



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2018
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Granados presided and called the meeting to order at 7:07 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, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella and Freeholder Rebecca Lynne Williams were present, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh 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.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Sergio Granados opened the meeting up for public comment and asked the Clerk of the Board to read the Ordinance by Title.

Clerk of the Board read the Ordinance aloud into the record.

The meeting was open for the purpose of hearing persons interested in, or who are affected by, the adoption of the Amendment to the Solid Waste Management District:

AN ORDINANCE TO MODIFY THE UNION COUNTY DISTRICT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN BY INCLUDING A GENERAL CLASS "B" RECYCLING FACILITY TO BE OWNED AND OPERATED BY NJ RUBBER, LLC, LOCATED AT 475 DIVISION STREET, Lot 8, BLOCK 1875, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY. THE PROPOSED FACILITY WILL HAVE A 300 TONS PER DAY CAPACITY TO ACCEPT, PROCESS AND TRANSFER USED TIRES FROM GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES AND COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES IN THE AREA.

Bruce Patterson, of Garwood, stated that every once in a while something great comes out of county government and stated supports this greatly. He questioned how many tires are out there that need to be recycled.

Seeing no other speakers, Chairman Granados closed the public hearing. He advised that a vote on the ordinance will take place during the Regular Meeting later that evening.

Chairman Granados advised that they would now move along the agenda for a number of presentations.

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE BOARD

A resolution presentation will be made by Chairman Sergio Granados and Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski to Audrey Davis, recognizing her accomplishment in achieving the Girl Scout Gold Star Award.

Chairman Granados stated that he had spoken to Ms. Davis prior to the meeting and commented on the amount of energy and the interest towards making a difference in her community is outstanding and inspirational. Chairman Granados stated that Ms. Davis received the Youth Virtue Value and Vision Award, which is only given to ten students in the County. Chairman Granados stated that Ms. Davis organized a walking club for individuals (teens and young adults) with special needs. He read the proclamation aloud. Chairman Granados also called up Manny Ramirez and Nicole DeAugustine of the office of special needs to help recognize Ms. Davis.

Freeholder Kowalski thanked Ms. Davis for the great work she has done and stated how proud her family, the Girl Scouts and the County was of her.

Ms. Davis thanked the County, Nicole D'Agustine and Manny Ramirez and the community for all of their encouragement. She stated that they had over 70 participants participate in the club, and stated that she looks forward to continuing the program in the future. She stated that both Manny and Nicole were wonderful to work for and inspire her to want to continue doing this field of work as a career.

Chairman Granados also thanked Audrey's family for supporting her in all of her endeavors.

A resolution presentation will be made by Freeholder Chris Hudak and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella to Union County College Elizabeth Campus Dean Dr. Lester Rapalo recognizing his efforts in organizing the First International Youth Concert for Peace.

Freeholder Mirabella stated that Dr. Rapalo is the Dean of the Elizabeth campus of Union County College, and that he and his wife attended the international peace concert on December 8, 2018. He stated that they were impressed by his leadership and of the students that came from around the world to celebrate diversity.

Dr. Lester Rapalo said that it was a pleasure and thanked Dr. McMenamain, noting that without her vision the concert would not have happened. He thanked the Freeholders for their support, stating that they had more than 400 people attend and participate with the peace concert, and had representation from many countries.

A resolution presentation will be made by Freeholder Christopher Hudak and Freeholder Angel Estrada to Isabella Buss recognizing her achievement in winning the VFW Patriots Pen Essay Contest.

Freeholder Hudak stated that there has been tremendous talk in our country regarding immigration, noting that a lot of it is unfortunately negative. He said that it is unfortunate because nearly every resident of the United States came from another country. He said that immigration is the lifeline of (this) country. He heard that Ms. Buss won an essay contest that was sponsored by their local VFW. He stated that her essay was very touching, noting that it touched upon her personal experiences. He stated that the Board was very proud to see a young person with such a great outlook and found her to be very inspirational.

