



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2018
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sergio Granados presided and called the meeting to order at 8:15 pm.

ROLL CALL

Prior to calling the roll, Clerk of the Board Pelletiere advised that the change between the originally printed agenda and the agenda provided to the audience was the inclusion of the list of minutes to be adopted.

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

Also present were County Manager Edward Oatman, County Counsel Robert E. Barry, 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

Note and File

Oath of Office: Mental Health Advisory Board: Joseph Ume; Union County Advisory Board on the Status of Minorities; Union County College Board of Trustees: Nicholas Fixmer; Union County Transportation Advisory Board: Robert W. Messler; Union County Homeless Trust Fund Advisory Board: Cory Storch, Brandon Givens and Stelio Papadopoulos; Voter Accessibility Advisory Committee: Sergio Granados.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

All Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting minutes from March 2, 2017 through December 21, 2017.

Chairman called for a motion to waive the reading and accept the Minutes. On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six votes in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak absent, with the exception for the following: March 2, 2017 Agenda Setting Session with 5 votes in the affirmative and 1 abstention; March 9, 2017 Regular Meeting with 4 votes in the affirmative and 2 abstentions; April 6, 2017 Agenda Setting Session with 5 votes in the affirmative and 1 abstention; June 8, 2017 Regular Meeting with 5 votes in the affirmative and 1 abstention; July 13, 2017 Agenda Setting Session with 4 votes in the affirmative and 2 abstentions; July 20, 2017 Regular Meeting with 4 votes in the affirmative and 2 abstentions; August 10, 2017 Agenda Setting Session with 4 votes in the affirmative and 2 abstentions; August 17, 2017 Regular Meeting with 5 votes in the affirmative and 1 abstention; October 19, 2017 Agenda Setting Session with 5 votes in the affirmative and 1 abstention; November 21, 2017 Regular Meeting with 4 votes in the affirmative and 2 abstentions; December 7, 2017 Regular Meeting with 5 votes in the affirmative and 1 abstention and the December 14, 2017 Agenda Setting Session with 5 votes in the affirmative and 1 abstention.

Freeholder Bergen abstained on Agenda session on December 14, 2017 and voted yes to the remainder. Freeholder Estrada abstained on Agenda sessions on March 2 and August 10, 2017 and voted yes to the remainder. Freeholder Jalloh abstained on Regular meetings on March 9, June 8, September 14, and November 21, 2017 and voted yes to the remainder. Freeholder Mirabella abstained on July 13, August 10, August 17, and November 21, 2017 and voted yes to the remainder. Vice Chairman Kowalski abstained on April 6, July 13, July 20, and October 19, 2017 and voted yes to the remainder. Chairman Granados abstained on March 9, July 20, and December 7, 2017 and voted yes on the remainder.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere read the Ordinance by Title.

795-2018 BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW ADDITIONAL FURNISHINGS, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$46,584,699 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE STATE GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The County of Union (the "County"), State of New Jersey is hereby authorized to make various public improvements and to acquire new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new additional furnishings, new communication and signal systems equipment, new information technology and telecommunications equipment and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, in, by and for said County, as more particularly described in Section 4 hereof. The cost of the improvements and acquisitions includes all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements and acquisitions described in Sections 1 and 4 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purposes"), the respective amounts of money hereinafter stated as the appropriation for said respective purposes. Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized, and the State grants and the down payment appropriated, by this ordinance. Said improvements and acquisitions shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefitted.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the making of such improvements and acquisitions is not a current expense of said County.

Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and Amounts" which schedule also shows (1) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the State grants hereinafter appropriated, and (3) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes, and (4) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (5) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Department of Economic Development, Bureau of Information Technologies - (i) Preparation and implementation of an Information Systems Security Master Plan and (ii) acquisition of new information technology and telecommunications equipment for the use of various County departments, offices and agencies, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference

thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 309,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 15,450
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 293,550
Period of Usefulness	5 years

B. Board of Elections - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of voting machines.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 1,919,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 95,950
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 1,823,050
Period of Usefulness	15 years

C. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering - Undertaking of road, intersection, bridge and culvert improvement projects at various locations, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 8,230,280
State Grants Appropriated	\$ 7,990,563
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 11,986
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 227,731
Period of Usefulness	10 years

D. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering - Undertaking of various engineering, architectural and other services in connection with various infrastructure and building projects.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 500,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 25,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 475,000
Period of Usefulness	15 years

E. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering - Improvements to various dams.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 257,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 12,875
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 244,625
Period of Usefulness	15 years

F. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering - Acquisition of new information technology and telecommunications equipment consisting of computer and technology equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 10,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 500
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 9,500
Period of Usefulness	5 years

G. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering - Undertaking of (i) environmental monitoring and remediation (including permit applications) at various underground storage tank sites, former landfill sites and other County facilities, (ii) removal of underground storage tanks and (iii) inspection of underground storage tanks.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 206,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 10,300
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 195,700
Period of Usefulness	15 years

H. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new communication and signal systems equipment consisting of (i) LED flashing warning signs and (ii) thermo hand striper equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 67,450
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 3,373
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 64,077
Period of Usefulness	10 years

I. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of equipment and machinery for the Print Shop.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 128,750
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 6,438
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 122,312
Period of Usefulness	15 years

J. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management - Upgrading fire alarm, sprinkler and fire suppression systems in various public buildings.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 1,030,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 51,500
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 978,500
Period of Usefulness	10 years

K. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management - Undertaking of various

engineering, architectural and other services in connection with various building and infrastructure projects.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 1,400,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 70,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 1,330,000
Period of Usefulness	15 years

L. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management - Replacement of boilers at the Union County Courthouse Tower. It is hereby determined and stated that said public building being improved is of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 2,040,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 102,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 1,938,000
Period of Usefulness	15 years

M. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management - Undertaking of various improvements to public buildings consisting of (i) upgrading elevators at various public buildings, (ii) replacement or repair of roofs at various public buildings, (iii) plumbing, HVAC, boiler, pipefitting, fencing, generator service, control and automation systems and electrical improvements at various public buildings, (iv) ADA-compliance upgrades at various public buildings, (v) upgrading mechanical, door, exhaust and security systems at various public buildings, (vi) asbestos abatement and remediation at various public buildings, (vii) exterior renovations at various public buildings and (viii) window and shutter replacement at various public buildings. It is hereby determined and stated that said public buildings being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 1,030,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 51,500
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 978,500
Period of Usefulness	15 years

N. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management - Acquisition of new furniture, flooring, window treatments and various equipment for use in various public buildings.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 576,800
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 28,840
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 547,960
Period of Usefulness	5 years

O. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, including, but not limited to, (i) various lift machines and (ii) defibrillators.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 103,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 5,150
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 97,850
Period of Usefulness	15 years

P. Department of Parks and Recreation - Undertaking of various park and recreation improvements consisting of (i) installation of synthetic turf athletic fields (including field lighting) at various parks, (ii) construction of a handicapped-accessible fishing dock at Cedar Brook Park, (iii) replacement of the fourth ring at the Watchung Stable, (iv) preparation and design phases of the Warinanco Park Master Plan and (v) extension of Cedar Brook Park, including gazebos, walkways, landscaping and stream stabilization.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 9,372,999
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 468,650
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 8,904,349
Period of Usefulness	15 years

Q. Department of Parks and Recreation - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new additional furnishings, including, but not limited to, tables, chairs, a portable stage and other equipment for use at County events.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 154,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 7,725
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 146,775
Period of Usefulness	5 years

R. Department of Parks and Recreation - Acquisition and installation of new information technology, telecommunications and communication equipment, security equipment, kitchen equipment, furniture and various other equipment at Ash Brook Clubhouse.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 618,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 30,900
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 587,100
Period of Usefulness	5 years

S. Department of Parks and Recreation - Construction of a maintenance building, including original furnishings and equipment, at Lightning Brook Park. It is hereby determined and stated that said public building being constructed will be of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 927,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 46,350
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 880,650
Period of Usefulness	30 years

T. Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Park Maintenance - Undertaking of various park and recreation improvements consisting of (i) replacement of existing fencing and installation of new fencing at various locations, (ii) installation of storage sheds at various fields, (iii) hydro-raking various lakes and ponds, (iv) installation of a new playground at Lightning Brook Park, (v) reconstruction of gardens at Warinanco and Mattano Parks and (vi) trail improvements at Watchung Reservation.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 1,173,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 58,650
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 1,114,350
Period of Usefulness	15 years

U. Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Park Maintenance - (i) Undertaking of paving, curbing and sidewalk improvements at various parks and (ii) acquisition of new additional or replacement groundskeeping equipment, including, but not limited to, lawn mowers and leaf blowers.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 772,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 38,625
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 733,875
Period of Usefulness	10 years

V. Department of Administrative Services, Division of Motor Vehicles and Telecommunication - Removal and replacement of underground and aboveground storage tanks at various locations.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 360,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 18,025
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 342,475
Period of Usefulness	15 years

W. Various Departments, Offices and Agencies - Acquisition of new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, and new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 2,528,630
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 126,433
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 2,402,197
Period of Usefulness	5 years

X. Department of Public Safety, Division of Police - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new information technology and telecommunications equipment consisting of (i) active shooter response/safety equipment and (ii) mobile data computer equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 78,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 3,925
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 74,575
Period of Usefulness	5 years

Y. Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Services - Acquisition of new communication and signal systems equipment consisting of radio equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 77,250
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 3,863
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 73,387
Period of Usefulness	10 years

Z. Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Services - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of various items of emergency response equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 257,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 12,875
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 244,625
Period of Usefulness	5 years

AA. Office of the Prosecutor - Acquisition of new information technology and telecommunications equipment and new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 240,850
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 12,043
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 228,807
Period of Usefulness	5 years

BB. Office of the Prosecutor - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of drug analysis equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 97,740
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 4,887
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 92,853
Period of Usefulness	15 years

CC. Sheriff's Office - Acquisition of new information technology and telecommunications equipment consisting of (i) computer-aided

dispatch/records management system computer equipment and (ii) computers and printers.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 257,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 12,875
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 244,625
Period of Usefulness	5 years

DD. Sheriff's Office - (i) Undertaking of active shooter security upgrades and camera surveillance upgrades at various facilities and (ii) acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of security scanners and x-ray machines.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 437,750
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 21,888
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 415,862
Period of Usefulness	15 years

EE. Union County Vocational-Technical Schools - Undertaking of the following improvements: (i) upgrading of the Courtyard and (ii) various renovations and improvements to facilities (district-wide). It is hereby determined and stated that (A) all resolutions to be filed by the Board of Education of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools and the Board of School Estimate of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in order to request the Board of Chosen Freeholders to raise funds for the aforesaid purposes have been filed, (B) no down payment is required for such purposes pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:54-31 and (C) such public buildings being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 1,390,500
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 1,390,500
Period of Usefulness	15 years

FF. Union County Vocational-Technical Schools -Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of (i) instructional equipment and machinery for various educational programs and (ii) non-instructional equipment. It is hereby determined and stated that (A) all resolutions to be filed by the Board of Education of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools and the Board of School Estimate of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in order to request the Board of Chosen Freeholders to raise funds for the aforesaid purposes have been filed and (B) no down payment is required for such purposes pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:54-31.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 824,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 824,000

Period of Usefulness 10 years

GG. Union County Vocational-Technical Schools -Acquisition of new additional furnishings. It is hereby determined and stated that (A) all resolutions to be filed by the Board of Education of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools and the Board of School Estimate of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in order to request the Board of Chosen Freeholders to raise funds for the aforesaid purpose have been filed and (B) no down payment is required for such purpose pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:54-31.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 103,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 103,000
Period of Usefulness	5 years

