



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kowalski presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 8:16 P.M.

## ROLL CALL

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

## APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

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Note and File

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

## ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

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**807-2019 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND “THE LAWS OF UNION COUNTY: ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION” BY ADOPTING THE 2019 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, FEES FOR RECREATION FACILITIES.**

*BE IT ORDAINED* by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union as follows:

1. That the schedule of fees attached hereto, hereby amends the official fees for the Department of Parks and Recreation Facilities for 2019. All fees not included herein will remain as previously adopted.

2. That this Ordinance shall take effect at the time and manner provided by law.
3. That the Clerk of the Board be and is hereby authorized and directed to publish the required notice in the appropriate newspaper of such introduction and of a public hearing on June 20, 2019 and shall forward one certified copy, upon final passage, to each Clerk of all Municipalities located within the County of Union.
4. That the fee schedule pertinent to this Ordinance is on file in the Clerk of the Board's Office.

County Counsel Barry outlined the purpose of the Ordinance as it relates to establishing camper fees for use of Wheeler Park Spray Park and Walter E. Ulrich Memorial Pool prior to regular hours of operation. He advised that existing admission fees would remain in effect for the Ulrich Memorial Pool, and confirmed that admission for the Wheeler Park Spray Park was free to residents during normal business hours.

#### **FIRST READING STATEMENT**

Freeholder Sergio Granados, Fiscal Subcommittee Member, moved Ordinance Number 807-2019 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The Public Hearing and Final Reading is scheduled for June 20, 2019.

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments and asked questions relative to several resolutions. Relative to Resolution Nos. 430-441, he asked if these items affected the previously adopted budget and or offset taxes. He made comments about the vendors and the provided services cited on Resolution Nos. 448-452 and specifically asked what the word "sub-recipient" meant. He also made comments relative to Resolution Nos. 454 and 455 and asked what stabilization/remediation entailed. Relative to Resolution No. 463, he asked for more information regarding the cited settlement.

Relative to the resolutions presented by the Departments of Economic Development and Human Services, Chairman Kowalski noted that the respective vendors are contracted by the county to provide services in exchange for monetary compensation and many of these initiatives represent long-standing relationships with these sub-contracted vendors.

Relative to Resolution Nos. 430-441, Director Taylor confirmed that the items did modify the budget, but had no impact on offsetting taxes.

Relative to Resolution Nos. 454 and 455, Director Graziano advised that stabilization involved the removal of peeling, cracking, and or falling lead paint, wall treatment of the affected areas, and new paint being applied.

Relative to Resolution No. 448 - 452, Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that these initiatives were federally funded through grants. She added that the county is the immediate recipient of these federally awarded funds and through a procurement process these respective agencies are sub-contracted to provide the cited services, hence the term sub-recipient. With regards to United Way of Greater U.C., Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that the agency was selected to render the cited services following a rigorous procurement process.

Relative to Resolution No. 463, County Counsel Barry advised that the settlement involved allegations of workplace harassment, discrimination, and retaliation made by two county employees.

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

## RESOLUTIONS

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The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

- 2019-418 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Amending Resolution 2018-1019 to reflect an increase in the amount of \$2,250 to the contract with SOS Corporation, Pinehurst, North Carolina, in order to provide a database upgrade and conversion to the computer software license, maintenance and support for Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital, for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$20,750.01 for the same contract period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-419 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2019 Aging GAP Spending Plan, pursuant to a request for proposal, awarding subcontract renewals in the total amount not to exceed \$547,088, exercising option year three period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 of a three year contract period; and further authorizing the transfer of funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-420 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to E & A Supply of Bridgeport, Connecticut, for the purchase of a Steamer

Pressure Gas Boiler for the Department of Human Services, Division on Aging, in the amount not to exceed \$25,019.50.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-421 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Resolution supporting the enactment of a six (6) ton weight restriction for through vehicles on Martine Avenue / Park Avenue (CR 655) in the Township of Scotch Plains and the Borough of Fanwood from Milepost 1.33 (Raritan Road, CR 611) to Milepost 4.64 (Mountain Avenue, CR 634) from the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. daily; and further Directing the Union County Division of Engineering to submit an engineer's certification report to the New Jersey Department of Transportation in support thereof.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-422 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Urban League of Union County, Elizabeth, New Jersey, in the total amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the period of June 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 for the Reconnections Program to assist persons returning to the community from incarceration to access services to become productive citizens.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-423 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, New Jersey, in the total amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the period of June 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 to promote youth, teen, and community development through prevention programs including self-empowerment and youth leadership; interfaith initiatives and collaboration among community programs for youth and families.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-424 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2019 Homeless Trust Fund (HTF) Spending Plan awarding six (6) renewal subcontracts in the total amount not to exceed \$210,000 for services to be provided during the period of June 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the various agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

