

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kowalski presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:38 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 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 Clerk of the Board Croom.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

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

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

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

Chairman Kowalski called for a motion to approve the Minutes. On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed six votes in the affirmative for the Minutes of October 3rd's Agenda Setting Meeting, with 2 abstentions; seven votes in the affirmative for the Minutes of October 10th Regular Meeting and November 7th Agenda Setting Session, with one abstention; and eight votes in the affirmative for the Agenda Setting Meeting of October 24th and Regular Meetings of October 24th and November 14th.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

810-2019 **BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 4.I, 4.M AND 12 OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 776-2016) ENTITLED: "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW ADDITIONAL FURNISHINGS, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$58,933,154 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE STATE GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS," ADOPTED ON AUGUST 18, 2016, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 805-2019 ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 14, 2019.**

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

Section 1. Section 4.I of Ordinance No. 776-2016 entitled:

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW ADDITIONAL FURNISHINGS, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$58,933,154 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE STATE GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND

ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS."

adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, New Jersey (the "County") on August 18, 2016, as previously amended by Bond Ordinance No. 805-2019 adopted on February 14, 2019 (the "Prior Ordinance"), is hereby amended to: (A) change the purposes authorized from the construction of an animal shelter to (i) renovation of a portion of the Ralph Froehlich Public Safety Building located in Westfield for County dispatch and additional office space and (ii) additional funding for the construction and equipping of the Oak Ridge Park Sports Complex; (B) decrease the appropriation and estimated cost from \$5,150,000 to \$4,830,000 (a decrease of \$320,000); (C) decrease the down payment appropriated from \$257,500 to \$241,500 (a decrease of \$16,000); (D) decrease the bonds and notes authorized from \$4,892,500 to \$4,588,500 (a decrease of \$304,000); and (E) decrease the period of usefulness of the purposes authorized from 30 years to 15 years (a decrease of 15 years), and shall hereafter read as follows:

"[Section 4.] I. Department of Public Safety; Department of Parks and Recreation - (i) Renovation of a portion of the Ralph Froehlich Public Safety Building located in Westfield for County dispatch and additional office space (Department of Public Safety) and (ii) additional funding for the construction and equipping of the Oak Ridge Park Sports Complex (Department of Parks and Recreation). It is hereby determined and stated that said public buildings to be renovated or constructed are or will be of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 4,830,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 241,500
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 4,588,500
Period of Usefulness	15 years."

Section 2. Section 4.M of the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended

to: (A) add the acquisition of new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, to the purposes authorized; (B) increase the appropriation and estimated cost from \$591,010 to \$911,010 (an increase of \$320,000); (C) increase the down payment appropriated from \$29,551 to \$45,551 (an increase of \$16,000); and (D) increase the bonds and notes authorized from \$561,459 to \$865,459 (an increase of \$304,000); and shall hereafter read as follows:

"[Section 4.] M. Department of Public Safety, Division of Police - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new information technology and telecommunications equipment, new communication and signal systems equipment, and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$
	911,01
	0
Down Payment Appropriated	\$
	45,551
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$
	865,45
	9
Period of Usefulness	5 years."

Section 3. Section 12 of the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended to decrease the average period of usefulness of the purposes authorized from 14.25 years to 12.58 years (a decrease of 1.67 years), and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 12. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of said purposes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 12.58 years computed from the date of said bonds."

Section 4. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with

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

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

FIRST READING STATEMENT

Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 810-2019 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The public hearing and final reading was scheduled to be held on December 19, 2019.

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

811-2019 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND "THE LAWS OF UNION COUNTY: ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION" BY AMENDING: PART 1-THE UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, CHAPTER 1, UNION COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE, ARTICLE III-BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS; ARTICLE XXIV-DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; CHAPTER 42-COUNTY MANAGER CANDIDATE SELECTION GUIDELINES; CHAPTER 49, FEES, ARTICLE II-PARATRANSIT SERVICE; CHAPTER 107-PARKS AND RECREATION, ARTICLE IV- FEES FOR RECREATION FACILITIES § 107-6. PARK FEES FOR THE YEAR 2020; AND, CHAPTER 140, CONTRACTED OFF-DUTY EMPLOYMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

SCHEDULE A

PART I - ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

Chapter 1, UNION COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union 4-28-1976 by Ord. No. 1; amended in its entirety by Ord. No. 9-1984. Subsequent amendments noted where applicable.]

ARTICLE III, Board of Chosen Freeholders

§ 1-8. to § 1-18. NO CHANGE

§ 1-19 Office of Archives & Records Management

Under the supervision of the Clerk of the Board, the Board shall appoint a Records Manager, preferably with a state certification, and other staff deemed appropriate to execute proper Records Management principles.

The work of the Office of Archives and Records Management ("OARM") is to administrate and enforce the guidelines for records storage, preservation and destruction set forth by the State of New Jersey, Department of State, Division of Archives and Records Management.

