



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

**THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2019
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kowalski presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 8:02 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Chairman 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 State, and Freeholder Rebecca Williams were present.

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

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The prayer and salute to the flag were led by Clerk of the Board Pellettiere.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Oath of Office: Union County Transportation Advisory Board: Gabe Bailer.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Thursday, January 25, 2018 - Executive Session
2. Thursday, February 1, 2018 - Executive Session
3. Thursday, July 12, 2018 - Executive Session
4. Thursday, September 6, 2018 - Executive Session

Chairman Kowalski called for a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes. On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, roll call showed five votes in the affirmative and two abstentions for the minutes of January 25th; four votes in the affirmative and three abstentions for the minutes of February 1st; five votes in the

affirmative and two abstentions for the minutes of July 12th; and seven votes in the affirmative for the minutes of September 6th.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

808-2019 BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW ADDITIONAL FURNISHINGS, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$48,560,397 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE STATE GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

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

Section 1. The County of Union (the "County"), State of New Jersey is hereby authorized to make various public improvements and to acquire new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new additional furnishings, new communication and signal systems equipment, new information technology and telecommunications equipment and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, in, by and for said County, as more particularly described in Section 4 hereof. The cost of the improvements and acquisitions includes all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements and acquisitions described in Sections 1 and 4 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purposes"), the respective amounts of money hereinafter stated as the appropriation for said respective purposes. Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized, and the State grants and the down payment appropriated, by this ordinance. Said improvements and acquisitions shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefitted.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the making of such improvements and acquisitions is not a current expense of said County.

Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and Amounts" which schedule also shows (1) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the State grants hereinafter

appropriated, and (3) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes, and (4) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (5) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Board of Elections - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of a vote tabulation system.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 2,979,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 148,975
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 2,830,525
Period of Usefulness	15 years

B. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering - Undertaking of road, intersection, bridge and culvert improvement projects at various locations, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$14,581,220
State Grants Appropriated	\$11,936,851
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 132,218
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 2,512,151
Period of Usefulness	10 years

C. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering - Undertaking of various engineering, architectural and other services in connection with various infrastructure and building projects.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 720,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 36,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 684,000
Period of Usefulness	15 years

D. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering - Improvements to various dams.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 151,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 7,575
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 143,925
Period of Usefulness	15 years

E. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering - Acquisition of new information technology and telecommunications equipment consisting of computer and technology equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 25,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,250
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 23,750
Period of Usefulness	5 years

F. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering - Undertaking of (i) environmental monitoring and remediation (including permit applications) at various underground storage tank sites, former landfill sites and other County facilities, (ii) removal of underground storage tanks and (iii) inspection of underground storage tanks.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 202,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 10,100
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 191,900
Period of Usefulness	15 years

G. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new communication and signal systems equipment consisting of (i) video detector with mounting system for vehicle and pedestrian traffic studies, (ii) hitch mount speed signs and (iii) a sign system table plotter.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 46,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,300
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 43,700
Period of Usefulness	10 years

H. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of equipment and machinery for Print Services and Facilities Management.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 331,280
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 16,565
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 314,715
Period of Usefulness	15 years

I. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management - Upgrading fire alarm, sprinkler and fire suppression systems in various public buildings.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 505,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 25,250
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 479,750
Period of Usefulness	10 years

J. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management - Undertaking of various engineering, architectural and other services in connection with various building and infrastructure projects.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 500,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 25,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 475,000
Period of Usefulness	15 years

K. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management - Acquisition of modular office trailers for use at the Print Services/Motor Vehicles site in Elizabeth.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 60,600
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 3,030
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 57,570
Period of Usefulness	15 years

L. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management - Acquisition of new furniture, flooring, window treatments and various equipment for use in various public buildings.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 757,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 37,875
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 719,625
Period of Usefulness	5 years

M. Finance Department - Acquisition of new additional furnishings and new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of (i) furniture and (ii) office equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 100,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 4,868
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 95,132
Period of Usefulness	5 years