HH. Union County College - Undertaking of various renovations and improvements to facilities consisting of (i) renovation of the Roy Smith Theater at the Cranford Campus, (ii) replacement of various electrical substations and related improvements at the Cranford Campus, (iii) renovation of the Health Technologies Building at the Scotch Plains Campus and (iv) renovation of the Lessner Building at the Elizabeth Campus. It is hereby determined and stated that (A) all resolutions to be filed by the Board of Trustees of Union County College and the Board of School Estimate of Union County College in order to request the Board of Chosen Freeholders to raise funds for the aforesaid purposes have been filed; (B) no down payment is required for such purposes pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-19(2)(b); (C) Union County College may apply for debt service aid from the State of New Jersey pursuant to Chapter 12 of the Laws of 1971 of New Jersey (N.J.S. 18A:64A-22.1 et seq.) for any or all of the improvements described in the preceding sentence; (D) if such Chapter 12 State Aid is received, it shall be applied to the payment of principal and interest on bonds or notes issued by the County for such project; and (E) such public buildings being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 7,313,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 7,313,000
Period of Usefulness	15 years

II. Union County College - Acquisition of new information technology and telecommunications equipment consisting of college-wide technology upgrades. It is hereby determined and stated that (A) all resolutions to be filed by the Board of Trustees of Union County College and the Board of School Estimate of Union County College in order to request the Board of Chosen Freeholders to raise funds for the aforesaid purpose have been filed; (B) no down payment is required for such purpose pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-19(2)(b); (C) Union County College may apply for debt service aid from the State of New Jersey pursuant to Chapter 12 of the Laws of 1971 of New Jersey (N.J.S. 18A:64A-22.1 et seq.) for any or all of the equipment described in the preceding sentence; and (D) if such Chapter 12 State Aid is received, it shall

be applied to the payment of principal and interest on bonds or notes issued by the County for such project.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 1,792,200
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 1,792,200
Period of Usefulness	5 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$46,584,699
Aggregate State Grants Appropriated	\$ 7,990,563
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,358,576
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$37,235,560

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$3,139,336 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purposes, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 6. The sum of \$7,990,563 received or to be received as grants from the New Jersey Department of Transportation is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the infrastructure improvements authorized in Section 4.C above.

Section 7. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$1,358,576, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said County, are now available to finance said purposes. The sum of \$1,358,576 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes.

Section 8. To finance said purposes, bonds of said County of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$37,235,560 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 9. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of

said County of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$37,235,560 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 10. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, by the County Manager and by the County Treasurer and shall be under the seal of said County and attested by the Clerk or Deputy Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the County Treasurer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 11. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of said purposes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 13.17 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 12. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of said County, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said County, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$37,235,560 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized

by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 13. Any funds received from private parties, the State of New Jersey or any of its agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purposes (other than the State grants herein before appropriated which shall be applied to the cost of such purposes, but shall not be applied to the payment of outstanding bond anticipation notes and the reduction of the amount of bonds authorized), shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purposes, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purposes shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 14. The County intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements and acquisitions described in Sections 1 and 4 of this bond ordinance. If the County incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the County hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 15. The full faith and credit of the County are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the County, and the County shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the County for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 16. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and is available for public inspection.

Section 17. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

FIRST READING STATEMENT

Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen, Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 795-2018 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 September 13, 2018.

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

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere read the Ordinance by Title.

796-2018 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE UNION COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN BY INCLUDING A GENERAL CLASS “D” RECYCLING FACILITY TO BE OWNED AND OPERATED BY SAFETY-KLEEN SYSTEMS, INC., LOCATED AT 1200 SYLVAN STREET, LOTS 21-24 AND 26-30, BLOCK 580, LINDEN, NEW JERSEY, TO ACCEPT, STORE AND TRANSFER USED ANTI-FREEZE FOR PROCESSING AND RECYCLING AT OFF-SITE LOCATIONS.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Solid Waste Management Act, N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq., the County of Union is designated as a Solid Waste Management District and by law did develop and prepare a District Solid Waste Management Plan (“County Plan”) that was adopted by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders on June 7, 1979, pursuant to and in accordance with the Solid Waste Management Act, N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the County Plan was approved, with modifications, by the Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”) on August 13, 1980, and has since been amended and modified from time to time; and

WHEREAS, on December 11, 1986, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders designated the Union County Utilities Authority (“UCUA”) as the agency responsible for the implementation of the County Plan, as amended from time to time, and the UCUA is empowered to plan, acquire, construct, maintain and operate facilities for the processing, disposal and/or recycling of solid waste generated in the County; and

WHEREAS, the UCUA has formulated a Plan Amendment, and recommends that this Board set a public hearing for the purpose of taking public testimony on the proposed plan amendment, and review and enact said amendment that is now on file with the Clerk of this Board and available for public inspection and is made a part hereof by reference; and

WHEREAS, the subject amendment is summarized as follows:

This Plan Amendment is prepared as a result of a determination by the UCUA to:

TO MODIFY THE UNION COUNTY DISTRICT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN BY INCLUDING A GENERAL CLASS “D” RECYCLING FACILITY TO BE OWNED AND OPERATED BY SAFETY-KLEEN SYSTEMS, INC., LOCATED AT 1200 SYLVAN STREET, LOTS 21-24 AND 26-30, BLOCK 580, LINDEN, NEW JERSEY, TO ACCEPT, STORE AND TRANSFER USED ANTI-FREEZE FOR PROCESSING AND RECYCLING AT OFF-SITE LOCATIONS

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Solid Waste Management Act, the County's Solid Waste Advisory Committee (“SWAC”) must be consulted with respect to amendment to the County Plan; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 22-2018, duly adopted July 18, 2018, the UCUA approved the Plan Amendment and recommended that the Plan Amendment be approved by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County, after public hearing in accordance with the Solid Waste Management Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Solid Waste Management Act, the Plan Amendment was presented to SWAC:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, that:

1. The aforesaid recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The Plan Amendment, as prepared and recommended by the Union County Utilities Authority, is hereby adopted as an Amendment to the Union County District Solid Waste Management Plan.
3. Any provision of the County Plan that is inconsistent with the Plan Amendment is hereby repealed to the extent of said inconsistency and the provisions of the Plan Amendment shall be fully effective and shall control.
4. A certified copy of this Ordinance, as finally adopted, together with the Plan Amendment, shall be forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the County Clerk of the County of Union, and the Union County Utilities Authority.
5. The Clerk of this Board shall publish and disseminate notice of this

Ordinance as provided by law.

