



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2019
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Also present were County Manager Edward T. Oatman, 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.

Prior to the commencement of meeting, Chairman Kowalski initiated a moment of silence commemorating the one-year anniversary of the Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in which 17 lives were lost...

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Kowalski called for a motion to approve the Communication. On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

Note and File

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

The Clerk of the Board read title of the Ordinance.

805-2019 BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FOLLOWING BOND ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY: (1) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 752-2013 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 22, 2013, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 760-2014 ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 9, 2014 AND BOND ORDINANCE NO. 786-2017 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 17, 2017; (2) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 759-2014 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2014, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 786-2017 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 17, 2017; (3) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 776-2016 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 18, 2016; AND (4) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 787-2017 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 17, 2017.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Section 4.U of Ordinance No. 752-2013 entitled:

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT AND NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$46,588,800 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE STATE GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS."

adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, New Jersey (the "County") on August 22, 2013, as previously amended by Ordinance No. 760-2014 adopted on October 9, 2014 and Ordinance No. 786-2017 adopted on August 17, 2017, is hereby amended to (i) add the acquisition of a market forge steamer and office furniture to the purposes authorized; and (ii) decrease the period of usefulness of the purposes authorized from 10 years to 5 years (a decrease of 5 years); and shall hereafter read as follows:

"[Section 4.]U. Department of Human Services - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new communication and signal systems equipment and new additional furnishings consisting of (i) Juvenile Court video conferencing equipment, (ii) in-house camera system equipment, (iii) a market forge steamer and (iv) office furniture.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$	58,250
Down Payment Appropriated	\$	2,913
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$	55,337
Period of Usefulness		5 years."

Section 2. Section 4.Y of Ordinance No. 759-2014 entitled:

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW ADDITIONAL

FURNISHINGS, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT AND NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$38,793,236 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS."

adopted by the County on September 11, 2014, as previously amended by Ordinance No. 786-2017 adopted on August 17, 2017, is hereby amended to add the acquisition of a market forge steamer to the purposes authorized; and shall hereafter read as follows:

"[Section 4.]Y. Department of Human Services - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new communication and signal systems equipment consisting of (i) an oven for the Meals on Wheels (Aging) Program, (ii) security enhancement equipment for the Juvenile Detention Center and (iii) a market forge steamer.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 417,896
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 20,895
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 397,001
Period of Usefulness	10 years."

Section 3. Section 4.J of Ordinance No. 776-2016 entitled:

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW ADDITIONAL FURNISHINGS, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$58,933,154 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE STATE GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS."

adopted by the County on August 18, 2016, is hereby amended to (i) delete improvements to, and equipping of, Green Lane Park from the purposes authorized; and (ii) add the following to the purposes authorized: (a) installation of benches, tables, bike racks, water fountains, trash/recycle cans and other park amenities at various locations and (b) various improvements to Rahway Pool; and shall hereafter read as follows:

"[Section 4.]J. Department of Parks and Recreation - Undertaking of various park and recreation improvements consisting of (i) installation of a synthetic turf athletic field at Wheeler Park, (ii) infrastructure and course improvement projects at Ash Brook and Galloping Hill Golf Courses, (iii) renovation of the Ash Brook Clubhouse, (iv) installation of a synthetic turf athletic field at Meisel Park, (v) installation of floating wetlands at various lakes and ponds, (vi) installation of benches, tables, bike racks, water fountains, trash/recycle cans and other park amenities at various locations and (vii) various improvements to Rahway Pool.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$13,410,571
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 670,529
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$12,740,042
Period of Usefulness	15 years."

Section 4. Section 4.N of Ordinance No. 787-2017 entitled:

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW ADDITIONAL FURNISHINGS, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES AND A NEW FIRE ENGINE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$72,389,463 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE STATE GRANTS, MONEYS FROM THE COUNTY CLERK'S TRUST ACCOUNT AND A CONTRIBUTION FROM UNION COUNTY COLLEGE, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS."

adopted by the County on August 17, 2017, is hereby amended to add the renovation of the Ash Brook Clubhouse to the purposes authorized; and shall hereafter read as follows:

"[Section 4.]N. Department of Parks and Recreation - (i) Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery for use at Ash Brook and Galloping Hill Golf Courses and (ii) undertaking of various park and recreation improvements consisting of (a) installation of a synthetic turf athletic field at Glenside Avenue Park, (b) installation of a removable turf field and batting cages at Warinanco Park Sports Center, (c) infrastructure and course improvement projects at Ash Brook and Galloping Hill Golf Courses, (d) various engineering, architectural and other services in connection with various park and recreation projects, (e) upgrading of the Walter E. Ulrich Memorial Pool, (f) replacement of golf cart bridges at Galloping Hill Golf Course and (g) renovation of the Ash Brook Clubhouse.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 5,331,350
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 266,568
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 5,064,782
Period of Usefulness	15 years."

