

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2019
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kowalski presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

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

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Oath of Office: Union County College Board of Trustees: Kamran Tasharofi, M.D.

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

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

809-2019 BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD FOR OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$530,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

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

Section 1. The County of Union, State of New Jersey (the "County") is hereby authorized to acquire real property, including an existing structure, located at 112 Park Drive in the Township of Cranford, New Jersey (the "Township") for open space conservation and recreational purposes. Said property to be acquired is designated as Block 198, Lot 1 on the Tax Assessment Map of the Township. Said improvement shall include real estate transaction expenses and all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. The sum of \$530,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvement described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment appropriated by this ordinance. Said improvement shall be made as a general

improvement and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefitted.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said purpose is not a current expense of said County, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of said County pursuant to the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law"), and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose is \$530,000, and (4) \$26,000 of said sum is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (5) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$504,000, and (6) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$15,000 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purpose, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$26,000, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said County, are now available to finance said purpose. The sum of \$26,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 5. To finance said purpose, bonds of said County of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$504,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations

prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 6. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of said County of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$504,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 7. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, by the County Manager and by the County Treasurer and shall be under the seal of said County and attested by the Clerk or Deputy Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such

form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the County Treasurer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of forty years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 9. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of said County, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said County, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$504,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 10. Any funds received from private parties, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purpose, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 11. 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 12. The County intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvement described in Section 1 of this bond ordinance. If the County incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the County hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 13. The full faith and credit of the County are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the County, and the County shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the County for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 14. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, inquired about the assessed value of the property as well as who would be responsible for the demolition and or remediation of the property currently on site. Mr. Paterson also asked why the property was being secured through bonds as opposed to using the available funds in the Open Space, Recreation & Historic Preservation Trust Fund. He also inquired about Cranford's original plans for the property.

Chairman Kowalski advised that the county would be conducting environmental testing on the property as customary and that Cranford would be the point of contact for any township related inquiries.

Victoria Durbin-Drake, Administrator of the Open Space, Recreation & Historic Preservation Trust Fund advised that three Green Acre-approved appraisals had been conducted on the property as well as environmental testing. She further advised that any environmental related issues would be the responsibility of the current owner to address. She added that following a thorough review of the property, the county would determine the best course of action to address the structure on site.

Director Taylor advised that the ordinance was permissive in nature and allowed the county to issue bonds for the acquisition of the property. She added that it was under the discretion of the county to determine the ultimate funding source whether it be through general operating funds or the Open Space, Recreation & Historic Preservation Trust Fund during the next budget cycle to offset costs associated with the ordinance.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Freeholder Estrada, Fiscal Subcommittee Member, moved Ordinance Number 809-2019 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To the extent known, the following item will be discussed in Executive Session:

1) Attorney-Client privileged communication and discussion relative to a potential Amendment to the Shared Services Agreement with the Union County Improvement Authority concerning design and construction of recreational improvements at the former Oak Ridge Golf Course.

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 Susan Pearl and Cynthia Pisano v. County of Union, et al.

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

He stated that upon affirmative vote of the majority of the members present, the Board may enter Executive Session and upon the Board's return may take formal action on the matter discussed.

Chairman Kowalski asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session. On a motion made by Freeholder Williams and seconded by Freeholder Staten a voice vote showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent. Executive Session commenced at 7:39 P.M.

Chairman Kowalski asked for a motion to return from Executive Session. On a motion made by Freeholder Williams and seconded by Freeholder Garretson a voice vote showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella absent. The Regular Meeting continued at 8:46 P.M.

County Counsel Barry advised that as a result of the Executive Session, an additional resolution was added to the Regular Meeting Agenda. He further advised that the resolution would allow the County Manager to execute an amendment modifying certain line items related to Oak Ridge Park, specifically authorizing an increase of \$750,000 for the new building and subsequently a reduction of \$750,000 for historic renovation.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere requested a brief recess to allow for the distribution of updated Regular Meeting Agendas reflecting an additional resolution following Executive Session.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

John Bury, of Kenilworth, made comments relative to Resolution Nos. 2019 -695, 2019-696, 2019-701. In particular, he inquired about how the funds on Resolution No. 2019-695 would be used.

Mr. David Manchello and former Freeholder Mr. Dan Sullivan represented the U.C. Improvement Authority.

