



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, APRIL 02, 2020
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:19 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 Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. February 6, 2020 – Agenda Setting Session
2. February 6, 2020 – Regular Meeting
3. February 20, 2020 – Agenda Setting Session
4. February 20, 2020 – Regular Meeting

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to approve the February Minutes. On a motion made by Freeholder Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative to approve the February 6th Agenda and Regular Meeting Minutes; with Vice Chairman Estrada abstaining; and nine voted in the affirmative for the February 20th Agenda and Regular Meeting Minutes.

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 Freeholder Granados and seconded by Vice Chairman Estrada roll called showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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, asked questions and made comments relative to several resolutions. Relative to Reso No. 2020-311, he noted the substantial increase and asked why the 18 cited properties were not accounted for in the original assessment. He also asked for a total of the respective properties as well as when the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan would be made available to the public.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-311, Director Anderson advised that the 18 properties had been initially missed due to a lack of information provided. She advised that there were 187 total properties being reviewed as the county was required by the ADA to complete a self-evaluation and transition plan to make necessary adjustments to increase property access for people with disabilities and special needs. She further advised that a report with the cited revisions would be made available at the end of the year. She noted that due to COVID-19, many of the related activities had been suspended due to social distancing guidelines.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-312, Mr. Paterson asked why this task could not be done in-house.

As previously noted, Director Graziano noted that it was not feasible for the County to complete the work due to a lack of specialized equipment and purchasing that equipment would be incredibly costly and not worth the investment. Again, he advised that the County had never done such work and that current staff would not have time to dedicate to this additional workload given their laborious schedules.

Relative to Reso 2020-319, Mr. Paterson cited an alleged 50% increase and asked for additional information relative to the original contract.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that the contract amount was \$23,465 monthly. She noted that the total referenced by Mr. Paterson was reflected the total for four months, including a two month extension.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-321, Mr. Paterson inquired as to why this work had to be subcontracted and could not be assigned to staff within the Finance department.

County Manager Oatman advised that this item did not involve a third-party vendor, but rather was only an extension of an ongoing service agreement with the UCIA. He added that the UCIA did not subcontract the work and indeed utilized resources within the County's Finance Department.

As a general comment, Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, spoke relative to his recent visit to the UC COVID-19 Test Center at Kean University, noting that he was incredibly impressed with the layout and onsite instruction and guidance. He noted that Union County was one of the higher impacted counties and wished all residents good health and expressed a desire for a swift and responsibly response to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic. He made general comments relative to prisoners being released due to COVID-19 concerns as well as potential looming consequences for residents that fail to pay alimony and child support due to loss of employment related to COVID-19. He closed by mentioning the 2020 Budget and inquired what progress had been made to that end and when the public would be allowed access and participation in the related discussion.

County Manager Oatman noted that he was unsure about how the 2020 Budget Hearings would proceed but he assured Mr. Paterson that the public would remain informed, would be provided with the necessary resources, and would be extended an opportunity to participate in budget-related discussions as customary.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

2020-310 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Amending Resolution Number 2018-910, adopted October 25, 2018, (BA#48-2018) 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 Maffey's Security Group, Elizabeth, NJ approving Change Order #1 to include the Department of Parks & Recreation to the service Bid Agreement. Change Order #1 will increase the original contract amount by an amount not to exceed \$42,268.08 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$529,768.08.

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

2020-311 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Amending Resolution Number 2019-1117, a contract awarded to The WT Group, Inc. Hoffman Estates, Ill. for the purpose of including an additional 18 properties to the ADA Self Evaluation and

Transition Plan, in the amount not to exceed \$34,038.94 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$162,189.94.

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

2020-312 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN: Resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Harrington Recycling Co., Inc., Chester, NJ, to provide labor and equipment for the clean-up and removal of logs, brush, wood chips and stumps at Houdaille Quarry in an amount not to exceed \$64,400.00.

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

2020-313 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN: Resolution granting permission for the Township of Berkeley Heights to hang a banner over Springfield Avenue and Plainfield Avenue from March 23, 2020 to April 20, 2020 for the Volunteer Rescue Squad Membership Drive.

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

2020-314 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN: Resolution granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights to hang a banner across Springfield Avenue and Plainfield Avenue from May 17, 2020 to June 15, 2020 for the Berkeley Heights Block Party and to hang a banner across Plainfield Avenue and Springfield Avenue from August 17, 2020 to September 21, 2020 for the BH 5K Charity Road Race.

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

2020-315 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN: Amending Resolution Number 2019-846, a contract awarded to Safeguard Document Shredding to reflect Iron Mountain, Boston, MA to assume in full, the contract for document destruction services at various administrative offices and local governments for the remainder of the contract through October 14, 2021. Vendor is responsible for providing on-site shredding services at a fee of \$9.65/tote.

