



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2018  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sergio Granados presided and called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

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

Also present were County Manager Edward 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

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Note and File

Chairman Granados called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

## PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Mayor Giacobbe, Jr., of Rahway, commented on Resolution Number 2018-996. On behalf of Rahway, the Rahway City Council and the Rahway Youth Soccer program, he thanked the Board for its continued support to the City of Rahway and specifically for providing the young men and women (of the soccer program) not only a state-of-the-art, but a safe field to play on.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments or inquires relative to a number of resolutions. Relative to Resolution Number 2018-977, he made comments in regards to the installation of an illuminated Pedestrian Warning Sign and noted that a previous sign in Westfield was placed one block from another traffic light. Relative to Resolution Number 2018-986, he asked if there would be additional monies spent over and above this \$21,000 amount. Relative to Resolution Number 2018-987, he asked for further clarification. Relative to Resolution Number 2018-990, he asked if Kolano (of O'Brien & Kolano, LLC) was a former prosecutor in Union County. Relative to Resolution Number 2018-993, he asked for an overview of the updates to the Union County Handbook. Relative to Resolution Number 2018-995, he asked if there have been any change orders for "open-ended" contracts. Relative to Resolution Number 2018-999, he asked for clarification regarding the access agreement at the Horvath Towers in Scotch Plains. Relative to Resolution Number 2018-1002, he asked for clarification regarding the settlement of pending litigation. Relative to Resolution Number 2018-1003, he made comments relative to political contributions. Mr. Paterson asked for clarification as to why the Ordinances are at the end of the agenda.

As to Resolution 2018-986, County Clerk Rajoppi advised that no additional funding would be necessary. She explained that Intersection has exclusive rights for New Jersey Transit. She advised that this is being used for the "voter app," which allows people to access the sample ballots for each election, along with voter registration forms. She advised that it's a way to get information about the upcoming election to residents.

As to Resolution 2018-987, County Clerk Rajoppi explained that it includes printing of voters registration lists, preparing transcripts of proceedings, including provision of a court stenographer (during hearings). She added that her office requires the hiring of translation services (from English to Spanish), noting that they must be certified by the State. She advised that it also provides certificate and outer envelopes for vote by mail ballots, absentee ballots, overseas ballots (often via global express), printing of canvas reports and for software maintenance.

As to Resolution 2018-993, Director Yuska explained that the Policy Committee met (Wednesday, November 27, 2019) and approved the updates to the Employee Handbook as follows: Paid Sick Leave/Seasonal and Temporary employees (new law); FMLA – Spousal; Drug & Alcohol Abuse; Drug & Alcohol Testing (as recommended by outside Counsel); Tuition Reimbursement (Kean University is offering a discount to our employees to further their education); Dress Code Policy; and Housekeeping Policy for Electrical Appliances.

As to Resolution 2018-994, Director Yuska explained how Change Orders were done stating that one of the reasons we do open ended contracts is so that other departments might use it the contract. He provided an example to the Board.

As to Resolution 2018-1002, County Counsel Barry explained that the litigation involves two Sheriff's Officers who had been assigned to the canine unit who made claims against the Fair Labor Standards Act. He advised that the matter was reviewed by the Board several weeks ago, noting that it was recommended to settle in the amount of \$160,000.00.

County Counsel Barry explained the reason the Ordinances had been placed at the end of the agenda was as a result of the Ordinance including the policy updates to the Employee Handbook (Resolution Number 2018-993), noted that it would have been inappropriate to consider the Ordinance prior to the Board's consideration of said resolution.

James Osoki, of Rahway, thanked the Board for supporting Resolution Number 2018-996 allowing access to Madison Avenue Park.

Each of the Rahway Youth Soccer Team players individually approached the podium to say "thank you" to the Board.

Coach Walter Carter, of Rahway, said he's been coaching for ten years and noted that the field was in very poor condition and thanked the Board for its support.

Chairman Granados stated that this could not have been done without the Freeholders, Director Zuber (and his staff) and the Mayor of Rahway; who he noted was a major proponent of this project, working together.

