



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bruce Bergen presided and called the meeting to order at 7:47pm.

## ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Chairman Sergio Granados, Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Linda Carter, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, were in attendance; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

Also present were County Manager Edward Oatman, 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy County Counsel Rosalba Comas, Esq. and Clerk of the Board James Pelletiere.

## PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The Prayer and Salute to the Flag were led by the Clerk of the Board.

## STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

The statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by the Clerk of the Board.

## APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

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Note and File

Chairman Granados called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

## PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

John Burry, of Kenilworth, made comments relative to Resolution numbers 2018-422 and 2018-423. He inquired if the County was paying \$3,000 to run a golf course in Scotch Plains, and inquired what the County is getting from this contract award.

Relative to Resolution Number 2018-422 & 2018-423, Division Director Sanchez advised that the County will be paying Kemper Sports \$3,000 per month to manage the day to day operations of the golf course, noting that Scotch Plains will be reimbursing the County the \$3,000 monthly management fee, resulting in a net zero cost to the County.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments relative to a number of resolutions. Relative to Resolution Number 2018-388 through 2018-393, he inquired which line item pays for these awards. Relative to Resolution Numbers 2018-400 and 2018-401, he inquired if the 13 municipalities have laid off all of their dispatchers. He made comments relative to the cause of stated savings through this program. He asked which towns have their police dispatched through the County. Relative to Resolution Number 2018-416, he spoke to the balance of \$14 million to be used for the program, and asked where the \$14 million line item can be found in the budget. He made comments relative to the costs of selling Runnells Specialized Hospital. Relative to Resolution Number 2018-424, he asked for an overview of the position controls. Relative to Resolution Number 2018-439, he asked what the Mayor Challenge was.

Relative to Resolution Number 2018-439, Chairman Granados advised it was a challenge to have mayors raise funds for scholarships for their local students who intend to attend Union County College.

Relative to Resolution Number 2018-424, County Manager Oatman advised that there were two position controls from the Prosecutor's Office, one position control from Economic Development, and one position control from the Elections Board.

Relative to Resolution Number 2018-416, Director Taylor stated that the Runnells funds were deposited to the County in a separate reserve called "Sale of Asset" found on the County's Trial Balance, noting that it is also located on the County's annual financial statement on sheet 3. She advised that as of Year 2017, the County has a balance of \$15.4 million, noting that it is not co-mingled in the current budget.

Relative to Resolution Number 2018-388-2018-393, Director Taylor advised that such funds are located in the Operating and Expense budget.

Seeing no other speakers, Chairman Granados closed public comment, and called for a motion to adopt resolutions.

## RESOLUTIONS

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The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

**2018-383 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending previously adopted Resolution #6-2018 designating petty cash custodians.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

**2018-384 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending previously adopted Resolution 2018-8 authorizing various County Signatories.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-385 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the New Jersey Sharing Network's Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness 5K Run/Walk held on June 3, 2018 in the amount of \$3,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-386 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the City of Rahway in the amount of \$10,000 towards the following community events: 4th Annual March Madness on April 28, 2018; Annual Memorial Day Ready Set Glow 5K Race on May 24, 2018; Health & Wellness Expo on April 22, 2018; Big Thursday Nights on the Plaza held between July 5, 2018 and August 23, 2018; Independence Day Celebration on July 3, 2018; Foodstock on August 2, 2018; Halloween in Rahway on October 27, 2018; and Winter Wonderland on November 23, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-387 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Elizabeth Portugal Day Committee in the amount of \$4,000 towards their: Annual Fishing Derby on May 19, 2018 and Portugal Day Parade on June 3, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-388 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Borough of Roselle Park's Independence Day Celebration held on June 30, 2018 in the amount of \$4,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-389 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Township of Scotch Plain's Independence Day Celebration held on June 30, 2018 in the amount of \$4,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-390 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Puerto Rican Alliance of Elizabeth's Parade and Festival held on July 8, 2018 in the amount of \$1,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-391 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Peruvians for Progress' annual Peruvian Parade held on July 15, 2018 in the amount of \$3,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-392 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the New Outlook Pioneers' Music In the Park held on August 1, 2018 in the amount of \$4,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-393 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Township of Union's Great Inflatable Race held on May 12, 2018 in the amount of \$2,500.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-394 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Appointing Alexander Shipley to the Union County Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2019.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-395 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Amending Resolution Number 2017-1038, to reflect an increase in the amount of \$5,000 awarded to the list of Practitioners/Psychiatrists to provide Psychiatric services to the patients of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County during additional weekday hours and weekends/vacations/holidays/emergencies in a new total amount not to exceed \$21,000 for all Practitioners/Psychiatrists for the period of January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-396 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend \$13,500 from the NJ Department of Public Safety; Office of the Attorney General under the FFY 2017 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant (HMEP.)

