Joseph Venezia, (delegate) and William Hoover (alternate) Township of Union; David Judd (delegate) and Marv Gersten (alternate) Town of Westfield; and Stephen Thorpe (delegate) Township of Winfield.

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

2020-145 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED: Amending Resolution Number 2019-447, approving the 2019-2020 Consolidated Action Plan, to include a contract with the City of Plainfield for the Brookside Place Drainage Improvement Project in the amount of not to exceed \$20,000.00 utilizing Community Development Block Grant contingency funds.

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

2020-146 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN: Resolution granting permission to the City of Linden to hang banners and/or street closures for the following events: to hang a banner over Wood Avenue at Curtis Street to Elizabeth Avenue from May 1, 2020

to May 15, 2020 on behalf of the Police Department promoting Police Unity Tour; to close Wood Avenue, from Elizabeth Avenue to Gibbons Street on Saturday, September 26, 2020 from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm for Linden's Cultural Committee Festival. In the event of rain, requesting to close Wood Avenue on Sunday, September 27, 2020; to hang a banner, on City of Linden poles, across North Wood Avenue, between Curtis Street and Gibbons Street from August 17, 2020 through September 30, 2020 advertising Linden's Cultural Committee Festival; to close North Wood Avenue, in front of City Hall, 301 North Wood Avenue from Elizabeth Avenue to Elm Street on December 4, 2020 from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm for Linden's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

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

2020-147 VICE CHAIRMAN ANGEL G. ESTRADA: Amending Resolution Number 2019-1036, a contract with MPC Bus Corporation, Garden City, NY for the continued provision of Paratransit Service, to reflect a change in account numbers only.

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

2020-148 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: Rannix Corp., DBA Truck Body East (BA #1-2018) for the purpose of providing collision repairs, body work and paint services for Union County Paratransit System buses and shuttle vans with costs of repair to be paid through insurance; exercising the option to extend for one (1) twenty-four (24) month consecutive period of March 5, 2020 through March 4, 2022.

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

2020-149 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to renew the County's Dental Insurance Contract with Delta Dental and Flagship Health Systems, Parsippany, New Jersey to provide Dental Coverage for the contract period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00.

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

2020-150 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing a payment to Beckerman & Company, County General Insurance Agent of Record, to obtain the Equine Mortality Policy with Great American Assurance Company, Cincinnati, OH from

February 24, 2020 through February 23, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$2,063.00.

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

2020-151 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with The Hartford Insurance Company, Dallas, TX through our broker Beckerman & Company for Volunteer Accident Insurance for the period of April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$360.00.

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

2020-152 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with T&M Associates, Middletown, NJ to provide Workplace Health and Safety Compliance and Consulting Services for the period of March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$375,000.00, with the option for an additional 24-month extension.

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

2020-153 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to renew a Public Official Bond with the Travelers Insurance Company, Morristown, NJ, through our broker Beckerman & Company for Anthony Ugoaru from March 9, 2020 through March 8, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$756.00.

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

2020-154 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to obtain a Public Official Bond with Travelers Insurance Company, Morristown, NJ for Julie Origliato, from February 10, 2020 through February 9, 2021 in the amount of \$942.00.

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

2020-155 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2020-30, authorizing a contract with Dr. Susan Furnari, Nutley, NJ for the provision of psychological evaluation services, to include the Department of Public Safety

(\$3,800) and Sheriff's Office (\$5,000) in a combined amount of \$8,800 for a new total amount not to exceed \$33,800.00.

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

2020-156 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2019-156, adopted February 2, 2019, (BA# 2-2019) 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 Colonnelli Brothers of Hackensack, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Replacement of Mountain Avenue Minor Bridge, Be26, Township of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey. This change order will increase the original contract amount by an amount not to exceed \$78,313.89 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$695,434.89. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-024)

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

2020-157 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed open ended contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Winner Ford of Cherry Hill, NJ for the purchase of two (2) 2020 F550 Ford Cab & Chassis with Dur-A-Lift 39' 2 Person Aerial Lift Service Body in an amount not to exceed \$253,394.00. (Open Ended BA# 2-2020)

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

2020-158 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to award a professional engineering service contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to M. Disko Associates of Kenilworth, New Jersey to provide On-Call Hydraulic Engineering Services commencing February 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2020-001)

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

2020-159 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2018-947, adopted November 8, 2018, (BA# 31-2018) 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 J.C. Contracting, Inc., of Rahway, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for Intersection Improvements at Jefferson Avenue and North Avenue, City of Elizabeth, New Jersey. This change

order will decrease the original contract amount by \$33,403.95 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$214,628.05. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-003)

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

2020-160 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2015-131, a professional engineering service contract with Maser Consulting PA, of Red Bank, New Jersey for the replacement of Mountain Avenue Minor Bridge, BE26, Township of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, to reflect a change in account number only. (UC Engineering Project # 2013-024)

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

2020-161 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Concurring with the Borough of New Providence Ordinance No. 2018-05 dated May 21, 2018 reducing the Speed Limit on Mountain Avenue (C.R. 622) from 40 MPH to 35 MPH from the center of Glenside Road/South Street to Division Avenue, Borough of New Providence.

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

2020-162 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement between the County of Union and City of Summit for proposed traffic signal upgrades at the Intersection of Morris Avenue, (C.R. 512) and Orchard Street, (C.R. 636) City of Summit. (No cost to the County of Union)

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

2020-163 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for the 2019 NJDEP Recycling Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$422,794.00 to execute all necessary documents and adopt the proposed spending plan for a term beginning March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021 to partially fund recycling-related positions, recycling events and programs associated advertising and educational program costs.

