



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2020
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:09 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Vice Chairman Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Sergio Granados, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, 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. 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 the Communications. On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

Suspension of the rules allowed for the joining of both Public Comments on resolutions being offered for adoption, and Public Comments on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion for the Suspension of Rules. On a motion made by Vice Chairman Estrada and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting was opened for the purpose of entering into the record any public comment relative to resolutions being offered for adoption and/or on any

governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county which have submitted to, and received by, the Clerk of the Board via email by noon on Thursday, March 26, 2020.

Read by Clerk Pelletiere, Aissa Catherine Heath, of Elizabeth made comments and had questions relative to several resolutions. Relative to Reso No. 2020-293, Ms. Heath asked whether the public would be updated on the analysis done by the vendor and what steps were being taken to protect Personally Identifiable Information (PII). Relative to Reso No. 2020-296, Ms. Heath made comments relative to the price point of Narcan and inquired about the amount being purchased in comparison to the inmates being housed.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-293, Director Scutari advised that the County did not automatically update the public regarding this program, but an OPRA request could be submitted by any member of the public to secure additional information as dictated by law. Regarding the PII, she added that personal information was protected by HIPAA laws and guidelines.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-296, Director Charles corrected the price point cited by Ms. Heath and confirmed that 250 units were being purchased. He added that the number cited to reflect inmate total actually reflected housing capacity and not the actual number of inmates, confirming that an adequate supply of Narcan was being purchased.

Read by Clerk Pelletiere, Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, had questions and made comments to several resolutions. Relative to Reso No. 2020-299, Mr. Paterson made comments relative to UCPAC and the money they are being given. Relative to Reso No. 2020-282, Mr. Paterson expressed his approval relative to the updates and repairs of these historic properties and asked for additional informative regarding the work to be done. Relative to Reso No. 2020-286, Mr. Paterson asked what this money would be used for and if the expense was mandatory. Relative to Reso No. 2020-287, he inquired about the increase in the contract amount. Relative to Reso Nos. 2020-297 & 2020-298, Mr. Paterson asked for additional information relative to the terms of the agreement and whether or not the county anticipated any litigation on this matter moving forward. Relative to Resolution No. 2020-295, Mr. Paterson asked if this item would fund county-owned vehicles and asked for additional info relative to this resolution. Relative to Resolution No. 2020-290, Mr. Paterson made comments relative to Chairman Mirabella's affiliation with the cited vendor. To close, Bruce Paterson made comments regarding the status of the Budget Hearings in light of recent events. He also commended the Freeholders for their role in establishing the testing center at Kean University, with the safety and needs of residents at the forefront of this decision.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-299, County Manager Oatman advised that this item reflected an annual sponsorship award, noting that he was on the UCPAC Board and would oversee the spending of those funds.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-282, Director Zuber advised that the properties would be wired for heat and the various improvements would address the roof, exterior, and foundations. He noted that some of the buildings being addressed housed the Diego Rivera murals, which were also being preserved. He advised that the prospective budget for the project was \$900,000, \$450,000 of which was furnished by grant funding.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-286, Director Anderson advised that in order to secure the \$300,000 in grant funding the county was required to match that awarded amount. She added that the item would fund transportation services along Route 22.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-287, County Clerk Rajoppi advised that the County Engineer mandated lead and asbestos testing, noting that the cited vendor would subcontract a separate qualified entity to do the necessary testing for approximately \$40,000. She further advised that the remaining balance of the increase would be applied to changes in design to expand the Elections Department further than originally conceived.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-297, County Manager Oatman advised that both contracts entailed 6% raises over the next 3 years, 2% annually. He added that he did not anticipate any litigation against the County relative to this matter.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-295, Director Scutari confirmed this item would cover county-owned vehicles, trucks, buses, and equipment. She also confirmed that the requested amount would be charged against to cover accident repairs for which the county was liable, while insurance would cover collisions in which the county was not at fault. She added that the resolution would also cover normal wear and tear. She noted that the \$300,000 was for a three-year contract, noting that the last contract of similar duration totaled \$295,000 in expenses.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-290, once more, Chairman Mirabella confirmed with County Counsel Barry that there was no conflict in him voting in favor of this item.

County Counsel Barry confirmed.

Relative to the Budget Hearings, Chairman Mirabella confirmed that once normalcy was restored, a new agenda would be issued relative to the Budget Hearings to ensure public participation.

County Manager Oatman spoke relative to the testing site at Kean University, noting that it was the first county-operated testing center in the state. He added that the facility was open to all Union County residents with prescriptions for testing of COVID-19. He added that he was satisfied with the current operation of the testing site.

