



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sergio Granados presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:28 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present were County Manager Ed Oatman, County Counsel Robert 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 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: Union County Vocational-Technical School Board of Education: Phyllis Mirabella; Workforce Development Board: Krystal Canady and Danny Robertozzi.

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

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

The Clerk of the Board read the ordinance by title.

801-2018 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS, THE COUNTY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT HEADS.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Bruce Patterson, of Garwood, expressed his concern regarding the aforementioned item and inquired as to why these salary adjustments were necessary and or deserved.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen, Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman, will move Ordinance Number 801-2018 for Final Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

On a motion made by Freeholder Bergen and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

802-2018 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART 1-THE UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, CHAPTER 1, UNION COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE, ARTICLE XVI-DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; ARTICLE XX-DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; ARTICLE XXIV-DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; AND CHAPTER 100-PERSONNEL, ARTICLE XVI-EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, asked the Board to elaborate on the amendments cited in the aforementioned Ordinance.

County Counsel outlined amendments related to the reassignment of certain divisions to different departments and the creation of new divisions within existing departments. He noted the new divisions created in the Department of Human Services as Individual Family Support Service, Outreach and Advocacy, and Human Services Constituent Relations. Within the Department of Corrections, the Bureau of Juvenile Detention has been created. Lastly, the offices of LGBTQ, Office on Women, and Office of Business Development have been moved from the Department of Human Services and reassigned to the Economic Development Department. He also mentioned the modifications and updates made to the terms and conditions noted in the employee handbook.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen, Policy Committee Member, will move Ordinance Number 802-2018 for Final Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

On a motion made by Freeholder Bergen and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

John Bury, of Kenilworth, inquired about two resolutions. As to Resolution No. 2018-1057, he inquired about the scope of work provided by the vendor, the cost of the contract, and whether or not this would be the last year the vendor would be contracted for said service. Regarding Resolution No. 2018-1059, he asked how much the cost of service had been last year and why the center had been moved from The Mills at Jersey Gardens to their new location at Union County Center on North Broad St.

As to Resolution No. 2018-1059, Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that cost of service has remained constant since last year. She advised that the center had to relocate due to Simon Youth Foundation taking over the previous facility. She noted that the new location was more practical for residents than the prior location. Regarding Resolution No. 2018-1057, Deputy County Manager Wagner explained that the service was procured through an RFP process for a cost of \$700,000 over a two-year period, a fee established by HUD. She closed by citing some of the invaluable services provided by the vendor including but not limited to screening applicants and conducting inspections to ensure compliance with housing quality standards.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments and inquiries relative to six resolutions. Relative to Resolutions Nos. 1014 and 1015, Mr. Paterson asked why these grants were being adopted at the end of the year. Regarding Resolution No. 2018-1016, he asked how many employees would be affected by this salary increase and what the overall cost would be. Relative to Resolution No. 2018-1037, Mr. Paterson inquired as to how long the cited vendor had been in business and whether or not the cost was an increase from the previous contract amount. Relative to Resolution No. 2018-1037, he asked whether said equipment would be available for use by the various townships throughout the county. Relative to Resolution No. 201-1066, Mr. Paterson inquired as to whether or not said property was owned and operated by the county.

Comptroller Erick Mesias, representing the Department of Finance clarified that the grants referred to in Resolution Nos. 2018-1014 and 2018-1015 were not fiscal year grants and overlapped between 2018 and 2019. He added that the grant referenced in Resolution No. 2018-1014 was an increase to a grant previously awarded to the county.

Director Graziano further advised that the grant referred to in Resolution No. 2018-1014 pertained to an intersection project scheduled for three intersections in Plainfield. He stated that this project would be entirely funded by the federal government and would be at no cost to county taxpayers. Relative to Resolution No. 2018-1037, the Director advised that vendor has been in business since 2006 and the cost associated with said service was significantly less than the previous two-year contract.

Relative to Resolution No. 2018-1016, County Manager Ed Oatman advised that cited salary increases affected 611 employees throughout various departments including but not limited to Human Services and Public Safety, for an approximate cost of \$750,000.

Chairman Granados confirmed that the property referenced in Resolution No. 2018-1066 did belong to the county.

Maria Echeverria, of Elizabeth, inquired about two resolutions. She asked how many people were serviced by the vendor cited in Resolution No. 2018-1022. Furthermore, she wanted to know if the services noted under Resolution 2018-1049 are new and or modified services given the increase in cost.