Mr. Manchello advised that Resolution Nos. 2019-695 and 2019-696 related to the assessment of space utilized by the county to determine efficiency and make subsequent recommendations.

Former Freeholder Sullivan confirmed that these resolutions had nothing to do with any solar-related projects.

Relative to Resolution Nos. 2019- 657, 2019-658, and 2019-659, Bruce Paterson, of Garwood inquired about the 10-year term and whether or not the respective townships had the ability to cancel before the conclusion of the term. Relative to Resolution No. 2019-677, Mr. Paterson reiterated his concerns regarding alleged issues related to the new Express XL Voting Machines. He expressed his concerns relative to Resolution No. 2019-690 and asked for further clarification on the nature of the cited delays. He concluded by expressing his concerns related to Resolution Nos. 2019-695, 2019-696, and 2019-701.

Relative to Resolution Nos. 2019-65, 2019-658, and 2019-659 Director Moran advised that the 10-year term was the maximum allowed by state statute and extending the terms proved more cost efficient than renewing ever few years. He

added that the participating municipalities had an option to opt-out of the shared services agreement with 6 months' notice.

Relative to Resolution No. 2019-677, Administrator DiRado advised that given the nature of the new machines, in particular the voter verified paper audit trail, the county was subject to participate in an auditing process. She added that following the Westfield General Election a pilot risk-limited audit was conducted for which the Secretary of State's Office, NJ Division of Elections, and State Comptroller's Office were presented. She advised that 100% accuracy was reported following the audit. She also added that the machines complied with ADA accessibility requirements.

Division Director Sanchez, advised that the delay claim cited in Resolution No. 2019-690 related to PSE&G and their delay in demolishing the existing service on site and installing new service.

Relative to Resolution 2019-701, Former Freeholder Dan Sullivan from the U.C. Improvement Authority advised that cost was secured through a bid process, with \$750,000 being the amount needed to do the necessary work.

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

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

2019-652 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA: Resolution appointing Elaine Haith, Eugene Rosner and Lenora M. Zacarias to the Union County Advisory Council on Aging effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021.

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

2019-653 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a five(5) year Shared Services Agreement with The City of Linden, 301 North Wood Ave, Linden, New Jersey, for the housing, use, and operation of a County-Owned Fire Tanker and its associated equipment to provide fire mutual aid services within the municipality and throughout the County.

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

- 2019-654 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, County Environmental Health Act (CEHA) Grant Funds in the amount of \$256,224 to support CEHA activities for the contract period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 and match in the amount of not to exceed \$232,864 through County contributions.

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

- 2019-655 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend the New Jersey Department of Health Grant Award for Public Health Emergency Preparedness (LINCS Grant) in the amount of \$298,072 for a contract period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

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

- 2019-656 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept and expend a grant award from the NJ Department of Health for continuing the Right to Know compliance program in Union County in an amount not to exceed \$16,401.00 from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

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

- 2019-657 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a ten (10) year Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Scotch Plains for Dispatching Services, in an amount not to exceed \$164,800.26, for the first year with an annual 2% increase through contract term commencing January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2029.

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

- 2019-658 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a ten (10) year Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Fanwood for Dispatching Services, in an amount not to exceed \$88,768.07, for the first year, with an annual 2% increase through contract term commencing January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2029.

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

- 2019-659 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a ten (10) year Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Cranford to provide fire and medical basic life support dispatch services, in an amount not to exceed \$44,000.00 for the first year with an annual 2% increase through contract term, commencing October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2029.

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

- 2019-660 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract, through a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process, to VCOMM, Cranbury, NJ to provide FCC Licensing and telecommunications engineering for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the period of September 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

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

- 2019-661 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to accept and execute a Sub-Grant Agreement with Middlesex County for inclusion in the New Jersey Department of Health, Comprehensive Cancer Control Grant in the amount of \$47,705.00 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

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

- 2019-662 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution 2018-813 to extend the contract with Mutual of America, Parsippany, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$15,806 for the three (3) month period of July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019 to continue to implement an employee 401(a) benefits plan for county employees not covered under the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS).

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded abstaining and Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-663 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution 2018-812 to extend the contract with Mutual of America, Parsippany, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000 for the three (3) month period of July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019 to continue the provision of Group Life Insurance with Group Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan for employees not covered under the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS).

