

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kowalski presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski, Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, 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.

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: Human Services Advisory Council: Erica Carter-Wood and Marge Zarkowski; Union County Mental Health Advisory Board; Sonja A. Ash.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

2019-722 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with NMS Laboratories, Willow Grove, PA, for post-mortem toxicology lab services for basic and expanded testing services, for a contract term of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00.

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

2019-723 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept, and expend funds awarded through the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM) Preparedness Bureau via NJEMGrants for successful applicants funded through the 2019 Emergency Management Agency Assistance (EMAA) Grant FFY2019 in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.00; consisting of up to a \$55,000.00 Federal Award (with a County in-kind match of up to and in the amount not to exceed \$55,000.00). FFY2019 EMAA funding for the performance period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

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

2019-724 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for accept and expend \$167,387.00 from the Department of Justice's 2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Grant Program for the purpose of providing local law enforcement agencies with the necessary training and equipment to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the criminal justice system.

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

2019-725 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOURED: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and enter into agreement with NJ Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) to secure Recreation Opportunities for People with Disabilities (ROID) Program Grant funding in the amount of \$35,000 with a required

County Match of \$7,000 for a total program amount of \$42,000 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

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

2019-726 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Authorizing the County Manager to designate the Union County Intoxicated Driver Resource Center (IDRC) under the Union County Department of Human Services, Division of Individual & Family Support Services, for the purpose of providing state mandated education, alcohol/drug abuse evaluation, and treatment referral for persons charged and/or convicted of Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)/Driving Under the Influence (DUI) during the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 as required by the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services, Intoxicated Driving Program (IDP).

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

2019-727 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a lease agreement with The Gateway Family YMCA, Elizabeth Branch, to rent space for the 2020 Intoxicated Driver Resource Center (IDRC) education classes for twenty-five (25) IDRC classes at a rate of \$520 per day for a minimum of 50 scheduled days during the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in the total amount not to exceed \$26,000.

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

2019-728 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Amending Resolution 2019-530, adopting the 2019 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Spending Plan grant modification, to reflect additional grant dollars in the amount of \$492,167.00 for a new total not to exceed \$762,777.86 as outlined in the spending plan; no other changes to the terms of the 2019 CSBG Spending Plan.

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

2019-729 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Resolution appointing Carolee Marano as a member of the Advisory Board on the Disabled to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2019.

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

2019-730 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN: Resolution appointing Alexander Rasi as a member of the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACADA) to fill an unexpired term ending March 31, 2020.

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

2019-731 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution sponsoring the Town of Westfield's Cultural Diversity Day Festival held on September 14, 2019 in the amount of \$1,000.

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

2019-732 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution sponsoring the Township of Union 4th Annual Hispanic Heritage Fiesta held on September 15, 2019 in the amount of \$1,000.

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

2019-733 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution sponsoring the General Pulaski Memorial Committee of St. Theresa for their various events culminating with the Pulaski Parade on October 6, 2019 in the amount of \$4,000.

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

2019-734 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution sponsoring the Elizabeth Promise Awards' 5k Walk/Run on October 20, 2019 in the amount of \$1,000.

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

2019-735 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution sponsoring the City of Linden Halloween Parade Committee for their annual parade being held on October 27, 2019 in the amount of \$4,000.

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

2019-736 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Witmer Public Safety Group, Coatesville, PA through NJ State Contract T0106 for the purpose of trading in obsolete firearms and receiving a credit towards the purchase of new firearms to be utilized by the Office of the Prosecutor. Credit not to exceed \$48,575.00 will be applied toward the purchase total not to exceed \$51,017.58.

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

2019-737 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2019-23, a professional services contract with Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC, Warren, New Jersey to serve as special counsel for personnel matters, to increase the amount by \$75,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$185,000.

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

2019-738 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2014-775 adopted on September 18, 2018, a Professional Construction Management and Inspection Service contract with Mast Construction, of Little Falls, New Jersey for additional construction management and inspection services for the Union County Courthouse Fire Code Upgrades Phase C3 Tower - Elevator Replacement Project, in an amount not to exceed \$156,250.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$2,025,828.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-033C)

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

2019-739 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application, and if awarded, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) - 2020 Local Bridges, Future Needs Program - LBFN 2020-00009 for the Dill Avenue Bridge, over Peach Orchard Brook, Linden Li43, Structure 2009043, City of Linden, County of Union, New Jersey. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-014)

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

2019-740 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application, and if awarded, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) - 2020 Local Bridges, Future Needs Program - LBFN 2020-00008 for the Caldwell Place Bridge, over Stream 10-35-5, Springfield Sp37, Structure 2017037, City of Springfield, County of Union, New Jersey. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-016)

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

2019-741 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application, and if awarded, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) - 2020 Local Bridges, Future Needs Program - LBFN 2020-00007 for the Randolph Road Bridge over Cedar Brook, Plainfield P111, Structure 2012011, City of Plainfield, County of Union, New Jersey (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-009).