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-397 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution 2017-634: Structural Collapse Operations Bridge Training for the purposes of changing the UASI Grant account to be charged.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-398 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with ProPac, Charleston, SC, for the procurement of supplies through grant funds to be utilized for public health programs, in an amount not to exceed \$11,327.33.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-399 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with, Positive Promotions Inc., Hauppauge, NY, for the procurement of supplies through grant funds to be utilized for public health programs, in an amount not to exceed \$13,260.30.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-400 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with Netta Architects, LLC., 1084 Route 22 West, Mountainside, NJ, for the purpose of architectural design and planning regarding the Union County Center Dispatch Expansion Project, in an amount not to exceed \$12,700.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-401 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a five year shared services agreement with the Township of Cranford, to designate the Union County Regional Dispatch Center as the primary answering point for 9-1-1 calls, in the amount of \$9,804.00, with an annual 2% increase beginning January 1st of each subsequent year.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-402 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** In accordance with the provisions of New Jersey Statue 39:4-8, Union County concurs with the Township of Springfield's Resolution Number 2018-102 adopted on March 27, 2018 consenting to the adjustment of traffic signal timing at the Intersection of South Springfield Avenue and Milltown Road.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-403 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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 Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, Division of Engineering: Smith-Sondy Asphalt Construction Company, for the 2018 Road Resurfacing Project, Various Municipalities, County of Union, New Jersey, for an amount not to exceed \$7,408,615.85. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-045. Partial Funding will be provided by the New Jersey Department of Transportation, County Aid 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-404 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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 Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, Division of Engineering: Manor II Electric, Inc., of Holmdel, New Jersey, for the purpose of Installing an Emergency Generator at the Department of Public Works Facility located in Scotch Plains, New Jersey, for an amount not to exceed \$192,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-028) This project is being funded by the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA-DR4086-HMGP-NJ-333-F)