6. The aforesaid Plan Amendment and a copy of the transcript of the public hearing to be held at such time as may be scheduled by said Board of Chosen Freeholders, and the necessary deliberations shall be submitted to the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.
7. This Ordinance shall take effect in the manner prescribed by law.

FIRST READING STATEMENT

Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen moved Ordinance Number 796-2018 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 September 13, 2018.

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

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

797-2018 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART 1-THE UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, CHAPTER 1, UNION COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE, ARTICLE XXIII-OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL; PART 2-POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 6, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union that the “Laws of Union County” are hereby amended as outlined in the attached Schedule A:

SCHEDULE A

PART I - ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

Chapter 1, UNION COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union 4-28-1976 by Ord. No. 1; amended in its entirety by Ord. No. 9-1984. Subsequent amendments noted where applicable.]

ARTICLE XXIII, Office of the County Council

[Amended 11-30-1985 by Ord. No. 232; 9-10-1987 by Ord. No. 275; 6-14-1988 by Ord. No. 297; 7-18-1991 by Ord. No. 337; 6-20-2002 by Ord. No 553]

§ 1-146 The Office of Affirmative Action.

[Added 12-19-2013 by Ord. 2013-755]

The Office of Affirmative Action shall be within the Office of County Council and shall:

- (1) Develop and monitor a productive affirmative action/equal employment opportunity program to meet requirements under federal and state law and regulations..
- (2) Interpret and monitor the County's performance and compliance with equal employment opportunity laws and regulations and implementation of the County's AA/EEO Program.
- (3) Prepare and submit the County's equal employment opportunity forms to federal authorities on a biennial basis (every odd-numbered year).
- (4) Perform all other duties as required under Chapter 6 of this Volume.
- (5) Perform such other duties as may be required by the County Council for the effective operation of the office.

PART II - *POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION*

Chapter 6, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

[HISTORY: Originally adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union as Ord. No. 245; amended 9-10-1987 by Ord. No. 275; Re-located to this chapter from Chapter 1, Article XVII, and amended 4-10-2003 by Ord. No. 569]

§ 6-1. Purpose.

Affirmative Action ensures that all positive steps are taken to actively recruit, appoint, evaluate and promote employees without regard to race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, age, marital status, civil union status, domestic partnership status, affectional or sexual orientation, familial status, genetic information, gender/sex (including pregnancy), gender identity or expression, disability (including perceived disability, physical, mental, and/or intellectual

disabilities), atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, veteran's status, liability for service in the Armed Forces of the United States or citizenship status

§ 6-2. Policy.

It is the policy of Union County government to provide equal employment opportunities. This policy shall apply to all phases of employment, including but not limited to recruitment, hiring, placement, promotion, transfer, layoff, recall or termination and rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training. The County of Union shall not sponsor or appear to sponsor any event or happening in any private facilities that impose membership rules contrary to the County's Affirmative Action Plan.

§ 6-3. Application for employment.

A. All persons, including individuals with disabilities and minority persons, applying to any department or instrumentality of the County for employment shall be required to file an application and to apply to take any test required for employment, regardless of whether vacancies exist at the time of the application. Such applications shall be reviewed periodically and whenever a vacancy occurs, and, before advertising the same to the public, applicants on file shall be contacted to determine if they are still desirous of filling such vacancy.

B. Affirmative action shall be a constant and ongoing activity; therefore, plans, goals and statistics shall be under constant review.

§ 6-4. Affirmative Action Officer.

[Amended 4-14-1994 by Ord. No. 390; 4-10-2003 by Ord. No. 569]

A. There is hereby established the full-time position of Affirmative Action Officer, who shall be the head of the Office of Affirmative Action and shall be responsible for:

1. Developing a written AA/EEO Plan for the County which fulfills all applicable requirements under federal and State laws and regulations.
2. Reviewing the AA/EEO Plan at least annually and updating it as needed to ensure the AA/EEO Plan remains compliant with current law.
3. Directing and/or coordinating all aspects of the Plan internally within County government.
4. Interpreting and monitoring the County's performance and compliance with equal employment opportunity laws and regulations and implementing the County's AA/EEO Program, including the performance and compliance of all County Departments and covered instrumentalities.

5. Overseeing and reviewing the collection and analysis of all statistical data collected in accordance with the AA/EEO Plan, including quarterly reports, and reviewing and updating statistics relating to the County's Affirmative Action goals.
 6. Preparing the County's EEO-4 Report in accordance with current Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC") guidelines, and submitting the County's EEO-4 Report to the EEOC on a biennial basis (every odd-numbered year).
 7. Serving as the Public Agency Compliance Officer ("PACO") for Union County in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:5-31, et seq. (P.L. 1975, Ch. 127) and applicable regulations, and ensuring the County acts in accordance with the New Jersey Public Agency Affirmative Action/EEO Guidelines for public contracting.
 8. In cooperation with the Division of Personnel, auditing the contents of the County's bulletin boards and website(s) to ensure AA/EEO compliance information is posted and up-to-date.
 9. Keeping management informed of the latest developments in the areas of Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity.
 10. Serving as a liaison between the County and Equal Employment Opportunity enforcement agencies.
 11. Serving as a designated recipient of EEO discrimination and harassment complaints.
 12. Conducting or directing investigations of individual and multi-person complaints of discrimination or harassment from employees and applicants for employment within Union County.
 13. Recommending and developing relevant training programs in cooperation with the Division of Personnel.
- B. The Affirmative Action Officer shall be directly responsible to the County Counsel in all matters relating to affirmative action.