Relative to Resolution No. 2018-1022, Director Anderson advised that over 100,000 constituents had been served this year. These services included but were not limited to one-way trips to medical and employment-related appointments.

Relative to Resolution No. 2018-1049, First Assistant Prosecutor Albert Cernadas Jr. representing the Prosecutor's Office, elaborated on the services provided and noted that said services are funded by grant monies and do not affect the county budget. The increase in cost amended by said resolution relates to a change in account numbers and the hiring of additional independent staff.

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

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

2018-1014 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN: Resolution modifying the 2018 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$194,587.21 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for a program entitled: Local Safety Program-West 7th Street Intersection Improvement Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

2018-1015 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN: Resolution modifying the 2018 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$58,824 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Opioid Public Health Crisis Response-Operation Helping Hand (OHH) Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1016 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to adopt exclusionary wage increases as follows: Salary increases for 2019 shall be based upon each employee's performance evaluation score, pursuant to Resolution 2129-2002, and in an amount not to exceed 2.75%, effective January 1, 2019.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1017 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Resolution Approving Constitutional Officers' Salaries.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1018 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Approving a pre-qualified list of professional medical services for the patients of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1019 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with SOS Corporation, Pinehurst, North Carolina, to provide computer software license, maintenance and support for Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County for the contract period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$18,500.01.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1020 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Pharma-Care Inc., Clark, NJ, to provide pharmacy consulting services for the patients of the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1021 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Authorizing the County Manager to certify to the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health Services that

there have been no changes to the plan for the delivery of mental health services and that the County will continue to operate a psychiatric facility during calendar year 2019.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1022 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the State of New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Disability Services, to secure Title XX Grant funding for Fiscal Year 2019 in the amount of \$142,524, with a required County Cash Match of \$30,955, for a total program amount of \$173,479 for the purpose of providing curb-to-curb transportation for economically disadvantaged residents of Union County for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1023 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement between the County of Union and the City of Rahway to establish shared telecommunications services to dispatch Fire and EMS vehicles and equipment to the City of Rahway for a five (5) year contract term commencing on January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2023, with an initial amount not to exceed \$37,140.00 for year one (1); and further authorizing a 2% annual increase for the remaining contract period.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1024 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a professional services contract, with Lehrer-Gibilsco Funeral Home, Inc., 275 West Milton Ave., Rahway, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Livery Services for a one (1) year term, January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, in a total amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1025 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a five (5) year agreement with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, Rahway, NJ, to provide rental space for forensic examinations and autopsies for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2023, with an initial amount of

\$60,000.00 for the first year, with an annual 2% increase for the remaining four (4) year contract term.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1026 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Spec. Rescue International, Virginia Beach, Virginia, to provide Training to members of the Metro Urban Search and Rescue (MUSAR) Task Force from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Region, through the 2016 and 2017 UASI Grant, in an amount not to exceed \$152,120.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1027 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve an annual uniform/clothing allowance for the Union County Fire Mutual Aid Coordinator and Deputy Coordinators in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1028 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager and the Clerk of the Board to submit an electronic grant application, identified as LBFN-2019 - Rehabilitation Irving Street Bridge-00002 project, located in the City of Rahway, to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the County of Union; and hereby authorizes the County Manager and Clerk of the Board to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the County of Union and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant application and approves the execution of the grant agreement. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-018)

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1029 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager and the Clerk of the Board to submit an electronic grant application, identified as LFIF-2019 - Replacement of Lower Road Bridge-00005 project, located in the City of Linden, to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the County of Union; and hereby authorizes the County Manager and Clerk of the Board to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the County of Union and that their signature

constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant application and approves the execution of the grant agreement. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-026)

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1030 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Approving a pre-qualified list of firms for the provision of Architectural Services for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1031 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Approving a pre-qualified list of firms for the provision of Construction Management Services for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1032 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Approving a pre-qualified list of firms for the provision of General Engineering Services for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1033 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement between the County of Union and the City of Summit for the installation of an "illuminated pedestrian warning sign" at the Intersection of Morris Avenue (C.R. 651) and Elm Street, City of Summit, New Jersey in compliance with the New Jersey Department of Transportation Standards and Manual on the Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1034 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in

accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq; Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, Division of Engineering: Orchard Holdings, LLC, of Manasquan, New Jersey, for the Intersection Improvement at West 7th Street (CR 601) Corridor, City of Plainfield, New Jersey, for an amount not to exceed \$847,829.35. This project is being funded by the NJDOT FY-2015 Local Safety Program. (BA#5-2018; Union County Engineering Project Number 2014-044)

