



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Kowalski presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:52 P.M.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

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.

## **APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Chairman Kowalski called for a motion to approve the Communication. On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

### Note and File

Oath of Office: Advisory Council on Aging: Sharron Brown; Fire Services Advisory Board: John Lestarchik and Joseph Signorello; Union County Transportation Advisory Board: Robert Beiner and Kevin McFarlane; Voter Accessibility Advisory Committee: Clara Harelik, Mary Ellen Harris, John DeSimone, Robert Polidore and John Waters.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Chairman Kowalski asked Fiscal Chair Vice Chairman Mirabella to discuss the 2019 budget.

Vice Chairman Mirabella noted the pending introduction and approval of the 2019 Annual Budget, highlighting some of the details of the budget, including but not limited to the fact that the proposed budget was under cap and that the tax levy was further reduced to 1.75%. He noted that the official public hearing on the 2019 Budget would be held on April 25, 2019. He thanked Fiscal Affairs Committee members Freeholders Estrada, Granados, and Palmieri-Mouded for their diligent work

and the remaining members of the Board for their participation in the budget hearings with the various directors. He concluded by thanking County Manager Oatman, Deputy County Manager Amy Wagner, and Director Taylor as well as the other directors throughout the county for their hard work related to the budget.

#### 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:

- 2019-214 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Appointing the following members to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board for a one-year term ending December 31, 2019: Gabe Bailer (Delegate) and Ben Cohen (Alternate) to represent to the Township of Cranford and Joseph Venezia (Delegate) and William Hoover (Alternate) to represent the Township of Union.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-215 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Continental Fire and Safety, Hamilton, NJ, through State Contract #80970 for the purpose of providing specialized fire equipment for the County of Union in the amount not to exceed \$80,467.59.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-216 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with HazMatt & Associates Training LLC, 2230 Kenneth Road, Point Pleasant, NJ to provide a specialized decontamination training course to 50 hazmat technicians from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Region, through the 2016 UASI Grant, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-217 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Continental Hardware, Inc. 400 Delancy Street Newark, NJ 07105 for the purchase of lumber for UASI Search and Rescue training lumber in an amount not to exceed \$14,508.27 utilizing the 2017 and 2018 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Funds.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-218 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$168,000 from the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Services for the purpose of updating the Countywide Hazards Mitigation Plan.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-219 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Kean University, Union, NJ to provide a Water Tender Train-the-Trainer course to 30 firefighters from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Region, through the 2017 UASI Grant, in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Hudak abstaining from the vote.

- 2019-220 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to terminate a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Roselle Park on June 30, 2019 as authorized by resolution 2017-255 for Fire and Emergency Medical Basic Life Support Dispatch Services and authorizing the County Manager to enter into a new Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Roselle Park for 911 Police, Fire and EMS Dispatching Services for a ten (10) year period commencing on July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2029, in the amount of \$150,000.00, with a 2% yearly increase through contract term.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-221 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into agreement with Geneva Worldwide Interpretation Services, New York, NY, pursuant to a Request for Proposal (RFP), to provide translation services, on an as needed basis, for clients of the Department of Human Services' Division of Social Services in the total amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the period of April 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-222 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Amending Resolution 2018-1105, 2019 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Spending Plan, to reflect a grant term extension of nine (9) months beginning on April 1, 2019 and ending on December 31, 2019, for a new grant period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, for subcontracted services with no change in funding; all other terms remain unchanged.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-223 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Amending Resolution Number 2019-115 to reflect an additional appropriation in the amount of \$50,000, for a new total amount not to exceed \$300,000, for the Countywide Code Blue Emergency Shelter Initiative for the Winter of 2018-2019 to address the needs of the homeless due to the increase in the number of adults and children requiring shelter during extreme weather conditions; no further changes.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-224 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Authorizing the use of Competitive Contracting, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 et seq., to deliver a workforce information management and data exchange system for Union County American Job Centers.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-225 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Authorizing the use of Competitive Contracting, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 et seq., to develop a Human Services Community Needs Assessment for Union County.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-226 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Appointing the following members to the Human Services Advisory Council: Jeanette LeBron (Child Care Services), Morgan Thompson (PACMHADA Rep.) Karla Spivey (Family and Children Services) and Srabanti Sarkar (Target Population-Hispanic) to unexpired terms ending December 31, 2020; and further appointing Audria Russell (HIV/AIDS), Susan Luckman (Community At-Large), Diane Granada (Advisory Board on the Disabled) and Alison Millan (Community At-Large) to three-year terms ending December 31, 2021.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-227 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Appointing Laurie Cicero (Health Services) to the Human Services Advisory Council to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2019.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-228 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN:** Re-appointing Lauren Kaplan-Sagal (Medical Society) and appoints Morgan Thompson (At-Large) as members to the Mental Health Advisory Board for a term beginning January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-229 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Board of Taxation to exceed the County Entity Budget CAP. (P.L., 2015, c.249)