N. Department of Parks and Recreation - Undertaking of various park and recreation improvements consisting of (i) installation of synthetic turf athletic fields (including field lighting) at various parks, (ii) construction of a new synthetic turf baseball field (including field lighting) at Snyder Avenue Park, (iii) infrastructure and course improvements at Ash Brook and Galloping Hill Golf Courses, (iv) renovation of rest rooms and extension of the parking lot at Mattano Park, (v) HVAC improvements at Galloping Hill Golf Course Clubhouse, (vi) renovation of rest rooms, upgrading of classrooms and installation of interactive kiosks at Trailside Nature and Science Center, (vii) replacement of the trailer at the Archery Range in Oak Ridge Park and (viii) various engineering, architectural and other services in connection with the preservation of Deserted Village.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$12,689,600
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 634,480
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$12,055,120
Period of Usefulness	15 years

O. Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Park Maintenance - Acquisition of new additional or replacement playground equipment, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 101,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 5,050
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 95,950
Period of Usefulness	10 years

P. Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Park Maintenance - Undertaking of various park and recreation improvements consisting of (i) replacement of existing fencing and installation of new fencing at various locations, (ii) construction and reconstruction of the walking path/track at Hillside Park, (iii) hydro-raking various lakes and ponds, (iv) installation of a new playground at Nomahegan Park, (v) ADA-accessible playground improvements at various locations, (vi) installation of benches, tables, bike racks, water fountains, trash/recycle cans and other park amenities at various locations, (vii) construction of outdoor gyms at various locations, (viii) rehabilitation of Warinanco Park, (ix) various engineering, architectural and other services in connection with the preparation of a new Parks Master Plan and (x) various engineering, architectural and other services in connection with the design and installation of synthetic turf athletic fields.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 3,880,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 194,025
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 3,686,475
Period of Usefulness	15 years

Q. Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Park Maintenance - Undertaking of landscaping improvements at various locations.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 75,750
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 3,788
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 71,962
Period of Usefulness	5 years

R. Department of Human Services - Acquisition of new communication and signal systems equipment consisting of a telephone system.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 379,760
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 18,988
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 360,772
Period of Usefulness	10 years

S. Department of Human Services - Acquisition of new additional furnishings and new information technology and telecommunications equipment consisting of (i) furniture and (ii) computer equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 2,135,188
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 106,759
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 2,028,429
Period of Usefulness	5 years

T. Various Departments, Offices and Agencies - Acquisition of new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, and new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 2,386,899
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 119,345
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 2,267,554
Period of Usefulness	5 years

U. Department of Public Safety, Division of Police - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of body armor.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 21,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,050
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 19,950
Period of Usefulness	5 years

V. Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Services - Acquisition of new communication and signal systems equipment consisting of various communications equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 212,100
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 10,605
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 201,495
Period of Usefulness	10 years

W. Office of the Prosecutor - Acquisition of new information technology and telecommunications equipment and new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 35,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,750
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 33,250
Period of Usefulness	5 years

X. Office of the Prosecutor - (i) Acquisition of new additional or

replacement equipment and machinery consisting of firearms training simulator equipment and (ii) conversion of an existing County building for use by the Hi-Tech Task Force Unit.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 404,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 20,200
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 383,800
Period of Usefulness	15 years

Y. Sheriff's Office - Acquisition of new information technology and telecommunications equipment consisting of (i) INFOCOP computer system equipment and (ii) computers and printers.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 59,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,950
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 56,050
Period of Usefulness	5 years

Z. Sheriff's Office - Acquisition of new communication and signal systems equipment consisting of telephone recording equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 25,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,250
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 23,750
Period of Usefulness	10 years

AA. Sheriff's Office - (i) Undertaking of surveillance system upgrades at various facilities and (ii) acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of a reflective ultraviolet imaging system.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 146,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 7,300
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 138,700
Period of Usefulness	15 years