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

**2018-973 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into contract, in accordance with New Jersey competitive contracting law, with Primepoint LLC, Mt. Holly, New Jersey to provide Integrated Human Resource and Outsourced Payroll System services for an amount not to exceed \$537,833 and Time and Labor Management Services for the Cornerstone Behavioral Hospital of Union County staff, for an amount not to exceed \$28,800, starting December 1, 2018 for a period of three years with an option to renew for two one-year contractual periods.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

**2018-974 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Amending Resolution 2018-895, increasing the 2016-2018 Area Plan, to reflect an additional increase in funding only in the amount not to exceed \$49,950 for a new grand total not to exceed \$5,182,637 to be allocated as outlined and charged to account numbers specified for the same contract year three period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 with no other changes to the 2016-2018 Area Plan.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Bergen abstaining, and Freeholders Hudak and Jalloh absent.

**2018-975 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** Authorizing the County Manager to accept grant funding and enter into contract with the State of New Jersey, Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA), for the FY2020 Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Program award in the amount of \$536,201 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-976 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** Authorizing the County Manager to endorse the Union County 2020 Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA) Alliance Program Spending Plan, as required by the GCADA, awarding subcontracts in the total amount not to exceed \$536,201 for the grant period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 under the 2020 Municipal Alliance Program; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the municipalities during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the various municipalities/agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-977 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement between the County of Union and Borough of New Providence for the installation of an Illuminated Pedestrian Warning Sign at the Intersection of Maple Street and Mountain Avenue (CR 622).

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-978 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract for the Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities: Division of Facilities Management with the Elizabeth Parking Authority, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Jury Parking, as per state mandate, for a contract period of twelve (12) consecutive months from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$240,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-979 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Lease Agreement with Immaculate Conception Church, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the rental of 85 parking spaces located at 425 Union Avenue, Elizabeth, for Division of Social Services' employee parking in the amount of \$80 per space per month or \$6,800 per month, total amount not to exceed \$81,600 for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-980 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into agreements with various community based organizations to provide shelter night stays for TANF, GA, and/or Emergency Assistance recipients for the period

of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019; agencies will be reimbursed directly by the State of New Jersey based upon individual per diem rate(s) per family per night as agreed upon by said community based organizations and the State of New Jersey; with a required 5% county match appropriation in an amount not to exceed \$201,675.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-981 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a consulting services contract with JANUS Solutions, Ewing, NJ, for the provision of organizational assessment and development of the Division of Social Services in the total amount not to exceed \$55,000 for the period of December 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-982 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to utilize Year 3 option to extend the contract with MPC Bus Corporation, Brooklyn, New York, pursuant to competitive contracting law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4, for the provision of transportation services in the form of Routing, Scheduling & Dispatch and Road Operator Services for the Union County Paratransit System for the contract period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, representing Year Three (3) of the contract, in the total amount not to exceed \$4,662,041.71 with the option to extend the contract for two (2) one year periods at the prices quoted in the agency's competitive contract proposal.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-983 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to utilize Year 3 option to extend the contract with Community Access Unlimited of Elizabeth, NJ, through the competitive contracting process, for the operation of the Union County Children's Shelter, as mandated under N.J.S.A. 2A:158A-24, for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 representing Year Three (3) of the four (4) year option to renew in the total amount not to exceed \$430,095.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-984 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to utilize Year Three of the option to extend the contract obtained through competitive contracting process RCCP 2-2017 to the YWCA of Eastern Union County, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the provision of coordination services associated with the Family Justice Center for the contract period of January 1, 2019 through December

31, 2019 in the total amount not to exceed \$312,624 with the option to extend the contract for two (2) one-year periods.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Bergen abstaining, and Freeholders Hudak and Jalloh absent.

