



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2018  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sergio Granados presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

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

Also present were Deputy County Manager Amy Wagner, County Counsel Robert E. Barry, Esq., and Clerk of the Board James E. Pellettiere.

## PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The prayer and salute to the flag were led by Clerk of the Board Pellettiere.

## STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

## APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

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Note and File

Oath of Office: Emergency Management Council: Chris Debbie, Thomas Mineo, Andrew Moran and Michael Redding; Fire Services Advisory Board: Dan Czeh, Eric Evers, Fred Fretz, John Lestarchick, Thomas McNamara, Andrew Moran, Steven Ruhl, Michael Scanio, Joseph Signorello and Gary Steitz; Local Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse; Union County Advisory Board on the Status of Minorities: Leonard Jones; Union County Commission on the Status of Women: Amelia Mapp; Union County Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board: Veronica Sala-Baez; Union County Human Services Advisory Council: Anthony Cameli, Donna Lowe-Alexander, Rashara Fuller, Bernadette Griswold, Joseph McTernan and Thomas Reedy.

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

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**ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION**

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- 794-2018 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE GUARANTY BY THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY OF PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE COUNTY GUARANTEED REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2018 (OAKWOOD PLAZA-ELIZABETH PROJECT) OF THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$22,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL SECURITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE AUTHORITY'S ISSUANCE OF SUCH REFUNDING BONDS, CONSENTING TO SUCH FINANCING AND DETERMINING CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

**FIRST READING STATEMENT**

Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen, Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman, will move Ordinance Number 794-2018 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 July 12, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Bergen and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, Ordinance Number 794-2018 was moved for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. Roll call showed seven (7) members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh and Freeholder Williams absent.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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

(Inaudible) referred to herself as "Mama Meow", Union County resident, commented on Resolution 2018-610. She said she was proud of the Board for recognizing the need to manage the feral cat population, and thanked them for their support of municipalities permitting a Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) program for community cats.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, commented on a number of resolutions. Relative to Resolution Number 2018-562, he asked for clarification as to the "reverse commute." Relative to Resolution Number 2018-572, he asked what the money will be used for (Rutgers Cooperative Extension program). Relative to Resolution Number 2018-577, he asked for clarification as to where the savings came from. Relative to Resolution Number 2018-578, he thanked the Board for the savings. He suggested the County should use the savings towards repairing curbs throughout the County. He asked if the savings go to surplus. Relative to Resolution Number 2018-583, he inquired as to who was receiving the funding. Relative to Resolution Number 2018-584, he asked what the estimated construction costs will be. Relative to Resolution Number 2018-588, he inquired if the County saved \$230,000. Relative to

Resolution Number 2018-590, he stated that he believed that Freeholder Mirabella should abstain on voting on this resolution. Relative to Resolution Number 2018-594, he asked if the County would receive any revenue.

Relative to Resolution 2018-562, Deputy Director Dinsmore clarified that “reverse commute” referred to assistance with the last leg of the commute to work. She stated that Union County utilizes the funds for the Route 22 safety shuttle.

Relative to Resolution 2018-583, Deputy Director Dinsmore advised that the federal funding is earmarked for twelve organizations and non-profits providing emergency services and homelessness prevention services. She advised that the money is earmarked for individuals that meet the federal poverty guidelines.

Relative to Resolution 2018-572, Dr. Karen M. Ensle of Rutgers Cooperative Extension explained that the resolution is the annual salary reimbursement contract for faculty and staff, noting that it represents 25% of total amount. She highlighted a number of Rutgers Cooperative Extension programs in greater detail.

Relative to Resolution 2018-577, Director Graziano explained this was relative to a traffic signal work. He stated that the savings will go back to capital accounts for future projects.

Relative to Resolution 2018-588, Director Yuska clarified that there will be a savings of \$281,000 per year, for a total savings of \$843,000 over the next three years.

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## RESOLUTIONS

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The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

**2018-560 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Resolution modifying the 2018 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$12,863 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Universal Service Fund - CWA Administration Grant.

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

**2018-561 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Resolution modifying the 2018 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$55,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a Program Entitled: Emergency Management Agency Assistance (EMAA) Grant.

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

**2018-562 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Resolution modifying the 2018 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$300,000 as a result of notification received from the New Jersey Transit for a program entitled: NJ Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Grant.

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

**2018-563 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the Union County Performing Arts Center in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for the purposes of developing support for the arts in Union County and creating cultural and educational opportunities for Union County residents.