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

2019-742 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application, and if awarded, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) - 2020 Local Bridges, Future Needs Program - LBFN 2020-00004 for the Hamilton Street Bridge over Robinsons Branch of the Rahway River, Rahway Ra29, Structure 2013029, City of Rahway, County of Union, New Jersey (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-008).

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

2019-743 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application, and if awarded, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) - 2020 Local Bridges, Future Needs Program - LBFN 2020-00006 for the Central Avenue Bridge over the Robinsons Branch of the Rahway River, Rahway Ra20, Structure 2013020, City of Rahway, County of Union, New Jersey. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-007)

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

2019-744 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with PowerBilt Steel Buildings, Virginia Beach, VA for the purchase and installation of a Constructed Steel Storage Shed for the Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, for an amount not to exceed \$27,000.00.

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

2019-745 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Resolution granting permission to The Arc of Union County to hang a banner on Mountain Avenue, Mountainside, from Wednesday, September 18, 2019 to Wednesday, October 2, 2019 in recognition of its 70th anniversary celebration.

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

2019-746 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights to hang a banner across Springfield Avenue and Plainfield Avenue from November 7, 2019 to December 9, 2109 for "Winter Walk 2019".

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

2019-747 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Granting permission to the City of Linden to close Wood Avenue, from Blancke Street to Elm Street on October 19, 2019 from noon to 8:00 p.m. for the inaugural "Linden Latin Festival".

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

2019-748 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Granting permission to the Springfield First Aid Squad, Inc., to hang a banner across Meisel Avenue / South Springfield Avenue, Township of Springfield from September 15 through September 30, 2019 for "Volunteer Recruitment".

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

2019-749 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Granting permission to the Town of Westfield to close North Avenue West (County Road 610) in the vicinity of East Broad Street on September 11, 2019 from 6:30 p.m. to approximately 8:30 p.m. for the 9/11 Memorial Commemoration Ceremony.

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

2019-750 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Granting permission to the Borough of Fanwood's Fanny Wood Day Committee to close Martine Avenue from South Avenue to LaGrande Avenue, and South Avenue from First Street to Second Avenue from September 3, 2019 through September 17, 2019; and further to display a banner on Borough property announcing the event that is scheduled for Sunday, September 15, 2019.

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

2019-751 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Granting permission to the Township of Springfield to hang a banner across Mountain Avenue at the intersection of No. Trivett Avenue from September 1, 2019 to Oct. 21, 2019 to advertise the fall festival and car show; and further to close Mountain Avenue between Morris Avenue and Caldwell Place on Sunday, October 6, 2019 from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, October 20, 2019.

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

2019-752 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution 2019-566 dated June 27, 2019 to increase the appropriation to Kologi & Simitz of Linden, NJ in the matter entitled Emmanuel Mervilus v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$55,000.00

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

2019-753 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Resolution appointing the following individuals to the Workforce Development Board: Juanito Chiluisa, Gwen Ryan, Debbie-Ann Anderson with terms ending June 30, 2020; Roshon White with a term ending June 30, 2022. Further re-appointing the following individuals to the Workforce Development Board: Richard Capac with a term ending June 30, 2020; Salvatore Garcia with a term ending June 30, 2021; James Brady, Juan

Carlos Dominguez, Gloria Durham, Tina Earley, Dr. Kamran Tasharofi, Erick Peter, Richard Malcolm and Dr. Margaret McMenamin with terms ending June 30, 2022.

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

2019-754 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Authorizing Governing Body Certification of the 2018 Audit.

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

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2019-755 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Resolution recognizing Bris Avrohom as they celebrate their 40th Annual Dinner and their 34th Year of Gala Weddings held on September 15, 2019.

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

2019-756 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON: Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Marie Carmelle Crepin during their time of sorrow.

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

2019-757 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON: Resolution offering this Board's sincere condolences to the family of Robert Lee Drummond, during their time of sorrow.

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

2019-758 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON: Resolution offering this Board's sincere condolences to the family of Michael Hargrove, during their time of sorrow.

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

2019-759 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON: Resolution recognizing Pastor Christopher Michael Jones on his 11th Pastoral Anniversary at the First Baptist Church of Hillside, NJ on Sunday, September 15, 2019.

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

2019-760 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA: Congratulating the Award recipients of the Elizabeth Development Company at its 7th Annual Leadership Award Reception on September 25, 2019.

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

2019-761 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDE: Resolution recognizing the Charlie Robert Prostate Cancer Foundation at their Second Annual Charlie's Angel Prostate Cancer Walk and Awareness Fair on September 21, 2019; and further wishing them a successful attendance.

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

2019-762 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS, FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA & FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDE: Resolution congratulating each of the honorees being recognized by the Hispanic Law Enforcement Association of Union County at their 28th Annual Gala on October 11, 2019.