- 2018-985 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Wisolmerski Associates, Inc., Boca Raton, Florida, for the purpose of providing technical support to the recording, indexing and accounting systems of the Office of the County Clerk for the contract period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$44,350.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-986 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Intersection, Secaucus, New Jersey for the purpose of providing design and advertising space for the Union County Votes App at NJ Transit train stations in advance of the 2019 Primary and General Elections in an amount not to exceed \$21,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-987 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to make any and all purchases of goods and/or services required in the process of preparing and conducting an election to be provided by various vendors and to provide miscellaneous election services which might arise, in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 for the 2019 elections.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-988 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Fit-Rite Uniform Co., Union, New Jersey for the purchase of Honor Guard Uniforms for the Honor Guard Unit of the Union County Sheriff's Office in the amount not to exceed \$5,179.72.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-989 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Porter Lee Corp., Schaumburg, IL for the annual software support for the BEAST Software for the Union County Sheriff's Office in the amount to not exceed \$542.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-990 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into a contract with O'Brien & Kolano, LLC, of Glen Gardner, NJ to provide Crisis Intervention Training to law enforcement and mental health personnel in an amount not to exceed \$22,400.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-991 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2018-24, a professional services contract with Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC, Warren, New Jersey to serve as Labor and Personnel Counsel to increase the amount by \$50,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$135,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-992 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Community Asset Preservation Corporation (CAPC), Homefirst Interfaith Housing & Family Services and the Junior League of Summit relative to consent to a transaction that conveys the Homefirst properties funded through HOME Investment Partnership dollars to CAPC to maintain their affordability per Department of Housing and Urban Development guideline.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-993 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2017-556 which updated the Union County Employee Handbook to include newly updated policies.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-994 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks and Recreation: Frank Carrajat D/B/A Middle Valley Farms of Mendham, NJ, for the purpose of providing hay (BA 55-2018), for an open ended contract period of 24 months, from the date of signing of the contract, in the amount \$382,720.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-995 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq; Department of Parks & Recreation: John R. Knabb & Sons, for the purpose of providing straw (BA 56-2018), for an open ended contract period of 24 months, from the date of signing of the contract, in the amount of \$157,500.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-996 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing County Manager to execute an Access Agreement through Rahway Board of Education Property to allow access to Madison Avenue Park common area encompassing both our properties.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-997 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2018-15, a resolution authorizing the use of NJ State, Somerset County, Educational Services Commission of NJ, (formerly known as Middlesex Regional) and Cranford Police cooperative contracts as exceptions to bidding pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-10,11 and 12 and NJAC 5:34-Subchapter 7 for 2018, to add NJ State Contract vendor David Edwards, Baltimore, MD (state contract Number 81709), for furniture at the Ashbrook Clubhouse, in the amount not to exceed \$66,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-998 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contract Law N.J.S.A 11-1 et seq., to Grade Construction of Paterson, New Jersey for Ponderosa Farm Park Turf Fields, Township of Scotch Plains for an amount not to exceed \$1,570,348.25. (BA#50-2018: Union county Engineering Project #2017-008)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-999 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing County Manager to execute an Access Agreement to allow installation of landscaping to the Horvath Towers of Scotch Plains with deed restriction pursuant to DEP Program to encompassing both our properties.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1000 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing County Manager to execute an Access Agreement with Hillside Board of Education to allow spectators to access Woodruff Stadium in Hillside thru county property to encompassing both our properties.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1001 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2018-835 dated September 27, 2018 to increase the appropriation to Weiner Law Group, LLP of Parsippany, NJ in the matter entitled Stephen Repella v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for a sum not to exceed \$105,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1002 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** A Resolution approving the settlement of pending litigation entitled Kevin Buckley and Ryan Wilson v. UC Sheriff's Office, et als., Civil Action No. 15-CV-02579, in an amount not to exceed \$160,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1003 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2018-833 dated September 27, 2018 to increase the appropriation to DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP of Teaneck, NJ in the matter entitled HC Equities v. County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for a sum not to exceed \$50,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1004 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2018-632, a contract with the Union County Performing Arts Center, 1601 Irving Street, Rahway, New Jersey, to provide services necessary for the execution of the 2018-2019 season of the Sensory Friendly Theater program, to reflect a change in account numbers only.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