Chairman Mirabella added that he had been participating in the daily afternoon calls with Governor Murphy along with other County Officials and Local Elected

Officials as a means to stay informed about COVID-19. He noted that that afternoon Congressman Malinowski had also participated in the call and had inquired about the county-run testing site at Kean University, as a means to guide other local and county governments interested in opening similar centers offering similar services.

County Manager added that Congressman Payne had also been in touch and had expressed his approval of the Kean University testing center.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

2020-274 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution sponsoring the NJ Sharing Network's 5K Celebration of Life to be held June 7, 2020 in the amount of not to exceed \$3,000.

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

2020-275 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution sponsoring Melly Mell Productions Elizabeth Waterfront Latin Festival to be held on May 23, 2020 and May 24, 2020 in the amount of not to exceed \$4,000.

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

2020-276 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution Number 2019-1054, 2019 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Spending Plan, to reflect an additional grant term extension of three (3) months for a new grant period of January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 for subcontracted services with no change in funding; all other terms remain unchanged.

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

2020-277 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution Number 2019-1058, 2020 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Spending Plan, to reflect a grant term extension of nine (9) months for a new grant period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for subcontracted services with no change in funding; all other terms remain unchanged.

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

2020-278 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution Number 2019-787 to reflect a reduction of \$136,293.00 in the grant award for the FFY18 Victims of Crime Act – Victim Assistance Grant (VOCA-VAG), Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate (CSVA) Program from \$290,000.00 to \$153,707.00 with a

required County In-Kind Match of \$38,427.00 for a new program total of \$192,134.00; with no change to grant term.

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

2020-279 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution 2018-1041, awarding a professional services contract to Dr. Vipul C. Mody, a physician under the medical firm KNJ Hospitalist Group, LLC, Bridgewater, NJ, to serve as Medical Director of the Union County Pediatric Immunization Clinic located at 40 Parker Road, Elizabeth, to extend the contract for the four (4) month period of January 1, 2020 through April 30, 2020 in an additional amount of \$8,000.00.

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

2020-280 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding BA# 9-2020 in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Parks & Recreation: Space Farms Inc., Wantage, NJ, for the purpose of providing deer carcass removal and disposal, for a twenty-four (24) month period with a twenty-four (24) month extension option, in the amount not to exceed \$44,825.00.

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

2020-281 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to amend resolution numbers 2016-719, 2018-769 and 2020-196, entering into a contract with CivicPlus, Inc for the provision of recreational management software, to reflect a change in account numbers only; with all other terms remaining unchanged.

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

2020-282 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County of Union to establishing reasonable qualifications for prospective bidders by category of services for the public bid for "Improvements to Buildings #4 and #7 of the Deserted Village of Feltsville/Glenside Park, 9 Cataract Hollow Road, Berkeley Heights," in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-25.

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

2020-283 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDE: Amending Resolution 2019-1049, awarding 2020 Union County Youth Services Commission Spending Plan subcontracts, to reallocate funding as follows: reducing \$1,200.00 from UC Dept of Corrections, Juvenile Detention Bureau, Electronic Monitoring detention

alternatives and increasing \$1,200.00 to Family Counseling diversion with no change to total spending plan, all other terms remain the same, no further changes.

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

2020-284 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED: Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2020 Homeless Trust Fund (HTF) Spending Plan awarding six (6) renewal subcontracts in the total amount not to exceed \$158,811.00 for services to be provided during the period of May 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the various agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation.

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

2020-285 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Amending Resolution Number 2020-243, awarding a contract to CFG Health Systems LLC, Marlton, NJ, to change the name of the vendor to Center for Family Guidance, PC, Marlton, NJ; all other terms remain the same, no further changes.

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

2020-286 VICE CHAIRMAN ANGEL G. ESTRADA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with NJ Transit to secure grant funding in the amount of \$300,000.00 with a 100% County Match of \$300,000.00 for a total agreement in the amount not to exceed \$600,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 for inclusion in NJ Transit's Consolidated NJ Job Access and Reverse Commute (NJ-JARC 7) Grant Agreement for SFY21.

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

2020-287 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2019-490 adopted on 6/20/2019, a contract with The Musial Group, Mountainside, NJ, to provide a Selective Asbestos Identification Survey as well as a Selective Lead-Based Paint Survey, associated with the reconfiguration, shelving design, drawings and specifications for the County Clerk's Office, City of Elizabeth, County of Union, New Jersey for an additional amount of not to exceed \$67,000.00, for a new total amount of not to exceed \$340,985.00.