BB. Union County Vocational-Technical Schools - Undertaking of the following improvements: (i) upgrading of fitness centers (district-wide) and (ii) various renovations and improvements to facilities (district-wide). It is hereby determined and stated that (A) all resolutions to be filed by the Board of Education of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools and the Board of School Estimate of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in order to request the Board of Chosen Freeholders to raise funds for the aforesaid purposes have been filed, (B) no down payment is required for such purposes pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:54-31 and (C) such public buildings being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 606,000
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Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 606,000
Period of Usefulness	15 years

CC. Union County Vocational-Technical Schools - (i) Undertaking various security upgrades (district-wide) and (ii) acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of (a) instructional equipment and machinery for various educational programs and (b) non-instructional equipment. It is hereby determined and stated that (A) all resolutions to be filed by the Board of Education of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools and the Board of School Estimate of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in order to request the Board of Chosen Freeholders to raise funds for the aforesaid purposes have been filed and (B) no down payment is required for such purposes pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:54-31.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 707,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 707,000
Period of Usefulness	10 years

DD. Union County Vocational-Technical Schools -Acquisition of new additional furnishings. It is hereby determined and stated that (A) all resolutions to be filed by the Board of Education of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools and the Board of School Estimate of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in order to request the Board of Chosen Freeholders to raise funds for the aforesaid purpose have been filed and (B) no down payment is required for such purpose pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:54-31.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 101,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 101,000
Period of Usefulness	5 years

EE. Union County College - Undertaking of various renovations and improvements to facilities consisting of (i) renovation of the Campus Center and the Library at the Cranford Campus, (ii) renovation of the Health Technologies Building at the Scotch Plains Campus (Phase II) and (iii) upgrade and replacement of the building management system in the Kellogg Building at the Elizabeth Campus. It is hereby determined and stated that (A) all resolutions to be filed by the Board of Trustees of Union County College and the Board of School Estimate of Union County College in order to request the Board of Chosen Freeholders to raise funds for the aforesaid purposes have been filed; (B) no down payment is required for such purposes pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-19(2)(b); (C) Union County College may apply for debt service aid from the State of New Jersey pursuant to Chapter 12 of the Laws of 1971 of New Jersey (N.J.S. 18A:64A-22.1 et seq.) for any or all of the improvements described in the preceding sentence; (D) if such Chapter 12 State Aid is received, it shall be applied to the payment of principal and interest on bonds or notes issued by the County for such project; and (E) such public buildings being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 3,636,000
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Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 3,636,000
Period of Usefulness	15 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$48,560,397
Aggregate State Grants Appropriated	\$11,936,851
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,578,546
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$35,045,000

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$2,550,603 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purposes, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 6. The aggregate sum of \$11,936,851 received or to be received as grants from the New Jersey Department of Transportation and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the infrastructure improvements authorized in Section 4.B above.

Section 7. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$1,578,546, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said County, are now available to finance said purposes. The sum of \$1,578,546 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes.

Section 8. To finance said purposes, bonds of said County of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$35,045,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 9. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said County of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$35,045,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 10. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed

from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, by the County Manager and by the County Treasurer and shall be under the seal of said County and attested by the Clerk or Deputy Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the County Treasurer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 11. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of said purposes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 12.82 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 12. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of said County, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said County, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$35,045,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 13. Any funds received from private parties, the State of New Jersey or any of its agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purposes (other than the State grants hereinbefore appropriated which shall be applied to the cost of such purposes, but shall not be applied to the payment of outstanding bond anticipation notes and the reduction of the amount of bonds authorized), shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purposes, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purposes shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 14. The County intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements and acquisitions described in Sections 1 and 4 of this bond ordinance. If the County incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the County hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 15. The full faith and credit of the County are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the County, and the County shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the County for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 16. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the

resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and is available for public inspection.

Section 17. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Seeing no speakers, Chairman Kowalski closed this public comment portion of the meeting.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Subcommittee Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 807-2019 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

John Bury, of Kenilworth, asked for additional details related to Resolution No. 2019-528. In particular, he asked for details relative to the biosolid process, the proposed location for the processing facility, what costs would be associated with the facility and who would be paying the associated bonds.