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-230 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the Office of the Board of Election to exceed the County Entity Budget CAP (P.L., 2015, c.249)

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-231 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Sheriff's Department to exceed the County Entity Budget CAP. (P.L., 2015, c.249)

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-232 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the Office of the County Surrogate to exceed the County Entity Budget CAP. (P.L., 2015, c.249)

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-233 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to affirm the County of Union's compliance with the Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964."

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-234 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Introducing and Approving the Annual Budget of the County of Union for the Fiscal Year 2019.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-235 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the sum of \$40,000.00 to the Union County Baseball Association for the purposes of providing assistance with the operation of the 2019 youth baseball programs.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-236 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with IBM, Piscataway, New Jersey for the purpose of providing hardware and software maintenance for the Union County Clerk's imaging and web servers in both the Elizabeth and Westfield locations for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 contract period in an amount not to exceed \$37,515.22.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-237 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Clearview Data Systems, Greenville, South Carolina to renew maintenance contract in an amount not to exceed \$11,188.85 pursuant to the N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(dd) exception to bidding.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-238 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to purchase software, equipment, and related training from Cellebrite USA, Inc., 7 Campus Drive, Parsippany, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$32,299.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-239 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2018-876, a contract award to ES&S, Omaha, Nebraska, for the purposes of providing ballot cartridge bins, ballot card stock, results tape and training days for Union County's Vote Tabulation System in an additional amount not to exceed \$100,000.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-240 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with The Hartford Insurance Company, Dallas, TX for Volunteer Accident Insurance policy for the period of April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$360.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-241 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, Hartford, CT for a Public Official

Bond for B. Taylor for the period of April 15, 2019 through April 14, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$779.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-242 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** A Resolution authorizing the County Manager to award contracts to Pre-Qualified Personnel Counsel on the list attached hereto in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 per Personnel Counsel, for a total amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for the period of April 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-243 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with CFG Health Systems, LLC., Marlton, New Jersey in order to purchase Vivitrol through a state grant for the Union County Jail inmates to treat substance abuse in an amount not to exceed \$24,190.32.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-244 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Concurring with the Township of Scotch Plains request for NJ TRANSIT to provide a pair of bus stops on Martine Avenue (CR655) by Country Club Boulevard in the Township of Scotch Plains. The Mayor and Council of Scotch Plains approved the bus stops effective February 6, 2019. Because Martine Avenue is a County roadway, a concurring resolution is required of the Union County Freeholder Board.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-245 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Remington & Vernick Engineers of Secaucus, New Jersey for the Intersection Improvements at South Michigan Avenue and Quinton Avenue, Borough of Kenilworth, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$48,996.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-012)

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-246 CHAIR 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 design and construction administration and inspection services for the 2020 Road Resurfacing Project, Various Municipalities, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$295,296.50. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-020)

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-247 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2017-922 adopted on November 21, 2017, a Professional Engineering Service Contract, awarded to Matrix New World Engineering, Inc., of Florham Park for License LSRP Services associated with the following sites: Galloping Hill Golf Course, Kenilworth, NJ; Scotch Plains Department of Public Works, Scotch Plains, NJ; and Houdaille Quarry, Springfield, NJ for an amount not to exceed \$360,350.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$1,258,495.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-248 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2018-1095 adopted December 20, 2018, a Professional Engineering Service Contract with Mott MacDonald, of Morristown, New Jersey, to provide additional Engineering Design and Construction Inspection Services associated with the Lenape Park Dam Rehabilitation Project, in an amount not to exceed \$77,500.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$154,800.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-044)

