



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2018  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Granados called the meeting to order at 8:08 pm. Roll call showed Chairman Sergio Granados, Vice Chair Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Angela Garretson, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, and Freeholder Rebecca Williams present. Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh was absent.

County Manager Edward Oatman, County Counsel Robert Barry and Clerk of the Board James Pelletiere were also in attendance.

**PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG** were led by the Clerk of the Board.

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT** was read by the Clerk of the Board.

## **APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS**

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Note and File

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

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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1. October 11, 2018 - Agenda Meeting
2. October 11, 2018 - Regular Meeting
3. October 25, 2018 - Agenda Meeting
4. October 25, 2018 - Regular Meeting

Chairman Granados called for a motion to approve the Minutes. On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

Chairman Granados called upon the Clerk of the Board to read the Ordinance by title.

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**ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION**

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**800-2018 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.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

Chairman Granados noted that during the earlier Agenda Setting Session the Board held the public hearing on this Ordinance as published by law. The Chairman then called for a motion to go directly into voting on the Ordinance without further public comments.

On a motion by Vice Chair Kowalski, seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

The Chairman then called on Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen, Solid Waste Advisory Board liaison, to move Ordinance Number 800-2018 for Final Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

On a motion by Freeholder Bergen, seconded by Chairman Granados, roll called showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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Chairman Granados then opened the meeting for the purpose of public comments on Resolutions being offered for adoption only.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood, noted that there was no further public comment on Ordinance 800-2018. He made comments or inquires relative to a number of resolutions. Relative to Resolution 2018-1083, he stated that he appreciated the discussion on the Capital Surplus. He asked if the \$5 million dollars was an off balance sheet item. Relative to Resolution 2018-1094, he asked if the Professional Services are being reduced because the dollar amount is being reduced. Relative to Resolution Numbers 2018-1096 through 2018-1102 (and other construction-related resolutions for on-call services/not-to-exceed contracts) he noted that these types of contracts seem to come up at Christmas time, made comments relative to political donations. He asked what amount was spent last year in these types of not-to-exceed contracts. Relative to Resolution Numbers 2018-1109 and 2018-1110, he questioned the \$100,000 amount between these two Resolutions and asked who is to blame for this expense. Relative to the County Clerk's five-year plan, he asked for an overview of the plan. Relative to Resolution 2018-1114, he asked why the County portion is more than the employee contribution portion. Relative to Resolution 2018-1126, he made comments about political donations.

Relative to Resolution 2018-1094, Director Graziano, stated that this amendment is a reduction, and that the professionals are paid for time and materials, not based upon the price of the contract.

In regard to the on-call contracts, he stated that the ones last year were spent out, some were a bit less, but some on the Environmental jobs were more due to asbestos issues that arose after the fact.

Freeholder Hudak interjected that the reason these contracts come up at this time of year is because the contracts end at this time of year, and these are renewals for next year.

County Counsel Robert Barry also interjected that pursuant to the RFQ's for these projects, the firms are pre-qualified and now the recommendations are being acted upon.

Freeholder Hudak added that the new calendar year starts in January, thus the renewals now.

Relative to Resolutions 2018-1109 and 2018-1110, County Clerk Rojappi stated that these contracts are a direct result of the New Jersey legislature passing a law to expand Vote-By-Mail. She advised that the law included changes in the wording on the applications and the envelopes, noting that over 30,000 were sent out last year and there are three envelopes for each ballot. She stated that all the envelopes had to be reprinted.

Regarding the Resolution on the County Clerk's five year plan, she responded that the Clerk's Trust Fund is the result of a 1985-1986 law, that she helped draft, creating a dedicated fund for County Clerks (which was later expanded to include Surrogates and Sheriffs) that allows for \$2 of every recording fee to go into the fund to be used for specific purposes, i.e., education or elections. She advised that it does not replace the County's need to fund these offices, but only to be used for extra things like additional automation, new technology, and educational opportunities for staff.

Seeing no other speakers, Chairman Granados closed public comment on resolutions for adoption and called for a motion to move the Resolutions on the agenda.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

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The following Resolutions were being offered for adoption:

**2018-1082 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Canceling unexpended grant account balances in the listed Grant Accounts.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

**2018-1083 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Cancelling Capital Balances to Capital Surplus and Deferred Charges Unfunded.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

**2018-1084 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Approving Transfer of Current Fund Appropriations.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

**2018-1085 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Cancelling Current Fund Budget Appropriations.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

**2018-1086 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

**2018-1087 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

**2018-1088 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

**2018-1089 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1090 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1091 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1092 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** 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 \$26,250.00.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1093 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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).