#### **FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

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- 2018-1005 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Commending and congratulating Uptown Linden Incorporated and the Veterans who were named Linden Hometown Heroes at the Welcome Home Heroes Ceremony at Linden High School on Sunday, November 11, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1006 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Congratulating McManus Middle School (Linden) sixth-grader Isabella Buss upon winning first place in the VFW "Patriots Pen" essay contest.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1007 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Congratulating Superintendent of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools Peter Capodice upon his upcoming well-deserved retirement.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1008 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Congratulating Pamela Capaci, Executive Director/CEO of Prevention Links upon her well-deserved upcoming retirement.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1009 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Congratulating William Sassi of Cranford Troop 80 upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1010 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Congratulating Audrey Davis of Fanwood, Girl Scout Heart of New Jersey Troop 40274 upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1011 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Congratulating Daniel Reguinho of Troop 101/Pack 101, Our Lady of Fatima Church, Elizabeth, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1012 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh upon the passing of his beloved grandfather, Dr. Reverend Clarence Bauknight, Jr., at the age of 95.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-1013 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** Resolution congratulating the Hillside High School Varsity Football team on securing the NJSIAA / Rothman Orthopedics Central Jersey, Group 2 Championship (for the second year in a row) by defeating Manasquan High School on November 18, 2018; and further wishing them success as against Haddonfield High School at Met Life Stadium in East Rutherford on December 1, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh absent.

#### **ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION**

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The Clerk of the Board read the Ordinance's title into the record.

- 800-2018 AN ORDINANCE TO MODIFY THE UNION COUNTY DISTRICT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN BY INCLUDING A GENERAL CLASS "B" RECYCLING FACILITY TO BE OWNED AND OPERATED BY NJ RUBBER, LLC, LOCATED AT 475 DIVISION STREET, Lot 8, BLOCK 1875, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY. THE PROPOSED FACILITY WILL HAVE A 300 TONS PER DAY CAPACITY TO ACCEPT, PROCESS AND TRANSFER USED TIRES FROM GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES AND COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES IN THE AREA.**

#### **FIRST READING STATEMENT**

Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski, moved Ordinance Number 800-2018 for First Reading, and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. She stated that the Public Hearing and Final Reading will be held on December 13, 2018.

The motion was seconded by Freeholder Mirabella. Roll call showed seven Freeholders voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak and Freeholder Mohamed Jalloh absent.

#### **ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION**

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The Clerk of the Board read the Ordinance's title into the record.

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

**FIRST READING STATEMENT**

Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen, Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 801-2018 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. He stated that the Public Hearing and Final Reading will be held on December 13, 2018.

The motion was seconded by Freeholder Mirabella. Roll call showed seven Freeholders voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak and Freeholder Mohamed Jalloh absent.

**ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION**

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The Clerk of the Board read the Ordinance's title into the record.

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

**FIRST READING STATEMENT**

Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen, Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 801-2018 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. He stated that the Public Hearing and Final Reading will be held on December 13, 2018.

The motion was seconded by Freeholder Mirabella. Roll call showed seven Freeholders voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak and Freeholder Mohamed Jalloh absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, commented on Ordinance Number 800-2018. He stated that there is a national crisis regarding the need for the recycling of tires. He made comments relative to the County's budget, noting that the surplus is at \$67 million dollars with a running fund balance of \$91 million. He stated that next year the County will likely end up with a budget having a running fund balance of a \$100 million dollars (in free cash flow from non-expenditures) and a surplus of

\$70-\$80 million. He stated that the County should use this large surplus to pass a zero increase in 2019.

He suggested that if the Board is required to go into an Executive Session in December that they invite the newly elected Freeholders into the meeting.

Tom Blatner, President of JANUS Solutions (Human Service Consultant Firm), thanked the Board for their support of Resolution Number 2018-981. Mr. Blatner said his firm has been devoted for 30 years to improving the effectiveness and efficiency of services and will be working with the Division of Social Services.

Seeing no other speakers, Chairman Granados closed public comment.

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### **FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

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Freeholder Garretson said that Thanksgiving kicked off the holiday season and stated that she hoped everyone enjoyed time with their families. She stated that on November 18, Hillside high school became the Central New Jersey Group-two champions in football for the second year in a row. She made comments as to how proud she was of the dedication and pride displayed by her home town. She said she is eager to see this awesome team go on and win the state championships this Saturday at Met life stadium for the second year in a row.