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

**2018-564 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Township of Cranford's Fourth of July celebration held on July 4, 2018 in Nomahegan Park in the amount of \$4,000.

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

**2018-565 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Authorizing the sponsorship of the New Jersey Legacy Committee's Juneteenth Historical and Cultural celebration of the June 19, 1865 announcement of the abolition of slavery in the amount of \$2,000.00.

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

**2018-566 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the City of Plainfield's Fourth of July celebration held on July 4, 2018 in Cedar Brook Park in the amount of \$1,200.

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

- 2018-567 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Township of Springfield's Fourth of July celebration held on July 4, 2018 in Meisel Park in the amount of \$4,000.

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

- 2018-568 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq; Department of Human Services: Able Mechanical, Inc., Red Bank, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing kitchen equipment maintenance and repair services for the Division on Aging/Nutrition Kitchen, Linden, New Jersey, Open End Contract for 24 consecutive months upon the signing of the contract with a 24 month extension option, in the total amount of \$47,500.

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

- 2018-569 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Amending Resolution 2018-226, increasing the 2016-2018 Area Plan, to reflect an additional increase in funding only in the amount not to exceed \$1,125,930 for a new grand total not to exceed \$4,848,454 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 Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Bergen abstaining and Freeholder Jalloh and Freeholder Williams absent.

- 2018-570 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Jacqueline Napper, PsyD, MSCP, Plainfield, New Jersey, to provide psychological services to the patients of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital for the period of August 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$6,250.

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

- 2018-571 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law: NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq. to Motivated Security Services, 34 Main Street, Somerville, NJ for the purpose of providing security coverage at Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County for a not to exceed figure of \$87,821.00 for a period of twelve consecutive months, beginning

July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, with the option to extend for two additional 12 month periods.

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

- 2018-572 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** Authorizing the County Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Rutgers Cooperative Extension c/o Cook College of New Brunswick, New Jersey, for the purposes of utilizing the educational services of certain members of the Rutgers faculty and staff of Cook College for the period of January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 in the amount of \$105,824.00.

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

- 2018-573 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Concurring with the City of Summit for the Installation of a Traffic Signal at the Intersection of River Road/Passaic Avenue (C.R. 649) and Watchung Avenue (C.R. 646), City of Summit, County of Union, New Jersey. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-029)

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

- 2018-574 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Concurring with the City of Summit for the modification of a Traffic Signal at the Intersection of River Road, (C.R. 649) and Morris Avenue (C.R. 651), City of Summit, County of Union, New Jersey. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-034)

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

- 2018-575 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Concurring Resolution with the Borough of Kenilworth that a HAWK Traffic Signal be installed at the Intersection of South Michigan Avenue (C.R. 617) and Quinton Avenue within the Borough of Kenilworth, County of Union, New Jersey. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-012)

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

- 2018-576 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Concurring with the Borough of Fanwood for the Installation of a Pedestrian Sign at the Intersection of LaGrande (C.R. 601) and Second Street, Borough of Fanwood.

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

- 2018-577 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2016-291 adopted on April 14, 2016, BA#4-2016, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Solar-Mite, Inc., of Fords, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Intersection Improvements at Center Street and South Avenue, Borough of Garwood. This Change Order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$26,479.70) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$227,386.80. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2012-031).

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

- 2018-578 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2016-297 adopted on April 14, 2016, BA#12-2016, 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 Della Pello Paving, Inc., of Union, New Jersey, for the 2016 Road Resurfacing Project, Various Municipalities, County of Union, New Jersey approving Change Order Number 1 (final). This Change Order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$682,475.46) for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$7,609,704.39. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-003)

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

- 2018-579 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40:A11-1 et seq to: Continental Hardware, Newark, NJ (BA#28-2018) for the purpose of providing Lot#1 Lumber & Associated Materials for the Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management; Division of Public Works and Division of Emergency Management for one (1) twenty-four (24) consecutive months, contract amount not to exceed \$75,015.75.

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

**2018-580 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40:A11-1 et seq to: Tri-County Termite & Pest Control, Carneys Point, NJ (BA#30-2018) for the purpose of providing Exterminating/Pest Control Management Services for the Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management; for one (1) twenty-four (24) consecutive months, with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month optional extension contract amount not to exceed \$75,064.00.

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

**2018-581 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) in the approximate amount of \$12,863 for the CWA Administration of the 2017 Universal Service Fund.

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

**2018-582 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a professional services contract to Dr. Vipul C. Mody, Bridgewater, NJ, to serve as Medical Director of the Union County Immunization Clinic located at 40 Parker Road, Elizabeth, for the period of July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 at a monthly payment of \$2,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$12,000.

