



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kowalski presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

## ROLL CALL

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

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.

## PRESENTATIONS FROM THE BOARD

Resolution Presentation was made by Chair Bette Jane Kowalski and Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella to Lauren O'Brien and Tammy Bowling in recognition of the County's declaration of the month of May as "Cancer Awareness Month" and further recognizing the week of May 12 through May 18, 2019 as "Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Week" through Union County.

Freeholder Mirabella noted the importance of raising awareness for this cause, noting Scotch Plains Councilwoman Rose Checchio's valiant battle against the disease and ultimate passing as a result. He commended Lauren O'Brien and Tammy Bowling, co-founders of METAvivors, as well as volunteer Kathleen Murray for their efforts.

Lauren O'Brien thanked the Board for the recognition, noting their long relationship as founder of the U.C Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense organization.

Tammy Bowling shared details related to her personal struggle with metastatic breast cancer, an experience that inspired her to raise awareness and funding for the cause, noting the limited research and treatment options currently available. She paid homage to Monica, a young woman she met two years ago who received a similar diagnosis, but sadly passed away a couple of weeks ago.

Kathleen Murray expressed her honor in being recognized and expressed her dedication related to the cause and those affected by the terrible disease.

#### **APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Chairman Kowalski advised that communications would be approved during the regular meeting later this month.

Note and File

Oath of Office: Union County Transportation Advisory Board: Natalie Chin and Meera Rao.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

Joseph Graziano, Director

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There were no questions or comments from the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Air Center, Inc., of Kenilworth, New Jersey for the purchase and installation of an air compressor for the Bureau of Traffic's striping machine for an amount not to exceed \$24,195.00. **(Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2018-948, a Professional Architectural Service Contract with The Musial Group, of Mountainside, New Jersey for additional design and construction administration services associated with the Elevator Replacement at the Union County Courthouse Tower in an amount not to exceed \$84,683.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$123,063.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-017) **(Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management: Division of Park Maintenance, Waste Management Inc. Ewing, NJ for the purpose of providing Construction Debris Disposal services. The contract shall be for twenty-four (24) consecutive months with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month optional extension commencing upon contract execution for a total contract amount not to exceed \$94,400.00. **(Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract extension originally obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Work & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management, Eagle Building Services, LLC, Newark, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Window Cleaning Services, twenty-four (24) consecutive months, in an amount not exceed \$100,500. **(Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract extension originally obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Work & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management, Oxford Electrical Contractors, Inc., Randolph, NJ, for the

purpose of providing Electrical Repair services, twenty-four (24) consecutive months, in an amount not exceed \$200,000.00. **(Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

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There were no questions or comments from the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountainside, New Jersey, for the provision of the Special Child Case Management and Early Intervention Program, for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in the amount not to exceed \$50,000; funds represent the match as stipulated by State Statute (Title 9:13-7 and 8) requiring the County to match the Special Child Case Management and Early Intervention grant from NJ Department of Health and Senior Services. **(Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2019 Union County GAP One-Time Spending Plan pursuant to a Request for Proposal (RFP) procurement process in the total amount not to exceed \$370,905 for subcontracted services to be provided during the period of June 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies fail to meet contractual obligation. **(Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
3. 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 / Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital: Universal Protection Services LLC, for the purpose of providing security coverage to Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County, for twelve (12) consecutive months commencing on July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020; with the option to extend for 2 twelve (12) month periods, in the amount of \$367,218. **(Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

Ron Zuber, Director

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1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement, with Landscape Solutions, of Union, New Jersey for the purchase of landscaping services for lawn maintenance of small county areas throughout Union County Properties, for a period of May 1, 2019 through November 30, 2019, in the amount not to exceed \$40,000.00. **(Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Freeholder Garretson asked Director Zuber to provide a list of the properties cited following the meeting.

#### **OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL**

Robert Barry, County Counsel

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There were no questions or comments from the Board.