Freeholder Estrada stated that he came to the United States from Cuba when he was 10 years old, and that the United States is the land of opportunity.

Ms. Buss read her essay regarding her honor of the American flag.

Certificate presentation will be made by Chairman Sergio Granados and Freeholder Estrada to the following Cheer Squads for their success at the Pop Warner Cheer and Dance 2018 National Championships in Disney World, Florida: Rahway Chiefs Cheer (4th Place); Hillside Jr Comets (4th Place); Plainfield Lady Cardinals Peewee (1st Place); Plainfield Lady Cardinals Varsity (1st Place); and Elizabeth (5th Place).

Freeholder Granados stated that over 400 cheerleading teams over the United States compete and that Union County has some of the best in the country.

Representatives from each of the five (5) cheerleading teams spoke on their experience with the Pop Warner Cheer and Dance 2018 National Championships in Disney World.

Freeholder Estrada congratulated all the youth in the room for all the hard work that they do, not just in cheering, but in their community to family and school. He wished them the best.

Freeholder Garretson said she was excited to see so many people from Hillside, and commended them on doing an incredible job. She commented on how the program has successfully grown under their work and stated how proud the Board was of them and their accomplishments.

Freeholder Williams said it was a pleasure to introduce the first place cardinals. She stated that she was proud of the pee-wees and let the head coach say a few words; who noted that it was their third consecutive national championship. Freeholder introduced the Plainfield Lady Cardinals Varsity team, and stated how proud the Board was of their accomplishment.

Chairman Granados introduced the Rahway Chiefs Cheer, 4th place national champions. The Vice President made remarks on the team's experience. He stated how proud he was of his squad and offered words of encouragement.

The Chairman thanked the cheer squads for coming out and especially recognized the Freeholder Aides Ryan Vasquez, Angelica Cedeno and Niko Micheludis for of all of their help coordinating this presentation.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Chair Granados noted that the communications would be approved at the regular meeting.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY CLERK

Joanne Rajoppi, County Clerk

Clerk Rajoppi stated that she has three resolutions; two are amendments to contracts that we already have will election venders for envelopes. She advised that they are needed because the change in the vote mail law this year. She advised that the third resolution is the 5-year county clerk plan, based on our trust fund.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2017-1075, a contract with Royal Printing Services, West New York, New Jersey for the purpose of providing envelope services in the amount of \$39,425. (**Chairman Sergio Granados**)
2. Amending Resolution Number 2017-1077, a contract with B & B Press, Lebanon, New Jersey, to secure additional monies in the amount of \$63,881.75 , for printing expenses incurred due to the new Vote By Mail Law mandate enacted in August 2018. (**Chairman Sergio Granados**)

Freeholder Hudak asked to clarify Resolutions #1 and #2.

Clerk Rajoppi stated that they are the result in the change in the law as it relates to the Vote By Mail (VBM) application and the VBM outer and inner envelopes (as mandated by the State).

Freeholder Hudak inquired if there were three envelopes.

Clerk Rajoppi advised that he was correct. She stated that the law mandated a change in the language on the envelopes. She stated that the certificate envelope is an expensive endeavor.

Freeholder Hudak inquired if this cost is for 2019 only.

Clerk Rajoppi stated that these funds are only for the 2019 Primary and General Elections.

3. Approving the 2019 Union County Clerk Five Year Plan. (**Chairman Sergio Granados**)

Freehold Estrada inquired as to how much is identified in the plan.

Clerk Rajoppi stated that they generate \$2 for every recording, and approximated that the fund would generate about \$150,000 annually.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Michael A. Monahan, Acting Prosecutor

County Counsel Barry represented the Office.