Freeholder Garretson made comments relative to the Union County Sheriff's Office's Tree of Hope to support children in need. She advised they would be collecting new toys and financial donations and offered some details for participation.

Freeholder Garretson thanked the Mayor of Rahway for joining the Board this evening and thanked Freeholder Williams for her presentation from the free walkers.

Freeholder Bergen said he didn't want to miss an opportunity to respond to Mr. Paterson's comments on the surplus, adding that he will not go into detail, which he's done many times before, but that he respectfully disagrees with Mr. Paterson's point of view, and believes the Board is being fiscally prudent with what the Board has done with the budget.

Freeholder Bergen announced the Model Railroad Club of Union County is holding its annual series of Holiday Sound and Light Shows at the A. Paul Mallery Railroad Center in Lenape Park. He noted that the next show is this Friday, November 30, 2018.

Freeholder Bergen made comments relative to the Trailside Nature and Science Center's program on December 1, 2018 where residents can learn about the peregrine falcon nest on top of the Union County Courthouse Tower in Elizabeth. He added that peregrine falcons are endangered and noted that there are only about a dozen pairs known to be nesting in New Jersey.

Freeholder Williams said she was proud to announce that Union County will be continuing a series of traffic safety improvements in her hometown of Plainfield, this time along the East Front Street corridor. She stated that the County, in 2020, will begin to modernize traffic lights and systems, and rebuild intersections along East Front Street at the intersection of Watchung Avenue, the

intersection of Roosevelt Avenue and the intersection of Norwood Avenue and Richmond Street. She advised that the intersection at Norwood and Richmond is of particular interest, because the senior center is located there. She added that the improvements are going to cost \$1 million and are fully funded through Federal grant dollars. She announced the public hearing scheduled at the Plainfield City Council meeting for Tuesday, December 4th, 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Court at 325 Watchung Avenue in Plainfield for citizens to provide input.

Freeholder Estrada said that while the day after Thanksgiving is called “Black Friday,” he encouraged residents to consider shopping in the downtown on Saturday where people are spending money locally. He also noted cyber Monday and that Tuesday is a day of giving. He said he had the opportunity of going out to the Salvation Army and noted they utilized that day by the train station in Elizabeth to ring their bells by their collection kettles.

He said that he had the opportunity on Black Friday to see the Union County Model Train Show, and noted that it’s not only for children, that you don’t even really have to like trains to enjoy the show.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to the County’s Sensory Friendly Theatre and invited the public to please join us at the Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway on Sunday, January 27 at 2:00 p.m. for the interactive show Bubble Trouble, the next edition of our Sensory Friendly Theatre series. He advised that the sensory-friendly performances are adapted to guidelines that offer a relaxed environment for children with sensory sensitivities, and that they are designed for kids to be themselves, and for families to enjoy community events where everyone feels welcome and included. He noted that the Sensory Friendly Theatre series began in 2012 when he himself served as Chairman, and thanked his colleagues for supporting the program every year since its inception.

Freeholder Mirabella added echoed Freeholder Bergen’s comment about the budget and noted that the County has a triple AAA bond rating. He stated that it is a testament to the leadership to the Freeholder Board, the management by the County Manager, Directors and it credit to our staff who execute a policy in a prudent matter.

Freeholder Mirabella echoed Freeholder Estrada’s comments on shopping local (Small Business Saturday), and he encouraged residents to shop locally throughout the holiday season; emphasizing that the stores locally have so much to offer and helps keep the downtowns thriving.

Vice Chairman Kowalski made comments relative to Adoption Day celebration on November 16, 2018. She stated that it was held at the new Family Court building, to mark the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual National Adoption Day in Union County. She advised that the event was made possible by the hard work of many within the Union County Surrogate’s Office, The New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency, CASA of Union County and the Office of Law Guardians. She advised that the County celebrated 16 children who found their “forever families” in seven Union County homes. Vice Chairman Kowalski told a unique story in which one of those families, which included six children who had been scattered around in several different homes. She stated that their advocates worked for four years to reunite the family under one home; noting the children’s happiness and excitement didn’t leave a dry eye at the celebration event. She stated that all would agree that all children deserve to live and grow up in a stable, secure and loving environment. She stated she was proud of the Board and its partners who participated in this event.

