



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2018  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Sergio Granados presided and called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

Also present were County Manager Edward T. Oatman, County Counsel Robert E. Barry, and Clerk of the Board James E. Pelletiere.

## **PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

The Prayer and Salute to the Flag were led by the Clerk of the Board.

## **STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

The statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by the Clerk of the Board.

## **APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS**

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Note and File

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

## **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

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1. June 7, 2018 - Agenda Setting Session
2. June 7, 2018 - Regular Meeting
3. June 21, 2018 - Agenda Setting Session
4. June 21, 2018 - Regular Meeting
5. July 12, 2018 - Agenda Setting Session
6. July 12, 2018 - Regular Meeting
7. August 9, 2018 - Agenda Setting Session
8. August 9, 2018 - Regular Meeting

Chairman Granados called for a motion to accept the minutes. On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed the June 7, 2018, Agenda and Regular Meetings had 7 votes in the affirmative, with Freeholder Estrada and Freeholder Mirabella abstaining; the June 21, 2018, Agenda and Regular Meetings had 7 votes in the affirmative, with

Freeholder Jalloh and Freeholder Williams abstaining; the July 12, 2018, Agenda and Regular Meetings had 6 votes in the affirmative, with Vice Chairman Kowalski, Freeholder Jalloh, and Freeholder Mirabella abstaining and the August 9, 2018, Agenda and Regular Meetings had 9 votes in the affirmative.

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**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.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood: As to Resolution 2018-890, he asked for clarification regarding the dollar amount. On Resolution 2018-895, he asked about cost increase and regarding Resolution 2018-898, he questioned the amounts on matching grants. Regarding Resolution 2018-902, he asked for clarification as to what the UASI monies were for. As to Resolution 2018-905, he asked why the fire training academy was being replaced. His comments on Resolution 2018-906 were inaudible. As to Resolution 2018-909, he commented relative to political contributions. He asked for clarification on costs in Resolution 2018-911.

Director Taylor explained that the bonds cancelled by Resolution 2018-890 were for the Family Courthouse project.

Director Moran gave more detail regarding the grant cited in Resolution 2018-902. As to Resolution 2018-905, he explained that the academy is needed because the current facilities are outdated and inadequate.

As to Resolution 2018-895, Director Anderson explained that a resolution is required for increases in state and federal funding, no matter the dollar amount.

County Engineer Mineo explained that Resolution 2018-911 modified the existing contract relative to various County facilities.

Patricia Quattrocchi, Clark: Ms. Quattrocchi asked if Resolution 2018-890 was a housekeeping resolution, indicating money wasn't used and won't be used. As to Resolution 2018-906, she asked if a municipality had backed out. Regarding Resolution 2018-919, she asked for clarification regarding funding to Homefirst.

Chairman Granados advised Ms. Quattrocchi that her understanding of Resolution 2018-890 was correct. As to Resolution 2018-906, he explained that Cranford had been at the meeting earlier, and all municipalities received funding.

Deputy County Manager Wagner clarified as to Resolution 2018-919. She explained that Homefirst was having problems sustaining itself, and the County was working on locating another organization to provide the same services.

Nora G. Radest, Mayor of Summit, urged the Board to carefully review all State and Federal regulations, the needs of the community, and the many other aspects of the process before applying funds towards projects such as building a new fire training academy, and training for active shooter situations.

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

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**RESOLUTIONS**

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The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2018-890 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the Cancellation of Unissued Bond Balances (guaranteed Bonds of the Union County Improvement Authority) in an amount totaling \$8,150,418.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-891 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Resolution modifying the 2018 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$176,209 as a result of notification received from the United States Department of Justice for a program entitled: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-892 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Resolution modifying the 2018 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$354,652.16 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for a program entitled: State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-893 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Resolution modifying the 2018 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$2,376,975 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for a program entitled: Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-894 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Resolution modifying the 2018 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$824,256 as a result of notification received from the United States Department of Justice for a program entitled: Victim Witness Advocacy-Project Direct Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-895 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Amending Resolution 2018-870, increasing the 2016-2018 Area Plan, to reflect an additional increase in funding only in the amount not to exceed \$1,275 for a new grand total not to exceed \$5,132,687 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 and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Bergen abstaining.

- 2018-896 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Approving a pre-qualified list of Medical Staff for the provision of Psychiatric Care Services to Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County for the period of November 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-897 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to W. Awais Sethi, MD, Sethi Psychiatric Associates, LLC, Millburn, New Jersey, 07041 to provide professional Psychiatric Services to the patients of the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County for the period of November 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019, in an amount not to exceed \$291,662.00.