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-405 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights to hang a banner across Plainfield Avenue, from May 6, 2018 to May 13, 2018 to advertise the Berkeley Heights PAL Golf Outing and to hang a banner across Springfield Avenue from May 13, 2018 through June 4, 2018 to advertise the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-406 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution concurring with the Township of Springfield granting permission to St. James the Apostle Church to close South Springfield Avenue between Mountain Avenue and Shunpike Road from May 1, 2018 – May 4, 2018 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and May 5, 2018 between the hours of 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-407 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution granting permission to the Township of Scotch Plains to close a portion of Martine Avenue between West Broad Street and Parkwood Drive for the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA 5K race to be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-408 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution concurring with the Borough of Roselle Park to close Chestnut Street, from Grant Avenue to Webster Avenue on Monday, May 28, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the Memorial Day Parade and Service; to close Chestnut Street from Grant Avenue to Clay Avenue on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., to hold the 2018 National Night Out; to close Chestnut Street from Grant Avenue to Webster Avenue on Saturday, September 15, 2018, with a rain date of Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to hold a Car Show.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-409 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution 2017-1043, approving the 2018 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Spending Plan, to reflect a grant term extension of three (3) months for subcontracted services to be provided during the new grant period of January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018 with no change in funding and all other terms remain unchanged.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed five members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Bergen abstaining, and Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-410 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew the agreement with Visual Computer Solutions, Inc., Freehold, New Jersey, to provide maintenance for the Division of Social Services' employees' Time Management System / Time Clock for the period of December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2018 in the total amount not to exceed \$35,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-411 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2017-804, to include Raquel Reyes to serve as an Independent Contractor as part of the Union County Sexual Assault Response Team for the period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-412 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution declaring various goods as surplus and no longer needed for use by the County, and further authorizing the County Manager to advertise and hold public auction for said surplus goods.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-413 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the following vehicle to be deemed as surplus and no longer needed for use by the County: (1) 2010 Chevrolet SUV, VIN# 1GNUKCE05AR223743, with an odometer reading in excess of 100,000 miles.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-414 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the following surplus-deemed vehicle for donation to the Township of Scotch Plains, NJ: One (1) 2010 Chevrolet SUV, VIN # 1GNUKCE05AR223743 with an odometer reading in excess of 100,000 miles. The Township of Scotch Plains will assume all costs incurred with transfer and title.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-415 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute an application and agreement relating to a grant from the New Jersey Historic Trust on behalf of the Union County Improvement Authority to conduct a Historic Structure Report for the Homestead Farm at Oak Ridge, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.



- 2018-416 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award funding for the 2018 Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant Program to the twenty-one (21) municipalities in the County of Union identified in the attached hereto and made a part hereof, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-417 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution Number 2018-294, adopted on March 22, 2018, to modify Budget Charge Accounts for the United Way of Greater Union County Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Out-of-School Youth Employment & Training Consortium Program. Amendment would increase Account # G-02-16-365-371-534 funds by \$23,299.57 and reduce Account # G-02-16-365-371-535 funds by \$23,299.57. Total award amount was not changed.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-418 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to amend the 2006-2007, 2014-2015 and 2016-2017 Consolidated Action Plan Home Investment Partnership Program – approved by resolution numbers 2006-556, 2015-666 and 2016-515 respectively to re-program the following funds that did not get committed/funded as per contract to fund Premier Community Development Corporation in the amount of \$239,255.71 for Acquisition and Rehabilitation and \$30,294.10 for CHDO operating expenses for a total of \$269,549.81.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-419 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Jersey Mulch Products LLC of Towaco, NJ, for the purpose of furnishing and delivering top soil and drainage stone for golf course infrastructure needed by Parks and Recreation, Division of Recreational Facilities; through Somerset County Cooperative contract #CC-0022-18 in the amount, not to exceed \$39,500.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-420 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance for the portion of connecting a network of trails and greenway to honor those lost on 9/11, and connect the three national 9/11 memorials with the township of Cranford and the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-421 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing County Manager to Execute License Agreement with DEWLAX, Inc. to hold a Girl's Lacrosse Tournament at Oak Ridge Park on May 5, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-422 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution 2014-881 for the purpose of reflecting an amendment to the Management Contract with Kemper Sports Management, Inc., for the provision of services, in accordance with said Management Contract, and assisting the County in fulfilling the terms of a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Scotch Plains for the operation, management and maintenance of the Scotch Hills Golf Course in an amount not to exceed \$3000.00 a month for a term to commence on May 1, 2018 and terminate on November 16, 2019.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-423 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County of Union to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Scotch Plains for the operation, management and maintenance of the Scotch Hills Golf Course, through the County's Management Contract with Kemper Sports Management, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$3000.00 per month, for a term commencing on May 1, 2018 and terminating on November 16, 2019

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-424 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorize the County Manager to adjust and/or change the Internal Position Control Schedules.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-425 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Appointing Diane Granada to the Advisory Board on the Disabled for a term beginning January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

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**FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