Vice Chair Kowalski made comments relative to the upcoming Women of Excellence event in 2019, noting that there is still time to submit nominations for the 27th annual Women of Excellence awards. She stated that these annual awards celebrate women who have made a powerful impact on life in Union County. She stated that, as recent events have shown, it is more important than ever to recognize and celebrate the influence of women in every level of society. She advised that the submission deadline is December 3, 2019.

Chairman Granados said he would like to recognize and acknowledge County employees who volunteered to help local soup kitchens prepare to assist residents in need during Thanksgiving day. The effort included Deputy County Manager Wagner, who coordinated the work through the County office of Engagement and Diversity, which is led by Natalie Hernandez. He stated that the volunteer work helped make sure these soup kitchens are ready to help out individuals in need.

Chairman Granados made comments in reference to the Warinanco Dog Park. He said the County will be cutting the ribbon on the new Dog Park in Warinanco Park in Roselle on Saturday, December 8 at 1:00 p.m. He stated that this is the second dog park in the County, and that it will complement the existing Dog Park at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. He advised that the Warinanco Dog Park is a newly constructed public facility and it features separate large and small dog areas; with each area is equipped with agility equipment, dog-waste stations, pet-friendly water fountains and seating for dog owners.

Chairman Granados made comments in reference to the Sandy Hook Memorial. He invited all citizens who are concerned about gun violence to join the Freeholder Board for a memorial ceremony on Friday, December 14, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Gazebo in Echo Lake Park. He advised the Board would join the New Jersey chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, in honoring the memory of the 26 children and adults who were murdered in a single act of gun violence at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut in 2012. He stated that the memorial ceremony is a message of peace and hope for the future and, in paying our respects to the victims of this horrible crime, the County is renewing its commitment to push for common sense national policies that stop the spread of deadly weapons in our communities. He thanked Sheriff Corvelli for his efforts in addressing this issue.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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Chairman Granados called for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, a voice vote showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholders Hudak and Jalloh not present. Meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.



## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2018 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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

### REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018 at 12:00 pm Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

#### AGENDA SETTING SESSION

January 18, 2018  
February 1, 2018  
February 15, 2018  
March 1, 2018\*  
March 22, 2018  
April 12, 2018  
April 26, 2018  
May 10, 2018\*\*  
May 24, 2018  
June 7, 2018  
June 21, 2018  
July 12, 2018  
August 9, 2018  
September 6, 2018  
September 27, 2018  
October 4, 2018\*\*\*\*\*  
October 25, 2018  
November 8, 2018\*\*\*\*\*  
December 13, 2018  
December 20, 2018

#### REGULAR MEETINGS

January 25, 2018  
February 8, 2018  
February 15, 2018  
March 8, 2018  
March 22, 2018  
April 19, 2018  
April 26, 2018  
May 17, 2018  
May 24, 2018  
June 14, 2018\*\*\*  
June 21, 2018  
July 19, 2018\*\*\*\*  
August 16, 2018\*\*\*\*\*  
September 13, 2018  
September 27, 2018  
October 11, 2018  
October 25, 2018  
November 29, 2018\*\*\*\*\*  
December 13, 2018  
December 20, 2018

\*March 1, 2018: Agenda Setting Session was cancelled and rescheduled for March 8, 2018 at 7pm. The originally scheduled Regular Meeting for March 8, 2018 at 7:00pm was rescheduled to immediately start following the completion of the Agenda Setting Session.

\*\*May 10, 2018: Agenda Setting Session was cancelled and rescheduled for May 3, 2018 at 7pm.

\*\*\*June 14, 2018: Regular Meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for June 7, 2018 to commence immediately after the conclusion of the scheduled June 7, 2018 Agenda Setting Session.

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

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

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

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

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