



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, APRIL 04, 2019  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Kowalski presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

## **ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski, Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Sergio Granados, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri – Mouded, Freeholder Andrea Staten, Freeholder Williams; with Freeholder Angela R. Garretson absent.

Also present were County Manager Edward T. Oatman, County Counsel Robert E. Barry, Esq., and Clerk of the Board James E. Pellettiere.

Chairman Kowalski advised that Freeholder Garretson was not in attendance because she was attending the funeral of Newark Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson's on behalf of the Board.

## **PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

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

## **STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

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

## **PRESENTATIONS FROM THE BOARD**

A Resolution Presentation was be made by Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella and Freeholder Christopher Hudak to Elisse Glennon, Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of New Jersey Sharing Network, recognizing April as National Donate Life Month in the County of Union.

Chairman Kowalski joined by Vice Chairman Mirabella and Freeholder Hudak acknowledged Elisse Glennon Vice President and CAO of NJ Sharing Network for her leadership, hard work, and noted the invaluable services provided by said organization as they relate to organ and tissue donation. Freeholder Hudak commended Ms. Glennon for educating the public and bringing awareness to the cause. He also noted the biennial Transplant Games event scheduled to take place in 2020 at the Meadowlands.

Vice President and CAO Elisse Glennon thanked the Board for their unyielding support, as well as the support of the community. She noted that in the last five years organ and tissue donations have increased 35%, an increase she attributes to education and awareness related to the cause. Despite

the increase, she advised that over 115,000 people nation-wide are still in need of a life-saving transplant, 4,000 of those people reside in New Jersey. She noted a campaign on [saveNJlives.com](http://saveNJlives.com) where residents can find out how many people within their town require a transplant. She concluded by thanking the Board for their partnership and continued support, noting their annual participation in the 5K run in June in New Providence.

Chairman Mirabella commended Elisse Glennon for being an asset to the NJ Sharing Network as well as other non-profit organizations during her career. He thanked Scotch Plains Councilwoman Elizabeth Stamler, who serves on the board of NJ Sharing Network. He also thanked Cranford High School's baseball coach Dennis McCaffery for shedding light on Eric Walano's touching story.

A Resolution Presentation was made by Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski and Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella to Eric Walano for selflessly donating a kidney to an individual in need.

Vice Chairman Mirabella, Chairman Kowalski and Freeholder Hudak asked Mr. Eric Walano to join them up front for the presentation. Vice Chairman Mirabella noted that Mr. Eric Walano had been inspired to become a donor after attending a 2017 Hearts for Emma fundraiser, during which time he registered as an altruistic donor and fulfilled his donation seven months later. Vice Chairman Mirabella applauded Mr. Eric Walano's sacrifice and extended his gratitude to Mr. Walano for his willingness to donate and save a life.

Eric Walano thanked the Board for their recognition and commended the NJ Sharing Network for making his donation possible. He cited how personally life changing the experience was for him and those involved.

Chairman Kowalski thanked Elisse Glennon for her great effort at the NJ Sharing Network. She recognized the Walano family of Cranford and their involvement in the community and extended her gratitude to Eric Walano for his selfless contribution.

#### **APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Note and File

#### **OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF**

Peter Corvelli, Sheriff

Sergeant Jim Miller represented the Union County Sheriff's Office.

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Clearview Data Systems for the Dataworks Maintenance Agreement for the contract period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$11,188.84. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

Laura Scutari, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement to provide liability coverage for ambulances owned and operated by the County Emergency Services in an amount not to exceed \$24,964.00 with General Star Management Company, Stamford, CT for the period of April 26, 2019 to April 25, 2020. **(Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Amy Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award funding for the 2019 Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 to the twenty-one (21) municipalities in the County of Union identified in the attached hereto and made a part hereof. **(Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Hudak commented that he was pleased to see this program continue.

Deputy County Manager Wagner thanked Freeholder Hudak for his leadership related to facilitating this grant.

Freeholder Williams asked Deputy County Manager Wagner to outline how this aid is allocated to the various townships.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that several factors were considered in the distribution of funds, with strong emphasis placed on population.

2. Amending Resolution Number 2018-653, awarding contracts to various sub-recipients under the WorkFirst New Jersey's Program Year 2018 grant funding, to obligate an additional \$375,000.00 of WFNJ funding for a new Program Year 2018 award amount of \$1,440,000.00. **(Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Granados asked Deputy County Manager Wagner to elaborate on some of the programs offered.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that this contract pertains to employment training opportunities provided through organizations like Union County College and WorkForce Advantage, among others for individuals receiving public assistance. She added that through these organizations individuals have a plethora of specialized employment-related training opportunities to choose from.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2018-624, adopting the 2018 Union County Homeless Trust Fund (HTF) One-Time Spending Plan, to extend the grant term an additional two (2) months for a new grant term of August 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019; with no change in funding nor to the overall spending plan. **(Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Inroads to Opportunities, Roselle, New Jersey, for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 for reimbursement to the County of Union in the amount of \$6.00 per one way trip for the provision of transportation service through the Union County Paratransit System for Partial Care clients attending their programs based upon pre-scheduled trips provided by the County on Mondays through Fridays. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 for reimbursement in the amount of \$7.00 per one way trip to the County of Union for the provision of Transportation Service through the Union County Paratransit System for Partial Care clients attending their programs, based upon scheduled trips provided by the County on Mondays through Fridays. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

