



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sergio Granados presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Chairman Sergio Granados, Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Bruce Bergen, Freeholder Linda Carter, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Angela Garretson, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella were present, with Freeholder Mohammad Jalloh absent.

Also present were County Manager Amy Wagner, Deputy 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.

PRESENTATIONS BY THE BOARD

Chairman Granados advised the Board that there is going to be two presentations signaling our youths making tremendous effort in making a positive change. He thanked Sarah for doing positive things within the community, and thanked her for everything that she is doing to make sure that your voices are heard.

A resolution presentation was by made by Freeholder Linda Carter and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella congratulating the UC STEP Color Group Orange for their winning idea: "Branches Against Bullying."

Chairman Granados called upon Freeholder Carter and Freeholder Mirabella for the first presentation.

Freeholder Carter introduced a video documentary regarding raising awareness of bullying in schools.

Freeholder Carter stated that those individuals in the documentary were participants of the Union County Student Enrichment Program (UC STEP) that took place on December 17, 2017 at Kean University. She stated that there were two hundred tenth and eleven grade students who came together to participate in a one day leadership program. Freeholder Carter spoke to the genesis of the idea for an "anti-bullying campaign", stating that it was created to provide high school students the opportunity to develop a countywide community

service project on the topic of anti-bullying. She advised that after two weeks of online voting, this year's UC STEP Community Service project concept winner was the Orange Group's "Lets Grow Together, Branches Against Bullying."

Freeholder Estrada momentarily left the meeting and returned shortly thereafter.

Freeholder Carter thanked Deputy County Manager Wagner for her vision, and Deana Mesaros for her dedicated work in ensuring a successful UC STEP program. Freeholder Carter advised that all schools will now compete in the Orange Group's winning concept "Lets Grow Together: Branches Against Bullying" campaign.

Freeholder Mirabella stated that he was very proud of the UC STEP and of its success over the five years of its inception. He thanked Freeholder Carter for her vision in creating the UC STEP program to pull the brightest students from around Union County to have them learn leadership skills, community outreach, and awareness. He commented on the topic of 'bullying', and commended the Orange Group on winning the Community Service Project concept.

Freeholder Carter introduced the Orange Group participants in the audience to receive their proclamations. Pictures were taken as a group..

A resolution presentation was made by Freeholder Angela R. Garretson and Freeholder Angel G. Estrada congratulating Sara Mora of Hillside, a DREAMer, upon leading the Pledge of Allegiance at Governor Phil Murphy's Swearing-In Ceremony; and further congratulating her upon her achievements.

County Manager Faella joined the meeting.

Chairman Granados called upon Freeholder Estrada and Freeholder Garretson for the second presentation.

Freeholder Garretson stated that she was joined by Freeholders Estrada and Freeholder Bergen in attending the swearing-in ceremony of Governor Phil Murphy. She added that she was very pleased to acknowledge that Sara Mora was on the stage during the swearing-in, proudly representing the State and the Township of Hillside for the work she does every day. Freeholder Garretson asked Sara to give speak about why DREAMer is so important to her.

Sara Mora of Hillside thanked the Board, noting that it was a symbolic night, as Congress has failed to support the community of DREAMers. She stated that New Jersey has 22,000 DREAMers, like herself, are aspiring professionals, and many already in the workforce. She made comments relative to the importance of having the support of their elected leaders. She made comments pertaining to her ability to represent her community and the opportunity to share her story. She stated that she graduated from Union County College in May and was enrolled in Seton Hall. She stated that while she was accepted, there weren't any financial aid opportunities to her, and as a result she was unable to continue school. She stated that 122 people lose their status every day and made comments relative to the urgency since the rescission of DACA, and made comments relative to her struggle in working towards belonging to a Country that she considers her own.

Freeholder Garretson thanked Sara Mora for representing the County of Union. She read the resolution aloud and presented her with the proclamation.

Freeholder Estrada congratulated Sara for leading the pledge of allegiance at the Governor's swearing-in, he reflected on his personal journey to the United States in 1961; telling how he and his three siblings ended up in a camp for immigrants due to the fact that his parents were held at the airport in Cuba. He offered his sympathies to Sara, and encouraged her to continue with her education. He stated that the United States is the most caring nation of the world, and while people may have difference of opinion about immigrants, he maintained that there is a future in the United States for her and those she advocates because of the work she is doing.

