



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

**THURSDAY, MARCH 05, 2020
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:08 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 Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Sunday, January 5, 2020 - Reorganizational Meeting
2. Thursday, January 23, 2020 - Agenda Meeting
3. Thursday, January 23, 2020 - Regular Meeting

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to approve the Minutes. On a motion made by Freeholder Garretson and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative to approve all January minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments relative to several resolutions, including Reso Nos. 2020-254 & 2020-255.

John Bury, of Kenilworth, made comments relative to Reso Nos. 2020-254 & 2020-255.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

2020-222 VICE CHAIRMAN ANGEL G. ESTRADA: Resolution re-appointing Toby Marx, Phyllis Monguso and Dana Farrell-Famiglietti to the Union County Advisory Council on Aging for a three-year term ending December 31, 2022.

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

2020-223 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON: Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Architectural/Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process to PS&S, Warren, NJ to provide design and construction administration services for the expansion of the Union County Dispatch Center, Froehlich Bldg, Westfield, NJ in an amount not to exceed \$252,355.00. (Union County Engineering Project 2019-025)

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

2020-224 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with AristaTek, Laramie, Wyoming, for the purpose of upgrading existing software and databases in an amount not to exceed \$29,365.00 from the 2019 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant program.

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

2020-225 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Spec Rescue International, Virginia Beach, Virginia, to provide exercise support and training to members of the Metro Urban Search and Rescue (MUSAR) Task Force from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Region, through the 2018 and 2019 UASI grants, in an amount not to exceed \$219,860.00.

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

2020-226 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON: Amending Resolution Numbers 2015-602 and 2017-558, a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Roselle Park for Emergency Medical Services coverage 24 hours a day 7 days a week, extending the contract period through February 28, 2030.

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

2020-227 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 Township of Hillside Health Department for the contract period of ten years commencing March 6, 2020 through March 5, 2030. (This is a revenue generating agreement)

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

2020-228 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a 10 year Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Fanwood for EMS coverage, Monday through Friday, 6:00 am to 6:00 pm, commencing March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2030 at no cost to the Borough.

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

2020-229 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON: Resolution appointing the following members to the Union County Status of Minorities Advisory Board: Norma Marcela Nunez, of Cranford, and Darwin Roman, of Roselle Park for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2022, and Wail Rasheed, of Union, and Maria Teresa Bazan, of Clark for a two-year term ending December 31, 2021; Jackie Rhodes, of Scotch Plains and Renee Howard, of Hillside, for a one-year term ending December 31, 2020.

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

2020-230 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the County's only option to extend the contract to A&A Fitness, Inc., d/b/a The Max of Springfield, Union, New Jersey, to provide physical and nutritional administration services to the Union County Sheriff's Office and County of Union Employee Participants for a period of 18 months beginning July 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020 for a total not to exceed \$75,390.00.

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

2020-231 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending the 2020 Temporary Budget Ch. 96 P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20).

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

2020-232 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with American Cancer Society to run the "Relay for Life" event at the Rahway River Park on June 13, 2020; and to make available for this specific event for the American Cancer Society in the amount not to exceed \$750.00.

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

2020-233 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs, to award CY2020 Union County Local Art Program Grants to (33) recipients in the total amount of \$70,000.00.

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

2020-234 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of Culture and Heritage Affairs, to award CY2020 Union County History Grants to Fifteen (15) recipients in the total amount of \$28,000.00.

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

2020-235 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2020-141, to reflect an increase to the contract by an additional amount not to exceed \$8,200.00 and to reflect the appropriate operation budget account number, for the remainder of the contract terms, with This Is It! Productions, Jersey City, New Jersey, for the management and production of the 2020 Summer Arts Festival Concert Series for the County of Union from the contract execution through September 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$96,990.00.

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

2020-236 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2020-143, to reflect a change in account number 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 nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2020-237 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to award and extend the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq; Department of Parks and Recreation: Aquatic Analysts, Inc., Middleville, NJ, for the purpose of providing Lake Management Program (BA#76-2017) for an additional period of 24 months, beginning March 23, 2020 through March 22, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$193,848.00.