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

2020-316 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN: Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution Number 2019-349, a contract awarded to Safeguard Document Shredding to reflect that Iron Mountain, Boston, MA., has assumed the

contract in full for Mobile Paper Shredding Services at various recycling events as well as authorize that the County Manager shall execute any and all documents necessary to extend the final 12-month extension option. The vendor is responsible for providing shredding services at all scheduled Union County Mobile Paper Shredding events for a fee of \$145/hr., from May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021 at an annual contract not to exceed \$26,000.00.

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

2020-317 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution 2019-1084, an award to ES&S, Omaha, Nebraska, to include the rental of voting equipment.

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

2020-318 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Essex for relocation of inmates on an as needed basis for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 at the per diem cost of not to exceed \$98.00 per inmate per day for the total amount not to exceed \$1,251,950.00 per year for the total amount not to exceed \$2,503,900.00.

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

2020-319 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to extend the contract with All Covered, a division of Konica Minolta Business Solutions, USA, Cherry Hill, NJ (RCCP#2013-2) for an additional two (2) month period beginning May 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$46,930.00, for a new total amount not to exceed \$140,790.

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

2020-320 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to ESRI Environmental Systems Research Inc., of Redlands CA for a Maintenance Agreement for the GIS Databases and technical support as needed, for an amount not to exceed \$21,000.00 for the period of March 20, 2020 through March 19, 2021 for the Division of Engineering and for the period of November 1, 2020 through October 21, 2021 for the Division of Police.

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

2020-321 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution 2017-611 dated July, 20, 2017 to increase the appropriation to Javerbaum Wurgaft Hicks Kahn Wikstrom & Sinins, P.C. in the matter entitled Reginald Curry v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a total sum not to exceed \$20,000.00 .

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

2020-322 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution Authorizing the County Manager to exercise Option 1 to extend services for an additional 6 month period between the County of Union and the Union County Improvement Authority to provide financial management services for capital projects in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

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

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2020-323 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution recognizing the month of April, 2020 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) throughout the County of Union; and further reflect this Board's commitment to the Union County Rape Crisis Center (UCRCC)'s initiative to join countless others across the country in drawing attention to the issue of sexual violence.

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

2020-324 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution recognizing the month of April, 2020 as National Autism Awareness Month throughout Union County; and further reflecting the commitment of this Board to the Union County Office for Persons with Disabilities and Special Needs.

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

2020-325 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution recognizing the month of April, 2020 as National Volunteer Month throughout Union County; and further recognizing the inspiring volunteer efforts of many individuals and organizations throughout the County of Union.

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

2020-326 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution recognizing April, 2020 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month throughout Union

County; and further recognizing the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect and promotes the social and emotional well-being of children and families.

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

2020-327 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution recognizing the month of April, 2020 as National Donate Life Month in Union County; and further encouraging Union County residents to register as organ, eye and tissue donors and to honor those that have saved lives through the gift of donation.

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

2020-328 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Martha Campo, wife of former longtime Board of Elections employee Phil Campo, during their time of sorrow.

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

2020-329 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN: Resolution offering this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Audley Wallace Bridges Sr., during their time of sorrow.

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

2020-330 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution recognizing the month of April, 2020 as Alcohol Awareness Month (AAM) throughout the County of Union; and further reflect this Board's commitment to the Union County's Alcohol and Drug Abuse initiative to join countless others across the country in drawing attention to the issue of Alcoholism.

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

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Garretson spoke relative to a Public Safety Committee meeting that had been organized prior to the opening of the Union County COVID-19 Test Center at Kean University, in which she and fellow Freeholder Palmieri-

Mouded and Vice Chairman Estrada had the opportunity to review preliminary plans for the testing site with state officials. She commended county and municipal police and health officers for working together to actively address COVID-19. In particular, she commended Director Moran and Chief Debbie among others for their rigorous efforts. On another note, she spoke relative to emergency funding available for underserved communities affected by COVID-19, provided through United Way. She also reminded residents without access to a primary physician that community health centers in Plainfield and Elizabeth were now providing medical attention relative to COVID-19. She closed by thanking her fellow Freeholders for participating in the continued efforts against the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chairman Mirabella commended the Public Safety Committee for working together and taking determined action against the COVID-19 pandemic.

Freeholder Granados spoke relative to the UC COVID-19 Test Center, noting it as one of the top testing sites in the state. He reminded residents of the importance of coming together and remaining a united front during these trying times and thanked everyone for their continued efforts. He thanked County Manager Oatman, Deputy County Manager Wagner, and Public Safety Director Moran among others for their leadership. He also thanked those on the frontlines providing necessary resources to all residents during the COVID-19 pandemic. On another note, he reminded residents visiting County parks to adhere to social distancing guidelines, as the Board had recently received various complaints of unnecessary and risky congregations in the park systems. He warned residents that Law Enforcement would be patrolling the various parks to ensure residents were adhering to social distancing. He closed by sending residents well wishes to remain safe and healthy.