Chairman Granados thanked Sara for being a true inspiration. He commended her fortitude and advised that the Board support her efforts.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

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

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

Chairman Granados asked Clerk of the Board Pellettiere to read the Ordinance by title.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere read the Ordinance by title.

792-2018 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY OF THE COUNTY MANAGER.

FIRST READING STATEMENT

Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen, Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman, will move Ordinance Number 792-2018 for First Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The Public Hearing and Final Reading will be held on February 8, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Bergen, Fiscal Committee Chairman, and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, Ordinance Number 792-2018 was moved for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. Roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Anthony Esposito, of Roselle, made comments relative to Resolution No. 2018-129, stating that Mr. Oatman is not a resident of Union County as he lives in Woodbridge, New Jersey. He made comments relative to the County's selection guidelines in choosing a County Manager and questioned the process in selecting Mr. Oatman. He made comments and inquiries relative to Mr. Oatman's experience.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments or inquires relative to a number of resolutions. Relative to Resolution No. 2018-129, he made comments relative to Mr. Oatman and asked the Board to table the resolution. Relative to Resolutions No 2018-86 and 2018-87, he made comments relative to political donations. Relative to Resolution Number 2018-91, he inquired as to the quantity (number of containers); Relative to Resolution Number 2018 107, he inquired as to its need. Relative to Resolution Number 2018-113, he made comments relative to political donations and questioned the scope of work; Relative to Resolution Number 2018-124 (123), he made comments relative to the Weiner Law Group's involvement with the trash incinerator in Linden and commented on past political donations; Relative to Resolution Number 2018-125(124), LaCorte, Bundy he made comments relative to political donations.

Relative to Resolution Number 2018-107, Chairman Granados advised the County has awarded this contract in the past.

Relative to Resolution No. 2018-91, Director Graziano advised that the 1,200 recycling containers are fully grant funded and would be dispersed to schools throughout Union County.

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

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

2018-70 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN: Approving Transfer of Current Fund Appropriations.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

2018-71 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution sponsoring the Union County Performing Arts Center for their performance of Porgy & Bess on February 10, 2018, as they celebrating Black History Month and bring awareness to African American heritage and culture, in the amount of \$3,500.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

2018-72 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution sponsoring the United Youth of New Jersey for their performance of A Mother's Cry; The Emmett Till Story on February 10, 2018, as they celebrating Black History Month and bring awareness to African American heritage and culture, in the amount of \$4,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

2018-73 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA: Re-appointing the following members to the Advisory Board on Aging: Joe Fox, Toby Marx, Phyllis Monguso, Joseph Bruno, Dana Farrell-Famiglietti for a term commencing January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019 and Elizabeth Fennik from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

2018-74 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON: Appointing Robert Beiner as a Delegate member to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board to represent the Borough of Kenilworth for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

2018-75 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept and expend the FFY 2017 Emergency Management Agency Assistance Grant in the amount of \$55,000 the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

2018-76 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with RG Industries for the overhaul of the Morris County UASI Neptune Engine in an amount not to exceed \$21,685 utilizing 2017 Urban Area Security Grant Funding.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

2018-77 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Petro-Dragon for the purchase of hose couplings and adapters for the UASI Neptune System in an amount not to exceed \$29,232 utilizing 2015 Urban Area Security Grant Funding.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

2018-78 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Natal Israel Trauma &

Resiliency Center, Tel Aviv, Israel, for the purpose of providing health care professionals with training to identify and treat post-traumatic stress disorder in first responders in an amount not to exceed \$62,000 for the contract period of February 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. (Urban Area Security Initiative Regional Grant funding)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-79 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Re-appointing Robert Beiner to the Air Traffic and Noise Advisory Board for a two year term beginning January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019 to represent the Borough of Kenilworth.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-80 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Re-appointing Zenon Moriak as a member to the Air Traffic and Noise Advisory Board to represent the Borough of Mountainside for a term beginning January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-81 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Re-appointing the following members to the Air Traffic & Noise Advisory Board: Jerome Feder (Delegate) and Gregory Baschkoff (Alternate) to represent the Town of Westfield for a 2-year term beginning January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-82 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Re-appointing Marconi Gapas (Delegate) and Dennis Malinowski (Alternate) as members to the Air Traffic & Noise Advisory Boards to represent the Township of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-83 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to execute an Agreement Modification with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for cost reimbursement in the amount of \$37,993.00 associated with the Superstructure Replacement of Mountain Avenue Bridge (SP-11) over Stream 10-35, Township of Springfield, County of Union, New Jersey, due the shutdown of Transportation Trust Fund Projects under Executive Order 210. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2014-001)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-84 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2016-298 adopted on April 14, 2016, BA#21-2016, a contract awarded through advertised