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

**2018-583 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution 2018-409 to reflect a 2018 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) award increase in the amount of \$222,949.24, for a new grand total of \$372,502.52, to be allocated as specified in the amended 2018 CSBG Spending Plan and to reflect a grant term extension of six (6) months for subcontracted services to be provided during the new grant period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, with no other changes to terms of agreements.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative with Freeholder Bergen abstaining, and Freeholder Jalloh and Freeholder Williams absent.

**2018-584 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Architectural Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to The Musial Group, of Mountainside, New Jersey to provide Design Services, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the renovation/reconfiguration of the existing County Clerk's Office, City of Elizabeth,

County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$244,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-009)

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

- 2018-585 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to purchase equipment, related training and materials from Cellebrite USA, Inc., Parsippany, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$15,937.47.

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

- 2018-586 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to purchase equipment, related training and materials from MSAB, Inc., Arlington, Virginia in an amount not to exceed \$23,065.00.

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

- 2018-587 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement for a Blanket Surety Bond for Public Officials through Beckerman & Company, with Liberty Mutual Surety, from July 12, 2018 through June 30, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$2,755.

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

- 2018-588 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2018-338, a contract awarded to CAREMARKPCS HEALTH L.L.C., Woonsocket, RI to administer prescription plan to allow for administration fee omitted when medical and prescription were separated in an amount of \$485,000 for 36 months for a total amount not to exceed \$710,000. No increase to contracted or budgeted funds.

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

**2018-589 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Approving Claims Payment Authorization for Employee Health and Prescription Self-Insurance Program to Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of Newark, NJ and CAREMARKPCS Health, L.L.C., Woonsocket, RI, the contracted Third Party Administrators.

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

**2018-590 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a stop/loss insurance contract to Sun Life Financial, Philadelphia, PA as recommended by our contracted insurance broker BGIA/Acrisure and Administrative Services in an amount not to exceed of \$1,950,000 for 12 consecutive months.

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

**2018-591 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2018-25, a professional services contract with Ruderman, Horn & Esmerado, Springfield, New Jersey, special counsel for Labor and Personnel matters, to increase the amount of award for legal services in the amount of \$15,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$40,000.

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

**2018-592 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing County Manager to execute a License Agreement and Sponsorship with the Borough of Roselle for its Music Festival at Warinanco Park on July 14-15, 2018; and further authorizing the sponsorship in the amount of \$15,000.

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

**2018-593 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing County Manager to execute an Access Agreement Allowing T & F Industry to Enter Zimmerman Section of Elizabeth River Park in Hillside to conduct an environmental evaluation of a common area encompassing both our properties.

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

**2018-594 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2017-270, a contract awarded through the advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq., to E-Z-GO Textron, Inc., Augusta, Georgia, for the purpose of providing golf cart lease, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) to Include Warinanco Sports Center to the original contract amount by (\$33,288.12) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$1,065,897.84.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed six members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Granados abstaining and Freeholder Jalloh and Freeholder Williams absent.

**2018-595 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2017-1003 dated December 7, 2017 to increase the appropriation to Weiner Law Group, LLP of Parsippany, NJ in the matter entitled Kevin Buckley and Ryan Wilson v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$100,000.00.

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

**2018-596 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2018-120 dated January 25, 2018 to increase the appropriation to Thomson Reuters 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 additional amount not to exceed \$1,052.00 for a total sum not to exceed \$106,252.00.

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

**2018-597 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending resolution number 2018-38, a resolution adopting the Freeholder Standing Committee Assignment for 2018.

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

**2018-598 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending resolution number 2018-39, a resolution appointing members of the Freeholder Board as liaisons to various Advisory Boards for the Year 2018.

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

- 2018-599 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** A Resolution appointing Archer & Greiner to serve as Bond Counsel and provide bond counsel services in connection with the County Guaranteed Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2018 (Oakwood Plaza-Elizabeth Project).

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

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#### **FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

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- 2018-600 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Congratulating Carl Hokanson for being honored by the Chapel of Four Chaplains with the Legion of Honor Award.

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

- 2018-601 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** Congratulating Harriett Germinder upon celebrating her 95th birthday.

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

- 2018-602 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Congratulating Roselle Park Girls Softball Team upon being the 2018 Group 1 State Champions.

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

- 2018-603 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Robert E. Jeans, Jr. upon his passing.

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

- 2018-604 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Congratulating the Plainfield High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame upon their 13th annual induction celebration; and further congratulating the new inductees.