The OARM must inform and continue to educate each County department of the appropriate retention requirements for their documents, and assist them in storing or destroying documents as appropriate. The OARM is the department through which records may be sent to the County's third party, off-site storage facility; the OARM also administers the records management contract(s).

The OARM follows similar protocols for retention and destruction of records for the municipalities that choose to participate with the County in records management.

The Records Manager and the Records Retrieval Operators are also responsible for the County's Records Imaging and Microfilming program, through which documents designated by the State as Permanent and Historic are imaged into the County's state-certified Electronic Data Management system and microfilmed, as required. All departments throughout the County as well as municipalities within the County have access to and utilize the Electronic Data Management System for various purposes.

§ 1-20 RESERVED

§ 1-21 Office of Freeholder Advancing and Staffing

The Board shall appoint a qualified person to serve as Director of the Office of Freeholder Advancing and Staffing

Under the supervision of the Clerk of the Board, the Director of the Office of Freeholder Advancing and Staffing shall be responsible for:

- A. The coordination of the Freeholder Schedule.
- B. The supervision and assigning of the Freeholder Aides as it relates to the coordination/confirmation of Freeholders' attendance to various county and non-county sponsored events; requiring clear communication between the Freeholder and the event contact person(s).
- C. The supervision of the Freeholder Aides communication with their assigned Freeholders and the management of their individual Freeholders' schedules.
- D. Assist the Clerk of the Board with the coordination of presentations during the Freeholder meetings.
- E. The coordination of the County's videotaping of/and preparation of dvd's for dissemination of all Agenda Sessions and Regular Meetings to various municipalities and media outlets. The Director will supervise the Legislative Aide's videotaping, editing and coordination of video to be posted to the Union County Video Channel on the official Union County website.
- F. Assigning proper staffing of Legislative Aides to represent Freeholders at various Advisory Boards, committee meetings and/or meetings and to prepare notes for said meetings.
- G. Coordinating the Freeholder/Office of Public Information (OPI) Van; including the coordination of stocking the Freeholder/OPI Van with current and relevant county departmental printed materials (i.e., fliers and brochures).
- H. Assisting any and all offices in the County with staffing for County Sponsored events.
- I. Such other duties as the Board of Chosen Freeholders may assign.

§ 1-22 FREEHOLDER AIDES

The Board shall appoint in the unclassified service in the County a sufficient number of Freeholder Aides to provide administrative services for the Members of the Board. The County Manager shall be instructed to place sufficient monies in the budget to provide necessary funding.

A person acting as a Freeholder Aide in this section shall be considered a full time employee of the County and shall enjoy all rights and privileges as an employee.

A Freeholder Aide shall keep in confidence those things which are discussed informally by the Members of the Board in which the Board takes on no official action.

Freeholder Aides shall report as assigned to the Office of Advancing and Staffing and the Office of Legislative Research and Constituent Outreach.

To be considered for employment as a Freeholder Aide, the prospective employee must possess the necessary skills that are normally required for this type of employment.

The compensation of Freeholder Aides shall be set in accordance with the provisions of the Non-Contractual Employee Classification and Compensation Plan.

§ 1-23. No Change

ARTICLE XXIV, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[Added 12-19-2013 by Ord. 2013-755; Amended 4-30-2015 by Ord. 2015-764; Amended 7-20-2017 by Ord. 2017-785; Amended 12-7-2017 by Ord. 2017-789]

§ 1-152. Department established; purpose; organization.

A. General Purpose; Departmental organization. There shall be a Department of Economic Development for the purpose of promoting and developing the economic growth of the County of Union. The Director of Economic Development shall be the Head of the Department and shall be responsible to the County Manager for its operation. The Director shall be fully responsible for the implementation and coordination of all economic development plans and programs including matters affecting workforce investment, community development, and quality of housing.

B. There may be a Deputy Director who shall be responsible to the Director of the Department of Economic Development.

C. The Department of Economic Development shall consist of the following:

- (1). Workforce Development Board
- (2). Division of Strategic Planning
- (3). Division of Community Services

D. The Department of Economic Development shall also have the Bureau of Information Technology which shall report to the Director of the Department of Economic Development.

§ 1-153 The Division of Strategic Planning

[Amended 12-13-2018 by Ord. 802-2018]

A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of Economic Development, the Division of Strategic Planning functions and responsibilities shall include:

- (1) Strengthening Union County's economy and positioning the County to

compete in a global marketplace by stimulating and creating new jobs, retaining existing businesses, and facilitating economic growth and development in partnership with the Union County Economic Development Corporation and all other public/private partnerships.

- (2) Establish an ongoing program of legislative advocacy at the federal, state and/or local levels; lobby for and/or develop legislation as needed; provide analysis of legislation as needed; and act as liaison with municipal, state and federal levels of government.
- (3) Maximize federal, state and foundation grant dollars and reduce property tax burden by increasing revenues into the County to fund existing and/or new programs and services as consistent with the needs of the County.
- (4) Developing and administering continuing shared service opportunities with other public entities throughout the County and State.
- (5) Facilitating intergovernmental relations on behalf of the County.
- (6) Researching and acquiring County grant opportunities programs for maximum effectiveness.