public bidding process in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Reivax Contracting, of Newark, New Jersey, for the Superstructure Replacement of Mountain Avenue Bridge (SP-11) over Stream 10-35, Township of Springfield, County of Union, New Jersey; approving Change Order Number 1 (final) in an amount not to exceed \$24,426.44 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$470,190.44. This change order is due to the Shutdown of Transportation Trust Fund Projects under Executive Order 210 and will be reimbursed by the New Jersey Department of Transportation through a Cost Reimbursement Agreement. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2014-001)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-85** **VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Remington & Vernick Engineers, of Secaucus, New Jersey to provide Engineering Design Services, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the 2018 Bridge Improvement Program for the County of Union, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$193,617.30. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-024)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-86** **VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to CME Associates, of Parlin, New Jersey to provide Engineering Design Services, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Replacement of Lower Road Minor Bridge, Li-63, City of Linden, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$168,196.70. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-026)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-87** **VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Neglia Engineering Associates, of Clark, New Jersey to provide Engineering Design, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Replacement of Faitoute Avenue Minor Bridge Ke-1 over Stream 10-24 in the Borough of Kenilworth, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$190,038.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-027)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-88** **VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Remington & Vernick Engineers, Inc., of Secaucus, New Jersey to provide Engineering Design Services, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Replacement of High Street Minor Bridge, Su-84, City of Summit,

New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$166,152.14. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-028)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-89 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to execute any/all documents necessary to effectuate a 24-month extension of the contract with Lorco Petroleum Resolution Number 2016-702, for the provision of motor oil and filter recycling services for the contract period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. The vendor is responsible for the collection and recycling of motor oil and motor oil filters from various county and municipal locations at a cost of \$.35/gallon (variable based on market conditions) and \$.20/pound for motor oil filters.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-90 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to execute any/all documents necessary to effectuate the 24 month extension of the Contract (Reso # 2016-119) with Electronic Manufactures Recycling Management Company LLC (MRM). Vendor is responsible for the collection and recycling of computer and electronic equipment collected at e-waste recycling events and municipal collections. Vendor will accept "covered" electronics at no cost and charge \$.05/lb. for all non-covered material collected under the program. Vendor will also charge a \$200/pp staff fee to host one-day events for an amount not to exceed \$25,000 (Grant funded).

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-91 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, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq; Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, Bureau of Recycling to Jedstock, Inc, P.O. Box 85, Middlesex, NJ 08846 for the purpose of purchasing recycling containers, for an amount not to exceed \$29,554.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-92 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with SOS Corporation, Pinehurst, North Carolina, to provide computer software license, maintenance and support for Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County for the contract period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$17,571.68.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

2018-93 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract with Pharma-Care Inc., Clark, NJ, to provide pharmacy consulting services for the patients of the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

2018-94 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a month-to-month lease agreement with John Rodrigues, Newark, New Jersey, for the rental of 26 parking spaces located at 28 Prince Street, Elizabeth, for use by the Division of Social Services' employees in the amount of \$65 per space per month for a total not to exceed \$1,690 per month, either party may terminate upon 60 days advance written notice, and the County of Union shall be responsible for snow and ice removal.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

2018-95 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER, FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON: Re-appointing Carol Lombardo to serve as Commissioner to the Union County Commission on the Status of Women Advisory Board for a term beginning January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

2018-96 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with IBM, Piscataway, New Jersey for the purpose of providing hardware and software maintenance for the Union County Clerk's imaging and web servers in both the Elizabeth and Westfield locations for the January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 contract period in an amount not to exceed \$42,081.33.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

2018-97 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into a Professional Services contract with Robert Santilli of Middletown, NJ to serve as IT Manager at the Union County Prosecutor's Office for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

