



## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kowalski presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

### ROLL CALL

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

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

### PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

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

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

### PRESENTATIONS BY THE BOARD

A resolution presentation was made by Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella to Fanwood Borough Clerk/Administrator Eleanor McGovern for her many years of dedicated service to her community.

Vice Chairman Mirabella spoke relative to Eleanor McGovern and her many decades of dedicated service as a public servant to the Borough of Fanwood. He commended her for her hard work over the years and commitment to her community and wished her well on her retirement.

Eleanor McGovern thanked the Board for the recognition and the many years of support, noting how helpful the Board had been in furthering municipal initiatives over the years.

Chairman Kowalski noted that Eleanor McGovern was previously recognized for outstanding achievement with a Woman of Excellence Award.

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APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

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## Note and File

Chairman Kowalski advised that the communications would be approved later that evening during the Regular Meeting.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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1. Thursday, October 3, 2019 – Agenda Setting Session
2. Thursday, October 10, 2019 – Regular Meeting
3. Thursday, October 24, 2019 – Agenda Setting Session
4. Thursday, October 24, 2019 – Regular Meeting
5. Thursday, November 7, 2019 – Agenda Setting Session
6. Thursday, November 14, 2019 – Regular Meeting

Chairman Kowalski advised that the minutes would be approved later that evening during the Regular Meeting.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY CLERK

Joanne Rajoppi, County Clerk

Deputy County Clerk Clara Fernandez represented the Office.

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2019-608 adopted on 7/25/2019, a contract with Royal Printing Services, West New York, NJ, for printing services needed for the 2019 General Elections for sample ballots, provisional ballots, and emergency ballots in the amount of \$116,237.00 for a total amount of \$1,522,181.00. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Election Systems and Software, LLC (ES&S) for maintenance of software, hardware, and services for the Primary and General elections of 2020 for an amount not to exceed \$35,250.00. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Wisolmerski Associates, Inc., Boca Raton, Florida, for the purpose of providing technical support to the recording, indexing and accounting systems of the Office of the County Clerk for the contract period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$44,350.00. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
4. Amending Resolution Number 2018-1110, a contract with B&B Press, Lebanon, New Jersey, to secure additional monies in the amount of \$8,800.00, for

printing expenses incurred due to the new vote by mail law enacted in August 2018 for a total not to exceed \$339,219.14. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)

5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Ditto Copy Systems Inc., Linden, New Jersey to provide coin operated copy machines (BA # 37-2019), for public use at five cents (\$0.05) cost per copy for a contract period of 24 consecutive months - upon execution of the contract, with a 24 month extension option. This is not a revenue producing contract nor is there a cost to the County. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
6. Authorizing the County Manager to make any and all purchases of goods and/or services required in the process of preparing and conducting an election to be provided by various vendors and to provide miscellaneous election services which might arise for the 2020 elections, in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 per individual vendor, for an overall total not to exceed \$42,900.00 (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
7. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Intersection, Secaucus, New Jersey for the purpose of providing design and advertising space for the Union County Votes App at NJ Transit train stations in advance of the 2020 Primary and General Elections in an amount not to exceed \$21,000.00. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)

#### OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Lyndsay V. Ruotolo, Acting Prosecutor

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a professional services contract with Elite Transcripts Inc., Butler, New Jersey, to provide professional transcript service for the contract period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding (BA 2019-36) weapons training simulator in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Office of the Union County Prosecutor: VirTra, Inc., Tempe, Arizona, for the purpose of providing a Weapons Training Simulator for the John H. Stamler Police Academy in the amount of \$221,258.93. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Robert Santilli, Middletown, NJ to serve as IT Manager for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)

Freeholder Garretson asked how many staff members and hours of service would be covered under this item.

Acting Prosecutor Ruotolo advised that the cited amount covered the fee for IT Manager Robert Santilli who has 32 years of IT experience and was previously employed by the Prosecutor's Office as a full-time employee and would continue working full-time hours as an IT consultant under this agreement. She added that Mr. Santilli was responsible for the development of several systems currently employed in the department and was and will continue to be an integral part of the department.

