



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2019
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bette Jane Kowalski presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

ROLL CALL

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

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.

PRESENTATION BY THE BOARD

A Resolution presentation will be made by Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella and Freeholder Rebecca Williams to the UC STEP civic engagement project's combined winning teams: Orange Team and Blue Team upon their project idea titled "Link Up for Life-5K", which will take place on April 13th to raise funds for suicide prevention.

Vice Chairman Mirabella began his presentation by calling forward Deputy County Manager Amy Wagner and Deana Mesaros in regards to their participation in UC STEP. He notes that UC STEP is a great program and is delighted to be a part of it along with Freeholder Williams. He stated it brings the best and brightest of Union County together. He stated, UC STEP is a youth leadership program that provides high school students with the opportunity to create a County-wide community service program and the students themselves select the winning program. The theme this year was suicide prevention and in order to make an even bigger impact on the community, two separate winning ideas were combined into one, "Strive K" and "Link Up for Life" to be named "Linked Up for Like-5K". Vice Chairman Mirabella advised that through this fundraising effort and display of messages it is hoped that Union County residents are aware of and care about supporting families, friends, and strangers who need guidance in struggling times. He states, on behalf of the Freeholder

Board, they would like to congratulate the students of the Orange and Blue teams for their winning ideas as well as all of the UC STEP participants.

Students from the winning teams: Orange Team and Blue Team were called forward to speak on behalf of their winning project ideas. A representative from the Orange Team made comments referring to their “Link Up for Life” idea and when they created this idea, the team thought about how one person can affect another, when a chain is broken it is no longer the same, every person can impact another. A representative from the Blue team made comments referring to their idea “Strive K” and the event would consist of a 5K race with different workshops for those struggling where the community can come out to support. The students from both teams then lined up to take a photo.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Oath of Office: Advisory Council on Aging: Ellen Hunt and Ellen Staunton.

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

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

Chair Kowalski asked Clerk of the Board Pelletiere to read the ordinance by title.

Clerk of the Board Pelletiere read the Ordinance by title.

804-2019 AN ORDINANCE TO MODIFY THE UNION COUNTY DISTRICT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN TO 1) INCLUDE THE WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEW JERSEY, INC. FACILITIES IN ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY, AS THE COUNTY'S DESIGNATED FACILITIES TO WHICH SOLID WASTE TYPES 13, 13C, 23 AND 27 ARE DIRECTED FOR DISPOSAL, 2) INCORPORATE THE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE UNION COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEW JERSEY, INC. FOR THE PROVISION DISPOSAL SERVICES FOR SOLID WASTE TYPES 13, 13C, 23 AND 27, AND 3) DIRECT ALL SOLID WASTE TYPES 13, 13C, 23 AND 27 TO THE WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEW JERSEY, INC. FACILITIES IN ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY FOR DISPOSAL, PURSUANT TO REGULATORY WASTE FLOW CONTROL

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Chair Kowalski formally closed this Public Comment Portion of the meeting as there were no comments from the public regarding Ordinance 804-2019.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Union County Utilities Authority Liaison, and seconded by Vice Chairman Mirabella, will move Ordinance Number 804-2019 for Final Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. Roll call showed nine members of the Board voting in the affirmative.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

Chair Kowalski asked Clerk of the Board Pellettiere to read the ordinance by title.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere read the Ordinance by title.

805-2019 BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FOLLOWING BOND ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY: (1) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 752-2013 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 22, 2013, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 760-2014 ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 9, 2014 AND BOND ORDINANCE NO. 786-2017 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 17, 2017; (2) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 759-2014 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2014, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 786-2017 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 17, 2017; (3) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 776-2016 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 18, 2016; AND (4) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 787-2017 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 17, 2017.

FIRST READING STATEMENT

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Williams, Ordinance Number 805-2019 was moved for First Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The public hearing and final reading will be scheduled to be held on February 14, 2019.

Roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Chair Kowalski formally closed this Public Comment Portion of the meeting as there were no comments from the public regarding Ordinance 805-2019.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2019-52 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Amending the by-laws of the Senior Citizen Disabled Resident Transportation Advisory Board to reflect three year terms.