2018-98 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN: Authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into a Professional Services Contract with various experts for litigation support and transcription services for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-99** **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Approving a list of pre-qualified vendors to provide Transportation of the voting machines for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-100** **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Royal Printing, West New York, New Jersey, for the purpose of printing voting authority books, poll books and all other printing needed to run an election in the County for the contract period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-101** **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with The Liberty Group, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, for the purpose of transporting Dominion voting machines to and from polling places throughout the County for the contract period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-102** **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with The University Van Lines, Rahway, New Jersey, for the purpose of transporting Dominion voting machines to and from polling places throughout the County for the contract period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-103** **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract as an exception to bidding for proprietary software support to Dominion Voting Systems, Denver, Colorado, for the purposes of providing licensing, maintenance and support for the WinEDS voting system to conduct elections in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-104** **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract with Beckerman & Company, Colonia, NJ for the purpose of providing General Insurance Consultant/Broker Services for the period of thirty six months from February 1, 2018 through January 31, 2021 for a total amount not to exceed \$87,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-105 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew Union County Cooperative Contract Purchasing System, ID# CK-06-Union, for another five years. This cooperative purchasing system, with the approval of both the County and the vendor, allows contracting units located within the geographic boundary of the County to purchase under the contract subject to its specifications, terms and conditions with no fees or cost to the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-106 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2017-994, approving the 2018 Youth Services Commission Comprehensive Spending Plan, to reallocate \$472 in funds from the UC Division of Youth Services detention alternative case management support services contract to the UC Juvenile Detention Center detention alternative services contract to be charged to account numbers specified, with no change in the total spending plan amount; no further changes to the 2018 Youth Services Commission Comprehensive Spending Plan.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-107 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra to perform a Concert on Friday, June 22, 2018 at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside/Westfield, New Jersey for a sum not to exceed \$35,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-108 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the First Tee of America Raritan Valley Chapter to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Learning Center to develop community outreach programs for the County's youth from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-109 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Girls for Golf Program, Daytona, Florida to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Learning Center to develop community outreach programs for the County's youth from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-110 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the NJ Golf Foundation to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Learning Center to develop community outreach programs for the County's youth from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-111 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Renaissance Jr. Golf, Inc., of Newark, NJ to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Learning Center to develop community outreach programs for the County's youth from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-112 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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: Department of Parks and Recreation: Aquatic Analysts, Inc of Middleville, NJ, for the purpose of providing Lake Management Program (BA#76-2017) for a period of 24 months from date of signing of the contract in an amount not to exceed \$193,848.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-113 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Landscape Architectural Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process to Maser Consulting, P.A. of Red Bank, New Jersey to provide On-Call Professional Landscape Architectural Services commencing February 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-031)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-114 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve change order #1 (final) for Galloping Hill Golf Course Irrigation Improvement Project - BA# 22-2016 to amend Resolution number 2016-398 adopted on April 14, 2016; BA# 22-2016, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding process in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Winterberry Irrigation, LLC of Southington, CT for Galloping Hill Golf Course Irrigation Improvements; approving Change Order Number 1 (final) reducing the original contact amount by (\$21,631.00) for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$520,204.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-014)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

2018-115 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Designating the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs as the Official County Cultural and Heritage Agency of the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

2018-116 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs to apply for private and public funding for the year 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

2018-117 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of Culture and Heritage Affairs, to enter into agreement for the development of a Strategic Plan for the Deserted Village with the following Consultants: Linda McTeague, Preservation Planner/Project Director, Michael Calafati, Preservation Architect, ETM Associates, Historic Landscape Architect Specialist and Ian Burrow, Archaeologist, and execute all necessary items needed with services of specialist, in the amount, not to exceed \$119,740.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

2018-118 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: A resolution authorizing the Office of the County Counsel to engage and compensate experts such as court reporters, expert witnesses, examining physicians and other litigation support and specialists which are essential to the defense of the County of Union in amount not to exceed \$55,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

2018-119 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter agreements with West Publishing Corp., Stamford, CT, for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$105,200.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

2018-120 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Gann Law Books, Newark, NJ, for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$44,600.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