§ 6-5. Grievance procedure.

[Amended 4-14-1994 by Ord. No. 390]

- A. Any employee or applicant, who feels he or she has been subject to discriminatory treatment or harassment with regard to any aspect of employment, should report the complaint directly to the Affirmative Action Officer. Alternatively, an employee or applicant may report a complaint of discriminatory treatment or harassment directly to the Director of the Division of Personnel or to County Counsel.

FIRST READING STATEMENT

Chairman Sergio Granados, Policy Subcommittee Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 797-2018 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 September 13, 2018.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments relative to Resolution 2018-667 and inquired as to what the “implementation” entails. He also asked for clarification on the issues being fixed in the Corrective Action Plan in Resolution 2018-668. Paterson asked if the funds in Resolutions 2018-669 to 2018-673 would offset the previous budget appropriations in place. He asked for clarification on how the funds in Resolution 2018-679 are to be used. Mr. Paterson asked for clarification of the properties mentioned in Resolution 2018-685. Relative to Resolutions 2018-686 to 2018-689 he made comments relative to political donations. Relative to Resolution 2018-697 he inquired if the company mentioned is the same company Freeholder Mirabella worked for in the past. Mr. Paterson made comments relative to Resolution 2018-699 and suggested someone monitor Unum Insurance and how the funds are used. He had a question about Resolution 2018-702 and the contract’s fee to administer these funds. He asked for clarification on Resolution 2018-708. Mr. Paterson asked for clarification on Resolution 2018-709 and what it entails. He asked for clarification on position controls mentioned in Resolution 2018-710.

County Manager Oatman clarified Resolution 2018-710 and stated that there are eight position controls over Public Works, Facilities and the Board of Elections.

Thomas Mineo clarified that Resolution 2018-688 is totally funded with Federal money.

Director Debbie-Ann Anderson explained Resolution 2018-679 and stated that the services are for Union County residents ages 60 and above and their caregivers for home care, meals, transportation, adult day care, legal services, and other various services for the adults to remain independent.

Administrator Victoria Durbin Drake clarified Resolution 2018-685 and stated that since the Trust Fund’s inception in 2000, the state has awarded the County over \$14 million and noted that the grants are reimbursable and require that the County produce and supply various documents. She explained that this Resolution would allow the County to take the necessary steps in order to obtain more grant funding.

Dan Sullivan explained that Resolution 2018-667 will allow the Improvement Authority to complete the second phase of the Space Study and identify properties in Elizabeth that can be used for County employees. He explained that the Resolution will also allow the County to work with City of Elizabeth the designate these properties as areas to be used by County employees.

Deputy County Manager Amy Wagner provided clarification on Resolution 2018-702 and stated that the \$329,000 is used for grants for eligible seniors and home improvements up to

\$24,999 for eligible residents of any age. She advised that the fees are included in that amount. So far this year, they have received \$9,000. The funding for last year was \$61,000.

Chairman Granados stated that Resolution 2018-709 commemorates the 19th Amendment that does not allow federal or state governments to deny the right to vote based on sex.

Freeholder Hudak joined the Regular Meeting at 8:35pm.

John Berry, of Kenilworth, asked for clarification on the five properties mentioned in Resolution 2018-685. He inquired as to how they differ from the other properties purchased and how recently they were purchased. He questioned what service Harbor Consultants provides.

Administrator Durbin stated that the five properties in question are Stanford Drive in Berkeley Heights, the Estate of Eric Viller in Clark, the Vendict Property in Scotch Plains, Graywall Acres Park in Rahway, and the Esposito property in Clark. Administrator Durbin clarified that these are five properties out of eighteen that the Trust Fund has acquired and they are currently in the process of being completed. She stated that Harbor would be providing survey work.

Seeing no other comments, Chairman Granados closed public comment on resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2018-666 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Westfield Veterinary Group, 562 Springfield Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey for the veterinary services and food of the Union County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit for an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for 2018 services.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-667 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Resolution Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Union County Improvement Authority for Implementation of a Strategic Plan for the Union County Space Study in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-668 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Resolution Approving the Corrective Action Plan for the Financial Statements Ending December 31, 2017.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

2018-669 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN: Resolution modifying the 2018 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$262,235.79 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation for a program entitled: Local Safety Program: West 7th Street Intersection Improvement (CI Services).

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

2018-670 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN: Resolution Modifying the 2018 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$166,500 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: State Facilities Education Act (SFEA).

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

2018-671 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN: Resolution modifying the 2018 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$56,928.78 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a program entitled: Clean Communities Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

2018-672 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN: Resolution modifying the 2018 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$437,126 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a program entitled: Recycling Enhancement Act Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

2018-673 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN: Resolution modifying the 2018 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$461,772 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Victim Witness Advocacy (VOCA) Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

2018-674 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution sponsoring the Charlie's Angel Prostate Cancer and Awareness Fair on September 29, 2018 in the amount of \$1,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

2018-675 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution sponsoring the Westfield YMCA's 5K Run for Everyone to be held on September 16, 2018 in the amount of \$1,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-676 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the African Heritage Parade Committee's annual parade held on September 16, 2018 in the amount of \$4,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-677 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Township of Springfield's Festival and Patriot Day 5K to be held on September 30, 2018 in the amount of \$2,500.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-678 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Appointing Teodore Freedman to the Union County Senior Citizen Disabled Resident Transportation Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2020.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-679 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Amending Resolution 2018-569, increasing the 2016-2018 Area Plan, to reflect an additional increase in funding only in the amount not to exceed \$180,500 for a new grand total not to exceed \$5,028,954 to be allocated as outlined and charged to account numbers specified for the same contract year three period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 with no other changes to the 2016-2018 Area Plan.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Bergen abstaining.