**2019-425 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Authorizing the County Manager to accept 2018 SuperNOFA Continuum of Care (CoC) competitive grant award funds in the total amount not to exceed \$4,170,723 from US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) and to award subcontracts with varied one-year time frames as specified on the Spending Plan; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the awarded agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any fails to meet its contractual obligation.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

**2019-426 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a 2019 Homeless Trust Fund (HTF) funding subcontract to the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless for the 10-month budget cycle of June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020 in the total amount not to exceed \$55,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

**2019-427 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs in the approximate amount of \$20,132 for the purpose of 2018 LIHEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance Program) CWA Administration for the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

**2019-428 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs in the approximate amount of \$12,871 for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 for the purpose of the 2018 Universal Service Fund - CWA Administration.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

**2019-429 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Prescribing the Details and Bond Form Thereof for \$7,100,000 County College Bonds of 2019 (Chapter 12 State Aid) dated July 15, 2019 Authorizing the Publication, Printing and Distribution of a Notice of Sale and the Publication of a Summary Notice of Sale and Prescribing the Form Thereof for Such Bonds, Approving the Preparation, Distribution and Execution of a Preliminary and a Final Official Statement for such Bonds, Undertaking to Provide Continuing Disclosure of Financial Information, Covenanting to Comply with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and Authorizing Various Matters in Connection with Electronic Bidding for the Bonds.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-430 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$67,278 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of State for a program entitled: HAVA - Cyber Security Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-431 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$126,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Office of Emergency Management for a program entitled: Pre-Disaster Mitigation Competitive Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-432 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$2,625 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health, Division of Family Services for a program entitled: Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-433 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$537,450 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a program entitled: Recycling Enhancement Act Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-434 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$137,822 as a result of notification received from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for a program entitled: Subregional Transportation Planning Program Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-435 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$15,000 as a result of notification received

from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for a program entitled: STP Supplemental Support Program Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-436 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$160,000 as a result of notification received from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for a program entitled: SSP Subregional Studies Program Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-437 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$315,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: WIOA Summer Youth Employment Pilot Program Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-438 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$35,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Recreation Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities (ROID) Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-439 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$4,321,987 as a result of notification received from the United States, Department of Housing and Urban Development for a program entitled: SuperNofa Continuum of Care Program Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-440 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$12,871 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Universal Service Fund-CWA Administration Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-441 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$20,132 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Low Income Energy Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-442 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the NJ Sharing Network's 5K Celebration of Life to be held June 2, 2019 in the amount of \$3,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-443 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Union County Fatherhood Coalition 7th annual conference to be held June 8, 2019 in the amount of \$1,500.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-444 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Friends of NJ Legacy Foundation Inc's 2019 Juneteenth Celebration to be held June 16, 2019 in the amount of \$2,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-445 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract for a Medical Malpractice insurance policy for Cornerstone staff, through Beckerman & Company, with Princeton Insurance Company, Princeton, New Jersey, from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$9,442.32.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-446 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Axis Insurance Company, Chicago, IL for Accident and Health Insurance for Watchung Stables for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$9,500.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.



- 2019-447 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and to receive funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan on behalf of the Union County Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program so that projects as listed therein may be undertaken within the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-448 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the United Way of Greater Union County funding for the Summer Youth Employment Pilot Program (SYEPP) in the amount of \$276,000.00 to provide 100 youth, ages 16 through 24, with paid work experiences in the public and private sectors, internship opportunities, workforce preparation services, and career pathway guidance in emerging growth sectors. The contract period shall be from May 24, 2019 through September 13, 2019.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-449 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2019-154, adopted 2/21/19, (previously 2018-292, adopted on March 22, 2018), sub-recipient Union County College for the operation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Workforce Innovation Business Center, 1.) Re-allocate \$82,000.00 of Program Year (PY) 2017 funds to Program Year (PY) 2018 and 2.) Extend contract period by six (6) months, from June 30, 2019 to December 31, 2019. Award total will remain the same.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-450 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution 2018-840, adopted 9/27/18, (previously Resolution 2018-651, adopted 7/12/2018) sub-recipient United Way of Greater Union County, contracted operator of the Out-of-School Youth Employment & Training Program-Eastern Union County. Amendment would extend contract end date by six (6) months from June 30, 2019 to December 31, 2019. Award total of \$235,000.00 would remain the same.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-451 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution 2018-652, adopted 7/12/2018, sub-recipient United Way of Greater Union County, contracted operator of the Out-of-School Youth Employment & Training Program-Western Union County. Amendment would extend contract end date by six (6) months from June 30, 2019 to December 31, 2019. Award total of \$280,000.00 would remain the same.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-452 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution 2018-650, adopted 7/12/2018, sub-recipient United Way of Greater Union County, contracted operator of the In-School Youth Employment & Training Program to extend contract end date by six (6) months from June 30, 2019 to December 31, 2019, for the Program Year 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-453 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution 2017-605, adopted 7/20/17, sub-recipient Union County Vocational Technical School, contracted operator of the Simon Youth Academy. Amendment would 1.) Reallocate \$36,000.00 of award funding from Program Year 2017) to Program Year 2018 and 2.) Extend contract end date by six (6) months from June 30, 2019 to December 31, 2019 Reallocation of funding would not change total award amount.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-454 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2018-1035 adopted December 13, 2018, (BA#56-2017), 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 GPC, Inc., of Millburn, New Jersey approving Change Order Number 2 for the Union County Courthouse Fire Code Upgrade Project, City of Elizabeth, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will increase the contract amount by \$917,287.37 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$20,511,742.23.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-455 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2018-945 adopted on November 8, 2018, a Professional Architectural Service Contract with Netta Architects, LLC, of Mountainside for additional architectural / engineering services associated with the Union County Courthouse Complex, New Tower Stairwell Modernization project, in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$4,541,830.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-456 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to PS&S of Warren, New Jersey to prepare a Class C Recycling Permit Renewal for the Union County