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1094 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1095 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2017-224, adopted March 9, 2017, a Professional Engineering Service Contract with Mott MacDonald, of Morristown, New Jersey, to provide additional Engineering Services associated with the Lenape Park Dam Rehabilitation Project, in an amount not to exceed \$31,300 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$77,300.00 commencing January 1, 2019. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-044)

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1096 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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)

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1097 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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)

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1098 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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)

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

**2018-1099 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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)

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

**2018-1100 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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)

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

**2018-1101 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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)

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

**2018-1102 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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)

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

**2018-1103 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1104 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed seven members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Bergen abstaining, and Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1105 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

On a motion by Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed seven members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Bergen abstaining, and Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1106 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1107 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1108 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1109 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1110 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1111 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Approving the 2019 Union County Clerk Five Year Plan.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1112 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

**2018-1113 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

**2018-1114 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

**2018-1115 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

**2018-1116 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

**2018-1117 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

**2018-1118 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1119 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1120 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1121 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1122 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1123 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1124 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1125 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1126 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1127 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1128 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** A resolution approving a list of Qualified Labor/Personnel Counsel for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1129 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1130 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1131 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution authorizing the dedication of the Jeffery Allen Torborg Baseball Field at Echo Lake Park, Mountainside.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1132 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

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**FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

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- 2018-1133 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Congratulating the Union County Paratransit System, Department of Human Services on the occasion of being named Outstanding Transportation System of the Year for 2018.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1134 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

On a motion made Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Freeholder Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh absent.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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Chairman Granados opened the meeting to the public for comment on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.

Christie Dobles of Elizabeth made remarks in reference to a Haiku Poetry program she put together at the Elizabeth Library, saying that it was a success. She thanked the Board on behalf for the grant.

Bruce Paterson of Garwood said he didn't get an answer on the capital surplus account in the amount of \$5 million. He made comments on the raises adopted at the last Freeholders meeting. He wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Seeing no other speakers, Chairman Granados closed the public comment portion.

Chairman Granados said this was also a bittersweet night, as we bid farewell to our friend and outgoing Freeholder Bruce Bergen, who leaves after two full terms. The Chairman said that Bruce provided the Board with steady leadership in his years here, and that it should be noted he was the first Freeholder in recent memory to serve two terms in a row as Chairman. The Chairman noted that as a Freeholder, his accomplishments were many; as he oversaw improvements in transportation and economic development, services for seniors, educational opportunities for youth, and started the UC HERO initiative for Veterans. Chairman Granados noted that he chaired the Fiscal Committee this year, which assisted in delivering a great budget this year. He stated that most importantly Freeholder Bergen is someone whose door was open to all, and was someone we could all talk to and seek advice or support. The Chairman wished Freeholder Bergen congratulations from the Board on a job well done, and best wishes in the future.

Freeholder Mirabella said he himself knows what it takes to be a Chairman. He complimented Freeholder Bergen, saying that he was Chairman for two terms, and that his leadership, thoughtfulness and expertise lead to great accomplishments.

Freeholder Hudak said Freeholder Bergen had tremendous amount of energy he will be missed as someone very passionate about the issues affecting Union County residents. He noted that they didn't always agree on all issues, but we were never disagreeable.

Vice Chairman Kowalski thanked Freeholder Bergen for his dedication and leadership in addressing the issues facing the County. She thanked him for serving as Chairman of the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition and noted that he will continue to be involved, offering his talents and experience in both governmental and political endeavors within the County. She thanked him and wished him good luck on his future endeavors.

County Counsel Barry congratulated Freeholder Bergen on his six years as Freeholder and two years as Chairman. He wished him good luck.

Freeholder Garretson stated that although this is a sad day, she was grateful to have seen his legal mind at work as they discussed many policy item of the County. She thanked him for his leadership and dedication to the County.

Freeholder Williams thanked Freeholder Bergen for his genuine kindness, saying that it's been a pleasure working with him. She stated that she looks forward to seeing him in the future, as she knows he will still be involved within the various county organizations and non-profits. She thanked him for his services to the Freeholder Board and to the County.

Freeholder Estrada wished Freeholder Bergen good luck.

Deputy County Manager/Director Wagner said on behalf of County Manager Oatman and all of the Directors, that it has been a pleasure working with him. She stated that he has always been fair when working on projects and that she hopes he will "not be a stranger."

Freeholder Bergen thanked the Board. He thanked Freeholder Mirabella and Vice Chairman Kowalski for guiding him and believing in him. He said that Union County has a great County Manager, excellent staff. He also complimented the former County Manager Al Faella. He thanked Deputy County Manager Amy Wagner and all of the staff. He said after six years he leaves this Board proud and looking forward to finding his next challenge down the road.

Vice Chairman Kowalski said as the Board bids farewell to Freeholder Bergen, there is also a Freeholder Chair who is finishing his term, and that, on behalf of the Board and as his Vice Chairman, she would like to present Chairman Granados with a small token of appreciation of his leadership, vision and initiatives that the Board can be extremely proud of.

Chairman Granados said it had been a true honor working alongside of every Freeholder; noting most importantly, Vice Chairman Kowalski, who gave him a great deal of advice.

#### **FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

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Freeholder Garretson thanked Chairman Granados for a tremendous year and wished everyone health and happiness during the close of the year and during the holidays.