Section 5. Section 4.T of Ordinance No. 787-2017 is hereby amended to (i) increase the appropriation and estimated cost from \$1,030,000 to \$1,530,000 (an increase of \$500,000); (ii) increase the down payment appropriated from \$51,500 to \$76,500 (an increase of \$25,000); and (iii) increase the bonds and notes authorized from \$978,500 to \$1,453,500 (an increase of \$475,000); and shall hereafter read as follows:

"[Section 4.]T. Department of Administrative Services, Division of Motor Vehicles and Telecommunication - Removal and replacement of underground and aboveground storage tanks at various locations.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 1,530,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 76,500
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 1,453,500
Period of Usefulness	15 years."

Section 6. Section 4.CC of Ordinance No. 787-2017 is hereby amended to (i) delete acquisition of security upgrade equipment for the Juvenile Detention Center from the purposes authorized; (ii) add the acquisition of office furniture, computer equipment and vans to the purposes authorized; (iii) decrease the appropriation and estimated cost from \$1,591,740 to \$1,091,740 (a decrease of \$500,000); (iv) decrease the down payment appropriated from \$79,587 to \$54,587 (a decrease of \$25,000); (v) decrease the bonds and notes authorized from \$1,512,153 to \$1,037,153 (a decrease of \$475,000); and (vi) decrease the period of usefulness of the purposes authorized from 10 years to 5 years (a decrease of 5 years); and shall hereafter read as follows:

"[Section 4.]CC. Department of Human Services - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new communication and signal systems equipment, new additional furnishings, new information technology and telecommunications equipment and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, consisting of (i) a hot food serving counter and ovens (Meals on Wheels Program), (ii) video security system equipment (Social Services), (iii) office furniture, (iv) computer equipment and (v) vans.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 1,091,740
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 54,587
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 1,037,153
Period of Usefulness	5 years."

Section 7. Section 16 of Ordinance No. 787-2017 is hereby amended to decrease the average period of usefulness of the purposes authorized from 12.11 years to 12.05 years (a decrease of 0.06 years), and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 16. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of said purposes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 12.05 years computed from the date of said bonds."

Section 8. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and is available for public inspection.

Section 9. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Seeing no speakers, Chairman Kowalski closed the public comment portion related to the adoption of Ordinance No. 805-2019.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Freeholder Sergio Granados, Fiscal Committee Member, moved Ordinance Number 805-2019 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Seeing no speakers wishing to comment, Chairman Kowalski closed the public comment portion.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

- 2019-110 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Amending Resolution Number 2018-1090 to extend the contract period through December 31, 2019 for providing additional professional psychiatric medical services to patients of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County. All other terms remain the same.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-111 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Amending Resolution 2018-982, a contract with MPC Bus Corporation for the continued provision of Paratransit Service, to reflect a change in account numbers only. All other terms remain the same.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-112 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award contracts in accordance with the 2019-2021 Area Plan in the total amount not to exceed \$4,626,165.00 pursuant to a Request for Proposal (RFP), for contract year one period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, to deliver services to Union County residents 60 years of age or older and /or their caregivers with an option to renew contracts for two years and further authorizing the County Manager to transfer funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies should fail to meet its contracted obligation.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-113 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Appointing the following members to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board for a one-year term ending December 31, 2019: Russell Graham to represent the Borough of Garwood; Robert W. Messler (delegate) and Michel Disko, Jr. (alternate) to represent the Borough of Mountainside and Kevin McFarlane (delegate) and Isabel Sousa (alternate) to represent the Borough of Roselle.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-114 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2018-1069, approving the 2018 Youth Services Commission Comprehensive Spending Plan, to reallocate \$161.49 in funds from the UC Division of Youth Services detention alternative case management support services contract to the UC Juvenile Detention Center detention alternative services contract to be charged to account numbers specified with no change in the total spending plan amount; no further changes to the 2018 Youth Services Commission Comprehensive Spending Plan.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-115 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED:** Amending Resolution Number 2018-918 to include Knights Inn, Elizabeth, NJ, as an additional Code Blue vendor and ratifying the list of authorized shelters and motels under the Countywide Code Blue Emergency Shelter Initiative for the Winter of 2018-2019 at no additional cost to the County.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-116 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Re-appointing the following members to the Fire Services Advisory Board for a one year term beginning January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019: Joseph Moschello (Fire Prevention Assoc); Steven Ruhl (Fire Academy Dean); Gary Steitz (Fire Investigation Rep); Andrew Moran (Public Safety Director); Christopher Scaturro (Emergency Services Director/Chief); William Kane (Emergency Services Deputy); Eric Evers (Chief, Combo Department); Joseph Signorello (Chief, Volunteer Department); Thomas McNamara (Largest City Fire Chief); Michael Scanio (2nd Largest City Fire Chief and President, Fire Chief Assoc); Fred Fretz (County Fire Coordinator); Kristen Von St. Paul (Emergency Services) and Jon Lestarchik (Other Dept. Rep.)