There were no questions or inquiries from the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into a contract with Robert Santilli of Middletown, NJ to serve as IT Manager at the Union County Prosecutor's Office for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$70,000. (Chairman Sergio Granados)

Counsel Bob Barry represented the Prosecutor's office. There were no questions.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Michael Yuska, Director

There were no questions or inquiries from the Board.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2018-591, 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 \$10,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$50,000. (Chairman Sergio Granados)
2. Awarding a contract for 36 months for a vision insurance plan with VSP, Vision Care for Life Insurance Company in an amount not to exceed \$798,000 for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021. The employee contribution is approximately \$360,000 with a County portion of approximately \$438,000. (Chairman Sergio Granados)
3. Authorizing the following vehicle to be deemed as surplus and no longer needed for use by the County: (1) 2004 Suburban 2500, VIN# 3GNGK26U64G164943, with an odometer reading in excess of 93,700 miles. (Chairman Sergio Granados)
4. Authorizing the following surplus-deemed vehicle for donation to the City of Linden, NJ: One (1) 2004 Suburban 2500 VIN # 3GNGK26U64G164943 with an odometer reading in excess of 93,700 miles. The City of Linden will assume all costs incurred with transfer and title. (Chairman Sergio Granados)

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Ron Charles, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Deacon Michael DeRoberts Mountainside, New Jersey to provide 5 hours of religious services and counseling per week for Catholic inmates in the Union County Jail, per State Code 10A:31-26.3 for the contract period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$3,418.80. (Chairman Sergio Granados)
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Minister Richard Hogans Linden, New Jersey to provide 10 hours of religious services and counseling per week for Protestant inmates in the Union County Jail, per State Code 10A:31-26.3, for the contract period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$6,638. (Chairman Sergio Granados)
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Community Access Unlimited Elizabeth, New Jersey to provide anger management training for the incarcerated male and females of the Union County Jail for the contract period January 1,

2019 through December 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Chairman Granados asked how many individuals go through the anger management program per year.

Director Charles said there were about 58 individuals participating in 2018.

4. Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the option in Resolution No. 2016-977, adopted 12/8/16 an agreement with GD Correctional, LLC, Watchung, NJ to renew the contract with GD Correctional Services which provides food services for the Union County Jail. The option is for January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 at a cost not to exceed \$1,200,000. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Hudak asked if the amount was a typo (\$1,200), as he assumed it was supposed to read \$1.2 million.

Director Charles stated that he was correct, that it should read \$1.2 million.

Freeholder Hudak asked clerk of the Board Pellettiere note this correction.

Freeholder Hudak asked if it was an option on the 2016 agreement.

Director Charles stated that he was correct.

Freeholder Hudak inquired if it was a one-year contract with two one-year extensions.

Director Charles advised that it is a two-year contract with three one-year options.

Freeholder Hudak asked if the previous two contracts were also \$1.2 million, and asked how much of the contract we used in the last two years.

Director Charles stated that the previous contract was in the amount of \$1.2 million, and that the County used approximately \$1.1 million.

5. Authorizing the County Manager to Amend Resolution 2016-1002, adopted 12/22/16 an agreement between Bergen County-Division of Family Guidance, Hackensack, New Jersey for purpose of providing secure detention beds for Union County Juvenile detainees in the Bergen County Correctional Center subject to the Shared Services Agreement. Original amount was \$150,000 and the new total amount not to exceed is \$200,000. Per diem cost of \$225 per juvenile per day. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Essex Department of Corrections Newark, New Jersey, for relocation of inmates on an as needed basis for the contract period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. Per diem cost of \$98 per inmate, per day, in an amount not to exceed \$107,000. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Mirabella asked if the \$98 a day rate was consistent with last year.

Director Charles stated that it was consistent (no change from last year).

7. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the New Jersey Reentry Corporation for the purpose of allowing inmates, who voluntarily desire, to participate in NJRC's social programs, including services related to removing barriers to employment, employment preparation, skills training, biopsychosocial assessments, healthcare referrals, addiction treatment linkage, driver's license restoration and birth certificate retrieval. Contract period December 20, 2018 through December 1, 2021, there is no cost to the county. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amy Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

There were no questions or inquiries from the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract agreement with Monmouth Telecom, Red Bank, NJ, for the purpose of providing integrated voice and data services to the County of Union for a three-year period beginning on January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021, with a one-time set-up fee of \$400, monthly service fee of \$1,885, and an amount of \$23,020 for year one, an amount of \$22,620 for year two, and an amount of \$22,620 for year three, for a total amount not to exceed \$68,260. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Joseph Graziano, Director

1. Concurring with the City of Linden's Ordinance Number 62-65 adopted on September 18, 2018 prohibiting parking at all times on certain streets including E. Linden Avenue (C.R. 514). **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2015-743 adopted on September 10, 2015, BA#52-2015, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., with Montana Construction Company, of Lodi, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Replacement of Madison Hill Road Bridge located in the Township of Clark. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$233,323.87) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$2,484,580.13. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2012-016). This project was funded by the New Jersey Department of Transportation Local Bridge Future Needs 2013 Program. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 2017-224, adopted March 9, 2017, a Professional Engineering Service Contract with Mott MacDonald, of Morristown, New Jersey, to provide additional Engineering Services associated with the Lenape Park Dam Rehabilitation Project, in an amount not to exceed \$31,300 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$77,300.00 commencing January 1, 2019. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-044) **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Maser Consulting, of Red Bank, New Jersey to provide On-Call Traffic Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-033) **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**

5. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Neglia Engineering Associates of New Jersey to provide On-Call General Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-030) **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to CME Associates of Parlin, New Jersey to provide On-Call Environmental Compliance Services commencing January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 for an amount not to exceed \$25,000. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-031) **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Dewberry Engineers, Inc. of Bloomfield, New Jersey to provide On-Call Bridge Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 for an amount not to exceed \$20,000. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-032) **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
8. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to French & Parrello Associates of Wall, New Jersey to provide On-Call MEP (Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing) Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 for an amount not to exceed \$5,000. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-034) **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
9. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Architectural Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Netta Architects, of Mountainside, New Jersey to provide On-Call Architectural Services commencing January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 for an amount not to exceed \$15,000. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-035) **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
10. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to NV5, Inc., of Parsippany, New Jersey to provide On-Call Traffic Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-033) **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Hudak asked if Resolution Numbers 4 through 10 were renewals for next year.

Director Graziano stated that was the case, and added that they are just for on-call services.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Bibi Taylor, Director

1. Canceling unexpended grant account balances in the listed Grant Accounts. **(Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen)**
2. Cancelling Capital Balances to Capital Surplus and Deferred Charges Unfunded. **(Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen)**

Freeholder Hudak asked for more details relative to Resolution #2.

Director Taylor stated that those are for various capital projects deemed complete, noting that the County would therefore be cancelling \$969,000 to capital surplus and \$2.1 million as cancellations to deferred charges.

Freeholder Hudak asked if these were projects that we funded and we didn't do or projects funded and didn't spend the funded amounts.

Director Taylor indicated that it is a combination of projects that were authorized, so those that are lapsing to capital surplus were the items that were funded. She advised that the \$2.1 million were authorized by board but unspent. She added that those projects were deemed complete, so the County didn't issue bonds. She stated that the \$2.1 million will go towards reducing the County's gross debt, even though they are considered "differed charges unfunded."

Freeholder Hudak asked Director Taylor to confirm that the County is reducing its Capital debt by \$2 million.

Director Taylor advised he was correct.

Freeholder Mirabella asked what the total in the capital surplus (in light of transferring \$1 million).

Director Taylor advised that the County has over \$5 million in capital surplus, and as a result of this resolution, the County will have \$6 million.

Freeholder Mirabella asked how do projects get funded out of this new capital surplus ("pool of capital surplus funds")..