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

2018-1035 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2018-153 adopted on February 8, 2018; BA#56-2017, 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 GPC, Inc., of Millburn, New Jersey for Union County Courthouse Fire Code Upgrades, City of Elizabeth, New Jersey approving Change Order Number 1 in an amount not to exceed \$594,454.86 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$19,594,454.86. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-033C)

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

2018-1036 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: Elevator Maintenance Corporation (EMCO), Kearny, NJ (BA#53-2018) for the purpose of providing Elevator Maintenance & Repair Services for the Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management for twenty-four (24) consecutive months, with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month optional extension, the initial contract period shall begin on commencing January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020, not to exceed \$437,700.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

2018-1037 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: DavEd Fire Systems, Hackensack, NJ (BA#51-2018) for the purpose of providing Fire Alarm Services for the Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management for twenty-four (24) consecutive months, with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month optional extension, not to exceed \$535,360.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1038 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: Pennetta Industrial Automation, Little Ferry, NJ (BA#54-2018) for the purpose of providing Computerized Monitoring & Controlling of Automation Systems Equipment for the Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management for twenty-four (24) consecutive months, with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month optional extension, not to exceed \$148,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1039 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Pierce Eagle Equipment for the purchase of 2018 VAC-CON V311/1300 Sewer Jet Machine for the Division of Public Works through the ESCNJ #65 MCESCCPS in the amount not to exceed \$387,890.71.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1040 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Approving a pre-qualified list of Physicians for the provision of clinical team leadership to nurses and other staff in the Union County Pediatric Immunization Clinic for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1041 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a professional services contract to Dr. Vipul C. Mody, a physician under the medical firm KNJ Hospitalist Group, LLC, Bridgewater, NJ, to serve as Medical Director of the Union County Pediatric Immunization Clinic located at 40 Parker Road, Elizabeth, for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$24,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

2018-1042 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute the FY2019 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) agreement in the amount of \$219,916 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) for the grant period of January 1, 2019 through March 30, 2020 for the purpose of providing community programming for low income residents of Union County; and would also recognize and accept that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from NJDCA, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

2018-1043 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with NJ Department of Children and Families (DCF), Division of Child Protection & Permanency (DCPP), for 2019 Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) grant funding in the amount of \$318,163 for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, with a required County Match of \$15,900, for a total project amount of \$334,063.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

2018-1044 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor, State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, to continue efforts of insurance fraud investigation in Union County.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

2018-1045 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with PowerDMS, Inc, Orlando, Florida, to renew subscription and licensing of Document Management Software in an amount not to exceed \$5,194.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

2018-1046 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the Union County Prosecutor's Office to enter into a Professional Services contract with Kristen Balsamo-Kleinbach, Paramus, New Jersey, to serve as a DNA Analyst (Forensic Scientist) at

the Union County Prosecutor's Forensic Laboratory for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in an amount to exceed \$41,600.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1047 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to accept funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice for the 2018 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Grant in the amount of \$635,909.00 for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1048 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into an Affiliation Agreement with Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Child and Adolescent Outpatient Unit, Department of Psychiatry and The Friends of the Child Advocacy Center of Union County as per the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1049 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2018-814, a Professional Service Agreement with Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners to increase total amount of \$35,000.00 to \$47,480.00, and to reflect a change in account numbers (grant accounts) in the amount of \$19,680.00; further amending resolution to add Lisa Gerstman Boyle to serve as one of the independent Contractors as part of the Union County Sexual Assault Response Team for the period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1050 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, Department of Law and Public Safety for FY18 Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Opioid Public Health Crisis Response - Operation Helping Hand (OHH) in the amount of \$58,824.00 for the period of September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019. Subaward number OHH-16-2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1051 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to amend resolution 2018-816, a resolution accepting the sub-award from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety from Grant FY16 National Crime Statistics Exchange for the procurement of the NIBRS system, for a sub-award period of November 1, 2016 through September 30, 2019 in the amount of \$45,079.57.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1052 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with The Liberty Group, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, for the purpose of transporting voting machines to and from polling places throughout the County for the contract period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1053 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with University Van Lines, Rahway, New Jersey, for the purpose of transporting voting machines to and from polling places throughout the County for the contract period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1054 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Royal Printing, West New York, New Jersey, for the purpose of printing voting authority books, poll books and all other printing needed to run an election in the County for the contract period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, in an amount not to exceed \$130,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1055 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital-Medical Malpractice Policy, General and Professional Liability Umbrella Policy, and Excess Umbrella Liability Policy with