4. Authorizing the Union County Prosecutor's Office to enter into a professional services contract with Kristen Balsamo-Kleinbach, Paramus, New Jersey, to serve as a DNA Analyst (Forensic Scientist) at the Union County Prosecutor's Forensic Laboratory for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an amount not exceed \$41,600.00. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
5. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into an agreement with Prevention Links, Roselle, New Jersey for the Operation Helping Hand program and follow up reporting including staff 24/7/365 for a responsive hotline for the period of December 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020 in the amount of \$58,734.00. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)

Vice Chairman Mirabella noted the invaluable services provided by Prevention Links and asked Acting Prosecutor Ruotolo to elaborate on the partnership with Operation Helping Hand.

Acting Prosecutor Ruotolo thanked the Board for partnering with and facilitating the work of Prevention Links, noting that Operation Helping Hand was started two years ago and focused on providing immediate treatment options for individuals involved in possessory-level opioid offenses with the assistance of Prevention Links. She added that this item related to previously awarded grant funding that the department wished to redistribute to cover the cost of additional personnel i.e. recovery specialist at Prevention Links.

6. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to accept funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice for the 2019 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program in the amount of \$421,635.00 for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021. Award number 2019-DN-BX-0051. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)

Freeholder Hudak asked Acting Prosecutor Ruotolo to elaborate on this item and confirm whether this funding covered any shared services.

Acting Prosecutor Ruotolo advised that the item related to grant funding from the federal government and would cover the salary of a biologist and forensic scientist as well as a laboratory aide, overtime needs, training, laboratory equipment and consumables, and the

cost of a DNA analyst. She noted that the funds would help subsidize current costs of the department and would not include and or cover any shared services agreement.

7. Amending Resolution 2019-930 to reflect revised Federal approved budget of \$62,500.00; and to further authorize the County Manager through the Office of Union County Prosecutor to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety funded by the New Jersey Department of Health through the Federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for FFY2019 Overdose Data to Action- Operation Helping Hand Grant Program for the period of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020. Subaward number FYOHH-15-2019. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
8. Amending Resolution Number 2019-928, a resolution authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the SFY 2019 Law Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment Fund (LEOTEF) grant; to reflect Subaward number LEOTEF-09-19. (No change in amount.) (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
9. Amending Resolution Number 2019-929, a resolution authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept grant funding from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program to support the Multi-Jurisdictional Gang, Gun, and Narcotics Task Force, to reflect Subaward number JAG-1-20TF-17. (No change in amount.) (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
10. Amending Resolution Number 2019-931, a resolution authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to apply for and accept funding from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, Megan's Law and Local Law Enforcement Assistant Grant Program, to reflect Subaward number JAG-1-20-17. (No change in amount.) (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)

#### DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Laura Scutari, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital-Medical Malpractice Policy, General and Professional Liability Umbrella Policy, and Excess Umbrella Liability Policy with Princeton Insurance for the period of December 15, 2019 through December 14, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$118,609.41 (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)

#### DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Ronald Charles, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with CFG Health Systems LLC 765 East Route 70 Marlton, New Jersey to provide comprehensive institutional healthcare services for incarcerated adults at the Union County Jail for a three (3) year period beginning January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$4,964,401.00 each year. RCCP#1-2019 (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)

Freeholder Granados asked about last year's cost for this item.

Director Ronald Charles advised that the amount cited reflected an approximate increase of 3%, in comparison to last year.

Freeholder Hudak asked how long CFG Health Systems LLC has been servicing the county and questioned the increase of 3% and asked Director Ronald Charles for additional resources related to the services being provided and how funds are being allocated.

Director Ronald Charles advised that the organization had been working with the county for three years. He noted that intake of incarcerated adults remained fairly consistent from year to year and confirmed that contract compliance personnel on-site oversaw and confirmed the services being furnished to ensure appropriate use of funds.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Community Access Unlimited Elizabeth, New Jersey to provide anger management training for the incarcerated inmates of the Union County Jail for the contract period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)

Freeholder Granados asked how many individuals participated in the program last year.