Former Freeholder and Executive Director Daniel P. Sullivan of the U.C. Improvement Authority advised that the Biosolids Processing Facility would be constructed at Tremely Point in Linden at the site of the Linden Roselle Sewerage Authority. He added that the project would not be funded by the county, hence, no impact on taxpayers.

Bond Counselor John Drakowitz advised that the Union County Improvement Authority would be issuing non – recourse revenue bonds, but Aries Clean Energy would be the sole party responsible for repaying those bonds. He further advised that the loan being made to Aries would be secured through revenue from the new facility.

Phil Genereli (spelling), of Aries Clean Energy, elaborated on the processing of sludge, noting a byproduct of heavily concentrated carbon called biochar which can be sold and used in lieu of fly ash, among others.

Freeholder Estrada asked how big the facility would be as well as when it would be ready for operation. He also asked if any other facility in the area processed biosolids and if the new facility was safe for the community.

Mr. Genereli advised that the new facility would be less than 10,000 square feet, approximately the size of the building already on-site, and expected the facility to be fully operational by the end of next year. He noted that contracts were currently in place with haulers to retrieve sludge from various locations and bring to the biosolids facility for processing. He noted that the new facility would not be hazardous to the community, further advising that all required permits were in place for the project.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

- 2019-524 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Prevention Links, Inc., Roselle, New Jersey, for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in the total amount not to exceed \$110,000 for the Union County Helping Hands 365 Program.

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

- 2019-525 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** 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 Public Safety: Bid 2019-19; First Priority Emergency Vehicles, Inc., Manchester, New Jersey, for the purpose of purchasing a Type I Ambulance in an amount not to exceed \$ 124,998.00.

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

- 2019-526 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept, and expend National Institute of Justice (NIJ) FY18 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant funding in the amount of \$7,969.00 for a contract period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

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

- 2019-527 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, New Jersey approving the issuance of revenue bonds, (Aries Linden, LLC Project) Series 2019 pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

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

- 2019-528 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, New Jersey providing the consent for the Union County Improvement Authority to undertake and implement the construction of a Biosolids Processing Facility to be located in the City of Linden, New Jersey.

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

- 2019-529 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUED:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a 2019 Shelter Diversion Program contract to Family Promise, Inc., Summit, New Jersey, for the period of June 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in the total amount not to exceed \$70,000.

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

- 2019-530 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUED:** Amending Resolution 2019-222, adopting the 2019 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Spending Plan Grant Term Extension, to reflect additional grant dollars in the amount of \$83,681.86 for a new total not to exceed \$270,610.86 as outlined in the spending plan; no other changes to the terms of the 2019 CSBG Spending Plan.

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

- 2019-531 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUED:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with The Gateway Family YMCA, Elizabeth, NJ, to manage the Dudley House Veterans Transitional Housing facility for homeless male veterans during the six (6) month period of July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in the total amount not to exceed \$50,000.

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

- 2019-532 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN:** Resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Salary Reimbursement Agreement with Rutgers Cooperative Extension for the provision of State and Federal mandated agriculture and resource management, family and community health sciences, and 4-H youth development programs for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, in an amount not to exceed \$106,339.

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

- 2019-533 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for Motor Vehicle Fines required by NJSA 40A: 4-39.

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

- 2019-534 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending previously adopted Resolution 2019-6 designating petty cash custodians.

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

- 2019-535 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending previously adopted Resolution 2019-8 authorizing various County Signatories.

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

- 2019-536 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$7,993.89 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of State for a program entitled: HAVA-Cybersecurity Grant-Redundant Server.

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

- 2019-537 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$61,593.11 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a program entitled: Clean Communities Grant.

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

- 2019-538 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$28,761 as a result of notification for additional funding received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families for a program entitled: Sexual Assault, Abuse and Rape Care-Expansion Primary Prevention Grant.

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

- 2019-539 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$69,750 as a result of notification received

from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families for a program entitled: Sexual Assault, Abuse and Rape Care-Expansion Direct Services Grant.