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded abstaining and Vice Chairman Mirabella absent.

- 2019-664 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$16,401 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: Right to Know Grant.

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

- 2019-665 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$298,072 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: Local Information Network Communications (LINCS) Grant.

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

- 2019-666 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$256,224 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a program entitled: County Environmental Health Act (CEHA) Grant.

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

- 2019-667 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution modifying the 2019 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$1,700 as a result of notification for additional funds received from the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for a program entitled: Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant.

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

- 2019-668 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution sponsoring the Borough of New Providence's Holiday Festival held on November 29, 2019 in the amount of not to exceed \$3,000.

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

- 2019-669 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution sponsoring the Town of Westfield's AddamsFest held on October 5, 2019 through October 27, 2019 in the amount of not to exceed \$4,000.

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

- 2019-670 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to renew a contract with Data Network Solutions, Little Silver, NJ for hardware maintenance for computers in Union County Clerk's Elizabeth main office and Westfield satellite office from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2022 in the amount of \$96,888.00

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

- 2019-671 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to purchase software upgrade from Nichevision Forensics, LLC, Akron, OH in an amount not to exceed \$41,560, pursuant to the N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (dd) exception to bidding.

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

- 2019-672 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into an agreement with Vigilant Solutions, LLC of Livermore, CA for the purchase of Investigative Data Platform Annual Subscription in an amount not to exceed \$35,029.99.

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

- 2019-673 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2019-325, an agreement with Prevention Links of Roselle, New Jersey, for the implementation of the "Operation Helping Hand" program, to increase the contract in an additional amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$35,000.00.

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

- 2019-674 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Procurement of DNA Collection System/Authorizing County Manager to award a contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, BA#22-2019, to M-Vac Systems, Inc. of Sandy, Utah in an amount not to exceed \$45,161.

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

- 2019-675 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of the Prosecutor, to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for FY2019 Operation Helping Hand Grant Program in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the period of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020. Subaward number OHH-20-2019.

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

- 2019-676 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety for FFY17 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Grant Program for the project titled County Sexual Assault Response Team/Forensic Nurse Examiner Program in the amount of \$87,155.00 in Federal funds with a required match of \$21,789.00 for a project total cost of \$108,944.00 for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. Subaward number VS-44B-17.

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

- 2019-677 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2018-876, a contract with ES&S, Omaha, Nebraska, to purchase the balance of the new vote tabulation system for the County of Union, through the Union County Board of Elections in an amount not to exceed \$2,950,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,850,000.

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

- 2019-678 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2018-1122 adopted 12/20/2018 a shared services agreement with the County of Essex, Department of Corrections, Newark, New Jersey for relocation of inmates on an as needed basis for the contract period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. Per diem cost of \$98, per inmate, per day, in an additional amount of \$297,920.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$404,920.00.

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

- 2019-679 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2016-1029, adopted 12/22/16 with CEC now known as GEO Reentry, Inc. Boca Raton, Florida for an additional six (6) months and in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 for the purpose of providing comprehensive Inmate Substance Abuse Treatment and Residential Correctional Facility Services for Union County Jail Inmates for the contract period July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

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

- 2019-680 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract pursuant to State Contract #T1297/86017 with Broadview Networks to provide a new data circuit for Youth Services in the Albender Building, for a twelve (12) month contract period beginning September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020 with a one-time installation fee of \$400.00 and \$1,964.30 per month service fee, in an amount not to exceed \$23,971.60.

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

- 2019-681 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Development Directions, LLC for consulting services for the administration of the Union County Home Improvement and Senior Home Grants, in the amount not to exceed \$315,000 for the period of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020 with the potential for two (1) year extension options.

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

- 2019-682 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2018-238 adopted on March 8, 2018, a contract awarded to Manor Electric for the installation of

an Emergency Generator at the UC John H. Stamler Police Academy, to reflect changes in account numbers only.

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

2019-683 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2018-1102 adopted on December 20, 2018, a Professional Engineering Service Contract with NV5, Inc., of Parsippany, New Jersey, to provide additional On-Call Traffic Engineering Services in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-033)

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

2019-684 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: Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management: Scientific Boiler Water Conditioning Co., Inc. Linden, NJ (BA#27-2019) for the purpose of providing Water Treatment Services & Supplies. The contract shall be for twenty-four (24) consecutive months with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month optional extension for a total contract amount not to exceed \$63,040.00.

