



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:38 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Vice Chair Rebecca Williams, Commissioner Angela R. Garretson, Commissioner Sergio Granados, Commissioner Christopher Hudak, Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski, Commissioner Lourdes Leon, Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and Commissioner Andrea Staten were present:

Also present were County Manager Edward T. Oatman, County Counsel Bruce H. Bergen, 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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Thursday, December 3, 2020 - Agenda Setting Session
2. Thursday, December 3, 2020 - Regular Meeting
3. Thursday, December 10, 2020 - Agenda Setting Session
4. Thursday, December 10, 2020 - Regular Meeting

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to approve the December Agenda Setting and Regular Meeting Minutes. On a motion made by Vice Chair Williams and seconded by Commissioner Granados, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the December Agenda Setting and Regular Meeting Minutes.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere read the Ordinance by Title.

**822-2021 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND
ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND DELIVERY BY THE COUNTY OF UNION
OF CERTAIN AGREEMENTS IN RELATION TO COUNTY
GUARANTEED LEASE REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2021
(UNION COUNTY FAMILY COURT BUILDING PROJECT) OF THE
UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY.**

WHEREAS, the Union County Improvement Authority (the "Authority") has been duly created by an ordinance of the Board of Chosen Freeholders (subsequently renamed as the "Board of County Commissioners") of the County of Union, New Jersey (the "County"), as a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey (the "State") pursuant to and in accordance with the County Improvement Authorities Law, constituting Chapter 183 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1960 of the State, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Authority, at the request of the County, financed the planning, design, construction and equipping of a Family Court Building and a parking deck located in Elizabeth, New Jersey (the "Improvements") and

WHEREAS, the Authority issued its County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2012 (Union County Family Court Building Project - Elizabeth) (the "2012 Bonds") to finance the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined to refinance the 2012 Bonds through the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is desirous of assisting in the refinancing of such 2012 Bonds, to the extent permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, the Authority expects to obtain funds to assist the refinancing of the 2012 Bonds through the issuance of its bonds in an amount not to exceed \$48,000,000 County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 (Union County Family Court Building Project) (the "Bonds") issued pursuant to a Bond Resolution to be adopted by the Authority entitled "COUNTY GUARANTEED LEASE REVENUE BOND RESOLUTION (UNION COUNTY FAMILY COURT BUILDING PROJECT)" (the "Bond Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, specifically Section 34 thereof (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-77), the Authority is authorized to enter into and perform any

lease or other agreement with the County for the lease to or use by the Authority of all or any part of any public facility or facilities as determined in Section 11 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-54); and

WHEREAS, the County intends to lease the real property upon which the Improvements are situated to the Authority pursuant to the terms of a Ground Lease to be dated as of the first day of the month of issuance of the Bonds between the County, as lessor, and the Authority, as lessee (together with any amendments thereof or supplements thereto in accordance with its terms, the "Ground Lease");

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, specifically Section 35 thereof (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-78), the Authority is authorized to enter into and perform any lease or other agreement with the County for the lease to or use by the County of all or any part of any public facility or facilities as determined in Section 11 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-54); and

WHEREAS, the Authority intends to lease the Improvements and the real property upon which the Improvements are situated to the County pursuant to the terms of a Lease and Agreement to be dated as of the first day of the month of issuance of the Bonds between the Authority, as lessor, and the County, as lessee (together with any amendments thereof or supplements thereto in accordance with its terms, the "Lease Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, during the term of the Lease Agreement, title to the Improvements will reside with the County; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the terms of the Lease Agreement, (i) the County will manage and operate the Improvements, collect and disburse the revenues realized and pay the expenses incurred in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, in order to induce the prospective purchasers of the Bonds to purchase same, and to provide additional security, the Bonds shall otherwise be secured by a guarantee ordinance adopted by the County unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteeing the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Bonds, all pursuant to Section 37 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 13 ("Section 13") of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-56), prior to the issuance of the Bonds, the Authority shall make a detailed report with respect to such financing to the Board of County Commissioners of the County, which report shall include copies or a description of, without limitation, the various financing documents; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A 40A:5A-6 and N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80 the Authority shall make application, on behalf of the Authority and the County to the Local Finance Board in the Division of Local Government Services of the Department of Community Affairs of the State (the "Local Finance Board") for the Local Finance Board's review of the financing, including, *inter alia*, the Bond Resolution, the Lease Agreement, the Ground Lease, the County Guaranty, and Continuing Disclosure Agreement (the "Financing Documents"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the terms of Section 37 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80) and the County Guaranty, the County shall be obligated, if necessary, to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the County without limitation as to rate or amount to make the timely payment of the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Authority believes: (i) it is in the public interest to accomplish such purpose; (ii) said purpose is for the health, wealth, convenience or betterment of the inhabitants of the County; (iii) the amounts to be expended for said purpose are not unreasonable or exorbitant; and (iv) the proposal is an efficient and feasible means of providing for the needs of the inhabitants of the County and will not create an undue financial burden to be placed upon the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, as follows:

Section 1. The County Manager, Director of Finance, Deputy Treasurer or such other authorized officer of the County (each an "Authorized Officer") are hereby each severally authorized and directed, upon the satisfaction of all the legal conditions precedent to the execution or acknowledgment and delivery by the County, of the Financing Documents to be so executed or acknowledged by the County.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed, upon the execution or acknowledgment of the Financing Documents in accordance with the terms of Section 1 hereof, to attest to the Authorized Officer's execution or acknowledgment of such documents and is hereby further authorized and directed to thereupon affix the seal of the County to such documents.