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

- 2019-540 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$9,090 as a result of notification for additional funds received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families for a program entitled: Sexual Assault, Abuse and Rape Care Operational Funds Grant.

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

- 2019-541 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$442,981 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: VOCA-Victim Witness Advocacy Program.

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

- 2019-542 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$112,665 as a result of notification for additional funding received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a program entitled: Older Americans Area Plan Contract (APC).

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

- 2019-543 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$671,817 as a result of notification for additional funding received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Community Service Block Grant (CSBG).

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

- 2019-544 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$11,363 as a result of notification for additional funds received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families for a program entitled: Sexual Assault, Abuse and Rape Care (SAARC) Traditional 1X Grant.

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

- 2019-545 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$12,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for a program entitled: Veterans Paratransit Program.

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

- 2019-546 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Loving Arms Foundation's Hillside Community Music & Entertainment Festival to be held on August 3, 2019 in the amount of \$4,000.

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

- 2019-547 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the New Outlook Pioneers' Music in the Park to be held on August 8, 2019 in the amount of \$4,000.

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

- 2019-548 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Independent Authors Book Experience and Expo to be held on September 14, 2019 in the amount of \$500.

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

- 2019-549 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Charlie Robert Prostate Cancer Foundation's Prostate Cancer Walk to be held on September 21, 2019 in the amount of \$1,000.

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

- 2019-550 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the United Youth of New Jersey's Good Old Days Cookout held on August 10, 2019 in the amount of \$1,350.

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

- 2019-551 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into an agreement with Sprint for wireless cellular service in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00.

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

- 2019-552 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of the Prosecutor, to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety for FY17 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Program for project titled County Office of Victim Witness Advocacy in the amount of \$442,981.00 in federal funds with a required match of \$110,745.00 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. (Subaward number V-20-17)

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

- 2019-553 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager through the Office of the Prosecutor, to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of State Police Grant Program for project titled FY18 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program in the amount of \$23,478.58 in federal funds for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. (Subaward number 18-PC-06)

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

- 2019-554 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with Middlesex County for the utilization of the Union County Forensic Laboratory by a Middlesex County Forensic Scientist.

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

- 2019-555 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to amend the Resolution Number 2018-910, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding (BA#48-2018) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et. seq., to Maffey's Security Group, approving Change Order Number 1 for Security Systems Service, Installation and Maintenance for the Union County Sheriff's Office only. This Change Order will increase the contract amount by \$97,500.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$585,000.00.

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

- 2019-556 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Momentum Telecom, Kennesaw, Georgia for the purposes of providing maintenance for a private network solution for programming elections and tallying election results between the Union County Board of Elections and the County Clerk's office for the contract period July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$34,450.

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

- 2019-557 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County of Union, through the Union County Board of Elections, to apply for and accept HAVA Grant Funding in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for the purpose of improving ADA Compliance at polling locations.

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

- 2019-558 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement for a Blanket Surety Bond for Public Officials through Beckerman & Company, with Liberty Mutual Surety, from July 12, 2019 through July 11, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$2,855.00.

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

- 2019-559 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the updated Union County Workforce Development Board's Strategic Plan, 2016-2020, modified during the month of May of 2019, as well as the NJ North Jersey Partners Regional Plan 2019 Modification, which is an attachment of the Union County Workforce Development Board's Strategic Plan, 2016-2020.

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

- 2019-560 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2018-1098 adopted on December 20, 2018, an On-Call Professional Environmental Compliance Service Contract with CME Associates, of Parlin, New Jersey for additional Environmental Services in the amount of \$15,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$40,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-031)

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

- 2019-561 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution 2019-14, a resolution authorizing the use of cooperative contracts, to increase the annual budgetary allocation for Crosstown Plumbing and Atlantic Plumbing and to add Core

Mechanical, Inc., HVAC & Refrigeration Services to the Cooperative Purchasing vendor list, for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, in the amount not to exceed a total of \$510,000.