B. Division head. There may be a Director of the Division of Strategic Planning who serves as the head of the Division and shall be responsible to the Director of the Department of Economic Development for its operation.

C. Subdivisions. Within the Division of Strategic Planning shall be the following subdivisions:

- (1) Office of Community Engagement and Diversity
- (2) Office of LGBTQ Affairs.
- (3) Union County Office on Women
- (4) Office of Business Development
- (5) Bureau of Transportation Planning.
- (6) Bureau of Planning and Land Use
- (7) Office of Video Services.

§ 1-153.1 Office of Community Engagement and Diversity

A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Division of Strategic Planning the functions and responsibilities shall include:

- (1) Provide outreach to local community based groups and volunteer organizations to create a network and directory of same.
- (2) Coordinate countywide community events and programs which foster and promote volunteerism in Union County.

(3) Reinforce strategies for building relationships with the County's diverse communities to include culture, lifestyle, ethnicity, and race.

(4) Bring communities together on issues important to them and find creative & innovative solutions to ensure inclusion and collaboration on a multi-faceted vision for the County's diverse communities.

§ 1-153.2 Office of LGBTQ Affairs

A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Division of Strategic Planning the functions and responsibilities of the Office of LGBTQ Affairs shall include:

(1) Identifying and assessing the needs of LGBTQ residents of the County to plan for and facilitate access to resources, understanding of civil rights and to promote unity within communities.

(2) Providing information and referral to resources and services to improve the quality of life for LGBTQ residents of the County.

(3) Educating individuals and organizations on rights and linkage to advocacy support.

(4) Developing community outreach activities designed to promote community diversity and unity.

§ 1-153.3 Union County Office on Women

A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Division of Strategic Planning the functions and responsibilities of the Union County Office on Women shall include:

(1) Providing information to women in need of access to government and community based services and resources.

(2) Providing information and referral to resources and services to improve the quality of life for women living in the County.

(3) Serving as an advocate to coordinate programming with other offices within the Division to promote community diversity and unity.

§ 1-153.4 Office of Business Development

A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Division of Strategic Planning the functions and responsibilities of the Office of Business Development shall include:

(1) Developing effective strategies for business attraction and retention in the County of Union.

(2) Working collaboratively with organizations such as the Union County Economic Development Corporation (UCEDC), local Chambers of Commerce, and institutions of higher learning to develop and integrate strategic activities designed to attract and retain targeted industry businesses, stimulate job creation and increase the capacity of small businesses to remain competitive.

(3) Coordinating networking events such as Union County Means Business and similar events.

§ 1-153.5 Office of Video Services

A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Division of Strategic Planning, the functions and responsibilities of the Office of Business Development shall be responsible for coordination of the County's videography needs for both internal and external use. The Office will disseminate video from all Agenda and Regular meetings to various municipalities and media outlets in appropriate formats and forward to the Office of Communication and Public Information for posting on the County website.

§ 1-154. Bureau of Transportation Planning.

A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Division of Strategic Planning, the Bureau of Transportation Planning functions and responsibilities shall include:

- (1) Providing a balanced transportation system that most efficiently services the County.
- (2) Planning a coordinated intermodal transportation system.
- (3) Encouraging the improvement and extension of commuter rail and rapid transit into the County.
- (4) Providing a highway system of adequate capacity to accommodate present and anticipated traffic volumes safely and efficiently.
- (5) Surveying and analyzing traffic conditions on County and local roads.
- (6) Coordinating County, municipal, state and interstate facility planning.
- (7) Rendering technical assistance and advice to public and private agencies involved in transportation planning.

B. Bureau Chief. There may be a Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Transportation Planning who shall be the Head of the Bureau and shall be responsible to the Director of the Division of Strategic Planning for its operation.

§ 1-155. Bureau of Planning and Economic Development.

Under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Division of Strategic Planning the Bureau of Planning and Land Use functions and responsibilities

shall include:

1. Preparing a Master Plan for the physical development of the County.
2. Preparing an Official County Map.
3. Coordinating, advising and consulting with municipal, state and regional planning agencies in regard to plans and programs affecting Union County.
4. Advising the County Manager and Board on matters of planning and policy evaluation.
5. Pursuing special studies when requested.
6. Reviewing and approving, where appropriate, applications for land development within the County. Serves as staff to the Union County Planning Board.
7. Assembling and distributing data on the County as part of the continuing planning process.
8. Being responsible for the development of data on the social planning needs and economic development of Union County.

Bureau Chief. There may be a Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Planning and Land Use who shall be the Head of the Bureau and shall be responsible to the Director of the Division of Strategic Planning and Intergovernmental Relations for its operation.