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

- 2019-53 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Amending Resolutions 2016-549; 2017-142; 2017-188; 2018-228; 2018-678 and 2018-871, appointing various individuals to the Senior Citizen Disabled Resident Transportation Advisory Board to reflect three year terms.

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

- 2019-54 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Re-appointing the following members to the Emergency Management Council for a one year term ending December 31, 2019: Christopher Hudak (Freeholder); Ed Oatman (County Manager); Andrew Moran (Public Safety Director); Christopher Scaturo (OEM Coordinator); William Kane (Deputy OEM Coordinator) Chris Debbie (County Police Chief); Frederic Fretz (Fire Coordinator); Gareth Williams (EMS Coordinator); Thomas Mineo (Damage Assessment/County Manager); Sebastian D'Elia (Public Information Officer); Michael Redding (Elizabethtown Gas); Michael Monahan (Acting Prosecutor); Peter Corvelli (Sheriff); Joseph Graziano (DPW Director); Annareilly McNair (Health Officer) and Drew Stephens (Salvation Army).

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

- 2019-55 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Amending Resolution 2018-918, Countywide Code Blue Emergency Shelter Initiative for the Winter of 2018-2019, to add Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, Elizabeth, NJ, as an additional Code Blue vendor to address the needs of the homeless due to increased demand for shelter nights during extreme weather conditions; no change in total funding, no further changes.

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

- 2019-56 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Amending Resolution 2018-919, 2018 Social Services for the Homeless (SSH) Spending Plan amendment, to extend the grant term for all funded provider agencies an additional three (3) months for a new grant term of January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 with no change in total funding award or other terms and conditions of award.

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

- 2019-57 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Amending Resolution 2018-874, 2018 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Spending Plan, to reflect a grant term extension of three (3) months for subcontracted services to be provided during

the new grant period of January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 with no change in funding and all other terms remain unchanged.

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

- 2019-58 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Ultra Artists, of Morristown, NJ for the management and production of the 2019 Parks and Recreation Special Events for the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$29,400.00.

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

- 2019-59 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN:** Re-appointing James Nichnadowicz and Steve Falco as members to the Shade Tree Advisory Board for a term beginning January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021.

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

- 2019-60 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 6-2019 to include the petty cash fund for the Board of Elections.

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

- 2019-61 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Union County Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee in the amount of \$4,500 in support of their St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on March 16, 2019.

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

- 2019-62 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Friends of Union County Child Advocacy Center in the amount of \$500 In support of their Race 4 the Children to be held on May 5, 2019.

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

- 2019-63 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Children's Network's Playball for Miracles in the amount of \$650 in support of their 15th Annual Playball for Miracles Tournament and 3rd Annual Chief Kelly Memorial Match-Up to be held on May 18, 2019.

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

- 2019-64 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Borough of Roselle Park in the amount of \$4,000 in support of their Fourth of July celebration to be held on July 3, 2019.

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

- 2019-65 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to utilize the first 24-month option to extend a contract awarded to Economic Planning Group, Edison, NJ (RCCP 2016-10 Resolution 2016-1008), for Retirement Planning Services for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020 at no cost to the County.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed eight members of the Board voting in the affirmative with Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded abstaining.

- 2019-66 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Appointing the following members to the Air Traffic and Noise Advisory Board for a two-year term ending December 31, 2020: Robert Beiner (delegate) to represent the Borough of Kenilworth; Christopher Demko (alternate) to represent the Township of Union; and further appointing Scott Jaffee (alternate) to represent the Town of Westfield to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2019.

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

- 2019-67 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract for essential Telecommunication Services with Verizon Inc. of New Jersey, a Board of Public Utilities regulated supplier, for an estimated not to exceed amount of \$325,000 for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months.

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

- 2019-68 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Equipment Maintenance Policy with Specialty Underwriters, Oak Creek, WI for a contract period of twelve (12) consecutive months in an amount not to exceed \$210,000. This policy provides coverage for maintenance costs for electronic office equipment due to mechanical failure.

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

- 2019-69 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing a payment to Beckerman, Inc., the County's General Insurance Agent of record, to renew the Marine Insurance Policy covering UC Marine 1 and UC Marine 2, Union County Police Fire Boats, with North American Specialty for twelve (12) consecutive months in an amount not to exceed \$ 13,136.00.