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

- 2018-605 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Congratulating Cranford Scout Troop 80 upon its 90th anniversary celebration.

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

- 2018-606 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Christopher J. Scaturo, Sr. father of Director of Division of Emergency Services Christopher J. Scaturo, Jr. upon his passing.

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

- 2018-607 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Helene Dobbins upon her passing.

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

- 2018-608 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Union County Sheriff Investigator Christopher Zamanski upon being the recipient of the "Big Brother of the Year" award by Big Brothers Big Sisters.

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

- 2018-609 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing Juneteenth as the celebration commemorating the June 19, 1865 announcement of the abolition of slavery; and further wishing a successful Juneteenth to all municipalities and organizations hosting a Juneteenth celebration recognizing individuals who are being honored for their outstanding service to the community.

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

- 2018-610 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Concurring with Essex County Resolution No. R-2017-00718, supporting municipalities in permitting a Trap-Neuter-Return program for community cats.

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

- 2018-611 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Resolution expressing opposition to the Trump administration's zero tolerance policy for undocumented individuals entering the country.

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

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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

Brian Bernier, Roselle, commented on traffic issues on Locust Street and Westfield Avenue. He stated that the left lanes on Locust have a left turn only light, noting traffic gets backed up during rush hour. He asked the Board to look into ways to alleviate the issue. He also made comments relative to traffic issues on Linden Road as well, noting that the left turn light on Westfield Avenue is too short.

Mr. Bernier thanked the Board for approving the County's \$15,000 sponsorship of the house music festival in Roselle.

He also commented on Vice Chairman Kowalski's use of Chairman, rather than Vice Chair or Vice Chairwoman.

Vice Chairman Kowalski clarified that she chose her title and it was not imposed on her, noting that the next person in the post will also have a choice. She thanked Mr. Bernier for paying attention to the issue.

Chairman Granados advised that these County roads intersect with State roads, but that Director Graziano and his staff had noted Mr. Bernier's comments and would forward them to the State for review.

Anthony Esposito, Roselle, made comments relative to "pay to play," suggesting the Board create its own policy to address "pay-to-pay". He suggested that the County should exclude anyone who makes a donation, to any campaign, in the amount of \$1,500 from receiving a contract.

Brian (inaudible), Elizabeth, made comments relative to biking and running trails. He stated that he enjoys the County park system, but suggested that something might be done with

inactive rail lines within the County in order to facilitate such trails. He noted that such a program is in New Brunswick.

Chairman Granados advised that he would put him in contact with Legislative Director, Lisa Bullock, who could direct him to the appropriate parties.

Vice Chairman Kowalski inquired if he was speaking to the Lehigh Avenue Rail.

Freeholder Estrada interjected and commented on the Central Railroad. He stated that while the rail lines may not be being used, they are still owned and potentially operated. He commented on trail opportunities in Westfield (later corrected in stating Summit) and Roselle Park.

Vice Chairman Kowalski also advised the speaker to look into information regarding the East Coast Greenway as an additional resource.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, made comments relative to the County budget and Garwood taxes, including questions regarding the formula for tax evaluations. He stated that taxes should have gone down 1.5% and noted that the County surplus is too high and should be used to allow for a zero tax increase.

Mr. Paterson also made comments relative to affordable housing and the increased number of units in Scotch Plains, citing traffic concerns resulting from increased population.

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

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## **FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

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Freeholder Garretson thanked Ms. Vezza for her presentation on Moms Demand Action's Be SMART program, noting the incident of gun violence in southern New Jersey. She shared that she celebrated the birthday of a 95-year old woman in Hillside.

Freeholder Garretson made comments relative to the important history of Juneteenth, recommending the Board consider a countywide event to commemorate the day. Freeholder Garretson expressed her opposition on the matter of immigrant families being separated (at the border). She spoke of the need to continue to stand with the families affected by the inhumane treatment.

Freeholder Garretson made comments relative to the Summer Arts (Music) Series commencing (the upcoming) Friday, noting that it is important to embrace programs that bring communities together.

Freeholder Bergen thanked Freeholder Garretson for her remarks concerning immigrant family separation, noting he was in agreement with her. He noted that the Recycling Grants were not matching grants.

Freeholder Bergen stated that even though Mr. Esposito had left the meeting, he wanted to offer some comments as they related to his (Mr. Esposito's) comments regarding "pay to

play.” He advised that the County has always been, and will always be, in compliance with the law.