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- 2018-426 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Congratulating the 46th annual Founders' Day scholarship and award recipients.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-427 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Congratulating the honorees of the Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services at its 50th Anniversary Chairman's Dinner on May 2, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-428 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH & CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Congratulating the winners of the 2018 Arbor Day Poetry Contest.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-429 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Congratulating William R. Holzapfel, Esq. upon being the recipient of the Public Service Award by the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-430 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER, CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Recognizing Lesbian Visibility Day as April 26, 2018 throughout the County of Union; and further recognizing Plainfield Councilwoman At-Large Rebecca Williams, Kathy Lloyd of TAPinto and Tiffany Santana of Union County College Gay Straight Alliance for their contributions to the LGBTQ Community.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-431 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Proclaiming the month of May as National Community Action Month throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-432 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Congratulating Garrett Kennedy of Boy Scout Cranford Troop #80 upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-433 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Congratulating Katie McQuaid, Ciara McParland, Francesca Carlino, Sara Miller, Briana McGowen and Mary Fossaseca of the Fanwood Scotch Plains Girl Scout Community upon attaining the Girl Scout Gold Award.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-434 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Extending the Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Robert Tedeschi, father of Deputy County Clerk Nicole L. DiRado upon his sudden passing.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-435 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Theodore "Ted" Spitz, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-436 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Proclaiming May 6 through May 12, 2018 as the 49th Annual Municipal Clerks' Week throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-437 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Congratulating Dawn Marie Kosobucki upon finishing her term as the Lions District 16J District Governor as she is recognized by the Sayreville Lions Club on April 28, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-438 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating the recipients of the Union County Human Relations Commission Unity Achievement Awards.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-439 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Extending the Board's good wishes and wishing best of luck to each of the Union County Municipalities upon the 2018 Union County Freeholder's Mayors Challenge.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-440 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Proclaiming the month of May as Older Americans' Month throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-441 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Extending the Board's sincere gratitude and appreciation to David Williams of Williams Nursery, Westfield, upon generously donating vouchers for each of the sixty school garden grant recipients through the UC Kids Dig In! School Grant program.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

- 2018-442 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Congratulating Reverend Adair's 13th Year as Pastor of the 2nd Macedonia Church of Elizabeth.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

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## **PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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This meeting is open to the public comment on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments to whether a cost savings study was done relative to the cost savings of the County Dispatch Program.

Mr. Paterson made comments relative to the budget, noting a number of decreases in various revenues within the County Budget as they related to grants received. He also made comments relative to the Group Insurance, noting that the County seemed to be encumbering twice as much as last year. He made comments relative to the County's increasing running fund balance, noting that in 2015 the County's fund balance was \$31 million, 2016 fund balance was \$56 million, 2017 fund balance was \$90 million. He stated that in two years, the County has increased its "surplus" by \$56 million. He stated that the County's true surplus in 2015 was \$11 million, 2016 was \$33 million, and in 2017 it was \$67 million. He encouraged the Board to pass a zero tax increase budget.

Chairman Granados advised that the Budget Hearing is tentatively scheduled for May 17, 2018 where the Board will be answering final questions on the introduced budget.

John Bury, of Kenilworth, made comments relative to various rules and ethics of New Jersey (government and politics). He made comments relative to the political system, pay to play laws and political powerbrokers role in government.

Chairman Granados advised that all Freeholders vote according to their own mindset and beliefs in what is best for the residents in Union County.

Seeing no other speakers, Chairman Granados closed public comments.

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#### **FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

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Freeholder Hudak made comments relative to the recent reduction in state and federal funding, and the Board's decision to often ensure that vital programs are fully funded with additional County funding, noting the drastic cuts in state grant funds during the Christie administration.

Freeholder Hudak made comments relative to the County's surplus, noting that in the not-so-distant past the County's surplus was minimal and that it would be irresponsible to divest itself of the surplus for a one-time, feel-good tax break.

Freeholder Hudak made comments relative to the County's shared service dispatch program and the financial flexibility it offers municipalities. He thanked the Board for supporting the Infrastructure Grant resolution, noting that with this year's award, the County has invested \$6 million, which will be matched by the municipalities, totaling \$12 million in infrastructure projects. He noted that the State has been cutting such funding.