§ 1-156. Division of Community Services.

Under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Department of Economic Development, the Division of Community Services' functions and responsibilities shall include:

1. Preparing, facilitating, and disseminating all matters relating to the planning and development of the County, including but not limited to those matters pertaining to planning, development, and community development mandated by federal or state government.
2. Performing all functions related to implementing a housing and community development program, as required by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and any amendments thereto.
3. Providing technical assistance to the County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee and other agencies and/or municipalities in preparing applications for the Housing and Community Development Program or other housing programs.
4. Conducting and annually updating a housing conditions analysis to determine Union County's housing needs as part of the required community development procedure.
5. Assisting Union County's municipalities, the Community

Development Revenue Sharing Committee and housing agencies in identifying areas suitable for rehabilitation and in initiating housing programs in conformance with the Housing Assistance Plan when requested by the local municipalities.

6. Maintaining close liaison with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

7. Preparing, facilitating and disseminating matters by federal and state government with reference to housing.

B. Division head. There may be a Director of the Division of Community Services who serves as the head of the Division and shall be responsible to the Director of the Department of Economic Development for its operation.

C. Subdivisions. Within the Division of Community Development shall be the following subdivisions:

- (1) Bureau of Community Development.
- (2) Bureau of Housing.
- (3) Office of Veteran's Services.

§ 156.1 through § 159. No Change

Chapter 42, RESERVED

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union 1-28-1988 by Res. No. 149-88. Re-located to this chapter on 4-10-2003 by Ord. No. 569. Amendments noted where applicable.]

Chapter 49, FEES

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Records and document fees -- See Ch. 104, Art. II.

Recreation fees -- See Ch. 107, Art. IV.

Service charges for returned checks -- See Ch. 118, Art. I.

ARTICLE II, Paratransit Service

[Adopted 2-11-1993 as Res. No. 156-93; amended by Ord. 2012-736 adopted June 14, 2012]

§ 49-3. Purpose.

It is the policy of the County of Union that a fare will be charged for transportation services provided by the Union County Paratransit System. The fares collected will be used to provide additional transportation opportunities for senior and disabled residents on Union County. Fares will not be used to exclude eligible residents from transportation services. A method is included that allows indigent and low income residents access to services with no fares or reduced payments.

§ 49-4. Fees for Services

-Individual Trips:

Fares will be charged to trips provided by the Union County Paratransit System to individual riders, during normal hours of operation of the Union County Paratransit System, at a rate of \$3.00 per one-way trip. Individual fares will be collected through monthly billing. The bill will be based on the number of one-way rides the passenger took from the previous month. County staff will permit passengers of limited income to qualify for a "fare waiver" based on income eligibility and the federal poverty guidelines. No passenger will be refused a ride for inability to pay. If it is determined that a passenger has the ability to pay but refuses, the passenger will receive a warning that service could be suspended. The passenger will be given an opportunity to reapply for a "fare waiver". However, a suspension of service will occur if the passenger does not qualify for a fare waiver or refuses to pay for the service.

-No Show Policy:

A No Show occurs when a driver arrives at designated pick-up location and:

- 1) The passenger is not present
- 2) The passenger has failed to cancel the ride within 1 hour of the scheduled pick-up time; or
- 3) Cancels the ride at the time the driver arrives.

Any passenger that is a No Show three times within a thirty (30) day period shall be charged \$3.00 for all trips they failed to cancel in advance.

-Regular Group Trips:

The Union County Paratransit System also receives requests for group transportation during normal hours, from residential facilities such as nursing homes and senior housing complexes.

The Regular Group Fare will be charged to groups from residential facilities at a rate of \$55.00 per trip, per vehicle, during normal hours of operation the Union County Paratransit System.

-Special Group Trips:

The Union County Paratransit System is, on occasion, requested to provide

transportation to elderly and/or disabled residents of the County of Union outside the normal working hours or on weekends. This requires that the driver of the vehicle be paid at an overtime rate or that a special driver be employed and compensated. The County of Union desires to offset such additional cost.

Special Group fares will be charged to groups at a rate of \$30.00 per vehicle, per hour. Group trips provided after normal business hours (after 5:30 pm & Saturday) will charge \$30.00 per hour pre and post trip. Special Group Trips will be delivered at the discretion of the Union County Paratransit Administrative Office. The agency/group will be billed at the conclusion of the trip based on the number of hours and vehicles utilized.