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

2020-288 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into an agreement with Life Technologies Corporation, Carlsbad, CA, for the purpose of providing a service

agreement on a Genetic Analyzer used for DNA testing for the period of January 12, 2020 through January 11, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$23,079.96.

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

2020-289 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a professional services contract with Elite Transcripts Inc., Butler, New Jersey, to provide professional transcript service for the contract period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00

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

2020-290 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the Chubb Group of Insurance Companies, Warren, NJ, to provide Travel Accident Insurance for Public Officials for a 36-month period from April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2023 in the amount of \$4,275.00.

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

2020-291 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, Hartford, CT for a Public Official Bond for Director of Finance, Bibi Taylor for the period of April 15, 2020 through April 14, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$779.00.

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

2020-292 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement to provide liability coverage for ambulances owned and operated by the Union County Emergency Services in an amount not to exceed \$25,926.00 with General Star Management Company, Stamford, CT for the period of April 26, 2020 to April 25, 2021.

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

2020-293 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Remedy Analytics, Milwaukee, WI, to provide Prescription Monitoring Services at a contract commission of 20% of all demonstrated and attested savings that ensue over the length of the contract from April 15, 2020 to April 14, 2023.

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

2020-294 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter in to a contract with Sage Software, Inc., St. Petersburg, Florida, for software licensing renewal, software updates and enhancement services for the County of Union's Human Resource Management System for a contract period of June 2, 2020 through June 1, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$32,471.00.

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

2020-295 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed BA# 7-2020 obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Elizabeth Truck Center, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing collision repair services for trucks, buses and specialty equipment for the period of 36 consecutive months in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00, with the option to extend for an additional 24 months.

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

2020-296 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Truax Patient Services, Bemidji, Minnesota to purchase Narcan (Naloxone HCl) Nasal Spray for use throughout the Union County Jail in an amount not to exceed \$18,750.00.

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

2020-297 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Assistant Prosecutor's Association effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.

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

2020-298 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Council No. 8 effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.

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

2020-299 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the Union County Performing Arts Center, Rahway, NJ, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for the purposes of developing support for the arts in Union County and creating cultural and educational opportunities for Union County residents for the calendar year 2020.

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

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2020-300 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON & FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Mrs. Lula Green during their time of sorrow.

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

- 2020-301 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering the Board's deepest sympathies to the family of former Mayor, Freeholder and Judge, James Welsh, during their time of sorrow.

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

- 2020-302 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Proclaiming the month of April 2020 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) throughout the County of Union.

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

- 2020-303 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Proclaiming the month of April as Autism Awareness Month throughout the County of Union.

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

- 2020-304 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS, VICE CHAIRMAN ANGEL G. ESTRADA & FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Congratulating Brian Junior Esteves of Boy Scout Troop 101, Elizabeth, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

- 2020-305 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution recognizing the April, 2020 as National Poetry Month throughout Union County.

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

- 2020-306 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, VICE CHAIRMAN ANGEL G. ESTRADA & CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Amelia Andrade, during their time of sorrow.

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

2020-307 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Congratulating the following women for being chosen as the 2020 Women of Excellence: Margot Baruch (Women's Advocacy); Joyce Benz (Mental Health Advocacy); Joan Crout (Volunteerism); Dr. Marian Gleen (Environmental/Activism); Monica Goncalves (Education); Sister Percylee Hart.RSM (Lifetime Achievement); Pamela Palmieri (Healthcare); Diana Pinto-Gomez (Special Education Advocacy); Nancy Polow.PHD (Entrepreneurial/Medical); and Clara Fernandez (Government).

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

2020-308 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN, VICE CHAIRMAN ANGEL G. ESTRADA & FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Resolution recognizing April 2020 as Alcohol Awareness Month (AAM) throughout Union County as a means to increase outreach and education regarding the treatment and prevention of alcohol addiction and reduce the stigma often associated with it.

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

2020-309 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Resolution recognizing the Oratorio Singers of Westfield under the Music Director of Trent Johnson upon the 40th Anniversary of their existence at their upcoming concert on March 29, 2020.

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

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Garretson commended everyone for doing their part to combat the growing pandemic of COVID-19, noting the amazing work being done and her pride at being part of the Union County community.

Freeholder Granados spoke relative to the only county-run COVID-19 testing site at Kean University. He commended County Manager Oatman, Deputy County Manager Wagner, and Director Moran as well as the entire Union County family for addressing this issue head-on and going above and beyond to address this pandemic and provide important resources to residents.