Director Ronald Charles advised that approximately eleven people a week participated in the program.

Unrelated to the items, Chairman Kowalski commended Director Ronald Charles for a successful preliminary accreditation process through the American Correctional Association.

#### Department of Economic Development

Amy Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Resolution concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board approval awarding the Union County Department of Human Services a contract to serve as the American Job Center Operator for the contract period beginning January 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)

2. Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution Number 2019-889, a resolution authorizing the application and execution of a Grant Agreement with the NJ Department of State 2020 Complete Count Commission County Grants Program in the amount of \$221,000.00, increasing the amount by \$18,990.00 for a new amount not to exceed \$239,990.00. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Joseph Graziano, Director

1. Amending Resolution Number 2019-560, 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 \$55,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-031) (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJS 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management: KM Construction Corporation, Irvington, New Jersey for the Lawrence Avenue Minor Bridge (Mo03) Replacement, Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$453,804.37, subject to the approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation. (BA#34-2019; Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-042). (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
3. Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for Fiscal Year 2020 State Aid to Counties (CA-2020-Union County-00002) in the amount of \$7,051,490.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2019-003 - 2021 Road Resurfacing Project). (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
4. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed lease agreement for the Department of Public Works: Division of Facilities Management to the City of Elizabeth Parking Authority, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Jury Parking, as per state mandate, for a contract period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$480,000.00. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
5. Amending Resolution 2019-182, a professional service contract with Appraisal Associates, Inc. of Cranford for provision of appraisal services, for an additional amount in the amount of \$1,500.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$21,500.00. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
6. Amending Resolution Number 2019-185, a professional services contract with Sterling, DesSanto, Somerville, NJ, for the provision of appraisal services, to increase the

contract amount by \$6,000.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$26,000.00. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)

7. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Electronic Manufacturers Recycling Management Company, LLC (MRM) of Minneapolis, MN for the provision of computer and electronic recycling services for a 24-month contract period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 with an option to renew for another 24 months. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)

Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded asked Director Graziano to elaborate on this item.

Director Graziano advised that this item relates to electronic recycling services that are made available throughout the year in various municipalities throughout the county. He added that the service was at no cost to residents.

#### DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Bibi Taylor, Director

1. Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation for a program entitled: 2019 LFIF-Replacement of Lower Road Bridge Grant. (Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella)
2. Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$76,800.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Comprehensive Traffic Safety Program (CTSP) Grant. (Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella)
3. Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$65,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Special Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant. (Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella)
4. Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$52,750.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Callout Program Grant. (Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella)
5. Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$838,844.00 as a result of notification for additional funding received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a program entitled: Social Services for the Homeless (SSH) Grant. (Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella)
6. Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$4,815.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled:

Supplemental Workforce Development Benefits (SmartSTEPS) Program. (Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella)

7. Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$62,500.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Operation Helping Hand-Overdose Data to Action Grant. (Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella)

Vice Chairman Mirabella asked Director Taylor to confirm that all of the cited items were related to unanticipated revenue from grant funding that would be used for alternate services.

Director Taylor confirmed this to be the case.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

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There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to renew the lease agreement with Immaculate Conception Church, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the rental of 85 parking spaces located at 425 Union Avenue, Elizabeth, for Division of Social Services employee parking in the amount of \$80.00 per space per month or \$6,800.00 per month, total amount not to exceed \$81,600.00 for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. (Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)
2. 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: HFT Management Inc., (BA #2017-66) for the purpose of providing advertising on Union County Paratransit System Vehicles, exercising the option to extend for one (1) twenty-four (24) month period of December 29, 2019 through December 28, 2021, as a revenue generated contract. (Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)
3. Authorizing the County Manager to endorse the Union County 2021 Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA) Alliance Program Spending Plan, as required by the GCADA, awarding subcontracts in the total amount not to exceed \$556,097.00 for the grant period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 under the 2021 Municipal Alliance Program; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the municipalities during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the various municipalities/agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation. (Freeholder Andrea Staten)
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a revenue generating agreement with Inroads to Opportunities, Roselle, New Jersey, for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for reimbursement to the County of Union in the amount