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

2020-238 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to extend the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq; Department of Parks and Recreation: Mr. John, of Old Bridge, NJ for the purpose of providing Portable Toilet Rental & Septic Pumping Services (BA# 7-2018), for an additional period of 24 months from commencing March 27, 2020 through March 26, 2022, in the amount of not to exceed \$83,484.00.

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

2020-239 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Resolution appointing and re-appointing the following members to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board to represent various municipalities for a one year term ending December 31, 2020: Nick Pantina (delegate) and Joe Chrobak (alternate) City of Linden; re-appointing Louis DeSocio (delegate) and Matthew Kirson (alternate) City of Summit.

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

2020-240 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN: Resolution granting permission to the Borough of Roselle Park to hang banners and/or street closures for the following events: to close Chestnut Street from Charles Street to Webster Avenue on Saturday, September 26, 2020 from 7:00 am to 9:30 pm for the 2020 Arts Festival (with a rain date of Sunday, September 27, 2020); to hang a banner advertising 2020 Arts Festival from September 8, 2020 until September 28, 2020; to close Chestnut Street from Grant Avenue to Webster Avenue on Monday, May 25, 2020 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm for the 2020 Memorial Day Parade; and to hang a banner advertising Independence Day Fireworks Display from June 15, 2020 until July 6, 2020.

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

2020-241 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN: Resolution granting permission to close Wood Avenue from Routes 1 & 9 to Gibbons Street from the hours of 12:00 noon to 7:00 pm for the City of Linden's Halloween Parade to be held on Sunday, October 25, 2020. A rain date of Sunday, November 1, 2020 has been planned with the same requests.

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

2020-242 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN: Resolution granting permission to close South Avenue from the intersections of Center Street to Maple Street to all traffic on Saturday, May 16, 2020, between 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, for the purpose of holding a Wet Down for the Garwood Fire Department 2019 Spartan Ladder Truck.

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

2020-243 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager and the Clerk of the Board to award a contract pursuant to RCCP #2-2020 and competitive contracting law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 for the initial contract year April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 to CFG Health Systems LLC, Marlton, NJ for the provision of medical and psychiatric services at Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital, with a potential option to renew the contract annually, for four one-year extensions at a cost not to exceed \$1,113,576.00 for year one.

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

2020-244 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution 2019-1046 to award professional service contracts for weekend, holiday, and emergency medical services for Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital patients for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an additional amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 with no other changes to the terms of the agreements.

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

2020-245 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with SOE Software Corporation (dba Scytl), Tampa, Florida, for the purpose of providing software licensing and maintenance for the County Clerk's Election Night Reporting Program for Primary, General, and Special elections for a contract period starting on March 31, 2020 and ending on March 31, 2023 in the amount of \$21,450.00.

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

2020-246 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq: (BA# 2020-03) to The JonesZylon Company, LLC., West Lafayette, Ohio for the purchase of heated food carts for use in the Union County Jail, in an amount not to exceed \$54,817.67.

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

2020-247 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with National Flag & Display Co., Inc., d/b/a Metro Flag Co., Wharton, NJ, for the purchase of American flags to be placed on the graves of veterans buried in Union County cemeteries during the 2020 Memorial Day holiday weekend, in an amount not to exceed \$21,934.08.

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

2020-248 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to support the Borough of Roselle Park's request for NJ Transit to install three (3) bus shelters along County Road (C.R. 627) Chestnut Street.

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

2020-249 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County of Union to fund the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition, a nonpartisan; nonprofit 501(c)3 organization with an award in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00, to advocate support for station and service improvements and regional projects for the year 2020.