Chapter 107, PARKS AND RECREATION

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

ARTICLE IV, Fees for Recreation Facilities

[Amended 3-10-2005 by Ord. No. 611; Amended 2-16-2006 by Ord. No. 623-06; Amended 5-10-2007 by Ord. No. 649-2007; Amended 3-27-2008 by Ord. No. 666-2008; Amended 5-29-2008 by Ord. 668-2008; Amended 4-16-2009 by Ord. 683-2009; Amended 8-20-2009 by Ord. 689-2009; Amended 12-17-2009 by Ord. 697-2009; Amended 2-11-2010 by Ord. 701-2010; Amended 6-10-2010 by Ord. 704-2010; Amended 2-10-2011 by Ord. 716-2011; Amended 7-28-2011 by Ord. 722-2011; Amended 2-9-2012 by Ord. 727-2012; Amended 7-19-2012 by Ord. 738-2012; Amended 2-21-2013 by Ord. 744-2013; Amended 3-14-2013 by Ord. 2013-748; Amended 3-27-2014 by Ord. 2014-756; Amended 3-12-15 by Ord. 2015-763; Amended 12-7-2017 by Ord. 2017-789; Amended 6-20-2019 by Ord. 807-2019]

§ 107-6. Park Fees

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders annually adopts a fee schedule for all facilities and programs operated by the Department of Parks and Recreation. The Clerk of the Board will publish the required notice in the appropriate newspaper of such introduction and public hearing for the Schedule of Fees. A copy of the currently effective Schedule of Fees ordinance is on file in the Clerk of the Board's office and is available for examination during office hours.

The Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation is hereby authorized to set fees and one time charges not specifically included in the fee schedule. Subject to the written approval of the County Manager, the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation is hereby further authorized to amend or modify any fee set forth in the fee schedule for special promotions and events up to 12 times a year. In the event that the Director shall assess, amend or modify any fee he shall file a notice of said assessment, amendment or modification with the Clerk of the Board and the Director of the Department of Finance, no less than five days prior to the effective date of the assessment, amendment or modification.

(2020-Proposed Park Fees attached)

CHAPTER 140, CONTRACTED OFF-DUTY EMPLOYMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

[Adopted 3-10-2016 by Ord. No. 2016-772]

§ 140 OFF-DUTY WORK BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

The County of Union ("County") establishes the following policy and procedures relating to the performance of services by off-duty law enforcement officers.

A. General Provisions

1. Officers shall be permitted to perform Law Enforcement-related services for private entities or persons ("applicants") during off-duty hours and at such times that such services will not interfere with the efficient performance of regularly scheduled or emergency duties for the County.
2. Law Enforcement related services shall be defined as providing for Security and Traffic Control.
3. Only those Law Enforcement Officers who have been trained in the enforcement of the Title 39 (Motor Vehicle and Traffic Regulation) shall be permitted to accept off-duty assignments which require traffic control.
4. Law Enforcement Officers employed by the County of Union shall be permitted to perform Law Enforcement related services at events held on County Property and throughout the County, in Municipalities, which have entered into a formal agreement with the County of Union for the provision of Law Enforcement related services for private entities or persons, where the services are requested exceed the capacity of those officers to provide such services.
5. All services performed by off-duty officers serving in the Union County Police, the Union County Sheriff's Office, or the Union County Department of Corrections shall be in his/her official capacity as an employee of the County and shall be subject to the control and supervision of the Director of the Department of Public Safety, the Union County Sheriff, or the Director of the Department of Corrections, or their designees, as applicable.
6. Officers performing off-duty police-related services shall be in full uniform unless otherwise approved by the Director of the Department of Public Safety, the Union County Sheriff, or the Director of the Department of Corrections, or their designees, as applicable.
7. The Director of the Department of Public Safety, the Union County Sheriff, or the Director of the Department of Corrections, or their designees, may preclude any officer in his or her charge from working any such off-duty assignment. The Director of Public Safety, the Union

County Sheriff, or the Director of the Department of Corrections, or their designees, shall also have the right to order any off-duty assignment to be terminated.

B. Costs and Fees

1. To assure the timely payment of wages to officers who perform off-duty services, the Director of the Department of Finance shall establish a trust fund known as the "Jobs in Blue Employment Trust Account," which trust fund shall be dedicated for the receipt of costs and fees collected from applicants. The Jobs in Blue Employment Trust Account ("Trust Account") shall be administered by the Department of Finance, or by an authorized Third Party Administrator (TPA), should the Board of Chosen Freeholders determine that such a Third Party Administrator, would be in the best interest of the County.
2. Applicants seeking Law Enforcement related services for events to be held on county property shall estimate the number of hours of service required, which estimate must be approved or disapproved in writing by the Director of the Department of Public Safety, the Union County Sheriff, or the Director of the Department of Corrections, or their designees. A copy of said approval or disapproval shall be forwarded to the Director of the Department of Finance or the TPA. If services are approved, the applicant shall forward payment to the Department of Finance for the total estimated hours of service prior to the commencement of any work. The Director of the Department of Finance shall deposit said payment into the Trust Account. Any unused portion of the deposit shall be returned or credited. Any amounts owed for services in excess of the estimate shall be paid within 48 hours of the event.
3. No officer shall provide any services for more hours than are estimated without the prior approval of the Director of the Department of Public Safety, the Union County Sheriff, or the Director of the Department of Corrections, or their designees, as applicable.
4. For services performed on County property or otherwise requested for directly with the County, officers shall be paid, at a rate of \$55 per hour. Payment shall be made through the County's payroll process in accordance with its regular practices. No officer shall be paid directly by any applicant.
5. For services performed off County property, in accordance with the agreements with the Municipalities, Officers shall be paid in accordance with the fee schedules adopted by those municipalities.
6. The County shall charge an additional 10% administrative fee for such work performed by its employees.
7. County vehicles shall not be used during the performance of off-duty police-related services unless authorized by the Director of Public Safety,

the Union County Sheriff, or the Director of Correctional Services, or their designees. The County shall impose a vehicle use fee of \$50 for a patrol vehicle and \$100 for an ambulance.