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-249 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: Engineering, Public Works, & Facilities Management, Division of Engineering: Smith-Sondy Asphalt Construction, of Wallington, New Jersey, for the 2019 Road Resurfacing Project, Various Municipalities, County of Union, New Jersey, in the amount not to exceed \$11,452,109.60. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-029)

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-250 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: Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management: Pennetta Industrial Automation, Little Ferry, NJ, for the purpose of providing Pipefitting & Heating System Repairs, Maintenance and Installation Services at various locations throughout the County. The contract shall be for twenty-four (24) consecutive months with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month optional extension commencing upon contract execution for a total contract amount not to exceed \$249,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.



- 2019-251 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Vermeer North Atlantic Sales & Service, Lumberton, NJ, for the purchase of various Vermeer Parts for the Vermeer Compost Turner in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-252 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 Laws, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management - Supplying of Snow Plow & Salt Spreader Equipment Parts & Accessories – Bristol Donald Co., Inc., Newark, NJ - Lot 1 – Viking-Cives (\$55,000), Lot 4 – Warren (\$24,500); Dejana Truck Equipment, Cinnaminson, NJ Lot 2 – Western, \$22,950, Lot 5 – Bonnell (\$23,000) ; Henderson Products, Inc., Kenvil, NJ 07847 - Lot 3 – Henderson (\$45,000); Trius, Inc., Farmingdale, NJ – Lot 6 - Swenson (\$23,750) for period of 24 consecutive months in the amount of \$194,200.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-253 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Foley, Inc., for the purchase of two (2) 720 Rockland Tink Buckets for the Division of Public Works in the amount not to exceed \$31,600.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-254 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution concurring with the Borough of Roselle Park to close Chestnut Street from Grant Avenue to Webster Avenue on Monday, May 27, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the 2019 Memorial Day Parade. Also granting permission to close Chestnut Street from Charles Street to Lincoln Avenue on Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with a rain date of Saturday, September 21, 2019 for a Car Show.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-255 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights to hang a banner across Springfield Avenue from April 12 through May 11, 2019 to advertise the Peppertown Park Renewal Committee Fundraiser. Also, granting permission to the Downtown Beautification Committee to hang a banner across Plainfield Avenue from August 12 through September 23, 2019 to advertise restaurant week.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-256 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution concurring with the Township of Berkeley Heights granting permission to Smith Chiropractic to hang a banner across Springfield Avenue from August 12, 2019 to September 23, 2019 to advertise the Annual Berkeley Heights 5K Charity Road Race.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-257 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights to hang a banner across Plainfield Avenue, from April 15, 2019 to May 15, 2019 to advertise the annual Berkeley Heights PAL Golf Outing.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-258 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Modern Sales & Rental Equipment, Bristol, PA., for the purchase of an Intimidator Brush Bandit Chipper for the Division of Public Works through the ESCNJ 18/19-25, #65 MCECCPS, in the amount not to exceed \$135,788.50.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-259 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution concurring with the Borough of Roselle Park to a hang banner across Chestnut Street for the following events: Advertising the 2019 Independence Day Fireworks Display from June 3, 2019 through July 8, 2019; Advertising the 2019 Car Show from August 1, 2019 through September 16, 2019; Advertising the 2019 Arts Festival from September 16, 2019 through September 30, 2019; Advertising the 2019 Christmas Tree Lighting from November 1, 2019 through December 9, 2019.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-260 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution granting permission to the City of Linden to hang a banner across Wood Avenue at the intersection of Elizabeth Avenue and between Curtis Street and Gibbons Street from April 22, 2019 through May 4, 2019 to advertise a food drive in conjunction with the Linden Post Office postal workers.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-261 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Exercising the County's option to extend the contract awarded to Weldon Materials Inc., Westfield, NJ (UCCP#15-2018) for a period of twelve (12) months starting May 8, 2019 through May 7, 2020, to provide Road Materials Lots 1, 2 and 4 for use by the Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, Division of Public Works \$640,427.50; Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of