Recycling and Compost Center in the Township of Springfield, for an amount not to exceed \$15,820.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-457 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract pursuant to competitive contracting law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20, for the contract year May 23, 2019 through December 31, 2019 to Janus Solutions, Ewing, New Jersey, for the delivery of a Community Needs Assessment for the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$74,500.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-458 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Rescinding Resolution Number 2018-878 adopted on October 11, 2018 related to the Cedar Brook Park Project.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-459 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 N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Grade Construction for the Madison Avenue Turf Field Improvements, City of Rahway, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$3,299,283.80 (This amount includes \$275,000.00 bid contingency to be used if and when directed by the County of Union) (BA#18-2019)

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-460 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal, (RFP) process, to Neglia Engineering Associates, of Clark, New Jersey to provide Design, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Snyder Avenue Turf Field Improvements in Berkeley Heights, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$123,452.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-461 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution 2018-927 dated October 25, 2018 to increase the appropriation to Palumbo Renaud and DeAppolonio of Cranford, NJ in the matter entitled Susan Pearl & Cynthia Pisano v. UC, et al in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for a sum not to exceed \$40,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-462 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Lease Agreement with the Township of Berkeley Heights for the County's use of space at the Salt Dome and Maintenance facility, for storage of road salt and related equipment, for a period of thirty (30) years commencing upon execution of the Lease Agreement, in the total amount not to exceed \$1,073,005.81.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-463 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** A resolution authorizing Settlement of pending litigation in the matter entitled Susan Pearl & Cynthia Pisano v. UC, et al, Docket No. MID-L-5833-18, in the total amount not to exceed \$395,000 (County Contribution not to exceed is \$230,000, remainder from Chubb Insurance Co.)

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-464 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with HPAE-Local 5112-Nurses, effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-465 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution re-appointing Bibi Taylor to the Position of County Treasurer.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-466 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** A resolution awarding the 2018/2019 Union County Student Training and Enrichment Program's "Link Up for Life" Suicide Awareness and Prevention Campaign Start Now Grants to the Benedictine Academy in the amount of \$1,000 (winner), Union County TEAMS Charter School and Roselle Catholic High School in the amount of \$500 (honorable mention) for a combined total amount of \$2,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

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**FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

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- 2019-467 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** Resolution offering the Board's best wishes to Ezinne Comfort Orisakwe as she celebrates her 85th birthday.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-468 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution proclaiming the month of June as Pride Month throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-469 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating the Elizabeth Portugal Day Parade Committee on their 41st Anniversary.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-470 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution proclaiming June 7, 2019 as Gun Violence Awareness Day throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-471 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution proclaiming the month of May as National Community Action Month throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-472 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution congratulating Dr. Margaret W. Hayes, Superintendent of Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools upon her retirement.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-473 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Laudatory Resolution congratulating Barbara Hathaway upon celebrating her 10th year anniversary with Literacy NJ on June 6th.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-474 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Resolution congratulating the following: Christopher T. Albuquerque, Ryan F. Agostinho, Matthew C. Turner and Thomas J. Bernier of Boy Scout Troop 23, Elizabeth, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-475 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating the First Place and Honorable Mention school recipients of the 2018/2019 UC STEP "Link Up for Life" Suicide Awareness and Prevention Civic Engagement Campaign Start Now Grants; and further recognizing each participating school for their noteworthy efforts.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-476 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution commending the efforts of Caring Contact and offering the Board's gratitude for their collaboration with the UC STEP Link Up for Life" Suicide Awareness and Prevention Civic Engagement program.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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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.