Princeton Insurance for the period of December 15, 2018 through December 14, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$114,058.27.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1056 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager enter into a contract with Ford & Harrison, LLP, Atlanta, GA , to provide eight (8) Summary Plan Descriptions for the County's prescription drug plan in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 as required by union agreement and is subject to repayment to the County by RX provider.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1057 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the option outlined in Resolution #2017-1002 to use the second and last contract extension with Development Directions LLC., for calendar year 2019, to provide administration of the Union County Housing Assistance Payment Program (HAPP) (Section 8) for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1058 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the United Way of Greater Union County to implement the 2019 Focus on Families program promoting family strengthening throughout Union County, and provide support and operation to the Family Success Center in Hillside, NJ, the Family Success Center in Rahway, NJ, Multicultural Family Success Center in Elizabeth, NJ and the continuation of the Focus on Families Task Force, Community Conversations and the Parent Advisory Boards for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$286,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1059 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with We Are One New Jersey Inc., Trenton, NJ, to provide social and human services that educate, empower, and uplift families under the We Are One New Jersey Project, for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$245,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1060 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract extension originally obtained through advertised public bidding (BA# UCCP 41-2017) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq; Department of Economic Development, with Johnston Communications, for the purpose of providing Electronic Network Equipment, security and cabling, twenty-four (24) consecutive months, in an amount not to exceed \$617,300 with the same rates, terms and conditions.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1061 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract extension originally obtained through advertised public bidding (BA# UCCP 42-2017) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq; Department of Economic Development, with Johnston Communications, for the purpose of providing Telephone/Associated Services, twenty -four (24) consecutive months, in an amount not exceed \$710,950, with the same rates, terms and conditions.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1062 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to the Union County Economic Development Corporation, Cranford, NJ for the purpose of providing general economic development services to private businesses within the County of Union for the period commencing January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 for the sum not to exceed \$100,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1063 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the Union County Economic Development Corporation, Cranford NJ, for the purpose of providing procurement training/technical assistance to private businesses within Union County for the period commencing January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, for the sum not to exceed \$100,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with

Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1064 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2018-551, a resolution obligating grant funding under the WorkFirst New Jersey Program to B&M Consultants, Inc., to obligate \$4,576.72 to a specified grant account in order to ensure complete utilization of Program Year funding; further authorizing to provide countable work activity programs to eligible recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and General Assistance (GA)/Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) for the period through December 31, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1065 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2018-550, a resolution obligating grant funding under the WorkFirst New Jersey Program to WFNJ sub-recipients: Workforce Advantage, Urban League of Union County, and Union County College, to obligate \$39,700.00, Workforce Advantage \$36,750.00, and Urban League of Union County \$1,188.90, not to exceed \$77,638.90, to specified account numbers in order to increase grant expenditure via re-allocation to ensure complete utilization of Program Year funding; and further authorizing participants enrolled prior to the contract end date to be eligible to continue to be served until end of program activity through December 31, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1066 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Grinding Services, Howe Avenue, Passaic, NJ, to perform landscaping and concrete work to Rahway Veteran's Memorial, in an amount not to exceed \$21,450.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1067 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager, pursuant to a Request for Proposal (RFP), to approve the 2019 Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) Spending Plan in the total amount not to exceed \$117,800 to provide program services for youth and families involved in the juvenile justice system for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, and further authorizing the transfer of funds among agencies/municipalities during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any fail to meet its contractual obligation, upon approval by the Juvenile Justice Commission.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1068 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award Union County Youth Services Commission Spending Plan subcontracts to provide program services based on the Juvenile Justice Commission Points of Continuum: Prevention, Diversion, Detention, Disposition and Reentry in the total amount not to exceed \$511,656 for the grant period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, and further authorizing the transfer of funds among the funded agencies/municipalities during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the funded agencies/municipalities fails to meet its contractual obligation, upon approval by the Juvenile Justice Commission.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1069 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2018-201, amending the 2018 Youth Services Commission Comprehensive Spending Plan, to extend the termination date an additional three (3) month period through March 31, 2019 for all 2018 grant funded subcontracts and program management funds as permitted by the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission; further authorizing the reallocation of funds to be charged to account numbers specified with no change in the total amount; no further changes to the 2018 Youth Services Commission Comprehensive Spending Plan.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1070 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to amend the previously adopted resolutions 2018-705 for the 2018-2019 Deer Management Program for Union County, relative to the reduction of the white-tailed deer population within the City of Summit for the Reeves Reed Arboretum at 165 Hobart Avenue in Summit. Licensed hunters, acting as agents of the county, would harvest during the permit Archery equipment season for the Winter Bow Season of January 1, 2019 through February 16, 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. The County Manager is authorized to restrict areas when conditions necessitate.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1071 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Approving the operational budget for golf course operational expenses for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in the amount of \$4,800,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1072 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Approving the operational budget for Warinanco Sports Center operational expenses for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in the amount of \$516,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1073 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 11-1 et seq., to Ralph Checchio, Inc., of Scotch Plains, New Jersey for Park Path Resurfacing Project for an amount not to exceed \$192,989.00. (BA#52-2018; Union County Engineering Project #2018-018)