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

2019-685 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract extension originally obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management, Division of Public Works, Department of Parks & Recreation, Flemington Department Store, Flemington, NJ (BA#50-2017) for the purpose of providing Uniform Services, twenty-four (24) consecutive months, commencing September 5, 2019 through September 4, 2021, in an amount not exceed \$99,000.00.

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

- 2019-686 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: Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management: Green Genie, Allenhurst, NJ for the purpose of (BA#2019-26), Concessions: Automated Teller Machine (ATM) Services at various locations throughout the County. The contract shall be for twenty-four (24) consecutive months with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month optional extension.

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

- 2019-687 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: Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management: Harry Kute, Inc. Hillsdale, NJ (BA#28-2019) or the purpose of providing Kitchen Exhaust System Services at the Oriscello Correction Facility. The contract shall be for twenty-four (24) consecutive months with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month optional extension for a total contract amount not to exceed \$77,920.00.

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

- 2019-688 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to award an open ended contract, obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq. to Louis Barbato Landscaping, Inc., of Holbrook, New York to provide Annual Tree Planting through the County of Union for a twelve month (12) period commencing upon execution of the contract for an amount not to exceed \$50,450.00. (UCCP 24-2019)

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

- 2019-689 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq. to Morton Salt, Inc. of Chicago, Ill. to provide Rock Salt for a twelve month (12) period commencing upon execution of the contract with an option to extend the contract for an additional 12 months (BA #UCCP 29-2019) in an amount not to exceed \$487,200.00.

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

- 2019-690 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2017-402, (BA#9-2017) a contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks & Recreation, Division of Engineering: Mar-Bridge Enterprises, Inc., of Matawan, New Jersey, for the Ash Brook Golf Course Clubhouse Project, Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union, New Jersey, for an additional amount not to exceed \$1,089,392.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$10,087,542.00.

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

- 2019-691 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2017-270, a contract awarded through the advertised public bidding (BA 18-2017) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq., to E-Z-GO Textron, Inc., Augusta, Georgia, for the purpose of providing golf cart lease, approving Change Order Number 2 to include Scotch Hills Golf Course to the original contract amount by not to exceed \$60,068.40 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$1,125,966.24.

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

- 2019-692 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2018-834 dated September 27, 2018 to increase the appropriation to Ruderman & Roth (formerly Ruderman Horn & Esmerado) of Springfield, NJ in the matter entitled Eric Graham v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a total sum not to exceed \$30,000.00.

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

- 2019-693 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2018-832 dated September 27, 2018 to increase the appropriation to Kologi & Simitz of Linden, NJ in the matter entitled Valerie Donofrio v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$30,000.00.

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

- 2019-694 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: A Resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Professional Services Contract with DeCotiis Fitzpatrick Cole & Giblin of Teaneck, NJ for Special Legal Counsel for redevelopment projects in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

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

- 2019-695 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement by and between the Union County Improvement Authority and the County of Union for the continued evaluation and analysis of the occupancy and space utilization needs of County properties in the amount not to exceed \$488,000.00.

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

- 2019-696 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement by and between the Union County Improvement Authority and the County of Union concerning the procurement of operation, management, maintenance and concessionaire services for Galloping Hill, Ash Brook, Warinanco and Scotch Hills located in Union County, in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

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

- 2019-697 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local 68 - Operating Engineers, effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021.

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

- 2019-698 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Resolution re-appointing the following individuals as members of the Commission of the Status on Women to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2021: Donna Brothers, of Cranford; Diane Barbosa, of Elizabeth, and Jane O'Hara, of Westfield; and further appointing Marissa Ruggiero, of Springfield, as a member of the Commission of the Status on Women to the unexpired term ending December 31, 2019 and Beverly D. Lynn, of Hillside, as a member of the Commission of the Status on Women to the unexpired term ending December 31, 2020; and further appointing the following individuals as members of the Commission of the Status on Women to three-year terms expiring December 31, 2021: Lolita Slater, of Linden; Hillary Sermenio, of Elizabeth; and Joanna Miles, of Rahway.

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

- 2019-699 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Resolution re-appointing Scott Huff as a member of the Union County Improvement Authority for a term of February 1, 2019 through January 31, 2024; and further appointing Andrea Mojica as a member of the Union County Improvement Authority to fill an unexpired term ending January 31, 2022; and further appointing Debra N. Marshall as a member of the Union County Improvement Authority to fill an unexpired term ending January 31, 2023.