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

2019-70 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Concurring with the Borough of New Providence's Ordinance Number 2018-10 dated November 26, 2018 reducing the Speed Limit on Mountain Avenue (C.R. 622) from 45 MPH to 40 MPH from Diamond Hill Road - Union Avenue to the center of Glenside Road - South Street, Borough of New Providence.

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

2019-71 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement between the County of Union and Borough of Fanwood for the installation of an "Illuminated Pedestrian Warning Sign" at the Intersection of Midway Avenue (C.R. 610) and Willow Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey in compliance with the New Jersey Department of Transportation Standards and Manual on the Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

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

2019-72 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for Fiscal Year 2019 State Aid to Counties (CA-2019 Union County - 00011) in the amount of \$6,990,563.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-020 - 2020 Road Resurfacing Project)

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

2019-73 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2017-1035 adopted on December 21, 2017, BA#29-2017, 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 Precision Building and Construction of Bound Brook, New Jersey approving Change Order Number 1 in an amount not to exceed \$22,188.56 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$381,988.56 for additional work associated with the Jury Waiting Room Project.

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

2019-74 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for the 2018 NJDEP Recycling Enhancement Grant in the Amount of \$537,450.00 to execute all necessary documents and adopt the proposed spending plan. The grant will partially fund recycling-related positions, recycling events and programs, associated advertising and education costs, educational programs and a new recycling display at Trailside.

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

- 2019-75 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution concurring with the City of Plainfield granting approval to the Public Schools of Plainfield to hang a banner on Park Avenue and Randolph Road to announce Black History Month from January 15, 2019 through February 28, 2019.

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

- 2019-76 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with This Is It! Productions, Hoboken, NJ for the management and production of the 2019 Summer Arts Festival Concert Series for the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$78,000.00.

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

- 2019-77 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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 \$134,100.00.

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

- 2019-78 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra to perform a Concert on Friday, June 21, 2019 at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside/Westfield, New Jersey for a sum not to exceed \$35,000.00.

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

- 2019-79 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the First Tee of America Raritan Valley Chapter to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Learning Center to develop community outreach programs for the County's youth from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 at no cost to the County.

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

- 2019-80 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Girls for Golf Program, part of the LPGA, Daytona, Florida to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Learning Center to develop community outreach programs for the County's youth from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 at no cost to the County.

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

2019-81 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the NJ Golf Foundation to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Learning Center to develop community outreach programs for the County's youth from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 at no cost to the County.

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

2019-82 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Renaissance Jr. Golf, Inc., of Newark, NJ to allow access and use at the Galloping Hill Golf Course and Learning Center to develop community outreach programs for the County's youth from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 at no cost to the County.

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

2019-83 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to execute a Cooperative Services Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services in providing the County of Union with a two-year integrated wildlife damage management program aimed at reducing wildlife damage to human health and safety, property and natural resources in Union County, New Jersey for the period of March 1, 2019 through February 28, 2021 in the amount not to exceed \$247,052.75.

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

2019-84 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2017-1060 adopted December 21, 2017, BA#12-2017, 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 Applied Landscape Technologies of Montville, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Mattano Skateboard Park Project. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$31,240.77) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$620,833.23. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-008)

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

2019-85 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to execute an agreement with Neglia Engineering to conduct a survey of the Gurd Ave. Baseball Field in Hillside, NJ in an amount not to exceed \$9,000.

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

2019-86 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to execute an agreement with CME to conduct a follow-up Preliminary Assessment investigation for the Gurd Ave. Baseball Field in Hillside, NJ in an amount not to exceed \$34,000.

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

- 2019-87 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** A resolution authorizing the Office of the County Counsel to engage and compensate experts such as court reporters, expert witnesses, examining physicians and other litigation support and specialists which are essential to the defense of the County of Union in amount not to exceed \$45,000.00.

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

- 2019-88 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** A resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter agreements with Gann Law Books for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$59,940.00.

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

- 2019-89 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** A resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter agreements with LexisNexis for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$55,915.00.

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

- 2019-90 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** A resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter agreements with various vendors for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$42,135.00.