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

- 2019-562 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution granting permission to the Township of Scotch Plains to hang a banner across Park Avenue near Front Street and Bartle Avenue from August 1, 2019 through September 4, 2019 to promote the St. Bartholomew's Annual Festival which takes place Labor Day Weekend, August 30, 2019 through September 2, 2019.

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

- 2019-563 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Human Services, Paratransit System: Shepard Brothers, Inc., Canandaigua, New York, BA #20-2019 for the purpose of providing two (2) ten passenger vans with two (2) wheelchair positions, in the amount of \$115,020.

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

- 2019-564 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement, with SCA - Student Conservation Association, of Arlington, VA for ecological restoration and wilderness trail maintenance services within county areas throughout Union County properties, for a period of June 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, in the amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

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

- 2019-565 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 for the Union County Parks Frederick Law Olmstead (FLO) Greenway Extension.

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

- 2019-566 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution 2019-171 dated February 13, 2019 to increase the appropriation to Kologi Simitz of Linden, NJ in the matter entitled Emmanuel Mervilus v. UC, et al in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$40,000.00.

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

- 2019-567 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Easement Agreement with the City of Elizabeth to grant an easement upon a portion of County-owned land located at 52-54 Rahway Avenue in the City of Elizabeth (Block 6 Lot 921 on the Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth) in conjunction with the City's Elizabeth River Trail project agreement.

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

- 2019-568 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with PBA250A – Prosecutor's Detective Superior Officers, effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.

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

- 2019-569 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with PBA199 - Correction Officers, effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.

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

- 2019-570 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution congratulating Mrs. Marion Johnson on her efforts in championing STEM literacy, particularly for women and people of color, and through her own exceptional career inspiring future generations of scientists, engineers, and mathematicians; and further commending Mrs. Johnson for the roll she played historically in trailblazing space travel.

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2019-571 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution supporting and urging school districts to incorporate Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha into the school calendar year.

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

- 2019-572 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Resolution requesting the Archdiocese of Newark to reconsider its decision to close St. Mary's High School in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

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

- 2019-573 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Congratulating David Peritore of Boy Scout Troop 1, New Providence, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

- 2019-574 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Congratulating Thomas Sponauer of Boy Scout Troop 1, New Providence, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

- 2019-575 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating Gwen Ryan on her confirmation and appointment as Superintendent of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools; and further offering the Board's continued support to both Superintendent Ryan and the Union County Vocational-Technical schools.

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

- 2019-576 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution congratulating Donald Shapiro on his many years of public service with the County Judiciary; and further wishing him many more years of health and happiness in his retirement

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

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

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Garretson had no comments.

Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded spoke relative to the recent Special Needs Family Fun Day and Summer Carnival at Warinanco Park. She thanked the sponsors for their generous

contributions. She also issued a reminder for The Westfield Neighborhood Council's upcoming 50th Anniversary Festival on July 20th, co-sponsored by the Board.

Freeholder Estrada made comments relative to the various graduations that had taken place throughout the county. He extended his congratulations, wished the graduates all the best in their future endeavors as well as a happy summer.

Freeholder Granados likewise extended his congratulations to the recent graduates. Relative to Elizabeth High School, his alma mater, Freeholder Granados marveled at the new record of 1,459 graduates established by this year's senior class. He also spoke about the Simon Youth Academy which saw its first graduating class of seven seniors last week. Joined by Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Former Freeholder Bruce Bergen, Deputy County Manager Amy Wagner and Director Debbie-Ann Anderson, Freeholder Granados expressed his enthusiasm for the school which provides at-risk youth that are unable to attend traditional high school with an opportunity to complete their studies.

Freeholder Williams reminded residents about free upcoming paper shredding events throughout the county which will continue through the summer and into the fall. She noted that the next paper shredding event would be taking place that Saturday at the Vo-Tech School Campus in Scotch Plains from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. She advised residents that a complete schedule of these recycling events and programs were available through the county website or the free Recycle Coach app.