- of \$6.00 per one way trip for the provision of transportation service through the Union County Paratransit System for Partial Care clients attending their programs based upon pre-scheduled trips provided by the County on Mondays through Fridays. (Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)
5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a revenue generating agreement with Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for reimbursement to the County of Union in the amount of \$7.00 per one way trip for the provision of transportation service through the Union County Paratransit System for Partial Care clients attending their programs, based upon scheduled trips provided by the County on Mondays through Fridays. (Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)
  6. Authorizing the County Manager to award a 2020 Shelter Diversion Program contract to Family Promise, Inc., Summit, New Jersey, for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in the total amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. (Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)
  7. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Prevention Links, Inc., Roselle, New Jersey, for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in the total amount not to exceed \$110,000.00 for the Union County Helping Hands 365 Program. (Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)
  8. Amending Resolution Number 2018-1104, adopting the 2019 Social Services for the Homeless (SSH) Spending Plan, to reflect additional grant funds in the amount of \$10,611.00 for a new spending plan total amount not to exceed \$802,000.00; no further changes to grant terms of agreement. (Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)
  9. Amending Resolution Number 2019-874, applying for and executing the FY2020 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) agreement in the amount of \$219,916.00, to reflect additional grant funds in the amount of \$3,017.00 for a new grant total of \$222,933.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) for the grant period of January 1, 2020 through March 30, 2021 for the purpose of providing community programming for low income residents of Union County; and would also recognize and accept that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from NJDCA, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement. (Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)
  10. Amending Resolution Number 2019-223, a contract for the Countywide Code Blue Emergency Shelter Initiative for the Winter of 2018-2019 to address the needs of the homeless due to the increase in the number of adults and children requiring shelter during extreme weather conditions, to reflect an additional appropriation in the amount of \$30,000.00 to be allocated to the following designated shelters and hotels: \$10,000.00 to Knights Inn, Elizabeth, New Jersey, and \$20,000.00 to Howard Johnson

- Motel, North Plainfield, New Jersey; for a new grand total amount not to exceed \$330,000.00; no further changes. (Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)
11. Amending Resolution Number 2018-951, to reflect an additional allocation to Las Rosas-Bannworth Funeral Home, Elizabeth, New Jersey, in the amount of \$9,300.00 due to an increase in the number of indigent burials, for a new grand total amount not to exceed \$89,300.00 for all specified funeral home providers through December 31, 2019; no further changes. (Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)
  12. Amending Resolution Number 2019-582, to include subaward numbers and to read as follows: authorizing the County Manager to endorse and approve the 2020 Comprehensive County Youth Services Plan and Application in the total amount of \$689,163.00 listing each funding as required by the State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission and Attorney General's Office: State Community Partnership (SCP-20-PM-20) Program Management funds in the amount of \$55,550.00; State Community Partnership (SCP-20-PS-20) Program Service funds in the amount of \$384,876.00; and Family Court Services (FC-20-20) funds in the amount of \$248,737.00 for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020; no further changes. (Freeholder Sergio Granados)
  13. Amending Resolution Number 2019-581, to include subaward numbers and to read as follows: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept State of New Jersey, Juvenile Justice Commission, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI-20-IF-20) 2020 Innovations Funding in the amount of \$120,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 to serve youth in the Union County juvenile justice system; no further changes. (Freeholder Sergio Granados)

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Ron Zuber, Director

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There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract with Professional Farrier Services, Inc. of Elizabeth, NJ (RCCP #5-2019) for farrier services at Watchung Stables from December 1, 2019 through November 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$172,000.00; with an option to renew for one twenty-four (24) month period and one final additional twelve (12) month period at the County's sole discretion. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
2. Amending Resolution No. 2017-931, a contract to Michael C. Aromando, DMV, MS of Town & Country Veterinary Services of Boonton, NJ to provide veterinary services for Watchung Stables for the remaining contract period, to increase the contract amount by not to exceed \$24,000.00, at a rate of \$8,000.00 per year, for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021 for a total contract amount to exceed \$206,000.00. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)

3. Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolutions 2019-632 (HEART Grant Program) to reallocate the sum of \$1,800.00 from Peruvians for Progress Project to the Black History Month Program Project. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement to authorize approval for participation in the Defense Logistics Agency, Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO), 1033 Program to enable Union County Police to request and acquire excess Department of Defense Equipment. (Freeholder Christopher Hudak)

Freeholder Hudak asked if this item related to equipment or access to equipment.