- 2018-898 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute Contract Year (CY) 2019 Alcoholism/Drug Abuse (A/DA) Grant funding from New Jersey Department of Human Services (NJ DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), in the amount of \$920,187 with a County Cash Match requirement of \$123,270 for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 for the provision of prevention education/early intervention and treatment programs for medically indigent residents of Union County.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-899 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** Authorizing the County Manager to award renewal subcontracts to various agencies under the 2019 Alcohol/Drug Abuse Grant Spending Plan in the total amount not to exceed \$905,429 for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 for the provision of prevention education/early intervention and treatment programs for medically indigent residents of Union County as permitted by NJ Department of Human Services (NJ DHS); and further authorizing the transfer of funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies fail to meet its contractual obligation.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-900 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Triangle Communications, LLC, Scotch Plains, NJ, for equipment and installation of the UCPD patrol fleet in an amount not to exceed \$16,752.48.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-901 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authoring the County Manager to accept and expend \$2,376,975 from the NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness under the FFY 2018 Urban Areas Security Initiative.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-902 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend \$354,652.16 from the FFY 2018 New Jersey Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) in order to enhance the County's ability to prepare for, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-903 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Techline Technologies, Inc., Willow Grove, PA to provide Active Shooter/Blood Control Training to 800 Union County responders through the 2017 Urban Area Security Initiative in an amount not to exceed \$52,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-904 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend \$176,209 from the Department of Justice's 2018 Edward Byrne Memorial Grant Program for the purpose of providing local law enforcement agencies with the necessary training and equipment to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the criminal justice system.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-905 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Architectural Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to The Musial Group, of Mountainside, New Jersey to provide Conceptual Design Services for the proposed construction of a new Union County Fire Training Academy Building and parking lots to be located at the existing site on Lower Road, City of Linden, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$26,663.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-006)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-906 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award Kids Recreation Trust Fund 2018 grants to twenty (20) municipalities in the County of Union in accordance with the Kids Recreation Trust grant criteria, as stated in said grant application, through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$999,533.90.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-907 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award Greening Union County 2018 grants to seventeen (17) municipalities in the County of Union in accordance with the Greening Union County grant criteria, through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$100,475.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-908 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2017-924 adopted on November 21, 2017, a contract with Cartegraph, Inc., of Iowa, to provide additional upgrade and maintenance services to the web based Operations Management System for an additional amount not to exceed \$12,200.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$99,700.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-909 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2018-689, adopted August 9, 2018, a Professional Engineering Service Contract with CME Associates, of Parlin, New Jersey, to provide additional On-Call Environmental Engineering Services in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$70,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-022).

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-910 VICE CHAIRMAN 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 40:A11-1 et seq to: Maffey's Security Group, Elizabeth, NJ (BA#48-2018) for the purpose of providing Security Systems Service, Installation and Maintenance for the Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management; UC Sheriff's Office; UC Prosecutor's Office for twenty-four (24) consecutive months, with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month optional extension, not to exceed \$487,500.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-911 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution 2016-746, adopted September 26, 2019, BA#-54-2014, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to T. Farese & Sons, Newark, NJ, for purpose of providing Waste Disposal Service - Container & Compactor, approving a Change Order (#1) which will increase the original contract amount by an additional \$15,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$282,542.47.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-912 VICE CHAIRMAN 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 40:A11-1 et seq to: National Fence, Avenel, NJ (BA#46-2018) for the purpose of providing Fencing Systems for the Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management; Division of Park Maintenance; for twenty-four (24) consecutive months, with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month optional extension, not to exceed \$216,460.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-913 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution ratifying permission granted to the Township of Hillside for the Hillside Historical Society to hang a banner, from October 4, 2018 to October 22, 2018 across Liberty Avenue and Ryan Street for the Four Centuries in a Weekend event.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-914 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution ratifying permission given to the Township of Scotch Plains to hang a banner over Park Avenue (vicinity of Front Street and Bartle Avenue) on October 9th through October 27th to promote Scotch Plains Jr. Wrestling Program.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-915 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Agreement of Understanding between the Union County Division of Social Services and Overlook Hospital for the out-stationing of County Welfare Agency staff (one part-time employee) to process Medicaid applications for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 at no cost to the County of Union (State funded).