Park Maintenance \$35,862.50; and Division of Park Environmental Services \$11,912.50; in the total amount not to exceed \$688,202.50.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-262 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract awarded through Bid Award BA#10-2019, to Campbell Freightliner, LLC of Monroe, NJ for purchase of a Dump Truck with Spreader and Snow Plow and accessories, as per allowance under the bid specifications, for the Division of Park Maintenance in a total amount not to exceed \$215,977.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-263 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Remington & Vernick Engineers, of Secaucus, New Jersey to provide design and construction administration & inspection services for an Azalea Garden located in Warinanco Park, Borough of Roselle, New Jersey in the amount not to exceed \$71,850.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-041)

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-264 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the negotiated contract for 24 months (2 seasons) for NBA#3-2019 for Ray's Food & Ice Cream Concessions, Inc., 32 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Woodland Park, New Jersey 07424 to provide Food Concession & Boating Services at Echo Lake Park & Food Services at Watchung Loop Snack Stand for Parks & Recreation. This is a revenue generating contract. \$1,200.00 per season for a total of \$2,400.00. There is also a 24 month extension option (2 additional seasons). Ray's Food & Ice Cream Concessions, Inc. agrees to all other terms in accordance with the Bid Specifications.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-265 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2019-77, resolution to include and reflect the contingency amount of \$10,000.00. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with This Is It! Productions, Hoboken, NJ, for the management and production of the 2019 Rhythm and Blues by the Brook Concert to be held on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at Cedar Brook Park, Plainfield, NJ, in an amount not to exceed \$144,100.00. (including contingency).

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-266 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing County Manager to enter into an agreement with Michael Calafati Architect, LLC for Architectural Services by preparing the Design Development Phase for the Rehabilitation of Buildings #4 and 7 at Historic Feltville Village in an amount not to exceed \$53,000.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-267 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$30,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

#### Freeholder Sponsored Resolutions

- 2019-268 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Congratulating Barbara Knapp, Assistant to the Director of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management upon her well-deserved retirement after 30 years of dedicated service to the County of Union.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-269 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Andre Dupree during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-270 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Council Member At-Large Sandra R. Jones upon her passing.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-271 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Recognizing the Elizabeth Portugal Day Committee upon its Cultural Exhibition; and further congratulating 2019 Grand Marshal Joaquim Martins, Honorary Marshal Jorge Veiga and Postumo Marshal Joao Cardoso.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-272 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED:** Congratulating Westfield High School's Model United Nations Club upon earning the