Director Moran confirmed that this item related to access to equipment. He noted that this agreement dated back to 2016 and has allowed the department to acquire various materials including computers, monitors, and vehicles among other items. He added that approximately \$570,000 of materials had been acquired through this initiative, materials that would have otherwise come from the departmental budget.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Continental Fire and Safety, Hamilton, NJ, through New Jersey State Contract #17-FLEET-00757 for the purpose of providing specialized fire rescue equipment for the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$108,671.45. (Freeholder Christopher Hudak)
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Perimeter Solutions, Martinez, CA to provide a fire suppression course to approximately 40 firefighters from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Region, through the 2019 UASI Grant in an amount not to exceed \$179,080.00. (Freeholder Christopher Hudak)

Freeholder Hudak asked how many of the cited firefighters were from Union County and asked for details about the training involved.

Director Moran advised that eleven of them were from Union County. In particular, he advised that four were from Elizabeth; 2 from Union and 1 from Linden, Springfield, Scotch Plains, Berkeley Heights, and Kenilworth respectively. He noted that the specialized training was very elaborate, according to the positive feedback he had received.

4. Authorizing the County Manager to approve an annual uniform/clothing allowance for the Union County Fire Mutual Aid Coordinator and Deputy Coordinators in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. (Freeholder Christopher Hudak)

Vice Chairman Mirabella commended these individuals for their outstanding work in coordinating aid and response and ultimately, in keeping our communities safe.

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**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL****Robert Barry, County Counsel**

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There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. A Resolution authorizing the settlement of pending litigation entitled Valerie Donofrio v. UC, et al, in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
2. Amending Resolution 2019-510 to increase the appropriation to DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP of Teaneck, NJ in the matter entitled H.C. Equities v. County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$120,000.00. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
3. Amending Resolution 2019-817 dated September 26, 2019 to increase the appropriation to Palumbo Renaud and DeAppolonio of Cranford, NJ in the matter entitled Susan Pearl & Cynthia Pisano v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$55,000.00. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
4. Amending Resolution 2018-831 dated September 27, 2018 to increase the appropriation to Weiner Law Group, LLP of Parsippany, NJ in the matter entitled Justin Marranca v. County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$20,000.00. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
5. Amending Resolution 2019-896 dated October 24, 2019 to increase the appropriation to Ruderman & Roth of Springfield, NJ in the matter entitled Eric Graham v. UC, et als in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$50,000.00. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
6. A Resolution appointing DiFrancesco Bateman of Warren, NJ to represent Arthur Kobitz in the matter entitled Jamar Cherry v. UC, et al in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
7. A Resolution appointing Kologi Simitz of Linden, NJ to represent Joseph Policay in the matter entitled Jamar Cherry v. UC, et al in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)

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**FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

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1. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Mother Cornelia T. Stamper, of Hillside, during their time of sorrow. (Freeholder Angela R. Garretson)
2. Resolution celebrating Hanukkah with the lighting of the Menorah at Phil Rizzuto Park on December 16, 2019. (Freeholder Angela R. Garretson)

Freeholder Hudak asked that this resolution be from the entire Board; Chairman Kowalski agreed.