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1074 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to adjust and/or change the Internal Position Control Schedules.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1075 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution appointing Edward J Chrystal Jr to the Union County College Board of Trustees to serve the unexpired term ending June 30, 2021.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1076 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution Authorizing a Sponsorship of Project LifeSaver in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with

Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2018-1077 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating the Jewish Family Services of Central NJ award recipients.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1078 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Jack Cooper upon his retirement as Chairman of the Union County Early Settlement Panel, Superior Court, Probate part, Founding Chairman.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1079 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Bris Avrohom upon the annual Chanukah Candle lighting ceremony on December 5, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1080 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Dulce Iturralde Barrios, mother-in law of Freeholder Angel G. Estrada upon her passing.

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1081 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Fortunate Salerno, father of John Salerno (Graphics Design, County of Union).

On a motion made by Freeholder Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments related the salary increases he addressed earlier in the meeting, prior to the adoption of the resolutions. He asked the Board to elaborate on their financial practicality.

Chairman Granados cited the AAA Bond Rating held by the Board which demonstrates fiscal prudence and responsibility. He further advised that every financial decision made by the Board is carefully considered, as are the effects these decisions will ultimately have on taxpayers.

Maria Echeverria, of Elizabeth, commented on salary increases and expressed her concerns over how certain funds were utilized to improve the Warinanco Sports Center.

Seeing no additional speakers, Chairman Granados closed public comment on any matter.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Garretson wished everyone a happy holiday season and expressed her gratitude and appreciation for her fellow Freeholders, colleagues, staff, and other stake-holders within the community.

Freeholder Bergen addressed some of the unsubstantiated comments and claims made about the Board regarding fiscal responsibility. He refuted the claims and acknowledged and commended the hard work of Directors, noting their invaluable contributions to their departments and to the overall success of the county.

Freeholder Bergen made comments relative to the Union County Clerk's Office's 2019 Arts & Sciences themed Election Calendar which contains useful information including but not limited to voter registration and vote-by mail ballot request deadlines. This year's calendar notes important figures and events rooted in Union County that have contributed to the aforementioned fields. Freeholder Bergen made specific mention to Carl Sagan an astronomer and astrophysicist that graduated from Rahway High School and went on to become a celebrated figure in the field.

Freeholder Bergen also mentioned the monthly board meeting he recently attended related to the NJ Transit train control safety project. He commended their diligent work in completing the project and acknowledged the importance of such advancements in curbing some of the obstacles often faced by commuters.

Freeholder Williams wanted to remind everyone about upcoming Christmas-themed events. She noted the "Caroling in the Gardens" program being held on Friday, December 14th at The Mills at Jersey Gardens Mall at which the Chinese American Music Ensemble would be performing. Additionally, she mentioned the Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long Around the Tree being held at the Union County Courthouse the following Friday. (Freeholder Williams amended her original comment, citing the correct date as December 24th for the Carol Sing-A-Long).

Freeholder Mirabella spoke about the Union County STEP Program organized with Kean University. An initiative introduced by former Freeholder Linda Carter and continued by the current Board, this program provides high school students throughout the county with an opportunity to organize and facilitate countywide service programs. Each year, students gather at the annual UC STEP Summit where they divide into teams and participate in leadership workshops. Most recently the various groups were asked to brainstorm ideas for a community service program related to suicide prevention. Based on these ideas, a winning group will be chosen based on votes received through the county website. Freeholder Mirabella applauded the efforts of the students involved and encouraged the community to vote and reminded them that voting closes on January 21. Freeholder Mirabella also extended his gratitude to Deana Mesaros under the leadership of Deputy County Manager Amy Wagner and Dr. Farahi of Kean University for their invaluable support and contributions as they relate to the organization and success of the program.