Freeholder Bergen made comments joined Freeholder Hudak in his comments relative to the County surplus, stating that the continued increase in surplus is a responsible practice in planning for the long-term financial stability of the County.

Freeholder Bergen made comments relative to the ethical standards of the Board, dismissing accusations made by the speaker. Freeholder Bergen made comments relative to the Union County Art Show on display in the atrium of the Liberty Hall Center, noting the exhibit is in its 17<sup>th</sup> year.

Freeholder Carter congratulated the participants of the young writers of the Arbor Day Poetry Contest for coming to the Freeholder Meeting to receive their recognition. She spoke

to the talent of the County's youth and the necessity to encourage and support the young individuals.

Freeholder Carter made comments relative to the upcoming 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Union County Women Means Business event, noting the theme is "Women's leadership" and announced First Lady Tammy Murphy as the keynote speaker.

Freeholder Estrada made comments relative to Resolution Numbers 2018-422 and 423, stating that the Scotch Hills Golf Course was the first Afro-American Golf Course in the County. He spoke the importance of educating our youth on such historical matters. He stated his opinions that the County should not be subsidizing golf, but made assurances, that after looking into the matter, he was confident that Kemper Sports will be able to manage the golf course so that it is profitable once again.

Freeholder Estrada made comments relative to the County's reserves and the County's operating capital. He spoke on previous issues receiving payments from the municipalities and how the County can utilize its reserves. He spoke to the appropriate level of reserves that are allowable by law.

Vice Chairman Kowalski thanked the young students who entered the Arbor Day Poetry Contest, and congratulated the winners. She congratulated the LGBTQ honorees (earlier presentation).

Vice Chairman Kowalski made comments relative to the upcoming Spring Garden Fair on Sunday May 20, 2018 at the Union County Demonstration Garden located near the Trailside Nature and Science Center. She stated that the County's Master Gardeners would be on hand to answer any questions one would have. She made comments relative to the County's website, including information on Recycling Events and how to report potholes.

Chairman Granados made comments relative to a UASI Bi-State Homeland Security exercise held in Linden, noting the County's Bomb Squad, County OEM, SWAT and EMS participated in the event. He stated that over the years, the County has given out \$18 million in UASI funds to various Union County agencies and municipal partners to purchase equipment and supplies to support first responders. He thanked Director Moran for his leadership within his Department.

Chairman Granados thanked "Junior Freeholder (Catherine Riley) Hudak" for her participation in the night's meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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Chairman Granados asked "Junior Freeholder (Catherine Riley) Hudak" to call for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, a voice vote showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2018 MEETING SCHEDULE

Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 7:00pm in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 7:00pm 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 7, 2018 at 12:00 pm** **Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ**

#### AGENDA SETTING SESSION

January 18, 2018

February 1, 2018

February 15, 2018

March 1, 2018\*

March 22, 2018

April 12, 2018

April 26, 2018

May 10, 2018

May 24, 2018

June 7, 2018

June 21, 2018

July 12, 2018

August 9, 2018

September 6, 2018

September 27, 2018

October 4, 2018

October 25, 2018

November 8, 2018

December 13, 2018

December 20, 2018

#### REGULAR MEETINGS

January 25, 2018

February 8, 2018

February 15, 2018

March 8, 2018

March 22, 2018

April 19, 2018

April 26, 2018

May 17, 2018

May 24, 2018

June 14, 2018

June 21, 2018

July 19, 2018

August 16, 2018

September 13, 2018

September 27, 2018

October 11, 2018

October 25, 2018

November 29, 2018

December 13, 2018

December 20, 2018

\*March 1, 2018 Agenda Setting Session was cancelled and rescheduled for March 8, 2018 at 7pm. The originally scheduled Regular Meeting for March 8, 2018 at 7:00pm was rescheduled to immediately start following the completion of the Agenda Setting Session.