3. Resolution thanking Michael Yesenko, long-time member of the Open Space, Recreation & Historical Preservation Public Advisory Committee (PAC), on his many years of dedicated service to the County of Union. (Freeholder Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)
4. Congratulating Merlin Soccer Club on the occasion of their 16th Anniversary. (Freeholder Sergio Granados)
5. Congratulating Garwood Lions Club upon their 90th Anniversary Celebration. (Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)
6. Congratulating Michael J. Fleming, Administrator, Cornerstone Behavior Health Hospital of Union County upon his retirement. (Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, & The Entire Board)
7. Resolution offering the Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Mrs. Marie Jordan, of Plainfield, during their time of sorrow. (Freeholder Rebecca Lynne Williams)
8. Resolution honoring Sheila B. Doyle on accomplishing 50 years working with the South Street Youth Center. (Freeholder Rebecca Lynne Williams)
9. Resolution congratulating David Villafranca, of Boy Scout Troop 83, Kenilworth, NJ, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. (Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella)
10. Resolution congratulating Eleanor McGovern, the Business Administrator for Fanwood upon her retirement. (Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, & The Entire Board)
11. Resolution congratulating Ron Manzella, the Business Administrator of Union, upon his retirement. (Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)
12. Resolution offering this Board's most sincere gratitude to former El Salvadorian Ambassador and current President and CEO of Poverty Alleviation and Development (OPAD), Carlos Garcia, for his support to Union County College and the greater Union County community. (Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella)

Freeholder Granados asked to join this resolution and in his absence asked for Freeholder Estrada to be added.

13. Resolution offering this Board's sincere gratitude to Gary Steitz Sr. for his many years of dedicated service in fire prevention for the County of Union; and further wish him well upon his retirement. (Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella)
14. Congratulating Matthew C. Fusillo of Boy Scout Troop 1, New Providence, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski & Freeholder Christopher Hudak)

15. Congratulating Daniel Mariniello of Boy Scout Troop 1, New Providence, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski & Freeholder Christopher Hudak)
16. Resolution recognizing Rabbi Paul Kerbel of Temple Beth-El Mevor Chayim at his installation ceremony on Sunday, December 8, 2019. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski & Freeholder Sergio Granados)

Freeholder Garretson and Freeholder Williams asked to join this resolution.

17. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Kurt Steiner, 107 year old resident of Cranford, during their time of sorrow. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
18. Authorizing the County Manager to hereby proclaim April 1, 2020 as "2020 Census full participation day" throughout the County of Union and therefore pledge full support to a thorough and accurate count of all Union County residents. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)

Freeholder Garretson and Freeholder Williams asked to join this resolution; with Freeholder Williams suggesting this item be from the entire Board; Chairman Kowalski agreed.

19. Congratulating Elizabeth Councilwoman Patricia Perkins-Auguste upon receiving the Outstanding Women in Municipal Government Award. (Freeholder Andrea Staten & The Entire Board)
20. A Resolution urging New Jersey State Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal to support the City of Newark, the County of Union, and the municipalities of Elizabeth, Linden, Rahway, Roselle, Hillside, Union Township, and Plainfield, in their efforts to bring the New York City "SOTA" homeless family relocation program to a halt, to obtain a full accounting of all families in the program from New York City, to obtain reimbursement for social services and other costs associated with the systematic placement of homeless residents of New York City into communities in New Jersey, and to ensure that these families are provided with the services they need. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski & The Entire Board)

#### 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 Estrada absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 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.

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

AGENDA SETTING SESSION

REGULAR MEETINGS

January 17, 2019

January 24, 2019

February 7, 2019  
 February 21, 2019

February 14, 2019  
 February 21, 2019

March 7, 2019  
 March 28, 2019

March 14, 2019  
 March 28, 2019

April 4, 2019  
 April 25, 2019

April 11, 2019  
 April 25, 2019

May 2, 2019\*  
 May 23, 2019\*\*

May 16, 2019  
 May 23, 2019\*\*

June 13, 2019  
 June 27, 2019

June 20, 2019  
 June 27, 2019

July 25, 2019

July 25, 2019

August 22, 2019

August 22, 2019

September 5, 2019  
 September 26, 2019

September 12, 2019  
 September 26, 2019

October 3, 2019  
 October 24, 2019

October 10, 2019  
 October 24, 2019

November 7, 2019

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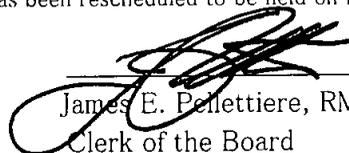
December 5, 2019  
 December 19, 2019

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 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. Pellettiere, RMC, MPA  
 Clerk of the Board