2018-121 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter an agreement with LexisNexis, Philadelphia, PA, for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$58,520.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-122 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with various vendors for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$35,270.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-123 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2017-697 dated August 17, 2017, to increase the appropriation to Weiner Law Group, LLP of Parsippany, NJ in the matter entitled Stephen Repella v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$50,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-124 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** A Resolution appointing LaCorte, Bundy, Varady & Kinsella of Union, NJ as special counsel to represent Captain Robert D. Cesaro in the matter entitled Reginald Curry v. UC, et. al, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-125 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** A Resolution appointing Rainone Coughlin Minchello of Woodbridge, NJ as special counsel to represent Sergeant Michael J. Patella in the matter entitled Reginald Curry v. UC, et. al, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-126 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** A Resolution appointing Aloia Law Firm of Bloomfield as special counsel to represent C.O. John W. Calvano, Jr., C.O. Pablo E. Chavez, C.O. Kenneth J. Parrish and C.O. Rizzo in the matter entitled Reginald Curry v. UC, et. al, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-127 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with PBA 73A-County Police Superior Officers, effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-128 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution appointing Ed Oatman as County Manager to serve at the pleasure of the Board and said services shall commence on March 1, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-129 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract, as an exception to public bidding pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(dd), to Continuum Voice and Data Systems, Inc., Syracuse, New York for the purposes of providing proprietary software maintenance services for the OnBase Records Management propriety software system of the County, for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$31,682.80.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed seven members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Estrada voting in the negative and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-130 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2018-3, a resolution designating official newspapers for the provision of legal notices for the County of Union, to include NJ Advance Media.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2018-131 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Congratulating the Malcolm Dunn upon being the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award and Richard Wyatt upon being the recipient of the Community Service Award by the Frontiers International Plainfield Area Club at its 42nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Breakfast on January 15, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-132 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Congratulating the following 2018 Women of Excellence as chosen by the Commission on the Status of Women: Malathi Narayan Ananthakrishnan (Arts in Education); Dr. Ludovina Archeval (Health/Medicine); Brooke Campbell (Children's Advocacy); Maria Carvalho (Youth Advocacy); Councilwoman Rose Checchio (Government); Candyce Mayers (Women's Advocacy), Marguerite Modero (Special Needs Advocacy); Donna Puzella (Business Leadership); Patricia Roman (Volunteerism) and Margaret Salisbury (Lifetime Achievement).

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-133 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON & FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Congratulating Sara Mora of Hillside, a DREAMer, upon leading the Pledge of Allegiance at Governor Phil Murphy's Swearing-In Ceremony; and further congratulating her upon her achievements.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-134 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of former Union County Director of Administrative Services Norman Albert upon the passing of his mother, Dr. June True (12/24); father-in law, Victor Gatto (12/29/17) and mother-in law Rose Marie Gatto (1/9/18).

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-135 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Congratulating Kevin Mahoney of Cranford upon receiving the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award for Civil and Human Rights by the Cranford Clergy Council and the Interfaith Human Relations Committee.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-136 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Congratulating the UC STEP Color Group Orange for their winning idea: "Branches Against Bullying."

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-137 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Urging Congress to take immediate action to support, advance and pass the bipartisan Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act to protect immigrants considered Childhood Arrivals.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-138 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating the Two Hundred Club of Union County upon their 50th Anniversary Gala on January 20, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-139 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Freeholder Angel G. Estrada upon being elected Chair of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA); and for being the first Latino to hold the position.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-140 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Urging Congress to take immediate action to support, advance and pass the bipartisan Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act to protect immigrants considered Childhood Arrivals.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-141 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating the Two Hundred Club of Union County upon their 50th Anniversary Gala on January 20, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-142 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Freeholder Angel G. Estrada upon being elected Chair of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA); and for being the first Latino to hold the position.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

RESOLUTION FROM THE FLOOR

- 2018-143 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Resolution 2017-1099 authorizing an agreement with The Keefe Group, Edison, New Jersey for the provision of commissary services for the inmates housed in the Union County Jail, to reflect a correct commission rate of 33.5% and a per kit fee of \$5.73.

Chairman Granados stated the need to consider a resolution NOT previously listed, or mentioned, at last week's agenda meeting. He advised that due to the fact that it is a timely issue, the Board would have a need to consider this Resolution from the floor (as per the Board's bylaws).

Chairman Granados asked for a motion to suspend the rules.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

The meeting is open to the public for commenting on Resolutions from the Floor only.