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-117 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Appointing Russell Graham to represent the Borough of Garwood to the Air Traffic & Noise Advisory Board for a two-year term ending December 31, 2020.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-118 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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, Division of State Police Grant Program for project titled FY17 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program in the amount of \$24,034.00 in Federal funds for the period of January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Subaward number 17-PC-01

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-119 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to The Institute for Forensic Psychology, Oakland, New Jersey, to provide Psychological Evaluation Services to the Departments of Administrative Services (Division of Personnel), Corrections, Prosecutor, Sheriff and County Police for the period of February 14, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in a total amount not to exceed \$81,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-120 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract extension for On-call Digital Imaging Services originally obtained through public bid # UCCP 28-2015 with DRS Imaging, Springfield, NJ as an open ended cooperative contract and specifically approving scanning services for the Office of the Surrogate in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-121 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing a payment to Beckerman & Company, County General Insurance Agent of Record, to obtain the Equine Mortality Policy with Great American Assurance Company, Cincinnati, OH from February 24, 2019 through February 23, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$2,117.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-122 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2019-42, authorizing a program of pre-approved reimbursement of job-related courses by Union County full-time employees, to change the account number only, with no change in the amount total or other terms and conditions of the agreement.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-123 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Appointing Laura Scutari as the Commissioner to the New Jersey Counties Excess Joint Insurance Fund and Eugenio Esquivel, as Alternate to the Fund pursuant to Resolution 2018-251.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-124 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to obtain a Public Official Bond with Travelers Insurance Company, Morristown, NJ, through our broker Beckerman & Company for Julie Origliato, from February 10, 2019 through February 09, 2020 in the amount of \$942.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-125 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew a Public Official Bond with the Travelers Insurance Company, Morristown, NJ, through our broker Beckerman & Company for Anthony Ugoaru from March 09, 2019 through March 08, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$756.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-126 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to utilize its final option to extend the contract with All Covered, a division of Konica Minolta Business Solutions, USA, Cherry Hill, NJ, through the competitive contracting process (RCCP#2013-2), to provide the necessary services to the County of Union, for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, in the amount not to exceed \$284,000 to be charged to Account No. 9-01-20-717-050-389.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-127 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2018-1059, an agreement with We Are One New Jersey, Inc., of Trenton, NJ, to provide social and human services, changing account numbers only. All other terms and conditions remain the same.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-128 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to extend the contract for an additional 24 months (2 seasons of approximately seven months each) through May 24, 2021 as per BA#21-2017 for Dellano's Food, 45 Long Hill Road, Long Valley, NJ, to provide concession services at Ulrich Pool & Rahway Snack Stand for Parks & Recreation, in the amount of revenue generated to the County in an amount not to exceed \$22,304.00 (\$11,152.00 per season).