- 2018-680 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to extend the use of a publicly awarded contract to UASI Regional Counties as per Local Finance Notices 2005-14 and 2009-20.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-681 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution 2018-234 by authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with two(2) additional Per Diem Pathologists to be available in the absence of the Medical Examiner.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-682 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Re-appointing the following members to the Advisory Board on the Disabled: Sean P. Dineen, Alfredo Gonzalez, Claire Schuster

and Susan C. Spurr for a term beginning January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-683 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution 2017-909 to change the vendor name from "ICL Performance Products, LLC" to "Perimeter Solutions LP."

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-684 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the 2018 Union County Library Grants for Children's Programming and Materials, to twenty (20) public libraries in the County of Union, in accordance with the Grant's criteria, as stated in the grant application, through the Kids Recreation Trust Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$74,658.72.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-685 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Harbor Consultants Inc., 320 North Avenue East, Cranford, New Jersey 07016 for professional services as they relate to five (5) properties acquired through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund. This contract, in conjunction with and for the Open Space Trust Fund, will assist the County of Union in complying with grants received from the NJDEP/Green Acres program. This contract is an amount not to exceed \$38,600.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-686 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2017-382 adopted on May 18, 2017, a Professional Engineering Service Contract with CME Associates of Monmouth Junction, New Jersey, to provide additional Licensed Site Remediation Professional Services (LSRP) related to the remediation of the former Trap and Skeet Facility at Lenape Park located in Cranford, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$25,500.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$611,021.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-029)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-687 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2018-151, adopted February 8, 2018, a Professional Engineering Service Contract with NV5, Inc., of Parsippany, New Jersey, to provide additional On-Call Traffic Engineering Services in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-019)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-688 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Awarding a Professional Engineering Service Contract to Dewberry Engineers, Inc., of Bloomfield, New Jersey, to provide Construction Administration and Inspection Services for Intersection Improvements - West Seventh Street (C.R. 601) Corridor Project, City of Plainfield, County of Union, New Jersey; Federal Project Number HSP0601 (301) for an amount not to exceed \$262,235.79. Federal funds for this project will be provided by North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), Local Safety 2015/2016 Program and administered by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT). (Union County Engineering Project Number 2014-044)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-689 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2018-034, adopted on January 7, 2018, a Professional Engineering Service Contract with CME Associates, of Parlin, New Jersey, to provide additional On-Call Environmental Engineering Services, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$30,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-022)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-690 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2017-224, adopted March 9, 2017, a Professional Engineering Service Contract with Mott MacDonald, of Morristown, New Jersey, to provide additional Engineering Services associated with the Lenape Park Dam Rehabilitation Project, in an amount not to exceed \$31,300.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$77,300.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-044).

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-691 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Concurring with the Town of Westfield's Resolution Number 180-2018 adopted on July 10, 2018 implementing timing changes to the traffic signal at the Intersection of South Avenue (C.R. 610) and Central Avenue (C.R. 613), Town of Westfield, New Jersey.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-692 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution 2017-655, approving an amendment to the FY2016 SuperNOFA Continuum of Care (CoC) Spending Plan, to change the grant time frame for the Elizabeth Housing Authority subcontract 17-CoC-120 to May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019, as approved by the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), with no change in funding and no further changes to the spending plan.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Bergen abstaining.

- 2018-693 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution 2017-981, approving an amendment to the 2017-2018 HEARTH Emergency Solutions (HES) Grant Spending Plan, to reflect a three (3) month grant term extension period of August 1, 2017 through October 31, 2018 with no change in funding and no further changes to the spending plan.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-694 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution 2018-284, contracting with MPC Bus Corporation for the continued provision of Paratransit Service, to reflect an adjustment to the appropriation accounts and to increase the contract award in an amount not to exceed \$316,000 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$4,797,120 for the same contract period.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-695 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution 2018-582, awarding a contract to Dr. Vipul C. Mody, of Bridgewater, NJ for professional medical services to the Union County Immunization Clinic, to include Dr. Mody's medical practice firm, KNJ Hospitalist Group, LLC, as an additional party and authorized signatory to the contract.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-696 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of the Prosecutor, to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety for FFY16 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Program for project titled County Office of Victim Witness Advocacy in the amount of \$461,772.00 in Federal funds with a required match of \$115,443.00 for a total project of \$577,215.00 for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, Subaward number V-23-16.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-697 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing a payment to Beckerman & Company, County General Insurance Agent of Record, to obtain Cyber Security insurance coverage with ACE American Insurance Company, Philadelphia, PA for the period of 6/26/2018 through 6/25/2019 for a total amount not to exceed \$35,469.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-698 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2017-529, a contract awarded to Sun Life Financial, Philadelphia, PA, to increase the amount by \$20,500 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,562,314 due to increased employee rolls.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-699 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Approving the annual Short Term and Long Term Disability Insurance policy with Unum Insurance Company, Atlanta, GA, for the period of September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019 in an estimated amount not to exceed \$230,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-700 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Mercer, Trenton, NJ for the purpose of providing secure detention beds for its juvenile detention population at the Union County Juvenile Detention Center, on an as needed basis, effective for the initial period commencing upon the date on which both parties have fully executed the Agreement and concluding on August 31, 2019 at a per diem rate of \$225.00 per juvenile as specified in the Shared Services Agreement.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-701 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter in an agreement with Essex Regional Educational Services Commission, Fairfield, NJ to provide and supervise the educational program at the Juvenile Detention Center for the period of September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019 in a total amount not to exceed \$833,055.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-702 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to utilize the second year option outlined in Resolution #2016-722 to extend the contract with Development Directions, LLC, of Rahway, NJ to September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019, to provide administration of the Union County Home Improvement Program and Senior Home Improvement Grant in an amount not to exceed \$329,000.