*Chapter 140-Effective April 1, 2020

FIRST READING STATEMENT

Freeholder Rebecca Williams, Policy Subcommittee Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 811-2019 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The public hearing and final reading was scheduled to be held on December 19, 2019.

On a motion made by Freeholder Williams and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada absent.

812-2019 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS, THE COUNTY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT HEADS.

Be It Ordained by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union as follows:

Section 1. The salaries of the Members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, County Manager, County Counsel and Departments Heads shall be as hereinafter set forth and shall be effective as of January 1, 2020.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect at the time and manner provided by law.

Section 3. That the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby authorized to publish a notice in the appropriate newspaper of such introduction and of a public hearing on December 19, 2019, and shall forward one certified copy of final passage to each Clerk of all Municipalities located within the County of Union.

Position	2020 Salary
Member of the Board of Chosen Freeholders	33,466.20
Vice-Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders	34,600.44
Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders	35,734.68
Director of Corrections	135,660.00
Director of Parks & Recreation	139,792.02
Director of Human Services	139,391.16
Director of Public Safety	142,272.66
Director of Administrative Services	142,008.48

Director of Engineering Public Works & Facilities	153,154.02
Director of Finance/County Treasurer/CCFO	156,622.02
Director of Economic Development/Deputy County Manager	160,543.92
County Counsel	179,996.34
County Manager	182,330.40

FIRST READING STATEMENT

Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 812-2019 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The public hearing and final reading was scheduled to be held on December 19, 2019.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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 No. 952, Mr. Paterson asked how much revenue was generated through this initiative. Relative to Resolution No. 2019 96, he asked for an overview of cost. Relative to Resolution No. 2019- 976, Mr. Paterson asked why additional funds were being requested after-the-fact. Relative to Resolution No. 2019-994, Mr. Paterson asked for an overview expenses and inquired about who was responsible for overseeing the charges. Relative to Resolution No. 2019-1000, Mr. Paterson asked if this was an increase from previous years. Relative to Resolution No. 2019-1001, he asked for details related to the parking fees. Relative to Resolution Nos. 2019-1008, 2019-1010, and 2019-1014, asked for additional information related to the litigation and or cited settlements.

Chairman Kowalski noted that all county vendors and sub-contractors abide by the law.

Relative to Resolution No. 2019-952, Director Anderson advised that revenue generated from such advertisements was 6,700 in 2018 and 4,200 in 2019. She added that this contract was secured through a bid process.

Relative to Resolution No. 2019-961, advised that the funds would cover specialized clothing for the fire mutual aid coordinator and deputy coordinators, encompassing 15 people at approximately \$1,000 per person.

Relative to Resolution No. 2019-976, County Manager Oatman advised that the increase related to an unanticipated increase in voter volume.

Relative to Resolution No. 2019-994, Director Charles confirmed that the amount cited was a not-to-exceed amount that was dependent on fluctuations in population. He reasserted that contract-compliance personnel and management was responsible for confirming costs and compliance with the terms set forth by the contract.

Relative to Resolution No. 2019-1000, Director Graziano advised that last year grant amount was approximately \$6.9 million. He added that the grant funding amount was determined by the state based on several factors including population and mileage. Relative to Resolution No. 2019-1001, he advised that the county was responsible for providing parking. He added that parking spots were charged at \$8 per space, \$20,000 annually and priced consistently in comparison to previous years.

Relative to Resolution No. 2019-1014, County Counsel Barry noted that this related to allegations of discrimination. Relative to Resolution No. 2019-1008, County Counsel Barry noted this related to ADA compliance allegations and harassment.

Maria Echeverria, of Elizabeth, made comments on several resolutions. Relative to Resolution No. 2019-955, she asked how many people were serviced by this item. Relative to Resolution No. 2019-1023, she asked how the person cited was chosen.

Relative to Resolution No. 2019-1023, Chairman Kowalski advised that the recipient of the cited award was chosen by a separate entity, the League of Municipalities. She added that the resolution from the Board was meant to congratulate the recipient.

Relative to Resolution No. 2019-955, Director Anderson advised that this item reflected an amendment to increase funding. She added that 47 individuals have been cremated by the county.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

2019-952 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA: 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.

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

2019-953 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA: 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.