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

2020-250 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2019-1101, adopted December 19, 2019 approving additional pre-qualified firms for the provision of General Engineering Services 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 nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2020-251 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2019-1100, adopted December 19, 2019 approving additional pre-qualified firms for the provision of Architectural Services 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 nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2020-252 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2019-1102, adopted December 19, 2019 approving additional pre-qualified firms for the provision of Construction Management Services 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 nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2020-253 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2020-104, an amending resolution designating official newspapers for the provision of legal notices for the County of Union, to include Vision Latina USA, LLC (formerly Vistazo).

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

2020-254 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the Union County Performing Arts Center, Rahway, NJ, for the purpose of talent acquisition, booking and day of facilitation for the Fall Concert at Oak Ridge Park, Clark, NJ for the period of date of contract award through December 31, 2020 in the amount not to exceed \$250,000.00.

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 voting no.

2020-255 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with This Is It! Productions, Jersey City, NJ, to provide professional planning, production, promotion and management services for the Fall Concert at Oak Ridge Park, Clark, NJ, for the period of date of contract award through December 31, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$171,524.00.

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 voting no.

2020-256 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to adjust and/or change the Internal Position Control Schedules.

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

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2020-257 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN, FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Proclaiming March 8, 2020 as International Women's Day and the month of March as Women's History Month throughout the County of Union.

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

2020-258 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Resolution congratulating the Portuguese Instructive Social Club on their 98th Anniversary Celebration.

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

2020-259 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution recognizing the YWCA for celebrating their Centennial Anniversary on March 20, 2020.

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

2020-260 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Dolores Kelly, mother of Betty Ann Kelly, during their time of sorrow.

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

2020-261 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED: Resolution honoring the work of the NJ/Metro Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society; and further recognizing the week of March 8, 2020 through March 14, 2020 as National Multiple Sclerosis week throughout Union County.

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

2020-262 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN, FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & VICE CHAIRMAN ANGEL G. ESTRADA: Resolution congratulating A Sharp Barbershop on their grand opening on Saturday, February 29, 2020.

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

2020-263 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Congratulating Masjidullah as they celebrate 50 years of service to the Plainfield community.

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

2020-264 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON & FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN: Resolution congratulating Mildred English, Hattie B. Solomon, and Gwendolyn LaVon Bratton Watts on being honored as Hillside Community Servants at their Black History Month Celebration.

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

- 2020-265 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Resolution congratulating Sergeant De Lacy Davis, a 20-year veteran officer who retired from service in East Orange, New Jersey, who served as the guest speaker at a Black History Month Program hosted by the Housing Authority of Plainfield.

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

- 2020-266 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Congratulating and commending the Youth Felicitaes on their first scholarship brunch.

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

- 2020-267 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Peggy Azydzik, Office of the County Clerk upon her well-deserved retirement after 30 years of dedicated service to the County of Union.

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

- 2020-268 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution honoring Rosalie Berger on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

- 2020-269 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution thanking Darlene Balboa on her many years of service to the County of Union; and wishing her well in her retirement.

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

- 2020-270 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating the Union County St. Patrick's Day Committee upon its 24th Annual Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade to take place on March 14, 2020; and further congratulating Michael O. McNany (Grand Marshal); Kathleen Holmes (Adjutant) and Jessica Cunningham (General Chairwoman).

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

- 2020-271 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution commending the Junior League of Summit for their 90th Year of Service and the 100 year anniversary of women's suffrage in America.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados 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.

Tom Strough, of Roselle Park, made comments relative to the 2020 Census and thanked the Freeholder Board for their efforts in maximizing participation.

Greg Kasko, of Westfield, made comments relative to several internal concerns related to the Westfield Police Department.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments relative to Reso Nos. 2020-254 & 2020-255. He also made comments relative to the upcoming public Budget Hearings and the dispatch services cited in Reso No. 2020-223.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Granados had no comments.

Freeholder Kowalski spoke relative to the upcoming Union County Arbor Day Poetry Contest, sponsored in part by the Shade Tree Advisory Board. She reminded students that the contest was open to all County students enrolled in grades 4 – 8, and that entry forms and poems were due by April 3rd. She noted and admired the inspiring creativity of County students.