Freeholder Mirabella noted his support and recent participation in the unveiling of Warinanco Park's new dog park which is the second dog park in the county. He applauded the new feature to the park systems as well as the overwhelming response received from the community.

Freeholder Mirabella offered his support to Freeholder Bergen's aforementioned comment related to fiscal responsibility. He mentioned the AAA Bond Rating initially noted by Chairman Granados and acknowledged the accolades associated with such recognition. He noted that only 7% of municipal entities within New Jersey have obtained such a rating which demonstrates the county's strong leadership, management and responsibility as it pertains to finances and the overall fiscal health of the county. He went on to recognize the directors throughout the county, praising their hard work and success.

County Manager Ed Oatman wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Vice Chairman Kowalski made comments relative to the Code Blue Emergency Shelter initiative available in the county during the winter season. The first of its kind in New Jersey, the Code Blue program offers resources and support services to the homeless population that would otherwise have to endure severe and life-threatening winter weather conditions. She also wanted to remind everyone that regardless of weather conditions, the county has a 24-Hour Homeless Emergency Response Hotline 908-249-4815. The Hotline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and offers assistance to the homeless population and low-income households in need. She extended her gratitude and appreciation to those that contribute and participate in the program, which includes the Division of Emergency Management, Department of Human Services, and the County Police, among others.

Vice Chairman Kowalski made mention of the Skate with Santa and his Elves event that was recently held in Warinanco Park. She applauded the success of the event and extended her gratitude to the Department of Parks and Recreation and other staff involved with organizing and facilitating the event.

Chairman Granados also spoke about the new dog park in Warinanco Park located behind the Warinanco Sports Center that was unveiled last Saturday. The opening was attended by several local elected officials and county residents including their dogs, as well as Chairman Granados and Freeholder Mirabella. Chairman Granados extended his gratitude to Kong and Earth Rated for providing gift bags filled with treats and goodies to each canine attendee. He also thanked the Parks and Recreation staff for all their hard work in organizing and facilitating the event. He acknowledged the importance of including such a feature for pets within the park systems which includes agility equipment, pet-friendly water foundations, and seating for dog owners, among other things.

Chairman Granados offered a reminder and invitation to join the U.C. Board of Chosen Freeholders and the New Jersey chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America at a candle light vigil scheduled for tomorrow, commemorating the anniversary of the Sandy Hook School shooting in Connecticut. The memorial ceremony will take place at the Gazebo in Echo Lake Park and will honor the victims lost in the 2012 tragedy and shed light on the issue of gun violence and the importance of common sense gun reform.

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 six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, and Mohamed S. Jalloh absent. Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 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, 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

January 18, 2018
February 1, 2018
February 15, 2018
March 1, 2018*
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August 9, 2018
September 6, 2018
September 27, 2018
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October 25, 2018
November 8, 2018*****
December 13, 2018
December 20, 2018

REGULAR MEETINGS

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August 16, 2018*****
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September 27, 2018
October 11, 2018
October 25, 2018
November 29, 2018*****
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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.

****July 19, 2018: Regular Meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for July 12, 2018 to commence immediately after the conclusion of the scheduled July 12, 2018 Agenda Setting Session.

*****August 16, 2018: Regular Meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for August 9, 2018 to commence immediately after the conclusion of the scheduled August 9, 2018 Agenda Setting Session.

*****October 4, 2018: Agenda Setting Session was cancelled and rescheduled for October 11, 2018 commencing at 7:00pm, the previously scheduled Regular Meeting will commence immediately after the conclusion of the Agenda Setting Session.

*****November 8, 2018: A Regular Meeting has been added to the schedule and will commence immediately after the conclusion of the previously scheduled Agenda Setting Session.

*****November 29, 2018: An Agenda Setting Session has been added to the schedule and will commence at 7:00pm. The previously scheduled Regular Meeting will commence immediately after the conclusion of the newly scheduled Agenda Setting Session. The November 29th Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting have been rescheduled for Wednesday, November 28, 2018 and will commence at 7:00pm.