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

- 2019-91 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** A resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter agreements with West Publishing Corporation for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$107,850.00.

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

- 2019-92 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with PBA250-Prosecutor's Detectives & Investigators effective January 1, 2018 through December 21, 2020.

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

2019-93 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: A resolution authorizing the County Manager to execute an Amendment to the Shared Services Agreement with the Union County Improvement Authority (UCIA) for Recreational Improvements to Oak Ridge Park by extending its term to March, 2021.

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

2019-94 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution 2019-27, a resolution establishing Freeholder appointments to Advisory Boards.

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

2019-95 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2019-3, a resolution designating official newspapers for the provision of legal notices for the County of Union, to include NJ Advance Media.

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

2019-96 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Appointing the following members to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board for a one-year term ending December 31, 2019: Steve Hund (delegate) to represent the Township of Clark; Francisco Ortiz (delegate) to represent the City of Elizabeth; Jack Molenaar (delegate) to represent the Borough of Fanwood; Robert Beiner (delegate) to represent the Borough of Kenilworth; Andre Luboff (delegate) to represent the Borough of New Providence; Daniel Petrosky (delegate) and Joseph Signorello, III (alternate) to represent the Borough of Roselle Park; Christopher Capodice (delegate) to represent the Township of Springfield; Louis DeSocio (delegate) and Matthew Kirson (alternate) to represent the City of Summit; Joseph Venezia (delegate) and William Hoover (alternate) to represent the Township of Union; David Judd (delegate) and Marvin Gersten (alternate) to represent the Town of Westfield and Stephen Thorpe (delegate) to represent the Township of Winfield.

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

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2019-97 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA & FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Resolution congratulating the Peruvians for Progress Inc.'s 2019 Board of Directors and Executive Commissioners who will be sworn in on January 25, 2019.

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

2019-98 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN & FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Lebbly C. Jones, Essex County Freeholder At-Large upon the occasion of her passing.

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

- 2019-99 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN, FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Proclaiming the month of February as Black History Month throughout the County of Union.

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

- 2019-100 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED & FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of former Plainfield Councilman Malcolm Dunn upon the occasion of his passing.

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

- 2019-101 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences upon the passing of Jamie Riley, son of Plainfield Police Director Carl N. Riley.

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

- 2019-102 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Proclaiming February 7, 2019 as Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day throughout the County of Union.

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

- 2019-103 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Congratulating the 2019 Women of Excellence Award recipients: Amy Cairns (Government); Antoinetta LaVecchia (Business/Community Activist); Clea Carchia (Arts/Graphic Design); Dawn McDonald (Education); Dr. Julia Grimes (Medicine/Health and Wellness); Iliana Chevres (Special Needs Advocate); Kay Coats MaCrae (Theater Arts); Marlene Olson Hamm (Environmental Activist); Mary Zimmermann (Lifetime Achievement); Michele Dabal (Humanitarian) and Sandra Jackson (Youth Advocacy).

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

- 2019-104 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Congratulating St. Michael School, Cranford, upon its 90th Anniversary Celebration.

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

- 2019-105 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating the Union County Baseball Association upon its 83rd Annual Hot Stove Dinner celebration on February 10, 2019; and further congratulating its inductees: Chris Roof, Tom Urban, Rich Biddulph and Walter Podgurski.

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

- 2019-106 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Congratulating Union County College Golf Coach William Dunscombe upon receiving the National Junior College Athletic Association Augie Eosso Award.

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

- 2019-107 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Union County Vocational-Technical School's student, Cristina DeSousa upon taking 2nd place in the HumaneState Design Contest sponsored by the Lesniak Institute for American Leadership.

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

- 2019-108 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating UC STEP civic engagement project's combined winning Teams, Orange and Blue upon their project idea titled "Link Up for Life-5K" which will culminate on April 13th to raise funds for suicide prevention.

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

- 2019-109 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Proclaiming February 1, 2019 as "Go Red Day" to bring awareness to Women's Heart Health.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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.