Ron Zuber, Director

1. Amending Resolution 2018-0881, to reflect and specify that Sports Facilities Management, LLC assigned the Qualified Management Contract for the Warinanco Sports Center to Kemper Sports Management, Inc. and the Concessionaire Services Contract to KemperSports Golf Group, LLC. **(Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Hudak commented on the Warinanco Sports Center and commended the staff for organizing and facilitating the various activities available year-round at the facility. He noted that two of his children had recently participated in the ice skating lessons and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. He applauded the new addition to the park and its growing popularity with residents.

Freeholder Estrada asked Director Zuber to confirm that the intention of this item was to replace the initial and existing vendor with Kemper Sports Management Inc. He also asked whether the contract was an individual contract or if it was related to the awarded contract related to the management of the county-operated golf courses.

Director Zuber confirmed that the item related to the replacement of the initial vendor.

County Counsel advised that the contract was an individual contract, separate from the contract related to the county-operated golf courses.

#### **OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL**

Robert Barry, County Counsel

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. A Resolution appointing Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt & Cappelli of Rochelle Park, NJ as special counsel to represent the County of Union in the matter entitled Lisa Bonanno v. County of Union, et als in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. **(Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)**

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**FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

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1. Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Isaac Durette, Sr., during their time of sorrow. **(Freeholder Angela R. Garretson)**
2. Resolution offering the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Kenneth A. Gibson, Mayor of the City of Newark, during their time of sorrow. **(Freeholder Angela R. Garretson)**

Chairman Kowalski suggested that this resolution be from the entire Board.

3. Congratulating the four honorees of the 2019 HomeFirst Heroes Evening of Thanks on April 10, 2019: Benjamin Serna, Youth Homefirst Hero, Adrian Mapp, Mayor of Plainfield, Armando Guerra, New Jersey Governor of Lions Club International and Annette Quijano, Assemblywoman NJ Legislative District 20. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Staten asked to be added to this resolution; with Chairman Kowalski adding that the entire Board would join.

4. Re-appointing Michelle Ghali (Criminal Justice) to the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACADA) to a two year term ending December 31, 2020. **(Freeholder Andrea Staten)**
5. Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Gayle Lewis during their time of sorrow. **(Freeholder Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
6. Congratulating John's Meat Market upon its 80th anniversary celebration. **(Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholder Hudak asked to be added to this resolution.

7. Congratulating Nicholas Ryan Macchi of Boy Scout Troop 75, Cranford, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. **(Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Chairman Kowalski and Freeholder Hudak asked to be added to this resolution.

8. Congratulating Brendan J. Hanlon of Boy Scout Troop 75, Cranford, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. **(Chair Bette Jane Kowalski & Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
9. Congratulating Township of Union's Deputy Mayor Florio on the honor of his nomination to the Elected Officials Hall of Fame. **(Chair Bette Jane Kowalski & the Entire Board)**

Chairman Kowalski informed the Clerk of the Board that she may have additional Laudatory Resolutions to include for next week's meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Kowalski asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Williams a voice vote showed eight members of

the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Garretson absent. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

**UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2019 MEETING SCHEDULE**

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

Persons requiring a sign language interpreter should contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 908-527-4140.

REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019 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 17, 2019	January 24, 2019
February 7, 2019	February 14, 2019
February 21, 2019	February 21, 2019
March 7, 2019	March 14, 2019
March 28, 2019	March 28, 2019
April 4, 2019	April 11, 2019
April 25, 2019	April 25, 2019
May 2, 2019*	May 16, 2019
May 23, 2019**	May 23, 2019**
June 13, 2019	June 20, 2019
June 27, 2019	June 27, 2019
July 25, 2019	July 25, 2019
August 22, 2019	August 22, 2019
September 5, 2019	September 12, 2019
September 26, 2019	September 26, 2019
October 3, 2019	October 10, 2019
October 24, 2019	October 24, 2019
November 7, 2019	November 14, 2019
December 5, 2019	December 5, 2019
December 19, 2019	December 19, 2019

AMENDMENTS TO THE 2019 FREEHOLDER MEETING SCHEDULE

\* The Agenda Setting Session of May 9, 2019 has been rescheduled to be held on May 2, 2019. Same time and location.

\*\*The Agenda Setting Session and the Regular Meeting of May 30th has been rescheduled to be held on May 23, 2019. Same time and location.