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

- 2018-703 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2017-538 approving the 2017-2018 Consolidated Action Plan to increase CDBG funding to the Plainfield Milt Campbell Field Facility Improvement Project in the amount of \$10,000 from \$120,000 to \$130,000 utilizing Community Development Program Income funds received from the City of Plainfield.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-704 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2018-501, dated May 24, 2018 approving the 2018-2019 Annual Consolidated Action Plan to include the following projects funded with Community Development Program Income Funds received from the City of Rahway and City of Plainfield.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-705 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to conduct the 2018-2019 Deer Management Program for Union County, relative to the reduction of the white-tailed deer population within the Watchung Reservation, Nomehegan Park, Lenape Park, Summit portion of Passaic River Park, Ash Brook Reservation, Oak Ridge Park, the Hawk Rise Sanctuary, the Crushing Road Detention Basin and the Hillside Portions of Elizabeth River Park. Licensed hunters, acting as agents of the county, would harvest during the permit shotgun and Archery equipment season of September 2018 through March 2019, in the manner prescribed by the Fish and Game Code of the State of New Jersey and the 2018-2019 Deer Management Program for Union County Guidelines in an amount not to exceed \$20,815.00. The County Manager is authorized to restrict areas when conditions necessitate.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-706 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with United Youth of New Jersey to run the “Annual Cookout” event at the Warinanco Park on August 11, 2018; and to make available for this specific event for the United Youth of New Jersey the sum, in the amount not to exceed \$1,500.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-707 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager through the Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs to execute any and all agreements for the 2018 HEART (History, Education Arts Reaching Thousands) Grant Program for the total allocated amount of \$100,000.00 to 63 recipients.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-708 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of Culture and Heritage Affairs, to enter into agreement with Page Conservation, Inc., and execute all necessary items needed with services of specialist in art conservation, at the locations of the Deserted Village of Felville, in the amount, not to exceed \$40,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-709 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Proclaiming August 26, 2018 as Equality Day throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-710 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to adjust and/or change the Internal Position Control Schedules.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-711 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Authorizing Governing Body Certification of the 2017 Audit.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2018-712 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN & CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders extends its request to the State of New Jersey, Department of Health, Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services, to increase current service rates, expand the services that are billable, and implement rates which

cover the cost of providing services for the fee-for-service model and redirect funding on an annual basis into community mental health services to ensure access and quality of care of behavioral health services for residents in need of treatment.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-713 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Recognizing the life of Miguel A. Rivera and congratulating the Rivera family on an honorary street dedication for Miguel Rivera, an activist and advocate of Puerto Rican and Latino causes; and for his community outreach to both Latino and non-Latino organizations; and causes throughout the Garden State.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-714 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating the recipients of the Jefferson Award honorees chosen by the Jefferson Award Foundation.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-715 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Anita Novy, a twenty-five year member and former Chair of the Union County Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse upon her passing.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-716 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** Proclaiming August 12th through August 18th, 2018 as National Health Center Week throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-717 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Proclaiming Friday, September 14, 2018 as POW/MIA Remembrance Day throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-718 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS & FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Recognizing and congratulating Elizabeth Urquhart of Plainfield upon being the first female and African-American President to serve on the Union County Tax Board.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-719 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Union County College Plainfield Campus upon their upcoming 25th anniversary celebration.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-720 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS & FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Gordon Fuller, husband of former Administrator Barbara Fuller of Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs upon his passing.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-721 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Congratulating Robert J. McNamara, Jr., Boy Scouts of America Troop 75, Cranford, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-722 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Congratulating Michael T. Bonnell of Boy Scout Troop 104, Scotch Plains-Fanwood upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-723 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Family and Children's Services, Inc. upon its upcoming 125th anniversary celebration.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-724 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Josephine's Place of Elizabeth as they celebrate empowering women at their 15th anniversary gala on September 7, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-725 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating the Union County Board of Elections Administrator Dennis Kobitz upon his well-deserved retirement after 33 years of dedicated service to residents of Union County.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

2018-726 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Congratulating Tommy's Italian Sausage & Hot Dogs of Elizabeth for winning NJ's best hot dog joint showdown for best Italian hot dog.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

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.

Robert E Barry, Esq. made the following statement:

The safety of our employees and those under our care at the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital are paramount to our concern. Our staffing ratios continue to meet state standards, and please note that with reference to the incident, which occurred on July 28th, it is currently under investigation and we will not have any further comment on that matter at this time.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman

Joshua Castillo, of Mountainside, spoke of setting up unifying events with the Freeholder Board as a way to improve the County for residents.

Chairman Granados thanked Mr. Castillo.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, noted that Freeholder Hudak left the meeting for about 45 minutes. Mr. Paterson made comments relative to the deer population in the County and believes that the increase in population is due to overbuilding. He noted that he appreciated the Freeholders saving acres of land through the Open Space Trust Fund. He made comments relative to his appreciation for librarians (referring the County's Library grants). He asked for clarification on the money spent on composting equipment and if the County was making a profit on the compost.

Freeholder Hudak appreciated Mr. Paterson's concern and noted that his short absence was due to a family emergency.

Chairman Granados advised Mr. Paterson that he would receive the figures on the compost the following day.

Sid Blanchard, of Scotch Plains, updated the Freeholder Board on the situation that occurred earlier in the year regarding 30 Roselle residents losing their homes due to a fire. Mr. Blanchard, who is the Executive Director of Community Access Unlimited, thanked the Board, emergency personnel, and Union County Social Services for their support in this difficult time.

Chairman Granados thanked Director Debbie-Ann Anderson and her staff for working to provide assistance to the residents.

Priscilla Sarilburess, of Fords, made comments relative to incidents that have occurred at Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital. She made comments relative to the level of staff training. She stated that she hopes a conversation can be had about the ongoing issues in order to prevent future incidents.

Chairman Granados noted that the Board would continue to look for ways to ensure the safety of the employees at Cornerstone, and assured the public that a conversation would take place.