Ray Lacotta of Cranford made comments or inquiries regarding a proposed cell tower and distributed antenna system for Union County College's campus in Cranford. He proposed the campus can use a DAS (Distributed Antenna System) or an ODAS (Outside Distributed Antenna System) rather than the cell tower. He noted their language regarding the cell tower in their proposals or resolutions is intentionally confusing and asked why is an educational institution concerned about providing cell coverage to residents in Cranford, all the way

down to the train station. Lacotta suggests it is for money/profit and they do not need to be in the business of providing coverage to the surrounding areas; they only need the Distributed Antenna System and nothing more. Lacotta explains that the proposed cell tower will be 230 feet from the nearest residence. He concluded his comments with concerns relative to negative health effects from the cell tower.

Ms. (Inaudible) of Cranford also made comments or inquiries regarding the Union County College Cranford campus' proposed cell tower. She stated she came before the Board a few years ago when UCC wanted to cut down 700 trees in the woods of the college parking lot in order for them to build a sports field. She thanked the Board for helping the neighborhood maintain its character by offering UCC an alternative site for the sports field. She stated the proposed tower will impact the Northside of Cranford and Westfield and it is estimated that the cell tower can decrease the value of nearby homes up to 20%. She asks the Board to help find alternatives and to keep Union County College as a good neighbor.

Mike Norman of Cranford made comments or inquiries regarding the UCC cell tower, stating Union County College must stop and be a good neighbor to our community and not build a cell tower.

Mariette Horn of Cranford made comments or inquiries regarding the cell tower as to why UCC is allowed unfettered commercial development on public property. She states under any other circumstance, this kind of development would not be allowed under local planning and zoning guidelines, which would restrict anything like this within such close proximity to an established residential property. Ms. Horn noted the tower will be approximately 500 feet from her bedroom, and is concerned for her health and the market value on her home. Ms. Horn concluded her comments by stating her perceived view of negative relationships between the president of Union County College, the Board, and the directors of Verizon.

Freeholder Estrada stated in reference to the cell tower, he would like to get the name of the reports mentioned because he has not come across certain information mentioned by those during the Public Comment Portion. He advised those who publicly commented to speak with him after the meeting to try and get the reports to find out further information.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Garretson began her comments by recognizing this meeting as the first official regular meeting as a full Board. She then congratulated Chair Kowalski, Vice Chairman Mirabella, Freeholder Staten, Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, and Freeholder Williams. Freeholder Garretson stressed the importance of voting announcing an "I Voted" sticker contest within the County for 5th – 12th graders. She gave recognition to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day followed by a quote. She stated her and Freeholder Granados, along with Governor Phil Murphy and the Attorney General, had the opportunity to speak at New Hope Baptist Church in Elizabeth to represent the importance of service (to the community). She noted that next month is Black History Month and advised that for the first time the County will do a flag raising event on February 1st to recognize the attributes and contributions of the black community. To conclude, she advised the public that if there are reports that Freeholders have not seen to please share these reports with the Board.

Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded made comments regarding attending the farewell ceremony for the first squadron 102nd Calvary regiment for their deployment this week wishing them a success and safe return. She stated that during President's Day weekend, the Trailside is

offering their February festivities program and you can find information regarding these activities on our website. She concluded her comments by giving congratulations to those who contributed to the Sensory Friendly Trail which received an award for excellence in design from the New Jersey Recreation and Park association.

Freeholder Estrada referenced the Cranford residents regarding the cell towers approval process and that it was sent to the state in Trenton. He advised the public he was interested in the reports with the information on the negative effects of the cell tower as he has not seen evidence supporting those statements so far. Regardless of that information, he advised that the Board does not approve of that particular contract regarding the cell tower.

Freeholder Staten began by thanking her colleagues for their guidance and leadership. She mentioned that January is cervical cancer awareness month and that regular screenings are critical to prevention and early detection. She announced Union County will be holding their 3rd annual "Union County Means Business" networking event at Kean University on February 20th. She noted it is open to Union County business owners, managers, and entrepreneurs and Lina Cohen will be the featured guest at this event. Freeholder Staten then made comments relative to her participation in the Union County Point in Time Count to find homeless families in order to offer them shelter, food, clothing, and services. She thanked everybody involved for their services and support.