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

- 2019-700 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution renaming Union County's Liberty Avenue Park in Hillside to Charlotte DeFilippo Park in recognition of her numerous achievements and many years of dedicated service to the residents of Hillside and Union County.

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

- 2019-701 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: A resolution authorizing the County Manager to execute an Amendment III to the Shared Services Agreement with the Union County Improvement Authority (UCIA) for Recreational Improvements to Oak Ridge Park. (No change in contract amount.)

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

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2019-702 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA: Resolution congratulating Johnathan Velancia of Boy Scout Troop 4, Elizabeth, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

- 2019-703 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON: Resolution offering this Board's sincere condolences to the family of Councilman David Lyons, Irvington, during their time of sorrow.

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

- 2019-704 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS, FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA, & FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Congratulating the Ecuadorian Community upon their Flag-Raising Ceremony in the City of Plainfield on August 10, 2019.

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

- 2019-705 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS: Resolution congratulating Signature Barbershop in Elizabeth, upon its 10th anniversary.

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

- 2019-706 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Resolution opposing the Trump Administration's proposal to tighten eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and cut approximately 3.1 million people from the program.

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

- 2019-707 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Resolution recognizing and proclaiming August 26, 2019 as Women's Equality Day.

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

- 2019-708 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Resolution congratulating PACHA (Plainfield Advisory Commission on Hispanic Affairs) for their Hispanic Heritage Month & Central American Celebration on September 13 2019.

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

- 2019-709 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution proclaiming Friday, September 13, 2019 as POW/MIA Remembrance Day throughout the County of Union.

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

- 2019-710 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution offering this Board's sincere condolences to the family of Salvatore DeLuca, during their time of sorrow.

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

- 2019-711 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Resolution congratulating Christopher N. Downey of Boy Scout Troop 104, Scotch Plains, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

- 2019-712 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Resolution congratulating Matthew Kleczynski, of Boy Scout Troop 145, Clark, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

- 2019-713 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution offering this Board's sincere condolences to the family of Ann Marie Policay, during their time of sorrow.

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

- 2019-714 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution offering this Board's sincere condolences to the family of Margherita DiCosmo, during their time of sorrow.

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

- 2019-715 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Congratulating the award recipients of the Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce at their Annual Dinner Cruise on September 11, 2019.

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

- 2019-716 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Resolution offering this Board's sincere condolences to the family of Nancymarie Rita Bride, Westfield, during their time of sorrow.

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

- 2019-717 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution offering this Board's sincere condolences to the family of Summit Councilman Matthew Gould, during their time of sorrow.

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

- 2019-718 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Resolution congratulating the Plainfield Symphony Centennial Showcase, on the occasion of their 100th Anniversary.

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

- 2019-719 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution offering this Board's sincerest condolences to the family of A.J. DeVito, who was employed by Union County Department of Parks and Recreation, during their time of sorrow.

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

- 2019-720 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution congratulating Alison Yablonowitz, Assurance Partner, Ernst & Young; Aneesha Ghaly, Executive Director, Rahway Community Action Organization; Amy Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director of Economic Development, County of Union; The Plainfield Foundation; Trinitas Regional Medical Center; and Yesenia

Santos, BSN, RN, CBC, Nurse Family Partnership upon being honored by Ladies that Give a Hoot Dinner, United Way of Greater Union County on Wednesday, September 25, 2019.

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

2019-721 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution congratulating the Elmora Troopers Little League Mid-Atlantic Region Champions on their successful season and for their inspiring run in the 2019 Little League World Series; and further commending each of the players and coaches for rousing fanfare and pride in the City of Elizabeth, the County of Union, the state of New Jersey; and further commending the players for inspiring the new dance called the "Jersey Shake" that Major League Baseball players imitated.

On a motion made by Freeholder Granados and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chairman Mirabella 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" an advocate for community cats implored the Board to join her efforts in managing and mitigating the issue of stray cats throughout the community.

John Bury, of Kenilworth, reiterated his earlier comments relative to Resolution No. 2019-695.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, spoke relative to Resolution No. 2019-695 and the matter of Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski serving as Freeholder Chairman and Cranford Democratic Municipal Chairman.