Seeing no other comments, Chairman Granados closed public comment.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Hudak thanked the workers from Cornerstone who attended the meeting tonight to express their concerns. He also thanked the representatives from the libraries who accepted the grants. He noted how wonderful it is to see how the funds were used in innovative and diverse ways. Freeholder Hudak also mentioned the various events sponsored by the Freeholder Board that are occurring in August, including the concerts and film series. He encouraged everyone to come out and enjoy Union County parks.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments on the Union County Office of Veterans Services and how active the office has been this year with organizing events in support of UC Hero, one of Chairman Granados' initiatives. He noted that the office would hold its 2nd Annual Veterans Mixer on August 23rd at Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth.

Freeholder Mirabella also noted that the Office of Veterans Services would hold a Know Your Benefits Seminar on August 28th at Kean University. He also noted that there would be a Veterans Camp-Over on September 15th at Watchung Reservation. He noted that there would be a Military Campfire and Hayride on October 5th in Warinanco Park. Freeholder Mirabella announced the Union County P.O.W./M.I.A Day on September 14th, and encouraged all residents to attend. He also mentioned an event that he attended, along with Chairman Granados, Freeholder Estrada, and Freeholder Williams, which paid tribute to Union County veterans in public safety. These men and women received the Union County medal as thanks to their service as a veteran and a public safety professional. The event was done in conjunction with Elizabeth Councilman Grova.

Freeholder Garretson made comments towards the 35th Annual National Night Out, an event that bridges the community and law enforcement. She encouraged the Board to continue to support National Night Out events. She also made comments relative to National Health Center Week, which occurs from August 12-August 18 and mentioned that a county facility in Plainfield would hold several events during the week, including free screenings, games, and vendors. She noted that it is a national campaign that would be good to engage in and support in the future.

Freeholder Bergen made comments in response to the speaker's (Mr. Paterson) comments relative to the Space Study. Phase one of the study was to examine what the County had. Phase two, the current phase, is to give the Board options as to how to use the space the

County has. He noted that this is a major decision that can affect the County for many years, which is why the County is looking at each option carefully before a decision is made.

Freeholder Bergen also noted the screening of the documentary *Making a Killing: Guns, Greed, and the NRA*. He mentioned that the Board partnered with Moms Demand Action to present this film free of charge at the STEM Building Auditorium at Kean University on September 12th. He encouraged everyone interested in common sense gun control to attend the event.

Freeholder Williams made comments relative to the 3rd Annual Union County Means Business Expo on September 26th at the Warinanco Sports Center. She noted that the Expo works with local entrepreneurs and provides networking opportunities and a place to showcase products.

Freeholder Estrada thanked the workers of Cornerstone for the work they do and their commitment to their job, and he assured them that the Board is looking for ways to resolve any issues that may arise. He also thanked them for taking care of individuals who society may have cast aside otherwise and noted that Cornerstone provides these individuals with a safety net.

Freeholder Estrada also recognized Investors Bank for their generosity in donating the NJAC scholarship to Jeffrey Gonzalez. Freeholder Estrada noted that Mr. Gonzalez has a future and said that the Vocational-Technical school is able to bring students from all over the county together to give them a great education. Freeholder Estrada congratulated the libraries and mentioned how amazing it is to visit the libraries and see how the grant funding is used in different ways.

Freeholder Estrada made comments in response to Mr. Paterson's comment on the compost and assured that he had visited the quarry to see how the process goes and confirms it was a great investment. Freeholder Estrada noted that the compost allows the municipalities to utilize the material at a low cost.

Vice Chairman Kowalski made comments relative to the Cornerstone employees and thanked them for their hard work. She also thanked Mr. Blanchard of Community Access Unlimited for the services the organization provides to individuals throughout the County. She thanked Freeholder Mirabella and the Open Space Trust Fund for continuing to support libraries in the County. Vice Chairman Kowalski recognized the 24-hour Homeless Emergency Response Hotline as a resource for those who are in need of emergency shelter or who are at risk of becoming homeless. She noted Gateway Family YMCA operates the hotline as part of the Union County Department of Human Services.

Vice Chairman Kowalski spoke about how she along with Chairman Granados, Freeholder Mirabella, and Freeholder Estrada all attended the opening of the newly renovated Lessner Building in Union County College.

Vice Chairman Kowalski noted that New Jersey Transit service needs to be improved and the service changes are not acceptable. She and Freeholder Bergen, who is the Chairman of the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition, have attended meetings with NJ Transit and mentioned that at the last meeting they were told the work that needs to be done for Positive Train

Control would last from September 10th to just after the New Year. She noted that one-seat rides would be put on hold during this time.

Chairman Granados thanked Vice Chairman Kowalski for being the one to initiate the concept of library grants. He also thanked Open Space Chairman Mirabella for continuing to provide resources for the libraries in the County.

Chairman Granados made comments relative to the Capital Bond Ordinance and said that it is the first year in recent memory that the County is paying off more debt than was authorized. He noted that the overall total of \$37,235,560 was the lowest requested in about four years. Chairman Granados thanked County Manager Oatman for his efforts in working with Finance Director Bibi Taylor and other Department heads in crafting a fiscally responsible capital budget. He noted that the final budget was passed with one of the lowest tax increases in years. The budget provides many services for residents, including new polling machines with a paper trail, improving the County Parks system, upgrading the Courthouse boiler system, upgrading fire alarms and suppression systems, purchasing new equipment for the print shop, and allocating funds for the Vocational-Technical schools and Union County College. Chairman Granados noted that the of the nearly \$37,000,000 budget, \$2,317,000 is for the Vocational-Technical schools and \$9,105,000 is for Union County College.

Chairman Granados acknowledged how important these funds are to improve the education and quality of life of Union County residents and thanked everyone on the Board, County Manager Oatman, and Union County staff for continuing to improve the quality of services while remaining fiscally responsible.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Granados called for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, a voice vote showed nine members voted in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

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. 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

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*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.

**May 10, 2018 Agenda Setting Session was cancelled and rescheduled for May 3, 2018 at 7pm.

***June 14, 2018 Regular Meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for June 7, 2018 to commence immediately after the conclusion of the scheduled June 7, 2018 Agenda Setting Session.

James E. Pellettiere,
Clerk of the Board