Freeholder Granados made comments in reference to the Union County College cell tower. He explained that the main concern provided by UCC students, administration, and the public is that this is a public safety issue; it is not an issue in reference to making money. He noted his personal experience relative to the lack of reception on campus and advised that the Board is willing to listen to and see all the different information the public has regarding the cell tower.

Freeholder Granados then made comments regarding the Recycle Coach app and has reported that Union County has partnered with 21 municipalities last year to make this service available to all residents. He stated that Union County is the first and only county in New Jersey to have all municipalities participating in Recycle Coach.

Freeholder Williams made comments regarding additional Black History Month events: February 2nd the organization United Youth of New Jersey will be presenting Harlem Renaissance: Another Black Wall Street at the Ritz Theater in Elizabeth; February 9th the County will gather at the UCPAC in Rahway to honor Monte Brooks, lifelong Linden resident, who will be the recipient of the 7th annual Chester Homes Humanitarian award, followed by a concert version of the Broadway musical: Aint Misbehavin'; February 20th Doctor Melissa Cooper will discuss how the study of Sapelo Island Culture in the early 20th century can still provide us with insights into the rise of social sciences, black studies movement, and land struggles of coastal black communities.

Freeholder Hudak thanked the Human Services staff, volunteers, and law enforcement professionals who took part in the Point in Time Count. He stated the County has a great team out there assisting those who do not have shelter in this cold weather. Freeholder Hudak made comments in regards to the February 9th event at UCPAC, noting that former councilman Monte Brooks is an educator and coach and has worked tirelessly with young people in Union County for many years. He enjoyed attending a number of events, for example, the Union County celebrity bartending event in anticipation of the parade in March, events regarding the celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the

morning star Christian community center in Linden for their annual celebration. Freeholder Hudak concluded by making comments to the residents from Cranford regarding the cell tower and noted that he observed the city of Linden install a similar tower approximately the same amount of feet away from his residence for emergency communication. He stated the public's concerns in terms of this change are understandable and encouraged them to speak with local zoning officials and the college regarding their concerns.

Vice Chairman Mirabella made comments regarding Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; he stated that he had the pleasure to participate in a service in Fanwood where they honored Malcolm Nettingham, Scotch Plains resident, who was a World War 2 soldier and airman. Mr. Nettingham is 100 going on 101 years old. He noted he also attended the Westfield Armory with Chair Kowalski and Freeholder Granados where there they bid farewell to the first squadron 102nd Calvary on their deployment. This squadron is made up of 250 soldiers and 120 of which are from Union County. The Board is proud of their commitment to serve our country and joined in on congratulating the families on their sacrifices during that period of deployment. He advised that the Union County Office of Veteran Affairs is available to offer resources and guidance through our Union County hero program which seeks to increase awareness of eligibility, entitlements, benefit programs, and services provided to our veterans in Union County by other agencies. Vice Chairman Mirabella then made comments regarding the Union County College cell tower stating it is his understanding that it is a safety issue and not a monetary issue from a college standpoint. He urged the residents in that area of the proposed cell tower to constrain their remarks to facts and not innuendos and cautioned the public from making inappropriate accusations.

Chair Kowalski also made comments regarding Union County College that it is an autonomous body and they make their own decisions. She stated the Board has had communications with them on this topic, and will be doing so again. She encouraged the public to communicate with the college and Jamie Segal can direct you on how that is best done. She thanked everyone who participated in the farewell to the troops of the Army National Guard and noted she has a nephew who is a navy pilot and has been deployed far away for many months at a time. Chair Kowalski thanked the Human Services department and all the volunteers who helped with the Point in Time Count. She stated it is a rough time for federal workers at the moment during the partial government shutdown; there are almost 500 federal employees who live in Union County. To assist those in need during this time, Union County has set up a web page with links to resources and suggestions for making donations. Food and security is the biggest issue facing workers without a paycheck. She advised SNAP recipients they should be aware of false rumors: that they must use or spend their allotment before the end of January. SNAP recipients should disregard these rumors and be assured that they may be able to use their EBT card allotment to make food purchases until the amount runs out. Federal employees who would like to enroll in SNAP may do so at County offices throughout February if the shutdown resumes.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten, a voice vote showed roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative. Meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

 Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders 2019 Meeting Schedule

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

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

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