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-129 CHAIR 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 Parks and Recreation: SportProsUSA Inc. Wyckoff, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Removable Sport Safety Fencing, for a contract of twelve (12) consecutive months, in the amount not to exceed \$94,569.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-130 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2018-807, a contract awarded through Bid Award BA#29-2018, to Campbell Freightliner, LLC of Monroe, NJ for purchase of a second and final 2018 Roll off Truck with Plow and Spreader and accessories, as per allowance under the bid specifications, for the Division of Park Maintenance in a total amount not to exceed \$202,277.00, for a new total amount of \$404,554.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-131 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County to extend the agreement, assigned to KemperSports pursuant to resolution 2018-881, for Management and Concessionaire Services for Warinanco Sports Center, for an additional nine and a half months through November 16, 2019 in the amount of not to exceed \$66,734.00

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-132 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to adjust and/or change the Internal Position Control Schedules.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-133 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the second contract option to extend to Groundwork Elizabeth, Elizabeth New Jersey, for a twelve (12) month period as authorized by Resolution Number 2017-115, for the administration and implementation of the Union County Means Green Community Garden Grants for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 with one final twelve month option to extend the contract; and further encompassing the Union County Community Garden Grant program and the Union County Kids Dig In!: A School Garden Grant Program under the grant program entitled: "Union County Plant A Seed Grant Program."

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-134 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED:** Appointing the following Commissioners to the Voter Accessibility Advisory Committee for a one-year term: Robert Polidore (Public Member); Manny Ramirez (Public Member); Richard Barry (Public Member); Clara Harelik (Commissioner); Marie Oakie (Commissioner); Mary Ellen Harris (Commissioner); John DiSimone (Commissioner); John Waters (Disability); Nicole DiRado (County Manager Representative); Helen Alvarado (trained in Provisions ADA); Bette Jane Kowalski (Governing Body Representative).

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2019-135 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS, FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, & FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN:** Recognizing Michelle Velez-Jonte, Chermine Alce, Sabrina Garcia, Teresa Austin and Monica McCoy for their courage and inspiration as breast cancer survivors and congratulating each for being honored by the Yvonne McCalla Foundation, Inc. at their annual Gala.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-136 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Meghan Crilly, of Fanwood, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-137 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing the volunteers and raising awareness for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Children at its Women's Leadership Luncheon on March 20, 2019.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-138 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Congratulating Mikos N. Panagakos of Boy Scout Troop 75, Cranford, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-139 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Congratulating Keegan Martin of Boy Scout Troop 75, Cranford, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-140 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Congratulating Lucian A. Mahadeo of Boy Scout Troop 75, Cranford, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-141 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating the Crane's Ford Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution upon commemorating its 75th anniversary.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-142 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Mildred Lewis, of Cranford, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-143 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Michael Yuska, Director of Administrative Services, upon his well-deserved retirement after 20 years of dedicated service to the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

- 2019-144 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Parks and Recreation Department, Recreation Leader Wayne Avery upon his well-deserved retirement after 16 years of dedicated service to the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

This meeting was opened to the public for the purpose of commenting on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.

Seeing no speakers wishing to comment, Chairman Kowalski closed the public comment portion.

PRESENTATION BY THE BOARD

Chairman Kowalski invited her colleagues to join her in a special resolution presentation for Michael Yuska, the Director of Administrative Services in lieu of his retirement after 20 years with the county. She shared several details related to Director Michael Yuska's career, noting that he started working for the Department of Purchasing in 1999, and became Division Head of Purchasing six years later in 2005. She added that he ultimately ended his career as the Director of Administrative Services, where he oversaw several distinct matters including but not limited to personnel, labor, risk management, employee benefits, and worker's compensation. Chairman Kowalski commended Director Yuska on behalf of the Board for all his hard work over the years and congratulated him on his retirement and recent marriage.

Director Yuska expressed his gratitude to receive such an honor from the Board. Having attended approximately 350 Freeholder Board meetings in his career, Director Yuska expressed his admiration for the Board and their performance over the years as well as their impressive knack for remaining composed under any and all circumstances. He concluded by noting how much he

enjoyed working for the county and the ultimate satisfaction he felt in being of service and making a difference to the community.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Granados commented on the many attendees wearing red proceeded by wishing everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. He went on to thank everyone in attendance, in particular, the Staff, Directors, and Freeholders for attending tonight's meeting and for their dedicated service.

Freeholder Williams also wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. She commended Director Michael Yuska and once again congratulated him on his retirement. She offered a reminder relative to the free yoga, meditation and emotional wellness event taking place on March 8th at Maskers Barn in the historic Deserted Village of Feltsville at the Watchung Reservation. She noted that pre-registration for the event was required and could be completed on the county website: www.ucnj.org/women. Freeholder Williams concluded by recognizing the 2019 Women of Excellence honorees for their accomplishments in various fields like education, medicine, and business, among others. She noted that the eleven awardees would be honored at the annual Women of Excellence Gala Awards Dinner on March 29 at the Gran Centurions in Clark.