Director Taylor answered that the County would need a specific capital ordinance to fully fund a specific project. She noted that the County have done that in prior years. She advised that the Vo-Tech School approached the County six years ago for a project in advance of the typical Capital Project cycle. She advised the County was able to use the Capital Surplus to fund that project.

Freeholder Mirabella inquired if these funds could be retired.

Director Taylor stated that the capital surplus can only be utilized. She stated that these are funds we are taking off a debt capacity which cannot be utilized until a specific project is identified. She advised that the Capital Surplus is cash, as they were funds that were authorized and expended at one point in time for a specific project.

Freeholder Hudak inquired as to the number of times the Capital Surplus has been utilized for a project.

Director Taylor advised that capital surplus can be anticipated as a source of revenue in the budget that has to be applied to a capital expense.

Freeholder Hudak inquired as to the amount utilized from this fund in 2018.

Director Taylor advised that the County did not utilize any funds in 2018.

3. Approving Transfer of Current Fund Appropriations. **(Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen)**

4. Cancelling Current Fund Budget Appropriations. **(Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award professional services contracts for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 for Specialty Medical Consultants and Practitioners to provide services to patients of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital in an amount not to exceed \$15,000. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Jacqueline Napper, PsyD, PsyPharm, Plainfield, New Jersey, to provide psychological services to the patients of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Dr. Eshban Muthuka, APN, to provide professional Psychiatric Services to 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 \$112,195.20. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with pre-qualified list of practitioners to provide professional medical services for the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital patients for the contract period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to award professional services contracts in an amount not to exceed \$188,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019 to provide additional professional psychiatric medical services to patients of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2019 Union County Family Support and Prevention (FSP) Program Spending Plan, pursuant to a Request for Proposal (RFP) procurement process, in the total amount not to exceed \$250,000 for subcontracted services to be provided during the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019; further authorizing a one-time advance payment of up to one month of the award amount for the agency to carry out the program activities. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Chairman Granados asked for an explanation as it relates to the type of subcontracted services.

Director Anderson stated that this is a project through the Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) that goes out to the communities. She stated that the Family Support program provides flex funds and case management services for family success initiatives. She stated that the contract was obtained by an RFP (like last year). She stated that the United Way of Union County received the funding this year, adding that there are about 358 families serviced the throughout the years.

7. Authorizing the County Manager to award 2019 Social Services for the Homeless (SSH) Spending Plan subcontracts for the twelve (12) month budget period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in the total amount not to exceed \$791,389; further

authorizing the transfer of funds among the awarded agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any fails to meet its contractual obligation; and further authorizing a one-time advance payment of up to one month of the award for the agencies to carry out the program activities. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**

8. Authorizing the County Manager to award subcontracts under the 2019 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Spending Plan in a total amount not to exceed \$186,929 for the period of January 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019 for the purpose of providing community services for low income residents of Union County as permitted by NJ Department of Community Affairs (DCA) regulations; further authorizing a one-time advance payment of up to one month of the award amount for the agency to carry out program activities; and further authorizing the transfer of funds among awarded agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any fails to meet its contractual obligation. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**
9. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into lease agreement with John Rodrigues, Newark, New Jersey, for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 for the rental of 26 parking spaces located at 28 Prince Street, Elizabeth, for use by the Division of Social Services' employees in the amount of \$65 per space per month for a total not to exceed \$1,690 per month. Either party may terminate upon 60 days advance written notice, and the County of Union shall be responsible for snow and ice removal. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Chairman Granados asked if there was an increase in parking fees from last year

Director Anderson stated that on numbers 9 and 11 it's the same amount from last year.

10. Authorizing the County Manager to continue a Lease Agreement with Runnells BH Operating Inc., for the operations of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital including 44 beds and office space with a 2% increase as per sale agreement for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$4,492,070. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**

Freeholder Hudak asked Director Anderson to clarify if the lease with Cornerstone runs till 2024 (a 10 year lease).

Director Anderson said he was correct.

11. Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Lease Agreement with Sharma Realty Investments LLC, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the rental of 30 parking spaces located at 432 Westminster Avenue, Elizabeth, for Division of Social Services' employee parking in the amount of \$75 per space or \$2,250 per month, total amount not to exceed \$27,000 for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. **(Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Al Mirabella publicly thanked Anderson for her help with specific issues, noting that she is always willing to help the residents when they flow through the Freeholder Board.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSELRobert Barry, County Counsel

There were no questions or inquiries from the Board.

1. A Resolution appointing Stella Malpere as the Public Agency's Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) for a term effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. Amending Resolution 2018-1003 dated November 28, 2018 to increase the appropriation to DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP of Teaneck, NJ in the matter entitled HC Equities v. County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for a sum not to exceed \$65,000. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
3. Amending Resolution 2017-1109 dated December 21, 2017 to increase the appropriation to Weber Dowd Law of Woodland Park, NJ in the matter entitled Eric Graham v. County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for a sum not to exceed \$30,000. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
4. A resolution approving a list of Qualified Labor/Personnel Counsel for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGEREdward Oatman, County Manager

The Office was represented by Deputy County Manager Wagner.

There were no questions or inquiries from the Board.

1. Resolution Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a shared services agreement by and between the County of Union and the Township of Berkeley Heights for the sharing of a certified public works manager. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Re-appointing the following to serve as members to the Advisory Council on Aging for a term beginning January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021: Sharron Brown; Ellen Staunton; Nathaniel Bullock and Ellen Hunt. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
2. Congratulating the Union County Paratransit System, Department of Human Services on the occasion of being named Outstanding Transportation System of the Year for 2018. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to award the UC Night at Theater Grant to various high schools throughout the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella & Freeholder Christopher Hudak)**
4. Congratulating Dr. Margaret McMenamin, President of Union County College and Dr. Lester Sandres Rapalo, Dean of the Elizabeth Union County College campus for their efforts in coordinating the first International Youth Concert for Peace. **(Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**

5. Authorizing the County Manager to award the 2018-2019 Union County STEM Scholars Grant to various K-12 schools within the twenty-one municipalities in the County of Union for the purpose of developing in-class and extra-curricular programs that improve student learning and foster understanding, deepen students' knowledge, and provide educational opportunities to expand awareness of STEM programming in an amount not to exceed \$27,000.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados & Freeholder Alexander Mirabella)**
6. Resolution authorizing the dedication of the Jeffery Allen Torborg Baseball Field at Echo Lake Park, Mountainside. **(Chairman Sergio Granados & the Entire Board)**
7. Amending Resolution Number 2016-145 (BA #28-2015), a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to DRS Group, Springfield, New Jersey for the provision of On-Call Document Digital Imaging Scanning Services, reflecting a change in account numbers only. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Freeholder Williams asked to join as a co-sponsor to Resolutions #3, #4, and #5.

Freeholder Garretson asked to join as a co-sponsor to Resolutions #3, 4, and #5.

Chair Granados asked those resolutions be from the Entire Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Granados called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was moved by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Williams. A voice vote showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 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*
 March 22, 2018
 April 12, 2018
 April 26, 2018
 May 10, 2018**
 May 24, 2018
 June 7, 2018
 June 21, 2018
 July 12, 2018
 August 9, 2018
 September 6, 2018
 September 27, 2018
 October 4, 2018*****
 October 25, 2018
 November 8, 2018*****
 December 13, 2018
 December 20, 2018

REGULAR MEETINGS

January 25, 2018
 February 8, 2018
 February 15, 2018
 March 8, 2018
 March 22, 2018
 April 19, 2018
 April 26, 2018
 May 17, 2018
 May 24, 2018
 June 14, 2018***
 June 21, 2018
 July 19, 2018****
 August 16, 2018*****
 September 13, 2018
 September 27, 2018
 October 11, 2018
 October 25, 2018
 November 29, 2018*****
 December 13, 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.

****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.