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

2019-954 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA: 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.

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

2019-955 FREEHOLDER ESTRADA: 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.

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

2019-956 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2019-957 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2019-958 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: 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.

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

2019-959 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: 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.

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

2019-960 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: 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.

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

2019-961 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: 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.

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

2019-962 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUSED: 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.

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

2019-963 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN: 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.

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

2019-964 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: 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.

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

2019-965 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: 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.

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

2019-966 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: 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.

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

2019-967 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: 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.

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

2019-968 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDE: 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.

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

2019-969 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2019-970 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2019-971 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2019-972 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2019-973 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2019-974 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2019-975 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2019-976 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2019-977 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2019-978 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2019-979 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2019-980 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2019-981 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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

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

2019-982 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2019-983 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2019-984 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2019-985 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2019-986 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2019-987 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2019-988 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2019-989 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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

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

2019-990 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.)

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

2019-991 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.)

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

2019-992 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.)

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

2019-993 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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

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

2019-994 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2019-995 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2019-996 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2019-997 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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; increasing the amount by \$18,990 for a new amount not to exceed \$239,990.

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

2019-998 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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)

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

2019-999 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of 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).

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

2019-1000 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for Fiscal Year 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).

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

2019-1001 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2019-1002 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2019-1003 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2019-1004 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2019-1005 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2019-1006 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2019-1007 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2019-1008 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: A Resolution authorizing the settlement of pending litigation entitled Valerie Donofrio v. UC, et al, in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00.

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

2019-1009 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2019-1010 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2019-1011 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2019-1012 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2019-1013 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2019-1014 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2019-1015 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON: Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Mother Cornelia T. Stamper, of Hillside, during their time of sorrow.

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

- 2019-1016 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution celebrating Hanukkah with the lighting of the Menorah at Phil Rizzuto Park on December 16, 2019.

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

- 2019-1017 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

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

- 2019-1018 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Congratulating Merlin Soccer Club on the occasion of their 16th Anniversary.

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

- 2019-1019 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:
Congratulating Michael J. Fleming, Administrator, Cornerstone Behavior Health Hospital of Union County upon his retirement.

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

- 2019-1020 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Congratulating Garwood Lions Club upon their 90th Anniversary Celebration.

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

- 2019-1021 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Resolution offering the Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Mrs. Marie Jordan, of Plainfield, during their time of sorrow.

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

- 2019-1022 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Resolution honoring Sheila B. Doyle on accomplishing 50 years working with the South Street Youth Center.

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

- 2019-1023 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Congratulating Elizabeth Councilwoman Patricia Perkins-Auguste upon receiving the Outstanding Women in Municipal Government Award.

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

- 2019-1024 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & FREEHOLDER HUDAK: Resolution congratulating David Villafranca, of Boy Scout Troop 83, Kenilworth, NJ, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

- 2019-1025 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution congratulating Eleanor McGovern, the Business Administrator for Fanwood upon her retirement.

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

- 2019-1026 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:

Resolution congratulating Ron Manzella, the Business Administrator of Union, upon his retirement.

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

2019-1027 **VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, FREEHOLDER ANGEL ESTRADA & FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

2019-1028 **VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

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

2019-1029 **CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Congratulating Matthew C. Fusillo of Boy Scout Troop 1, New Providence, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

2019-1030 **CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Congratulating Daniel Mariniello of Boy Scout Troop 1, New Providence, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

2019-1031 **CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS, FREEHOLDER ANGELA GARRETSON & FREEHOLDER REBECCA WILLIAMS:**

Resolution recognizing Rabbi Paul Kerbel of Temple Beth-El Mevor Chayim at his installation ceremony on Sunday, December 8, 2019.

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

2019-1032 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Kurt Steiner, 107 year old resident of Cranford, during their time of sorrow.

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

2019-1033 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

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

2019-1034 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Charlotte Gala aka Mama Meow, of Irvington, an advocate for community cats implored the Board to join her efforts in managing and mitigating the issue of stray cats throughout the community.

Bill Nierstedt, of Garwood, spoke relative to the importance of the park systems and green spaces in the community, in particular, how it relates to housing wildlife and lending itself to outdoor recreation for people.

Less Paschall, of Marlton, and CEO of CFG Health Systems LLC thanked the Board for granting them the opportunity to work with Union County and provide comprehensive healthcare to incarcerated adults.

Maria Echeverria, of Elizabeth, spoke relative to bills S2173 and A3818 circulating through Trenton, related to vaccinations and the removal of medical and religious exemptions.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments relative to the budget.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Granados spoke relative to the Graduation Ceremony he attended earlier for 24 graduates from the U.C. Leadership Fellows Institute. He commended Director Anderson and Assistant Director Dinsmore for their hard work in ensuring the success of the program and pursuing new ways to partner with local non-profits to increase overall services and enrich community life. He also spoke relative to the Tree of Hope organized through the Sheriff's Department which seeks toy donations for needy children during the holiday season.