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-916 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Agreement of Understanding between the Union County Division of Social Services and Trinitas Medical Center for the out-stationing of County Welfare Agency staff (four full-time employees) to process Medicaid applications for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 at no cost to the County of Union (State funded).

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

**2018-917 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Agreement of Understanding between the Union County Division of Social Services and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway for the out-stationing of County Welfare Agency staff (one part-time employee) to process Medicaid applications for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 at no cost to the County of Union (State funded).

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

**2018-918 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the Countywide Code Blue Emergency Shelter Initiative for the Winter of 2018-2019 in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 to address the needs of the homeless during periods of extreme weather conditions.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

**2018-919 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution 2017-1044, awarding the 2018 Social Services for the Homeless (SSH) Spending Plan subcontracts, to authorize the transfer of unexpended funds by de-obligating \$80,000 from Homefirst (18-SSH-103) and awarding a total of \$80,000 as follows: \$20,000 to Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless (18-SSH-101), \$20,000 to The Gateway Family YMCA (18-SSH-102) and \$40,000 to Plainfield Action Services (18-SSH-107) with no change in overall spending plan total for the same budget period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Bergen abstaining.

**2018-920 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc., Scottsdale, Arizona, for the purchase of new add on hardware and licenses and replacement of current body cameras and belt clips for use by the Union County Sheriff's Officers in an amount not to exceed \$25,147.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

**2018-921 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of the Prosecutor, to apply for and accept funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime for the FY2018 Law Enforcement-Based Direct Victim Services and TA Program Purpose Area 1: Direct Services grant program for project titled UCPO Office of Victim/Witness Advocacy: "Project Direct" in the amount of \$824,256.00 for the period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2021.



On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-922 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution number 2018-645, an agreement with Thermo Fisher Scientific/Life Technologies of Carlsbad, CA for the purchase of proprietary reagents and supplies reflecting a change in amounts assessed to specific grant accounts only: to increase account number G-02-17-306-863-487 an additional amount of \$11,000.00; increase account number G-02-17-306-863-451 an additional amount of \$1,570.00; and reduce account number G-02-18-306-863-451 by \$12,570.00. (No change in total amount of contract.)

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-923 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety under the SFY 2018 Law Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment Fund (LEOTEF) grant, for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, in the amount of \$16,793.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-924 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Medcom, Birmingham, AL to provide Retiree Benefit Billing Services and COBRA Administration Services from November 1, 2018 through October 31, 2019 for an amount not to exceed \$36,000 with an option to renew for one 12-month period through the recommendation of our insurance broker.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-925 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Lupus Foundation to host a walk event at Nomahegan Park on October 28, 2018; for this specific event for the Lupus Walkathon.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-926 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Cranford PTA's Project Graduation to host the Cranford Food Truck and Music Festival at Nomahegan Park on November 3rd, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-927 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** A Resolution appointing Palumbo, Renaud & DeAppolonio of Cranford, NJ as special counsel to represent the County of Union and Union County Department of Human Services in the matter entitled Susan Pearl & Cynthia Pisano v. County of Union and Union County Department of Human Services in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-928 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution appointing the following individuals to the Workforce Board for a term of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019: Edwin Gomez (Business), Matthew Caruso (Education), and Danny Robertozzi (Education); appointing David Moskiwotz (One-Stop) to the Workforce Development Board for a term of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020; re-appointing Glenn Nacion (Business) and Stan Robinson, Jr ((Business) to the Workforce Development Board for a term of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021, and appointing the following individuals to the Workforce Development Board for a term of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021: Tony Patti (Business), Paul Belardo (Organized Labor), Krystal Canady (Community Based Organization), Teresa Soto-Vega (Community Based Organization), and Ed Faver (DVRs).

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

#### **FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

- 2018-929 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Hillside Police Officer Giovanni Esposito upon his tragic passing.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-930 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Scotch Plains Councilwoman Rose A. Checchio upon her passing.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-931 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Congratulating the CDC Theatre upon celebrating its first show, "A Few Good Men" during its 100th Anniversary Season; and further congratulating them on being named "Theatre of the Year" by the New Jersey Association of Community Theatres.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-932 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Recognizing the 4th Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Extravaganza on October 19, 2018 and congratulate its award recipients.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

**2018-933 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Congratulating James DeSalvo, Jr. and James DeSalvo, III upon being the recipients of the 2018 Citizen of the Year Award by the Elizabeth Chapter of UNICO.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

**2018-934 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Freeholder Angel G. Estrada upon being honored by the Union County Fatherhood Coalition.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

**2018-935 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Proclaiming October 23rd through October 31st, 2018 as Red Ribbon Week throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

**2018-936 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family and friends of James E. Baird during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

**2018-937 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Proclaiming November 16, 2018 as Adoption Day throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

**2018-938 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Sergeant Manuel Corte upon his retirement from the Union County Police Department after 31 years of dedicated service.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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

Barbara Maguire, Westfield: commented regarding oversight of the Board of Education for the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools and the daily operations of the schools. She also asked if the Board would consider appointing a parent or parent representative to the Board of Education.

