



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021
REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AGENDA

RETURN FROM RECESS

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

Suspension of the rules to allow for the joining of both Public Comments on resolutions being offered for adoption, and Public Comments on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is open for the purpose of commenting on resolutions being offered for adoption and on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.

RESOLUTION

The following resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2021-1** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Adopting the Bylaws and Rules of Procedures for the Year 2021.
- 2021-2** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Adopting the Meeting Schedule of the Union County Board of County Commissioners for the Year 2021.
- 2021-3** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Designating Official Newspapers for legal notices of the County of Union for the Year 2021.
- 2021-4** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Adopting the Commissioner Standing Committee assignments for 2021.
- 2021-5** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Appointing members of the Union County Board of County Commissioners as liaisons to various Advisory Boards for the Year 2021.
- 2021-6** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Appointing the following as representatives to the New Jersey Association of Counties for the term commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring December 31, 2021: Commissioner Angela Garretson (Delegate) and Commissioner Sergio Granados (Alternate).

- 2021-7** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Appointing the following as representatives to the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for the term commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring December 31, 2021: Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski (Delegate) and Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon (Alternate).
- 2021-8** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Appointing Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon as the Union County Delegate to Meadowlink/EZ Ride for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring December 31, 2021.
- 2021-9** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution appointing James E. Pellettiere as Clerk of the Union County Board of County Commissioners for a three (3) year term commencing February 1, 2021 through January 31, 2024.
- 2021-10** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Adopting the Temporary Budget for the Year 2021.
- 2021-11** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Establishing change funds for Year 2021.
- 2021-12** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Establishing Petty Cash Funds for Year 2021.
- 2021-13** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Updating Petty Cash Custodians for the County Counsel's Office.
- 2021-14** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Updating Petty Cash Custodians for the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County.
- 2021-15** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Designating depositories wherein all public monies and funds of the County of Union shall be kept for Year 2021.
- 2021-16** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Designating signatories for Calendar Year 2021.
- 2021-17** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Approving a list of pre-qualified financial advisors for the Year 2021.
- 2021-18** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Awarding a contract to Lerch, Vinci & Higgins LLP, to provide financial advisory services in connection with special projects for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.
- 2021-19** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Awarding a contract to Rogut McCarthy, LLC, to provide specialized counsel services in connection with the issuance of bonds, or notes by the County of Union from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
- 2021-20** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Awarding a contract to Suplee, Clooney & Company, Westfield, NJ to provide statutory audits of Constitutional Offices of the County of Union and other services as required from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

- 2021-21 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Awarding a contract to Wielkocz & Company, Pompton Lakes, NJ to provide statutory audits of accounts of the County of Union and its agencies from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
- 2021-22 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Renewing the New Jersey Counties Excess Joint Insurance Fund to administer and provide excess insurance for the following: Liability (other than motor vehicles), Property Damage (other than motor vehicles), Motor Vehicles, Public Officials Liability/Employment Practices Liability, and Workers Compensation for the budget period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$2,542,889.00.
- 2021-23 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** A resolution approving a list of Qualified Shorthand Reporters for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
- 2021-24 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** A resolution approving a list of Qualified Litigation Defense and General Counsel for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
- 2021-25 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** A resolution approving a list of Qualified Labor/Personnel Counsel for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
- 2021-26 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Awarding a contract to Hatfield Schwartz Law Group, Cedar Knolls, NJ to serve as Labor and Personnel Counsel for twelve (12) consecutive months of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$205,000.00.
- 2021-27 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Awarding a contract to Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC, Warren, New Jersey, to serve as Personnel Counsel, for twelve (12) consecutive months of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$115,000.00.
- 2021-28 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Awarding a contract to Ruderman & Roth, LLC, Springfield, New Jersey, to serve as Personnel Counsel for twelve (12) consecutive months of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$130,000.00.
- 2021-29 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Awarding a contract to Florio Perrucci Steinhardt Cappelli Tipton & Taylor, LLC, New Providence, NJ to serve as Personnel Counsel, for the twelve (12) consecutive month period of period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00.
- 2021-30 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Awarding a contract to Rainone Coughlin Minchello, LLC, Iselin, NJ, to serve as Personnel Counsel, for the twelve (12) consecutive month period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an estimated amount not to exceed \$45,000.00.