Freeholder Garretson spoke relative to a series of upcoming public outreach sessions in March, April, and May hosted by the Union County Board of Elections in preparation for the June 2nd Primary Election. She advised that BOE staff would be available at each session to answer questions and demonstrate the new voting machines, which were initially introduced in 2019. She also advised that residents could register to vote and obtain information about becoming a poll worker during the public outreach sessions. She noted the importance of voting and thanked the BOE for providing essential resources to ensure that every eligible resident is extended the opportunity to vote.

Freeholder Palmieri-Moued reminded parents that the Garwood Rescue Squad would be providing free child safety seat inspections every Wednesday and Thursday morning from 7:30 – 11:00. She stressed the importance of safely installing child seats and recommended residents take advantage of the important resource. She spoke about her own personal visit, noting the professionalism and efficiency of the staff. On another note, she spoke relative to the ASK kiosk which provides essential information about available senior services throughout the county.

Freeholder Staten spoke relative to two free upcoming events relative to Women's History Month which would include a screening of the documentary *a Girl Connected*. She advised interested residents to contact Nathalie Hernandez at the Office of Community Engagement and Diversity or the Office on Women for

additional information. She also spoke relative to a special presentation of *Shout* at the Trailside and Nature and Science Center. She closed by wishing everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Freeholder Hudak spoke relative to COVID-19 and the Freeholder's efforts to keep residents accurately informed about the evolving threat. He advised that the County's Office of Public Health was coordinating closely with local, state, and federal agencies to ensure that Union County was informed and prepared to address the threat. He reminded residents to observe the prescribed guidelines to mitigate the spread of the virus. He also reminded residents about the NJ Department of Health Novel Coronavirus Call Center which was open 24/7 and could provide guidance and information related to COVID-19 for the general public.

Freeholder Williams spoke relative to the County's 4th annual Pride in the Park event at Rahway River Park on Saturday, June 20th. She noted that the event would include a Pride Marketplace and a family-friendly movie at dusk. She noted the celebration of equality, diversity, and acceptance as well as the Board's commitment to the equal treatment and inclusion of all county residents.

Chairman Mirabella reminded residents that applications were still open for the County's UC Means Green Community garden grant program. He encouraged non-profit organizations and municipal entities to apply for the grant. He noted that this was the fifth year of the program which had successfully transformed empty lots and fields across the County into centers for community nutrition, recreation, and civic service. On another note, he recognized fellow Scotch Plains resident Sue Roman for her recent donation of a training "bite suit" to the Sheriff's K-9 Search and Rescue Unit. He thanked Sue for her generosity, noting her as a true inspiration to everyone seeking to lend a helping hand wherever one is needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To the extent known, the following item will be discussed in Executive Session:

- 1) Attorney-Client privileged communications and discussions relative to potential Redevelopment Projects and potential contracts related to same; and
- 2) Attorney-Client privileged communication relative to the matter Graham vs Union County, et als.

County Counsel Barry stated that pursuant to provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, a public body may enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing certain enumerated subjects.

He stated that the Board wished to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Attorney-Client Privileged Communications and discussions relative to

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He stated that the minutes of the Executive Session shall be separated from the minutes of the Open Public Session and that the minutes of the Executive Session, redacted as appropriate and necessary, shall be available in approximately 30 days. He stated that the Clerk of the Board shall retain the original minutes until such time as the confidential limitations have been removed, at which time they shall be made available.

He stated that upon affirmative vote of the majority of the members present, the Board may enter Executive Session and upon the Board's return would not take formal action on the matter discussed.

Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session. On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, voice vote showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative to Enter Executive Session.

Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to return from Executive Session. On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, voice vote showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative to Return from Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm

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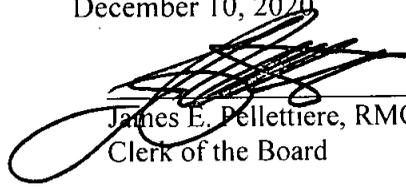
Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 6:30 PM in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified. In the event an Agenda Setting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