Chairman Granados opened the meeting for public comment on Resolution Number 2018-143.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, inquired as to the reason for the “timely issue”, asking if a previously adopted resolution had an error that required to be corrected.

Relative to Resolution Number 2018-143, County Counsel Barry advised the speaker was correct, noting that Resolution Number 2018-143 corrects a typographical error whereas “38.5%” was stated in the previous resolution and the correct rate is “33.5%” as reflected in Resolution Number 2018-143. He stated the rate per kit is \$5.73.

Chairman Granados asked for a motion to adopt Resolution Number 2018-143.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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.

Rick Robinson, of Elizabeth and on the behalf of New Jersey Re-Entry Corporation, made comments relative to the recent opening of their Elizabeth site and their efforts with recidivism and reducing unemployment. He asked the Board to use their influence to contact different agencies and embrace their organization as part of a solution to recidivism and unemployment reduction, noting their success in other communities.

Chairman Granados advised Mr. Robinson to speak with Director Charles and Director Anderson.

Vice Chairman Kowalski asked Mr. Robinson to confirm the address as 214A Commerce Place in Elizabeth.

Mr. Robinson advised Vice Chairman Kowalski the address is 214 Commerce Place; across from the street from the Police Department. He provided the Board with more details of their program.

Anthony Esposito, of Roselle, made comments relative to his filing of a lawsuit against the County last year. He stated that at the end of the year, the Board let an ordinance die (in relative to the Board of Education portion of the Mine and Body complex project) and questioned if the guarantee of the municipal portion would be rescinded. He stated his interest is tied to the lawsuit he filed in opposition to the Mind and Body complex project.

He made comments relative to his disappointment with the Board in its decision to move forward with the appointment of Mr. Oatman as County Manager. He spoke to his disappointment of the local Democratic Party.

Director Taylor advised the guarantee ordinance that was adopted in September of 2016 was effectively rendered moot because the appropriation that was authorized was cancelled at the end of December of 2017 via the cancellation resolution. She advised that as a result, no funding was authorized, and without that funding authorization, said ordinance has no affect.

Relative to Resolution Number 2018-129, Chairman Granados advised the Board received correspondence and would not be commenting due to possible pending litigation.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, welcomed Chairman Granados as the new chairman and welcomed Freeholder Garretson to the Board. He stated that he supported Freeholder Garretson from afar in the township of Hillside. He made comments relative to former Freeholder Mapp's researching of the County's finances and noted he had voted against a number of resolutions. He made comments relative to political issues, and integrity in government. He suggested the Board appoint Director Yuska as County Manager.

Seeing no other speakers, Chairman Granados closed public comment on any matter, and opened the meeting for Freeholder Reports.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Hudak Freeholder Hudak made comments relative to Freeholder Angel G. Estrada's election as Chairman of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA). He noted the importance of the NJTPA and the previous work of Freeholder Estrada on various subcommittees.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools, noting that Niche.com ranked the UC Vo-Tech in their top 100 schools in New Jersey. He stated the Magnet High School placed 12th, the Academy for Allied Health placed 16th, the Academy for Information Technology placed 23rd, and the Vo-Tech High School placed 49th. He congratulated Vo-Tech Superintendent Peter Capodice and the entire Vo-Tech campus for a job well done.

Freeholder Mirabella said he was looking forward to working with the new County Manager Oatman, and had high expectations in his leading the day to day operations of the County.

Freeholder Garretson made comments relative to the many Black History and Dr. Martin Luther King celebrations throughout the County. She made comments relative to a County sponsored event of the classic Broadway musical Porgy and Bess, which featured a full orchestra, at the historic Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway. She made comments relative to a free screening of Men of Bronze, a rare 1977 documentary film about the African-American soldiers of the 369th Regiment in World War I.

Freeholder Garretson said she was honored to present a resolution (earlier in the meeting) to Sara Mora. Freeholder Garretson made remarks regarding bullying in our country and welcomed County Manager Ed Oatman.

Freeholder Bergen congratulated Angel Estrada on his appointment as the first Latino Chairman of the NJTPA. He made comments relative to attending the inauguration of Governor Phil Murphy, noting he was joined by his colleagues Vice Chairman Kowalski and Freeholder Estrada. He noted Governor Murphy's promise to make the repair and revitalization of our transportation infrastructure a priority.