Freeholder Williams spoke relative to ASK, a program facilitated through the Division of Aging, that aims to provide informational resources related to services available for adults 60 and older. She noted that the program sends staff to different communities each month and can provide one-on-one information about home delivered meals, respite care, and home care, among other services, as well as assist in filling out applications and forms. She noted that the program would be visiting Rahway, Elizabeth, and Garwood, among other towns, in the coming days and would be at the Plainfield Park Library on December 20th.

Freeholder Hudak spoke relative to the shared-services agreement between the county and the respective municipalities, noting that Berkeley Heights had become the 14th municipality to participate in the available dispatch services. He also spoke relative to the county budget and how fiscal responsibility had allowed for the introduction of initiatives that help municipalities curb costs and apply savings to other initiatives. He commended the County Manager and Directors for their continued hard

work on maintaining a reasonable budget and freeing up funds for essential programs throughout the community.

Vice Chairman Mirabella spoke relative to an upcoming Veterans' Event on Tuesday, December 10th at the Cranford VFW. He noted that the meeting was part of the Attorney General's "21-21" statewide project on community policing and strengthening the relationship between law enforcement offices and their respective communities and would specifically focus on military and veterans affairs. Vice Chairman Mirabella also responded to Charlotte Gala's plea, noting that work was being done to assist in the stray cat population within the community.

Freeholder Garretson commented on local football playoffs, noting Union and Hillside's stellar performance. She invited residents to attend Hillside's upcoming game against Cedar Creek on Sunday, December 8th. She also spoke relative to Rutgers Environmental Stewards volunteer program which trains members of the public to help the environment and address many environmental issues, including pollinator protection. She also spoke relative to a recent CASA event she attended along with several of her Freeholder colleagues, noting the invaluable service provided by the organization. Lastly, she addressed the Special One-Time Assistance (SOTA) program that allowed New York City to relocate some of their homeless population to New Jersey, without notification. She noted the importance of NJ addressing this issue directly and in accordance with the best interest of these displaced families that have been offered temporary relief rather than a permanent solution by NYC.

Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded thanked Bill Nierstedt for his comments related to the park systems and expressed her interest in pursuing alternatives to promote more open space throughout the community which would allow wildlife to prosper in the community.

Freeholder Staten made comments relative to several upcoming seasonal, indoor activities including the Model Railroad Club's annual Holiday Sound and Light Show at the A. Paul Mallery Model Railroad Center as well as indoor ice skating and other activities at the Warinanco Sports Center in Roselle. She also reminded residents that the Trailside Nature and Science Center at the Watchung Reservation in Mountainside was open every afternoon, seven days a week.

Chairman Kowalski spoke relative to SOTA, expressing her disapproval for the heartless policy that placed over 50 homeless families placed in seven Union County municipalities, without notification. She advised that County Counsel filed a freedom of information request with New York City and that the county was prepared to take legal action to end this practice and seek reimbursement for any costs incurred to our communities. Chairman Kowalski also welcomed Kamili Williams, the County's new Director of Social Services. She commented on Ms. Williams depth of knowledge and wealth of experience, noting that the Board looked forward to working with her in the

future. Lastly, she confirmed that the County had acquired 112 Park Drive and had plans to remove the derelict structure and improve a popular walking trail and expand the natural habitat.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

TO THE EXTENT KNOWN, THE FOLLOWING ITEM WILL BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1) Attorney-Client privileged communication and discussion of the matter entitled Mervilus v. UC, et als.

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

He stated that the Board wished to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Attorney-Client Privileged Communications and discussions relative to a possible settlement in the matter of Mervilus v. UC, et als.

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

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

Chairman Kowalski asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session. On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak a voice vote showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada absent.

Chairman Kowalski asked for a motion to return from Executive Session. On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Garretson a voice vote showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada absent.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Kowalski asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Granados, voice vote showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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

REORGANIZATION MEETING – SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019 at 12:00 pm

Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

AGENDA SETTING SESSION

January 17, 2019

February 7, 2019

February 21, 2019

March 7, 2019

March 28, 2019

April 4, 2019

April 25, 2019

May 2, 2019*

May 23, 2019**

June 13, 2019

June 27, 2019

July 25, 2019

August 22, 2019

September 5, 2019

September 26, 2019

October 3, 2019

October 24, 2019

November 7, 2019

December 5, 2019

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REGULAR MEETINGS

January 24, 2019

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February 21, 2019

March 14, 2019

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April 11, 2019

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May 23, 2019**

June 20, 2019

June 27, 2019

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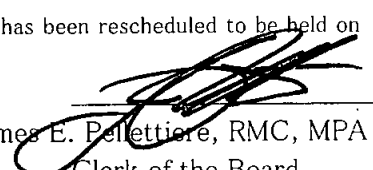
December 5, 2019

December 19, 2019

AMENDMENTS TO THE 2019 FREEHOLDER MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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


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