Outstanding Delegation Award for excelling in all parts of the Annual Conference held in Hershey, Pennsylvania; and further congratulating many Westfield students upon receiving individual recognition.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-273 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution acknowledging the contributions of the National Council of Negro Women; and further congratulating the 2019 honorees recognized at their annual Harambee Breakfast: Union County Human Services Director Debbie-Ann Anderson and New Jersey State Assemblyman Jamel Holley; Story Thompson; Tiffany Baskerville; Dr. Kevin O. Clarke; Evelda Hodge Miller and Kwao Taylor.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-274 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Congratulating the Village Family Success Center upon its Annual Family Celebration on April 17, 2019.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-275 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED & FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Proclaiming the month of April as Autism Awareness Month throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-276 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED:** Proclaiming the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-277 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN:** Resolution recognizing April as Alcohol Awareness Month (AAM) throughout Union County as a means to increase outreach and education regarding the treatment and prevention of alcohol addiction and reduce the stigma often associated with it.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-278 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Congratulating Shalonda Archibald upon being named the 2019 Literacy Teacher of the Year by the NJ Literacy Association.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-279 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Congratulating Roselle Park upon celebrating its 118th birthday celebration on March 23, 2019.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-280 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing the month of April as Donate Life Month throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-281 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Anne Leonard who departed this life on March 12, 2019, at the age of 98.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-282 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 Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-283 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating Community Access as they celebrate their 40th Anniversary; and further congratulating Sidney Blanchard as they honor his 40 years of dedicated service in providing community access for people with disabilities and their families and for giving them the opportunity to live independently and to lead normal and productive lives as citizens integrated into the general community.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-284 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA, FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Congratulating Brian Sousa Gomes of Boy Scout Troop 101/Pack 101, Our Lady of Fatima RC Church, Elizabeth, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-285 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON & FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED:** Congratulating Lizanne Ceconi, Alma DeMetropolis and Jane Hoffman upon being honored by CASA of Union County at their Women's Leadership Luncheon on March 30th.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-286 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution congratulating St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Westfield as they celebrate their 125th Anniversary.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-287 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution congratulating the Cranford-Elmora Soup Kitchen on 30 years of dedicated service to the residents of Union County.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-288 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS & FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Congratulating the City of Linden's First Annual Women's History Month Celebration on March 30, 2019.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-289 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Congratulating the Cranford Lincoln Apartments upon its 25th anniversary celebration on April 11, 2019.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-290 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Congratulating Robert Scheuer, Boy Scout Troop #80, Cranford, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2019-291 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Proclaiming April 2, 2019 as Equal Pay Day throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

\*\*Freeholder Garretson left the meeting.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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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.

Before proceeding to the Freeholder Reports and Comments portion of the meeting, Chairman Kowalski noted changes to the upcoming Freeholder meeting schedule, noting the revised dates in May.

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**FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

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Freeholder Granados noted a recent event he attended alongside Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded related to the Adopt-a-Park initiative at Warinanco Sports Center. He added that during his drive through the park he spotted a group of volunteers from Kean University cleaning up litter and debris. He noted that the group collected over 30 bags of trash. Freeholder Granados commended all organizations for their continued participation in the Adopt-a-Park program which aims to care for and enhance the green space throughout the county.

Freeholder Williams advised that she had recently attended and enjoyed a sensory-friendly rendition of Sleeping Beauty presented by the NJ Ballet. She noted that the attendees also enjoyed the performance and expressed their desire to see similar performances in the future and thanked the Board for facilitating these types of productions. Freeholder Williams referenced the approaching conclusion of Women's History Month, noting a special performance of In Their Footsteps at the Union County Performing Arts Center's Hamilton Stage. She further advised that on April 23<sup>rd</sup> the John H. Stamler Police Academy would be hosting an educational presentation entitled "What Parents Need to Know about Transgender Individuals." She added that the purpose of the presentation was to provide insight into many of the issues faced by the transgender community, among other things.

Freeholder Hudak commended the various directors for several items on the agenda, noting that many of the items presented reflect the priorities of the Board and county government at large in offering invaluable services to its residents. On the topic of parks, he discussed the New Spray Park at John Russell Wheeler Park in Linden scheduled to open the last weekend in May. He noted his excitement as well as the excitement of community members related to the introduction of this feature to the county's park systems. Freeholder Hudak went on to mention Freeholder Granado's earlier comment about park clean-up, noting that his daughter would be participating in litter and debris removal alongside her Girl Scout Troop at Rahway River Park. He outlined the many features and services available throughout the county and how these features were a result of fiscal responsibility and a strong budget. He concluded by thanking County Manager Oatman, Director Taylor, and the other directors throughout the county for their hard work on presenting a reasonable budget that allows for continued improvements to the community as well as the rendering of high-quality services.