- 2021-31 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Awarding a contract to Leitner Tort DeFazio & Brause, P.C., Edison, NJ to provide Worker's Compensation Defense Counsel Services for twelve (12) consecutive months of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, with any sums to be paid through the Third Party Administrator.
- 2021-32 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Awarding a contract to Biancamano & DiStefano, P.C., Edison, NJ to provide Worker's Compensation Defense Counsel Services for twelve (12) consecutive months of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, with any sums to be paid through the Third Party Administrator.
- 2021-33 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution 2020-918 dated December 10, 2020 to increase the appropriation to Florio, Perrucci, Steinhart, Capelli, Tipton & Taylor, LLC, of New Providence, NJ, for Special Legal services related to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES ACT") in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$350,000.00.
- 2021-34 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** A resolution awarding a contract to Manuel R. Grova, Esq. as Special Counsel to the Union County Planning Board for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 at an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00
- 2021-35 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the use of NJ State, Somerset County, Educational Services Commission of NJ, and Cranford Police Cooperative contracts as exceptions to bidding pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-10,11 and 12 and NJAC 5:34-Subchapter 7 for 2021.
- 2021-36 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution authorizing a program of pre-approved reimbursement for completed job related courses by Union County full-time employees in a total amount not to exceed \$ 150,000.00.
- 2021-37 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract Beckerman & Company, Colonia, NJ for the purpose of providing General Insurance Consultant/Broker Services for the period of February 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023 with one option to extend the contract for an additional 24 months, for a total amount not to exceed \$84,583.00 for the first 35 month contract.
- 2021-38 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the second and final option to extend a contract with FMLASource, a ComPsych affiliate, Chicago, IL, for the provision of a comprehensive State and Federal Family Leave Administration Program to County employees for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$46,000.00.
- 2021-39 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an open ended contract for essential Telecommunication Services with Verizon Inc. of New Jersey, a Board of Public Utilities regulated supplier, for an estimated not to exceed amount of \$315,000.00 for the period of twelve (12) consecutive months of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

- 2021-40** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the final option to extend the contract with Acrisure LLC, Woodbridge, NJ, and Business & Government Insurance Agency, Woodbridge, NJ, for the provision of Health Insurance Consultant/Broker Services and Voluntary Benefits Services from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022.
- 2021-41** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Atlantic Health Systems, Atlantic Medical Group, Clark, New Jersey for the provision of pre-employment medical examinations, drug screenings and other related medical services for the County of Union (Division of Personnel and Sheriff's Office) for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for a total amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.
- 2021-42** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with ComPsych, Chicago, IL, for the provision of a comprehensive Employee Assistance Program (EAP) to County employees and their families for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$54,000.00.
- 2021-43** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Institute of Forensic Psychology, Oakland, NJ to provide Psychological Evaluation Services to the Departments of Administrative Services (Division of Personnel), Sheriff's, Corrections, Prosecutor's and Public Safety for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in a total amount not to exceed \$51,000.00.
- 2021-44** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Dr. Susan A. Furnari, Licensed Psychologist, Nutley, NJ, to provide Psychological Evaluation Services to the Departments of Administrative Services (Division of Personnel), Corrections and Prosecutor's for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in a total amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.
- 2021-45** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Awarding a contract to James Jude Plaia, Esq., Verona, NJ to provide Worker's Compensation Defense Counsel Services for twelve (12) consecutive months of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, with any sums to be paid through the Third Party Administrator.
- 2021-46** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Newark Gateway Travel Services Inc., 759 Bloomfield Avenue #224, West Caldwell, New Jersey as the vendor to provide Travel Agent Services to all County entities at a not to exceed amount of \$65,000 for a period of 24 consecutive months with one option to extend for an additional 24 months.
- 2021-47** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew the County's Dental Insurance Contract with Delta Dental and Flagship Health Systems, Parsippany, New Jersey to provide Dental Coverage for the contract period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$1,750,000.00.

- 2021-48** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with International Healthcare Services/Healthplex, Uniondale, New York to provide dental insurance for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$325,000 per year for two (2) years for a total amount not to exceed of \$650,000.00.
- 2021-49** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Equipment Maintenance Insurance Policy with Specialty Underwriters, Oak Creek, WI for the provision of coverage for maintenance costs of electronic office equipment for the contract period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$215,000.00.
- 2021-50** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing a payment to Beckerman, Inc., the County's General Insurance Broker of Record, to renew the Marine Insurance Policy covering UC Marine 2, the Union County Police Fire Boat, with North American Specialty for the twelve (12) consecutive month period of January 22, 2021 through January 21, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$5,693.00.
- 2021-51** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing a payment to Beckerman & Company, the County's General Insurance Broker of Record, to obtain an Equine Mortality Policy with Great American Assurance Company, Cincinnati, OH for the period of February 24, 2021 through February 23, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$2,750.00.
- 2021-52** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to utilize the County's fourth and final option to extend the contract with MPC Bus Corporation, Garden City, New York, pursuant to competitive contracting law (RCCP 12-2016), for the provision of transportation services in the form of Routing, Scheduling & Dispatch and Road Operator Services for the Union County Paratransit System for the contract period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, representing Year Five (5) of the total five (5) year contract, in the total amount not to exceed \$4,833,461.00.
- 2021-53** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-580 to reflect that Knights Inn, Elizabeth, NJ, is authorized to exceed the Pay to Play threshold amount of \$17,500.00 with requirement of properly executed pay to play disclosures, without an increase to the total contract amount for all vendors, of not to exceed \$350,000.00.
- 2021-54** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-740, a contract with MPC Bus Corporation, Garden City, NY, for the provision of Transportation Services, to reflect a change in appropriation accounts only.
- 2021-55** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-881 for the addition of Knights Inn, Elizabeth, NJ to the list of Code Blue shelters and motels for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