Freeholder Hudak noted Governor Phil Murphy's recent visit to The Snyder Academy in Elizabeth where the bill signing occurred to increase the minimum wage in New Jersey to \$15. He noted that members of the Labor Committee and several local elected officials, among others attended the momentous event. Freeholder Hudak applauded the newly passed legislation which he believes will contribute to prosperity and posterity within the community at large, especially those struggling to make ends meet on the current minimum wage.

Freeholder Palmieri-Moued issued a reminder relative to the upcoming primary election, during which time the new voting machines will debut in Berkeley Heights, Elizabeth, Fanwood, Garwood, Kenilworth, Mountainside, Union, and Winfield. She noted that the machines were initially unveiled in Westfield during last year's general election and that the remaining municipalities not noted above could expect to use the new voting machines during the 2019 general election. She marveled at the new machines, citing how efficient and user-friendly they are. She advised that residents can stop by the Colleen Fraser Building in Westfield or the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth and familiarize themselves with the new machines and experience a brief demonstration conducted by a staff member of the Board of Elections. She concluded by wishing everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and weekend and once again congratulated Michael Yuska on his retirement.

Freeholder Estrada commended Michael Yuska for his hard work throughout his career, noting that he and Director Yuska had started their work with the county at approximately the same time. He noted his appreciation for Michael Yuska's hard work as well as authentic and straightforward nature as a professional. Freeholder Estrada applauded Director Yuska's judgment and ability to institute knowledgeable and supportive individuals that aided in his professional feats. Freeholder Estrada shed light on the issues plaguing Venezuela, noting that nearly two million citizens have fled to neighboring countries and portions of Europe due to the dictatorship that has taken root, resulting in lack of freedoms, food, and mobility among other things. He cited how much the climate in Venezuela had changed under new the leadership in comparison to the state of the country in the late 50s and 60s under the rule of Rómulo Betancourt, "The Father of Venezuelan Democracy". He lamented the current conditions being faced by Venezuelan citizens and expressed his desire for prompt and peaceful resolution for the sake of the country and its citizens. Freeholder Estrada mentioned the tragedy that occurred at Stoneman Douglas High School shooting a year ago and condemned the lack of action that has been taken nationwide to address the issue of gun violence.

He closed by noting the obligation of elected officials in remaining cognizant and pushing for action to address the issue and ideally prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

County Manager Oatman extended his congratulations to Director Michael Yuska on his retirement.

County Counsel Barry congratulated Director Michael Yuska on his retirement and noted what a pleasure it had been to work with him throughout the years.

Chairman Kowalski wanted to remind everyone that a photo exhibit commemorating Black History Month was on display on the 6th floor outside the Freeholder's Meeting Room and encouraged everyone to take a gander once the meeting concluded. She advised that next week the exhibit would be displayed at the Warinanco Sports Center. Chairman Kowalski noted the Freeholder's advocacy for improved rail service in Union County. She added that the Board attends meetings with New Jersey Transit regularly, with former Freeholder Bruce Bergen having attended a meeting just last night. Chairman Kowalski noted the Board's desire to have the one-seat ride service restored as well as the Board's support of the Gateway Tunnel. She acknowledged the benefits of these improvements and or additions in facilitating rail transit for commuters. Chairman Kowalski added that everyone can support and keep abreast with the progress of these services by following the Raritan Valley Coalition organization on Facebook. She concluded by wishing Director Michael Yuska well in his retirement and his new life in Texas.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Kowalski asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Hudak a voice vote showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 7:00pm in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 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 6, 2019 at 12:00 pm
Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

AGENDA SETTING SESSION

January 17, 2019

February 7, 2019

February 21, 2019

March 7, 2019

March 28, 2019

April 4, 2019

April 25, 2019

May 2, 2019*

May 23, 2019**

June 13, 2019

June 27, 2019

July 25, 2019

August 22, 2019

September 5, 2019

September 26, 2019

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REGULAR MEETINGS

January 24, 2019

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March 14, 2019

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June 20, 2019

June 27, 2019

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August 22, 2019

September 12, 2019

September 26, 2019

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October 24, 2019

November 14, 2019

December 5, 2019

December 19, 2019

AMENDMENTS TO THE 2019 FREEHOLDER MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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