Freeholder Bergen said Mr. Paterson's comments about money disappearing are totally wrong. He congratulated Chairman Granados for a wonderful year, and for setting a very aggressive goal this year. He stated this was a very productive year for the County and that he is looking forward to two new Freeholders joining the Board next year.

Freeholder Bergen reminded everyone that while we are enjoying the holiday season, it is still important to be on guard against computer scams and telephone scams, too. He made comments regarding phone scams, which increase during holidays.

Freeholder Williams welcomed everyone to enjoy one of the Board's seasonal traditions, the annual Christmas Carol Sing-a-long Around the Tree on Monday, December 24, at 11:00 a.m., at the Union County Courthouse, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth.

Freeholder Williams stated that Union County Government will hold its Annual Reorganization Meeting at the Union County Courthouse, Judge Cassidy's Chambers, 2 Broad St., Elizabeth, and Sunday, January 6, 2019; noting that she would be sworn in along with Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, as well as two new Freeholders, Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded and Andrea Staten.

Freeholder Estrada made a special acknowledgement that Freeholder Jalloh is leaving the Board. He stated that Freeholder Jalloh shared six years with the Board and one year as Chairman.

Freeholder Estrada said everybody recognized Chairman Granados as someone who is forthright, no discrimination, and is a man of his word. He noted how difficult it is to bring nine people together and thanked Chairman Granados for giving him the opportunity to serve on the Finance committee. He congratulated the Chairman upon the completion of a good term.

Freeholder Hudak said he's proud of Union County College for becoming one of thirteen Community Colleges to participate in the New Jersey Community College Innovation Challenge grant pilot program. He stated that this new statewide program provides last dollar assistance to help ensure that students on financial aid can meet all of their college costs. He thanked Governor Phil Murphy for providing this new opportunity for our residents.

Freeholder Hudak noted that the Board voted to donate a 2004 Chevy Suburban to the City of Linden. He stated that since 2003, the County has donated more than 80 pieces of equipment and/or vehicles totaling \$300,000.

Freeholder Hudak made comments relative to the STEM program (Resolution Number 2018-1130), noting the importance in investing in this specific area in education. He said he will miss his friend and colleague Freeholder Jalloh, along with Freeholder Bergen. He congratulated Freeholders Mirabella and Williams on their reappointment, and noted that he is looking forward to working with Freeholders-Elect Staten and Mouded. Freeholder Hudak wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Freeholder Mirabella said he was happy to report that the County's Sensory Friendly Theatre series will continue on Sunday, January 27 at the Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway featuring Jeff Boyer and his one-man bubble extravaganza, complete with a bubble

volcano, a bubble roller coaster and much more. I noted the importance in providing an opportunity for children with sensory sensitivities to be themselves, enjoy a community event, and experience the thrill of a live performance in a beautiful theatre. He stated that over the years we have been expanding our recreation programs to ensure that all children and their families can participate.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to the departure of Freeholder Jalloh. He noted that he had served for nine years (not six) as Freeholder, and that he had accomplishing quite a bit during that time; serving as Chairman of the Board and taking a great interest in promoting the arts, both as a cultural and economic benefit to the County.

Freeholder Mirabella thanked Freeholder Granados for the work he did in 2018, noting that he has many accomplishments and quite a bit of a legacy established here. He said he's proud of the work they've done on LGBTQ issues with Danni Newbury, and noted that the new office of LGBTQ Affairs is only the fourth such governmental agency in the United States.

Freeholder Mirabella said Freeholder Bergen did a wonderful job on the Board and left the County better than when he found it. He thanked all of the County Employees, County Manager, Deputy County Manager, and Directors, and wished everyone Happy Holidays and a wonderful 2019.

County Counsel Barry congratulated Chairman Granados on the work he did this year and all of the accomplishments he made, noting that all of the praises given to him tonight are well deserved.

Deputy County Manager Wagner thanked Chairman Granados for his leadership, congratulated him on his accomplishments, and thanked him for giving the Board so many opportunities. She also wished Freeholder Jalloh well as he moves on to his next chapter and congratulated him on all of his contributions to Union County.

Vice Chairman Kowalski thanked everyone who came out to the meeting tonight.

She made comments relative to the County receiving good news from Trenton this week as it relates to Governor Murphy's signing into a law a bill aimed at increasing benefits for struggling families receiving assistance in the Work First New Jersey program for the first time since 1987. She advised that the law takes effect immediately, and the increase means a great deal to this specific population.

Chairman Granados said as the outgoing Chairman he personally thanked each Directors, County employees, public works employees, and said that the nine Freeholders worked together as a family. He made reference to LGBTQ and the Special Needs Office as the first in the State. He stated that he was proud of the Office of Community Engagement and Diversity for their efforts in collecting food and toys for underprivileged families. He said yesterday Prosecutor Monahan announced Union County became the first County in the State of New Jersey to have law enforcement personnel in all municipalities wear body cameras.

Chairman Granados wished everyone Happy Holidays.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Chairman Granados called for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chair Kowalski, a voice vote showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh not present. Meeting was adjourned at 9:24pm.

## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2018 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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.