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

2019-763 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution recognizing September as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month; further recognizing the week of September 8 - 14, 2019 Week; and lastly, recognizing Tuesday, September 10, 2019 as World Suicide Prevention Day. During this month, week and day, individuals and organizations alike will be drawing attention to the problem of suicide and advocating the prevention of this terrible tragedy.

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

2019-764 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS & FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN: Resolution congratulating Reverend Tracey L. Brown of Ruth Fellowship Ministries for her 20th pastoral anniversary.

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

2019-765 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Rosemary Pittis during their time of sorrow.

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

2019-766 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution congratulating the YWCA of Union County as they celebrate their 99th Anniversary.

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

2019-767 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Congratulating Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County on celebrating the accomplishments of the Master Gardener volunteers on Sunday, September 22, 2019.

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

2019-768 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Resolution congratulating Jim DiMaio, owner of Derco Print, upon his retirement after 48 years of serving the greater Berkeley Heights area; and further wishing him well in his retirement and on all future endeavors.

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

2019-769 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Resolution congratulating each of the six (6) honorees of the Linden Good Scout Awards Dinner being recognized for serving as exemplary role models for the youth of their community through their various vocations or avocations: Bishop Manuel K. Donelson; Chief David Heart; Freeholder Christopher Hudak; Sandy Jackson; June Lazaro; and Courtney K. Villani.

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

2019-770 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Resolution congratulating Joseph Charles Gasper, of Boy Scout Troop 83, Kenilworth, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

2019-771 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Resolution congratulating ARC of Union County as they celebrate their 70th Anniversary.

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

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.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Granados spoke relative to the Caravan of Champions parade in honor of the 2019 Mid-Atlantic Little League Champions, the Elmora Troopers. He noted the overwhelming reception and response from the crowds at the various public rally points. He advised that the Board would be recognizing the team and their tremendous effort with a Resolution on September 26th. He thanked Freeholder Estrada for facilitating the upcoming presentation.

Freeholder Williams spoke relative to the first Union County LGBTQ+ Community Health and Wellness Fair taking place on October 5th at Union County College’s Cranford Campus. She also reminded residents about a free upcoming performance at UCPAC in Rahway, entitled *The Colored Museum*. She noted that the presentation was part of a national effort to recognize the importance and impact of the year 1619.

Freeholder Hudak spoke relative to the 2nd annual Pulaski Day Flag Raising taking place on September 24th in front of the Union County Court House and encouraged all

residents to attend. He also mentioned the commencement of the school year, noting enhanced security at his son's school and expressed his disdain for the lack of national action being taken in the fight against gun violence.

Vice Chairman Mirabella spoke relative to the recent dedication of a youth baseball field at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside in honor of Jeff Torborg, noting a tremendous turnout for the event, with over 300 residents in attendance. He thanked Directors Ronald Zuber, Michael Brennan and Sebastian D'Elia for their efforts and hard work in preparation for the event as well as Famous Dave's of Mountainside, the Chicago White Sox, the New York Mets and Wakefern for their contributions and assistance relative to the event. He also noted that former Major League players Willie Randolph, Al Leiter, and Mike Lowell were also in attendance at the event.

Freeholder Garretson reminded residents about the upcoming 4th annual Union County Means Business Expo being held at Warinanco Sports Center on September 18th. She also spoke relative to the dedication and renaming of Liberty Avenue Park in honor of Charlotte DeFilippo.

Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded reminded residents about the upcoming 2nd annual Rockin' the Reservation event taking place on September 29 at The Loop in the Watchung Reservation. She noted that seasonal activities at the event would include pumpkin painting and a build-your-own-scarecrow station, in addition to other entertainment and attractions. She also spoke relative to an upcoming Networking Mixer for military families at Galloping Hill Golf Course hosted by the Office of Veteran Services.

Freeholder Estrada had no comments.

Freeholder Staten had no comments.

Chairman Kowalski invited residents to attend the upcoming Raritan Valley Rail Coalition to discuss the potentially devastating effects of an extended closure of the Hudson River trail tunnels as outlined by the reports compiled by The Regional Plan Association. On a different note, she spoke relative to the Board attending several 9/11 memorials to honor the victims lost on September 11th, 2001. She closed by reminding residents about the POW/MIA Remembrance Day taking place at the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth to commemorate the sacrifice of service men and women who were prisoners of war and or missing in action and their families.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7: 25 P.M.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 7:00pm in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 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

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REGULAR MEETINGS

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February 21, 2019

March 14, 2019

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June 20, 2019

June 27, 2019

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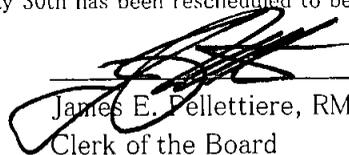
December 5, 2019

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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. Fellettiere, RMC, MPA
Clerk of the Board