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

2020-164 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: A resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter agreements with 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 amount not to exceed \$101,375.00.

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

2020-165 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: A resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter agreements with Gann Law Books 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 amount not to exceed \$52,725.00.

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

2020-166 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: A resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with LexisNexis 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 amount not to exceed \$56,640.00.

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

2020-167 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: A resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter agreements with various vendors 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 amount not to exceed \$33,960.00.

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

2020-168 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to further extend the shared services agreement by and between the County of Union and the Township of Berkeley Heights for the sharing of a certified public works manager, previously extended by Resolution 2019-1142, for the additional period February 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, in accordance with the agreement's first option to extend.

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

2020-169 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution 2020-105, a resolution amending Freeholder appointments to Advisory Boards.

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

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2020-170 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN, FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution recognizing and commemorating February 9th 2020 as the Centennial Anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment and the right of women to vote in State of New Jersey; and further recognizing how this historic centennial offers an unparalleled opportunity to commemorate a milestone of democracy and to explore its relevance to the issues of equal rights today.

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

2020-171 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN, FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution acknowledging that heart disease remains the leading cause of death for women in the United States; further acknowledging the importance of making basic, preventative cardiovascular screening available for women as recommended; and further encouraging residents of Union County to participate in raising awareness of heart disease among women through the American Heart Association's "Go Red" campaign on Friday, February 7, 2020.

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

2020-172 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Resolution congratulating Sara Rivas on being named New Jersey's Champion for Microsoft Excel and selected to represent the State of New Jersey in the Microsoft Office Specialist U.S. National Championship at the Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center in Dallas, TX, June 15-17, 2020.

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

2020-173 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution proclaiming the week of February 22, 2020 through February 29, 2020 throughout the County of Union as "National FFA Week" throughout Union County.

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

2020-174 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution proclaiming the month of February, 2020 as National Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month throughout Union County and encourages all residents to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the Union County Vocational-Technical School District.

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

2020-175 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Resolution congratulating Walter W. Young III, a Plainfield High School Student Awarded Air Force Junior ROTC Flight Academy Scholarship.

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

2020-176 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Thomas Roman, father of John Francis Roman during their time of sorrow.

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

2020-177 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution honoring lifelong Kenilworth resident and WWII veteran Eugene Victor Coppola on the occasion of his 100th birthday on March 3, 2020.

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

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.

Juan Fernandez, on behalf of the Assistant Prosecutors' Association, expressed his concerns relative to prosecutors being unable to secure a contract for the last

two years, despite negotiations. He expressed his concerns relative to organizational decisions and changes as well as the allocation of available funding.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments relative to the 2020 Freeholder Meeting Schedule as well as meeting formats. He made comments relative to Eugene Victor Coppola, cited in Reso No. 2020-177, in honor of his 100th birthday. He closed by thanking the Board for the improved Elections Calendar.

County Counsel Barry advised that a public comment portion was not required during Agenda Setting Meetings, due to the nature of and the lack of action taken at Agenda Meetings.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Garretson spoke relative to her recent visit to a hospital emergency room, at which point she realized how challenging and intimidating the health system can be especially those unfamiliar with the system. She spoke relative to several events she recently attended, in particular the Black Caucus Emergency Summit in Washington, D.C. She raved about the event and its message of inclusion, diversity, and unity. Freeholder Garretson recognized the unity of the Board, noting the importance of the Board's comradery and commitment to each other.

Freeholder Staten advised that Freeholder Kowalski would be reading her comments.

Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded spoke relative to the upcoming event Enjoy Magic, a Movie and More taking place at Trailside Nature and Science Center on February 15th and 17th. She noted that activities included a winter walk and an educational session on maple syrup, among others.

Freeholder Granados had no comments.

Freeholder Williams congratulated Freeholder Staten for being honored once again by the Heard AME Church Women's Department with an Unsung Hero Award. She commended Freeholder Staten on the recognition, noting her pride at being able to attend the event in support of her colleague. She thanked the women of Heard for recognizing Freeholder Staten's many contributions. On another note, Freeholder Williams reminded residents about the upcoming performance of *Raisin: A Musical* at UCPAC. She added that her father participated in the Broadway production of *Raisin*.

On behalf of Freeholder Staten, Freeholder Kowalski reminded residents about available resources and information through ASK –Aging Services Kiosk—noting that the Kiosk would be visiting several locations throughout the county. She also advised that the Division of Social Services had expanded their hours in both Elizabeth and Plainfield, noting the changes. On another note, Freeholder Kowalski discussed certain scams circulating throughout the nation and advised residents to be weary of these nefarious activities. She also spoke relative to the mobile shredding resource available throughout the county, and the importance of proper disposal of sensitive and personal material as it relates to security. To close, Freeholder Kowalski noted her enjoyment of the various

Black History Month programs throughout the month of February, noting Union County College's recent program, among others. She thanked her colleagues for passionately participating in these events.

Freeholder Hudak had no comments.

Chairman Mirabella spoke relative to an upcoming Union County Means Business networking event on February 19th at Kean University. On another note, he mentioned the upcoming performance of *Raisin: A Musical*, noting that Councilman David Brown would be presented with the Chester Holmes Humanitarian prior to the performance for his continued efforts and dedication to his community and public service.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

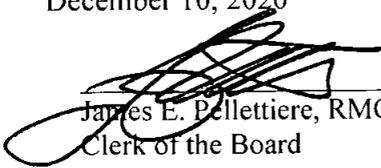
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REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020 at 12:00 pm
Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

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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