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

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Granados spoke relative to the Elmora Youth League Troopers and their successful run/season which landed them in the Little League World Series. He commended the coaches and players for their hard-work and perseverance and congratulated them for the positive light they shown on the county and the City of Elizabeth.

Freeholder Williams spoke relative to the Ecuadorian Independence celebration in Plainfield on August 9th and 10th. She congratulated Legislative Aide Angelica Cedeno for being honored as one of the queens of the celebration.

Freeholder Hudak spoke relative to the New York Mets successful season thus far. He reminded residents about an upcoming event on September 7th at the new Echo Lake Park Baseball Field at Echo Lake Park in honor of Jeff Torborg, former Major League player and Westfield High School alumni. He also reminded residents about the 50th Anniversary of the "Miracle Mets" lecture and book signing featuring Art Shamsky, former Mets outfield, broadcaster and author taking place at Warinanco Sports Center on September 17th. Freeholder Hudak elaborated on Resolution No. 2019-695 and noted that the space assessment study was an appropriate course of action to increase efficiency and mitigate excess space and resources. He also spoke relative to the progress being made on Oak Ridge Park. He closed by noting the success of the various summer-related offerings throughout the county and congratulated the Elmora Youth League Troopers for their stellar athletic performance.

Freeholder Garretson spoke relative to the success of the House Music Festival at Warinanco Park as well as the Hillside Outdoor Music and Entertainment Festival at Conant Park that took place earlier in the summer. She noted that the Hillside Festival made donations to the Community Food Bank in Hillside. She also applauded the renaming of Liberty Avenue Park to Charlotte DeFilippo Park in recognition of her various achievements and several years of dedicated service to Hillside residents and county residents alike. She closed by congratulating the Elmora Youth League Troopers for their noteworthy performance.

Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded spoke relative to the various activities offered by the U.C. 4-H club for students throughout the county. She also reminded adults about the Master Tree Steward program and certification which aims to encourage environment stewardship among the county youth. She commended the Elmora Youth League Troopers and respective couches for their hard work and success during the season. She closed by extending her condolences to the families of County Employee Anthony "A.J." DeVito and Summit Councilman Matthew Gould in light of their recent and unexpected passing.

Freeholder Estrada spoke relative to the Elmora Youth League Troopers and commended them for their tremendous display and the meaningful impact they have made on the community as a result of their success.

Freeholder Staten congratulated the Elmora Youth League Troopers for their strong display and commended them for the excitement they brought to the area and New Jersey as a whole. She also reminded residents about the upcoming Warinanco Food Truck & Live Music Festival at Warinanco Park on August 24th. She also spoke relative to other upcoming fall-related offerings throughout the county, including The Fall Fishing Derby, Rockin' the Reservation, and the Haunted Hayrides at the Deserted Village, among others. She noted that the county also offered programs for people with disabilities and special needs including karate, golf, yoga, soccer, and ceramics. She closed by wishing students a successful school year.

Chairman Kowalski joined her fellow Freeholders in congratulating the Elmora Youth League Troopers. She also reminded residents about the upcoming 4th annual Union County Means Business Expo at Warinanco Sports Center on September 18th. She extended her condolences to the families of Matthew Gould and Anthony "A.J." DeVito as well as the wife of Division of Public Works Director Joseph J. Policay and Nancy Marie Rita Bride who previously served as Director of the U.C. Mental Health association, in addition to many of the other administrative roles she held during her lifetime. Chairman Kowalski noted a letter received by the Board from the Thee family of Cranford relative to the county's acquisition of 112 Park Drive, applauding their efforts to improve, maintain, and beautify the county (attached). She closed by commending the Board's decision to rename Liberty Avenue Park in honor of Charlotte DeFilippo and her significant accomplishments.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 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.

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

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

AGENDA SETTING SESSION

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

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October 24, 2019

November 7, 2019

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December 19, 2019

REGULAR MEETINGS

January 24, 2019

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April 25, 2019

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May 23, 2019**

June 20, 2019

June 27, 2019

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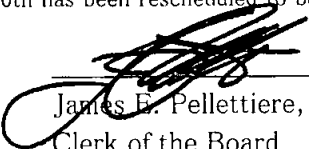
December 5, 2019

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. Pelletiere, RMC, MPA
Clerk of the Board