Freeholder Hudak spoke relative to Reso No. 2020-297, commending County Manager Oatman and Acting Prosecutor Ruotolo for their leadership in coming together and resolving this issue so swiftly in a manner that benefited both parties. Given the current state of affairs, Freeholder Hudak extended his gratitude to the Union County staff, in particular County Manager Oatman and Deputy County Manager Wagner as well as Law Enforcement and those volunteering at the Kean Testing Facility for doing their part in combating this pandemic. He noted that the Kean testing site was a leader in diagnosing

and collecting data relative to COVID-19. He implored residents to adhere to social distancing guidelines, but also reminded them to take advantage of passive recreation activities with the family. He asked residents to remain vigilant and report instances of price gouging. He also reminded senior residents that the Meals on Wheels program was still available.

Freeholder Kowalski spoke relative to Reso No. 2020-282 and thanked Director Zuber for pursuing and overseeing the necessary repairs and updates to several properties at the Deserted Village. She also thanked County Manager Oatman, Deputy County Manager Wagner, and Director Moran as well as the entire County family for doing their part to combat COVID-19.

Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded thanked everyone involved in the efforts against COVID-19, noting the critical work being done. She reminded residents to remain vigilant and follow the prescribed guidelines to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. She thanked educators and parents throughout the county for their work in ensuring a seamless transition to homeschooling and reminded parents of certain in-home learning resources, including the County Falcon Cam. She closed by reminding residents to stay safe and take the necessary precautions to remain healthy.

Freeholder Staten noted that last Saturday she was able to distribute food bundles to residents in Roselle that were infinitely grateful for the donations. She encouraged residents to make donations, especially under the circumstances, to ensure that needy residents have access to food and goods. As it relates to COVID-19, Freeholder Staten thanked her Freeholder colleagues and Governor Phil Murphy for their efforts and response to the pandemic. On another note, she reminded residents to complete the 2020 Census, which could be completed by mail or online. She closed by asking residents to stay safe and keep the faith.

Freeholder Williams echoed the sentiments of her Freeholder colleagues regarding COVID-19. She recognized the efforts of federal, state, and local government agencies in prioritizing the safety of residents while also providing the necessary resources and guidelines to proactively combat the growing pandemic. She closed by commending the response and progress being made to that effect.

Vice Chairman Estrada echoed the sentiments of his colleagues, noting that community needs were at the forefront of this pandemic. He thanked the President and Congress for acting swiftly and approving the stimulus package to assist struggling Americans during these uncertain times. He noted that the financial ramifications of COVID-19 would be far-reaching and that residents would likely feel the consequences of such an unprecedented event for many years to come. He reminded residents to practice social distancing and avoid any unnecessary socializing and or travel as a means to mitigate the spread of the virus. He thanked County Manager Oatman, Deputy County Manager Wagner, and the entire Union County Family for their efforts and sent his prayers to all affected by COVID-19.

Chairman Mirabella noted how proud he was of his fellow Freeholders, County staff, and local elected officials as a whole for doing their part in combating COVID-19 and addressing the growing need of residents. He noted several emails he had received

recognizing the efforts and hard work of the County in addressing the growing pandemic. He commended County Manager Oatman, Deputy County Manager Wagner, and the various Directors for their hard work and unyielding efforts to mitigate the unprecedented crisis evoked by COVID-19. He also commented on the financial crisis that was sure to follow in the wake of the virus. Chairman Mirabella recognized his colleagues Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded for successfully transitioning to at-home learning. On another note, he extended his gratitude to those on the front lines including medical professionals, postal workers, and grocery store clerks for continuing to sacrifice their safety for the greater good. He closed by imploring residents to follow the prescribed guidelines to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 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 6, 2020
February 20, 2020	February 20, 2020
March 5, 2020	March 5, 2020
March 26, 2020	March 26, 2020
April 2, 2020	April 2, 2020
April 23, 2020	April 23, 2020
May 14, 2020	May 14, 2020
May 21, 2020	May 21, 2020
June 4, 2020	June 4, 2020
June 18, 2020	June 18, 2020
July 23, 2020	July 23, 2020
August 13, 2020	August 13, 2020
September 3, 2020	September 3, 2020
September 10, 2020	September 10, 2020
October 1, 2020	October 1, 2020
October 15, 2020	October 15, 2020
November 5, 2020	November 5, 2020
November 12, 2020	November 12, 2020
December 3, 2020	December 3, 2020
December 10, 2020	December 10, 2020


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