Freeholder Bergen made comments relative to the upcoming annual Union County Teen Arts Festival, which takes place on Thursday and Friday, March 15 and 16, at Union County College in Cranford. Freeholder Bergen welcomed Ed Oatman as County Manager and

commented on his qualifications relative to the role of County Manager, noting his experience in dealing with the many levels of government.

Freeholder Carter thanked the Board, staff and the volunteers for their support of the UC STEP program, noting she was proud to see former student come back to participate in this year's program.

Freeholder Carter made comments relative to the \$2.9 million in federal infrastructure grants the County will be receiving to make safety improvements at four intersections in the City of Plainfield, advising that the NJTPA approved the funding earlier in the week. She advised the improvements include high visibility crosswalks and pedestrian signals, updated traffic signals and, potentially, dedicated left-turn lanes. She thanked the agency's newly elected President, Freeholder Estrada, for his work on this important upgrade, which will enhance corridors that connect major commercial hubs.

Freeholder Estrada thanked the Board for their support and congratulations on his election as Chairman of the NJTPA. He made comments relative to the importance and significance of being the first Latino as Chairman, and for all minorities in other leadership roles. He spoke on the efforts the County has taken over the years which lead to the approval of the \$2.9 million dollars. He thanked Chairman Granados for maintaining his appointment to the NJTA.

County Manager Faella congratulated Freeholder Estrada on being elected Chair of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority. He spoke of his close relationship with Freeholder Estrada during his time as Director of Economic Development, and assured all that Freeholder Estrada was leading the fight to ensure Union County received its fair share of funding. He made a clarification relative to one of the speaker's statements, noting that not all of the county employees are unionized.

Vice Chairman Kowalski congratulated Freeholder Estrada on being elected Chair of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, noting that it was clear all of the professionals and transportation representatives share in their high esteem of Freeholder Estrada's knowledge and capabilities. Vice Chairman Kowalski stated that she is looking forward to working with Ed Oatman.

Vice Chairman Kowalski made comments relative to Union County's participation in the national Point-in-Time Count and Survey of the Homeless, noting the national census of homeless persons takes place each January, under a mandate from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. She thanked the County staff and volunteers from the public who assisted in this important effort; including the Salvation Army in Plainfield, and the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless.

Vice Chairman Kowalski congratulated the UC STEP youth participants and thanked Freeholders Mirabella and Carter on ensuring the success of the program. She thanked Mrs. Mora for her work within (and Governor Murphy) for his support for, the immigrant community. She made comments relative to County Government and the Board's dedication to "good government," noting the number of resolutions providing important services provided in an efficient manner.

Chairman Granados congratulated Freeholder Estrada on being appointed as Chairman of the NJTPA, and commended him on being the first Latino Chairman. He noted Freeholder Estrada's tireless work with the NJTPA. He thanked the following relative to point in time count: Human Services Director Debbie Ann Anderson, Freeholder Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Sheriff Corvelli and Deputy County Manager Wagner. He noted that many homeless individuals were veterans, and spoke to the importance of supporting all veterans. Chairman Granados made comments relative to Governor Murphy's order relative to New Jersey Transit's full audit, noting that Governor Murphy mentioned Vice Chairman Kowalski and Freeholder Bergen's efforts with the Raritan Valley Coalition.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To the extent known, the following item is scheduled to be discussed in Executive Session:

1. Attorney-client privileged communications and discussion relative to an Amended Shared Services Agreement with the Union County Improvement Authority for the Oak Ridge Park Project and anticipated negotiations with the State of New Jersey, Natural & Historic Resources.

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 wishes to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Attorney-client privileged communications and discussion relative to an Amended Shared Services Agreement with the Union County Improvement Authority for the Oak Ridge Park Project and anticipated negotiations with the State of New Jersey, Natural & Historic Resources.

County Counsel Barry stated that the minutes of the Executive Session shall be separated from the minutes of the Open Public Session. He stated 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 an affirmative vote of the majority of the members present, the Board may retire to executive session, and upon the Board's return, it will not take formal action on the matters discussed.

Chairman Granados asked for a motion to enter Executive Session. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

Chairman Granados asked for a motion to return to the Regular Meeting. On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Carter roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Granados made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 pm.

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, 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 7:00pm and the Regular Meeting will commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session.

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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

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