Vice Chairman Mirabella cited several upcoming recreational activities in April, recognized as Autism Awareness Month, including a variety of sport offerings, among others and a special sensory hour during the "Touch a Truck" event at Watchung Reservation. He also noted other sensory-friendly features throughout the county including the sensory-friendly trail at Watchung Reservation and the Sensory Friendly Theatre (SFT) at UPAC. He added that Director Ron Zuber of the



Department of Parks and Recreation received national recognition for the sensory-friendly trail at a recent conference. Vice Chairman Mirabella noted the upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual LGBTQ Pride Event in June at Rahway River Park. He added that he had attended the first annual LGBTQ Equality at Work Symposium earlier that day along with Deputy County Manager Amy Wagner, and Coordinator of the LGBTQ county office, Danni Newbury. He noted that the conference was terrific and very informative. He concluded by referencing the Board of School Estimate Hearing that occurred earlier between other members of the Board and Union County College. He advised that although he did not participate in the meeting, he was impressed to see the caliber of students that attended the hearing and learn about their ambitious plans following graduation. He commended Margaret McMenamin for her leadership and continued success as President of U.C.C.

Freeholder Staten advised that the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs would be conducting a free history grant writing workshop on April 17 in Summit. She noted that attendees would learn how to apply for two distinctive history grants through the FY 2020 Union County History Re-grant Program funded by the NJ Historical Commission. She added that registration for the Senior Citizen Art Exhibit was now open. She concluded by congratulating Director Debbie-Ann Anderson who was honored at a past event before several members of the Board.

Freeholder Estrada referenced the 2020 Census and expressed his concerns relative to the more online-based approach to reporting that has been proposed. He also referenced certain challenges related to the canvas approach and how this avenue could lead to certain shortcomings in overall findings. He noted that the approaching census would be a determining factor in how federal funds would be allocated to the region and would also affect the designation of congressional districts. He commended Philip Kandl and Nathalie Hernandez for their preparatory efforts related to the census in an attempt to ensure accurate reporting.

Freeholder Palmieri-Moued noted her recent attendance at the CASA Women's Leadership Luncheon where she presented three honorees with resolutions commending their outstanding work and efforts. She thanked County Manager Oatman, Deputy County Manager Amy Wagner, and the various other directors for their presentations and participation at the budget hearings. She noted that the experience provided her with great insight into the everyday-operations of the varying departments and a more comprehensive understanding of their respective budgets. She concluded by commending everyone involved in environmental stewardship, noting the Environmental Hero Awards and encouraged people to enter or submit entries on behalf of community members that actively strive to make a difference to ensure the health and longevity of our environment and planet.

Chairman Kowalski commended Board of Elections Administrator DiRado and her staff on their hard work and commitment in providing training and demonstrations related to the new voting machines, ensuring an easy introduction of these machines in the next two voting cycles. She provided additional details related to these demonstrations, noting that additional information regarding the location and time of these demonstrations could be found on the county website. She also thanked the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition and Chair Bruce Bergen for facilitating the recent forum earlier that week related to the pending Gateway Tunnel project. She noted the presentation made by Director Jerry Zaro of the Gateway Development Corporation at the recent event held at the Cranford Community Center. She referenced the desire of residents to reinstate the one-seat ride feature, noting Senator Nicholas Scutari's recent legislation sponsorship aimed at bringing about full-time one seat rides. She referenced Tom Malinowski's recent visit to Union County College to participate in a Town Hall meeting where constituents were able to discuss issues and concerns with the Congressman and hear updates regarding the latest matters being addressed in Congress. She

thanked Congressman Tom Malinowski for his participation, noting that he was a wonderful representative for the area. Chairman Kowalski also discussed the upcoming Women of Excellence Awards ceremony. She mentioned the recent St. Patrick's Day Parade and although she was unable to attend, she marveled at the turnout and commended Sister Percylee Hart for contributing to the event's success. She also mentioned the success of the Teen Arts Festival recently held at Union County College. She thanked the participants and volunteers for their hard work and thanked Jaime Segal from U.C.C. for her work in facilitating the event. She also thanked Keegan Martin of Boy Scout Troop 75 for his contribution to the Trailside Nature & Science Center. Chairman Kowalski concluded by thanking County Manager Oatman, Deputy County Manager Amy Wagner, Director Taylor, and all the other directors that worked on composing the recent executive budget.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Kowalski asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Vice Chairman Mirabella a voice vote showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Garretson absent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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

REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019 at 12:00 pm  
Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

### 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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July 25, 2019

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September 12, 2019

September 26, 2019

October 10, 2019

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.