1. A resolution authorizing settlement of pending litigation in the matter entitled Valerie Fischbach v. UC, et als, Docket No. UNN-L-1181-17, in the total amount not to exceed \$375,000.00-County Contribution to be charged to Account No. T-03-56-850-000-537. (County Contribution not to exceed is \$246,467.50, remainder from JIF \$128,532.50). **(Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)**

#### **FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution proclaiming May 13, 2019 as World Falun Dafa Day throughout Union County; and further congratulating the New Jersey Falun Dafa Association as it celebrates its 20th anniversary. **(Freeholder Angela R. Garretson)**

Freeholder Garretson elaborated on the significance of World Falun Dafa Day. She noted the various correspondences received from various legislative offices in support of the practice and or celebration.

Clerk of the Board Pelletiere confirmed that he was in receipt of a state proclamation and several letters in support and recognition of the event and practice.

2. Congratulating the 50th anniversary of community scholars program at Montclair Kimberly Academy. **(Freeholder Angela R. Garretson)**
3. Congratulating the honorees of the Elizabeth's Promise Awards, Inc., at its 13th Annual Scholarship Dinner on May 13, 2019. **(Freeholder Sergio Granados & Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)**

Freeholder Garretson and Freeholder Williams asked to join this resolution.

4. Resolution offering this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Bill Populus, the first African American Councilman from Borough of Fanwood, during their time of sorrow. **(Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Freeholders Estrada, Garretson, and Staten asked to join this resolution; with Chairman Kowalski adding that the entire Board should join.

5. Resolution extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Anthony Steitz during their time of sorrow. **(Chair Bette Jane Kowalski, Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella & the Entire Board)**

Vice Chairman Mirabella elaborated on the tragic loss of Bill Populus and Anthony Steitz cited in items 4 & 5.

6. Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Donald Paul Lan, Sr. during their time of sorrow. **(Chair Bette Jane Kowalski & the Entire Board)**
7. Resolution supporting an increase in funding for NJ Transit in this year's New Jersey State budget to implement both the recommendations outlined in the North Highland Audit Report of NJTransit and the changes mandated by the NJ Transit Reform bill (S630); and further urging the State Legislature and the Governor's Office to continue to push for reform at NJTransit, including but not limited to, customer communication, a new procurement process and updated organizational structure, hiring of new staff to address a

talent drain, and finding more sustainable operating revenue sources. **(Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)**

8. Resolution supporting the efforts by the County of Union's municipal officials to relocate PSE&G's high-voltage power lines to areas outside of residential areas; and further recommending a period of public comment and investigation before increasing the voltage in the lines through Union County. **(Chair Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, & Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

Freeholder Staten and Freeholder Williams asked to join this resolution.

Freeholder Estrada and Freeholder Garretson inquired about this item, with Chairman Kowalski and Freeholder Hudak offering clarification and additional information related to the purpose of the proposed resolution; a conversation ensued amongst the Freeholders.

Chairman Kowalski noted that additional information would be made available to the Freeholders regarding this item before the upcoming regular meeting.

Chairman Kowalski advised that she would have additional Laudatory Resolutions for the next meeting.

Vice Chairman Mirabella noted that he would have several Sponsorship Resolutions for the following meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Kowalski asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak a voice vote showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Granados absent. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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

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

### AGENDA SETTING SESSION

### REGULAR MEETINGS

|                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| January 17, 2019   | January 24, 2019   |
| February 7, 2019   | February 14, 2019  |
| February 21, 2019  | February 21, 2019  |
| March 7, 2019      | March 14, 2019     |
| March 28, 2019     | March 28, 2019     |
| April 4, 2019      | April 11, 2019     |
| April 25, 2019     | April 25, 2019     |
| May 2, 2019*       | May 16, 2019       |
| May 23, 2019**     | May 23, 2019**     |
| June 13, 2019      | June 20, 2019      |
| June 27, 2019      | June 27, 2019      |
| July 25, 2019      | July 25, 2019      |
| August 22, 2019    | August 22, 2019    |
| September 5, 2019  | September 12, 2019 |
| September 26, 2019 | September 26, 2019 |
| October 3, 2019    | October 10, 2019   |
| October 24, 2019   | October 24, 2019   |
| November 7, 2019   | November 14, 2019  |
| December 5, 2019   | December 5, 2019   |
| December 19, 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.