Freeholder Hudak warned residents about mosquitos and outlined several steps that can be taken to help reduce the mosquito population, including taking advantage of the county's seasonal mosquito control measures which target known hot spots. He also spoke relative to Resolution No. 2019-524 and the Helping Hands 365 Program which aims to address several components of the opioid crisis within the county. He closed by congratulating all the graduates throughout the county as well as his fellow Board Members Chairman Kowalski and Freeholders Granados and Williams for their primary election victories.

Vice Chairman Mirabella alerted senior residents about the return of the Senior Voucher program, which provides \$25.00 in free vouchers for income-eligible seniors to be redeemed at participating farmers markets throughout the county. He also spoke relative to last week's SAGE Table community lunch, sponsored-in-part by Hyacinth AIDS Foundation and Garden State Equality. He closed by mentioning Ash Brook Golf Course and the new Clubhouse and encouraged residents to visit the facility.

Freeholder Staten reminded senior residents about an upcoming public meetings hosted by the Division on Aging focused on getting feedback from senior adults relative to existing services and unavailable services they would like implemented or made available. She also spoke relative to the 6th Annual Roselle House Music Festival at Warinanco Park on July 13th & 14th. She wished everyone a happy and safe summer, noting the upcoming firework displays throughout the county in celebration of the 4th of July.

Chairman Kowalski reminded residents that the U.C. Board of Elections would be providing weekly hands-on demonstrations for the new ExpressVote XL Voting Machines at the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth and the Colleen Frasier Building in Westfield. She added that additional demonstration sessions would be available during various summer events and activities throughout the county. Chairman Kowalski, joined by Freeholder Williams and Freeholder Estrada, noted her recent attendance of the Raymond J. Lesniak

Experience, Strength & Hope Recovery High School graduation ceremony where Freeholder Christopher Hudak was honored and presented with the Pamela Capaci Hero for Recovery Award. She congratulated Freeholder Hudak for being honored as well as the various graduates throughout the county.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To the extent known, the following was discussed in Executive Session:

- 1) Attorney-Client Privileged Communications and Discussion of potential settlement in the matter of Valerie Donofrio vs County of Union, et al.

County Counsel Barry stated that pursuant to provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, a public body may enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing certain enumerated subjects.

He stated that the Board wished to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Attorney-Client Privileged Communications and Discussion of potential settlement in the matter of Valerie Donofrio vs County of Union, et al.

He stated that the minutes of the Executive Session shall be separated from the minutes of the Open Public Session and that the minutes of the Executive Session, redacted as appropriate and necessary, shall be available in approximately 30 days. He stated that the Clerk of the Board shall retain the original minutes until such time as the confidential limitations have been removed, at which time they shall be made available.

He stated that upon affirmative vote of the majority of the members present, the Board may enter Executive Session and upon the Board's return would not take formal action on the matter discussed.

Chairman Kowalski asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session. On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Staten a voice vote showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

Chairman Kowalski asked for a motion to return from Executive Session. On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Williams a voice vote showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Kowalski asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Vice Chairman and seconded by Freeholder Hudak voice vote showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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

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

AGENDA SETTING SESSION

January 17, 2019

February 7, 2019
February 21, 2019

March 7, 2019
March 28, 2019

April 4, 2019
April 25, 2019

May 9, 2019*
May 30, 2019**

June 13, 2019
June 27, 2019

July 25, 2019

August 22, 2019

September 5, 2019
September 26, 2019

October 3, 2019
October 24, 2019

November 7, 2019

December 5, 2019
December 19, 2019

REGULAR MEETINGS

January 24, 2019

February 14, 2019
February 21, 2019

March 14, 2019
March 28, 2019

April 11, 2019
April 25, 2019

May 16, 2019
May 30, 2019**

June 20, 2019
June 27, 2019

July 25, 2019

August 22, 2019

September 12, 2019
September 26, 2019

October 10, 2019
October 24, 2019

November 14, 2019

December 5, 2019
December 19, 2019

AMENDMENTS TO THE 2019 FREEHOLDER MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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

James E. Pelletiere, RMC, MPA
Clerk of the Board