Chairman Granados and County Manager Oatman stated there had been conversations with the Superintendent, Peter Capodice, to address issues. They also explained the process of appointing individuals to the Board of Education.

Nora G. Radest, Mayor of Summit: commented on the relationship and cooperation between Summit and the County, and taxes. She thanked the Board for working on tax issues.

Bruce Paterson, Garwood: commented on taxes and County surplus, Kids Recreation Trust Fund grants and Freeholder Mirabella distributing the checks to grant recipients.

Peter Kane, Summit: commented regarding bipartisan representation on the Freeholder Board. He said the City of Summit was happy to host the Board's mobile meeting. He commented on Morris County's budget and urged the Board to visit Summit again.

Chairman Granados commented relative to the budget, stating the Board crafts the budget with the needs of all Union County residents in mind.

Patricia Quattrocchi, Clark: commented regarding Freeholder Mirabella distributing the checks for the Open Space Trust Fund grant.

Mike Mc Ternan, Summit Councilman: welcomed the Board to Summit. He commented relative to County taxes and surplus, and thanked the Board for their responsiveness to the City. He also commented relative to the Green Space project.

Seeing no other speakers, Chairman Granados closed public comment.

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## **FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

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Freeholder Hudak thanked the Mayor and Council for hosting the Freeholder Board and discussed the importance of dialogue between the City and the County. He commented relative to the difference in taxes between Morris and Union Counties, and said he was looking forward to continuing to partner with the City on fiscal issues. He also spoke about upcoming educational grants for after-school programs with STEM curriculum.

Freeholder Jalloh also thanked the Mayor and Council for hosting the Board, noting the time he has spent in the City. He spoke of the importance of the City and County working together.

Freeholder Mirabella thanked the Mayor and Council for hosting the Board. He spoke about National Coming Out Day and LGBT History Month, and programs offered by the Office of LGBTQ Services. He affirmed that the County is an inclusive community that respects all individuals' rights, and is a safe space for the LGBTQ community. He also commented on the prior remarks regarding his distributing checks to grant recipients.

Freeholder Garretson thanked the Board for acknowledging Hillside police officer Giovanni Esposito, who had tragically passed away in a car accident in Linden. She thanked the Mayor and Council for hosting the Board, and spoke of her appreciation for the City. She urged the audience to exercise their right to vote in the General Election on November 6, and encouraged attendance at Freeholder meetings.

Freeholder Bergen spoke regarding the County's bond rating and surplus. He also spoke about installing turf fields in County parks in Springfield.

Freeholder Williams spoke about attending the film screening of *Battle of the Sexes*, shown at Hamilton Stage for LGBT History Month and co-sponsored by the County Office of LGBTQ Services and Office on Women. She encouraged participation in the upcoming holiday programs in County parks. She also spoke about the Adopt a Trail program at Trailside, and encouraged people to volunteer.

Freeholder Estrada thanked the Mayor and Council for hosting the Board, noting the time he has spent in the City. He spoke about taxes, bonding and the cost of County operations and providing services.

County Manager Oatman thanked the City of Summit for their hospitality in hosting the Board's meeting.

Vice Chairman Kowalski thanked the Mayor, Council and City employees for hosting the Board. She said visiting Summit is always a pleasure, noting the City's cultural offerings and historical sites. She mentioned the new voting machines on display at the Colleen Fraser Building in Westfield. She spoke about the Four Centuries in a Weekend event, and thanked all who participated. She also said that the Rape Crisis Center is always looking for volunteers, and provided their contact information.

Chairman Granados thanked the Open Space Trust Fund committee members who attended the meeting. He thanked the Summit Council for attending the meeting, and said he looked forward to working together with the towns. He thanked the Mayor of Summit for her collaboration, advice and leadership in making sure government moves forward. He also wished Freeholder Garretson a happy birthday.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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Chairman Granados called for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Garretson, a voice vote showed nine members voted in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

## Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders 2018 Meeting Schedule

Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 7:00pm in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 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.