He responded to Mr. Paterson’s comments, noting that the County has no control over the tax formulas because they are issued by the State. He said he believed the County has taken fiscally prudent action relative to the surplus. On the issue of affordable housing, Freeholder Bergen noted that because the Christie administration did not appoint or empower the Council on Affordable Housing, oversight fell to State courts which he noted would have a potentially negative effect on municipalities. He also made comments relative to County recycling programs.

Freeholder Estrada thanked Freeholder Garretson for her remarks as to immigrant family separation, noting he was in agreement with her and made comments of his own relative to the national issue.

Freeholder Estrada thanked the Parks department for their work in cleaning up Phil Rizzuto Park, noting that the next project to tackle is the securing of trees close to the river line. He also made comments on the topic of recycling.

Freeholder Hudak thanked the Mayors and municipal officials for participating in the Recycling Enhancement grant. He congratulated Director Graziano and Recycling Coordinator Joanne Gemenden for the work they do. He commented on the importance of recycling.

He made comments relative to his participation in the County’s Pride Day in Rahway, noting that it was a great event. He noted that the Rahway Pool was up and running, and advised that the construction of the Wheeler Park Spray Park project is underway after a series of delays.

Freeholder Hudak made comments relative to the Resolution Number 2018-611. He thanked the Board for its support and spoke of the Board’s decision, three years ago, to end the policy of housing juveniles that were part of the immigration system that were detained in the detention center. He spoke to the disgraceful practice of separating children from their families. He offered a personal story between himself and his daughter that highlights the principal issue at hand.

Freeholder Mirabella thanked Freeholder Hudak for his comments.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to the NJ Symphony Orchestra opening the County’s Summer Arts Series, and other summer activities available to residents. Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to the Family Pride Event, noting that he was proud of the Board’s progressive mindset. He congratulated the work of Danni Newbury, Coordinator of the County’s LGBTQ Office, noting that the office is the first of its kind and congratulated Chairman Granados for that initiative. He commented on the “family” aspect of the County’s event. He also made comments relative to the County’s first ever LGBTQ Prom event held at the Hamilton Stage, and commended the UCPAC staff for their efforts.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to his participation in a “Kids Dig In” event, and commended the Chairman on establishing that initiative.

Vice Chairman Kowalski made comments relative to the County's Farmer Market Voucher Program, advising that vouchers were still available for eligible seniors. She advised that the County added a new date on July 13, 2018 to be held at the Warinanco Sports Center in Warinanco Park. She provided additional information on the program.

Vice Chairman Kowalski thanked the Chairman for his "Kids Dig In" initiative. She stated that she has had the pleasure of attending a number of the events and noted that many of the children never seen a vegetable garden before. She offered her appreciation to the Freeholder Aides who have been doing an excellent job staffing Freeholders and assisting with events like the "Kids Dig In" program.

Vice Chairman Kowalski commended Moms Demand Action for the important work they do, and thanked them for providing the Board with their presentation. She congratulated all the graduating seniors throughout the county and wished them well on their future endeavors.

Chairman Granados commended Trust Fund Administrator Vikki Drake and her staff, along with OPI Deputy Director Tina Casey on their work with the garden grant programs. He noted that he was proud of the fact that 30% of the produce grown through the program is donated to local food pantries and local shelters. He stated that last year over 200 pounds of produce was donated. He thanked the Board for supporting this endeavor.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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Chairman Granados called for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, a voice vote showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh and Freeholder Williams absent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2018 MEETING SCHEDULE

Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 7:00pm in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified. In the event an Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting are held on the same night, the Agenda Setting Session will commence at 7:00pm and the Regular Meeting will commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session.

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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

<u>AGENDA SETTING SESSION</u>	<u>REGULAR MEETINGS</u>
January 18, 2018	January 25, 2018
February 1, 2018	February 8, 2018
February 15, 2018	February 15, 2018
March 1, 2018*	March 8, 2018
March 22, 2018	March 22, 2018
April 12, 2018	April 19, 2018
April 26, 2018	April 26, 2018
May 10, 2018**	May 17, 2018
May 24, 2018	May 24, 2018
June 7, 2018	June 14, 2018***
June 21, 2018	June 21, 2018
July 12, 2018	July 19, 2018
August 9, 2018	August 16, 2018
September 6, 2018	September 13, 2018
September 27, 2018	September 27, 2018
October 4, 2018	October 11, 2018
October 25, 2018	October 25, 2018
November 8, 2018	November 29, 2018
December 13, 2018	December 13, 2018
December 20, 2018	December 20, 2018

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

\*\*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.