- 2021-56 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, Elizabeth, NJ for the period of January 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00, to provide emergency shelter housing placements for homeless individuals in Union County through the Operation Warm Heart Program.
- 2021-57 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution 2020-775 to correctly reflect a change in the name of the company as Salina Support Services, LLC, Pinchurst, NC with no other changes to the terms of the contract.
- 2021-58 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to designate the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs as the Official County Cultural and Heritage Agency of the County of Union for Year 2021.
- 2021-59 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to allow the Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs to apply for private and public funding for grants to be used for the purpose of developing and implementing programs and services in the arts, education, history and preservation for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
- 2021-60 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2018-829, exercising the option to extend the contract with Advanced Data Processing Inc., Chappaqua, NY (formerly dba Intermedix) to provide ambulance billing services for Union County Emergency Medical Services for the 6 month period of October 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021 at a service fee cost of 5.15% of the total revenue collected, in an amount not to exceed \$23,274.46.
- 2021-61 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-790, a Shared Service Agreement by and between the County of Union and the Borough of Kenilworth for the sharing of a Certified Public Works Manager, to extend the agreement three (3) months through March 31, 2021 in the amount of \$5,500.00.
- 2021-62 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-168, to exercise the final 12 month option to extend the shared services agreement by and between the County of Union and the Township of Berkeley Heights for the sharing of a certified public works manager, for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2021-63 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Frank Papatatto during their time of sorrow.
- 2021-64 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Elijah Johnson, Sr during their time of sorrow.

- 2021-65 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing January 20, 2021 as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day throughout Union County; and further recognizes the many celebrations held by municipalities and various organizations throughout Union County that celebrate and honor the legacy and purpose of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

COMMISSIONER REMARKS AND COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021 at 12:00 pm
Courthouse Plaza, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ & Remotely
Through Teleconference via Zoom Webinar

2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

AGENDA SETTING SESSION

January 21, 2021

February 4, 2021
February 18, 2021

March 4, 2021
March 25, 2021

April 8, 2021
April 22, 2021

May 6, 2021
May 20, 2021

June 10, 2021
June 24, 2021

July 22, 2021

August 12, 2021

September 2, 2021
September 23, 2021

October 7, 2021
October 21, 2021

November 4, 2021
November 18, 2021

December 2, 2021
December 16, 2021

REGULAR MEETINGS

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December 16, 2021

Please note that the County Commissioners' meetings are to be regularly held on Thursday evenings and are scheduled to be held on the same evening, with the Agenda Setting Session to commence at 5:00pm and the Regular Meeting to commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session, unless otherwise noted.

In adherence with the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) guidelines, the County Commissioners' meetings will be open to the public by electronic means, and as such, will be conducted through a teleconference via ZOOM Webinar. All members of the public may view the meeting by livestream at ucnj.org/commissioners. Any member of the public wishing to participate in the teleconference meeting, may do so by downloading ZOOM to their individual electronic device and must email the Clerk of the Board at jpellettiere@ucnj.org <<mailto:jpellettiere@ucnj.org>> to receive the meeting-specific link and password to gain access to the teleconference. All requests **must** be submitted and received by the Clerk of the Board **no later than noon of the corresponding meeting date.**

Members of the public who prefer not to, or do not have the means to, participate in the teleconference, may continue to participate in the County Commissioners meetings by emailing comments relative to resolutions being offered for adoption and/or on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county to the Clerk of the Board at jpellettiere@ucnj.org <<mailto:jpellettiere@ucnj.org>>. All relevant comments received will be read into the record during each Regular Meeting's Public Comment Portion, prior to the Board's consideration of resolutions for adoption, and will be addressed accordingly by the Board. All emails **must** be submitted and received by the Clerk of the Board **no later than noon of the corresponding Regular Meeting date** and, as is always the case, **must** include the public member's **full name** and **town of residence** and **resolution number** to which comments are being referred for the record. Agendas will be posted for the public's viewing on the County's official website at: www.ucnj.org/commissioners <<http://www.ucnj.org/commissioners>>.

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