Freeholder Hudak echoed Freeholder Granados remarks relative to social distancing in the various park systems throughout the county. He noted the importance of recreation opportunities during these difficult and uncertain times, but reinforced the greater importance of adhering to social distancing guidelines as a means to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. He encouraged residents to report social distancing violations. On another note, Freeholder Hudak spoke relative to his recent visit to the UC COVID-19 Test Center at Kean University. He noted that he was impressed with the overall operation of the facility, in particular the steady and efficient processing of patients as well as the strict safety measures in place to mitigate the risk of those working on the front lines. He added that several hundred tests were being conducted daily. He noted the importance of such a tremendous resource for all county residents, regardless of health insurance coverage or lack thereof. He recognized County Manager Oatman, Deputy County Manager Wagner, and Public Safety Director Moran for leading this effort. He also thanked all the

volunteers for dedicating their time to make a difference in their communities, commending everyone for a job well done.

Freeholder Kowalski reminded residents about the importance of social distancing. Relative to the earlier discussion related to the park systems, she informed residents that no permits would be issued for any organized activities in the parks during the COVID-19 pandemic. She echoed Freeholder Hudak's sentiments, and encouraged residents to report social distancing violations as a means to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. She closed by thanking everyone volunteering at the UC COVID-19 Test Center.

Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded spoke relative to the COVID-19 Test Center at Kean University, noting it as a model of efficiency. She advised that she had received several messages from various residents who were incredibly impressed with their experience at the testing center. She reminded residents of the growing need for food and supply donations, noting a recent donation to the Plainfield Salvation Army. She thanked the various organizations throughout the county for organizing and donating food and supply drives to address the growing need and demand relative to COVID-19. On another note, she thanked Kenilworth native Michael LaMonaco for using his 3-d printer to make face shields, which were subsequently donated to various hospitals in the area as well as to the Union County Police Department. She closed by encouraging residents to stay safe and take all necessary precautions to remain healthy.

Freeholder Staten reminded residents to stay home and avoid any unnecessary travel, noting the critical role played by each of us in mitigating the spread of COVID-19. She thanked everyone on the frontlines and those still working to provide necessary services including doctors and other health care professionals as well as first responders, EMTs, and delivery drivers among others. She noted great appreciation for their efforts and closed by reminding everyone to stay safe.

Freeholder Williams echoed her fellow Board members' sentiments relative to the efforts against COVID-19. She thanked the entire County staff for the tremendous job being done in providing essential services to residents during these trying times, including the development of the UC COVID-19 Test Center at Kean University. She spoke relative to her recent visit to the site, noting how impressed she was with the operation and the efficiency of the facility. She thanked everyone involved in facilitating the operations of such an invaluable resource. She also spoke relative to the generous donations recently received by the Plainfield Salvation Army, noting how grateful she was to all those that contributed, including fellow Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded for her efforts in that drive.

Vice Chairman Estrada echoed his fellow Freeholders' sentiments relative to COVID-19. He acknowledged all those lost to the COVID-19 virus, noting the Board's thoughts and prayers were with all the families affected.

Chairman Mirabella echoed the sentiments of his fellow Board members. He acknowledged County Manager Oatman and Deputy County Manager Wagner for their leadership and extraordinary efforts relative to COVID-19. He also recognized the various Directors and County staff for doing their part to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, noting his pride in the entire County Administration.. He noted his appreciation for being able to convene with the Board virtually as a means to address important business and continue providing necessary services and resources to residents. He thanked County Counsel Barry and his department for providing leadership and guidance during such difficult times and for ensuring that the County continues to operate in compliance with the law and according to state guidelines relative to COVID-19. He thanked Clerk of the Board Pellettiere and Robert Charkowski for their efforts in facilitating the virtual meetings. On another note, Chairman Mirabella spoke relative to daily briefings in which state county and local officials, including Governor Murphy and Senators Booker and Menendez, were participating to discuss the growing concerns and needs relative to COVID-19. He noted that he expected things to continue to operate in this manner for several more weeks as the apex of COVID-19 was still unknown and uncertain, noting this as the new normal under the circumstances of COVID-19.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 PM.

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.

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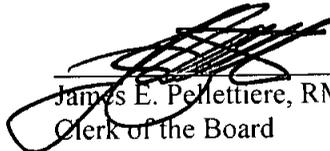
REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020 at 12:00 pm
Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

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. Pelletiere, RMC, QPA
Clerk of the Board