Steven Thorpe, of Winfield Park, made comments relative to the earlier presentation by Regional Plan Association (RPA) Director Nat Bottigheimer and expressed his concerns regarding the proposed Gateway Tunnel project.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments and expressed his concerns relative to the Gateway Tunnel project.

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

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**FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

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Freeholder Granados reminded residents of the upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> annual LGBTQ Pride Flag Raising Ceremony on June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth. He noted that 2019 marks a historic year for the LGBTQ community as it marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Stonewall uprising. He added that ceremony will include a performance by the Acapella Chorus from Elizabeth's Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy. He advised that in support of the municipalities hosting a community LGBTQ Pride flag raising event, free "PRIDE in a Box" kits were available through the county. Freeholder Granados also noted his recent attendance of The Station at Grant Avenue's groundbreaking ceremony. He marveled at the new housing development for working families in Plainfield as well as the positive energy emanating from the city and its residents as these and other innovations arise.

Freeholder Williams mentioned several upcoming events throughout the county, including the 86<sup>th</sup> annual Spring Troop Show at the Watchung Stable as well as the Rhythm and Blues by the Brook Music Festival at Cedar Brook Park in Plainfield and the NJ Symphony Orchestra at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside.

Freeholder Hudak mentioned his recent attendance of the Public Safety Committee meeting about the growing opioid epidemic held at McManus Middle School in Linden. Joined by Freeholders Estrada, Garretson, Staten and Chairman Kowalski, he noted that the meeting was very informative and gave residents an opportunity to learn about the effects of the opioid crisis as well as the efforts being employed to address the growing epidemic within the community. He thanked and commended the various staff that coordinated and facilitated the event, including the Departments of Public Safety, Human Services, and the Sheriff's Office. Freeholder Hudak also referenced the earlier presentation by Nat Bottigheimer of the RPA and expressed his support for an increase in rail capacity, outlining several negative effects that may result from neglecting the issue. He closed by reminding residents about the grand opening of the Wheeler Park Spray Park in Linden on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Freeholder Staten congratulated and offered her well wishes to all the graduates and soon-to-be graduates throughout the county. She also reminded residents about several upcoming mobile shredding and scrap metal recycling events taking place in June.

Freeholder Estrada spoke relative to the earlier presentation by RPA Director Nat Bottigheimer and expressed his support for the Gateway Rail Tunnel project and outlined his concerns related to a potential shutdown of the Hudson River Rail Tunnel and the detrimental and sweeping effects that could result from an abrupt interruption of service.

Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded marveled at the plethora of recreational opportunities for children throughout the county, noting her recent visit to the new playground at Beechwood Elementary School in Mountainside and the "Where Angels Play" playground in Clark, posthumously dedicated to Clark residents Jim and Caitlin Nelson. She noted that Jim Nelson, a Port Authority Police Officer, died during the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks, while his daughter Caitlin, who worked for the nonprofit organization Where Angels Play in honor of the Sandy Hook victims, tragically passed away in 2017. She added that the playground previously on-site was disassembled, refurbished and relocated to a neighborhood in Arecibo, Puerto Rico devastated by hurricanes. She closed by recognizing and thanking the veterans who have served and continue to serve our country in honor of Memorial Day.

Freeholder Garretson thanked Freeholder Granados for providing an in-person account of the groundbreaking ceremony at The Station at Grant Avenue. She also applauded the recent meeting in Linden related to the opioid epidemic, noting how informative and useful the forum was. She referenced the earlier presentation by the Director of RPA, noting that although it is a highly debatable issue, it merits a serious discussion as the effects are far-reaching. Freeholder Garretson also issued a reminder relative to the ongoing demonstrations available throughout the county related to the new Express XL Voting Machines. She concluded by noting her appreciation and excitement to participate in the annual American flag deployment on veterans' graves at Graceland Cemetery in Kenilworth that coming weekend.

Chairman Kowalski referenced the rail transportation issue discussed earlier, noting that government officials were working diligently to make progress on the Gateway Tunnel project. She offered her congratulations to the recent graduates throughout the county, in particular those from Union County College. She also thanked those that participated and facilitated the recent Women Mean Business event in Kenilworth, including Deputy County Manager Amy Wagner and Deana Mesaros. She also mentioned the recent opening of the Ash Brook Golf Course Clubhouse. She concluded by thanking the veterans for their service to our nation.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Kowalski asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded a voice vote showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent. The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 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

<u>AGENDA SETTING SESSION</u>	<u>REGULAR MEETINGS</u>
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 9, 2019*	May 16, 2019
May 30, 2019**	May 30, 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.