Section 3. Upon the execution or acknowledgment and attestation of and if required, the placing of the seal on the Financing Documents as contemplated by Sections 1 and 2 hereof, the Authorized Officer is hereby authorized and directed to (i) deliver the fully executed or acknowledged, attested and sealed documents to the other parties thereto and (ii) perform such other

actions as the Authorized Officer deems necessary, desirable or convenient in relation to the execution and delivery thereof.

Section 4. The Board of County Commissioners of the County hereby authorize the performance of any act, the execution or acknowledgment and delivery of any other document, instrument or closing certificates, which the Authorized Officer, deems necessary, desirable or convenient in connection with this contemplated transaction, and the Board hereby directs the Authorized Officer to execute or acknowledge, and cause the Clerk of the Board to attest and affix the seal to any such documents, instruments or closing certificates, the authorization of which actions shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution or acknowledgment, attestation, affixation and delivery, as the case may be, thereof by such persons. Such closing certificates shall include, without limitation, (a) a determination that any information provided by the County in connection with the preparation and distribution of (i) any preliminary official statement or supplement with relation to the Bonds is "deemed final" for the purposes and within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Rule 15c2-12") and (ii) any official statement or supplement with relation to the Bonds constitutes a final Official Statement for the purposes and within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12, (b) a determination that the Continuing Disclosure-Agreement complies with Rule 15c2-12, (c) a determination that any information provided by or on behalf of the County or relating to the County, the Improvements, the Financing Documents or the transactions contemplated thereby in connection with the preparation and distribution of any such Preliminary Official Statement or the Official Statement complies with Section 10 and Rule 10b-5 of the Securities Exchange Act, and (d) any representations, warranties, covenants, certificates or instruments required by any issuer of a municipal bond insurance policy or any other form of credit enhancement securing all or a portion of the Bonds or the issuer of a rating on all or a portion thereof.

Section 5. The County authorizes the Authority to issue its bonds to refinance the 2012 Bonds.

Section 6. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to publish and post notice of this ordinance as required by law.

Section 7. Upon the adoption hereof, the Clerk of the Board shall forward certified copies of this ordinance to the County Manager, Director of Finance, County Counsel, Bond Counsel to the County, the Authority, and Bond Counsel to the Authority.

Section 8. This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

FIRST READING STATEMENT

Commissioner Hudak, Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 822-2021 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The public hearing is scheduled to be held on February 4, 2021.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere read the Ordinance by Title.

823-2021 FIXING THE SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT HEADS.
AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

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

Section 1. The salaries of the Members of the Union County Board of County Commissioners, County Manager, County Counsel, Departments Heads and Clerk of the Board shall be as hereinafter set forth and shall be effective as of January 1, 2021.

Position	2021 Salary
Member of the UC Board of County Commissioners	34,135.52
Vice-Chairman of the UC Board of County Commissioners	35,292.44
Chairman of the UC Board of County Commissioners	36,449.37
Director of Corrections	138,373.20
Director of Parks & Recreation	142,587.86
Director of Human Services	142,178.98
Director of Public Safety	145,118.11
Director of Administrative Services	144,848.65
Director of Engineering Public Works & Facilities	156,217.10
Director of Finance/County Treasurer/CCFO	159,754.46
Director of Economic Development/Deputy County Manager	163,754.80
County Counsel	178,500.00
County Manager	185,977.01

Section 2. The required contribution for employee health benefits shall equal 1.5% of the base salary for calendar year 2021; and

Section 3. The amount of the health benefits contributions effective January 1, 2022 shall be the higher of 1.5% of base salary or Chapter 78, s. 39 year four contributions.

Section 4. That this Ordinance shall take effect at the time and manner provided by law.

Section 5. That the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby authorized to publish a notice in the appropriate newspaper of such introduction and of a public hearing on February 4, 2021, and shall forward one certified copy of final passage to each Clerk of all Municipalities located within the County of Union.

FIRST READING STATEMENT

Commissioner Hudak, Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 823-2021 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The public hearing is scheduled to be held on February 4, 2021.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere read the Ordinance by Title.

824-2021 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE GUARANTY BY THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY OF PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE COUNTY GUARANTEED LEASE REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2021 (UNION COUNTY FAMILY COURT BUILDING PROJECT) OF THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$48,000,000.00.

WHEREAS, the COUNTY OF UNION, New Jersey (the "County"), pursuant to the Improvement Authorities Law of the State of New Jersey (the "State"), constituting Chapter 183 of the Pamphlet Laws of the State of 1960, as amended and supplemented (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-44 et seq.) (the "Act"), has heretofore duly created a body corporate and politic known as The Union County Improvement Authority (the "Authority"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 80 of the Act, the County is authorized to guaranty unconditionally the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on any obligations of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the County, in order to assist the Authority with the financing of a proposed refunding on behalf of the County (the "Project"), has determined to provide for the guaranty of County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 (Union County Family Court Building Project) of

the Authority or the refunding of said bonds (the "Obligations") under the resolution of the Authority entitled "County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bond Resolution (Union County Family Court Building Project)" or the bond resolution(s) authorizing the refunding of said Obligations (the "Bond Resolution");

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. This guaranty shall be adopted by the governing body of the County in the manner provided for adoption of a bond ordinance as provided in the Local Bond Law, constituting Chapter 169 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1960 of the State, as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law").

Section 2. Pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of the Act, specifically Section 37 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80), the County is hereby authorized to and hereby shall fully, unconditionally and irrevocably guaranty the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Obligations in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding at any time \$48,000,000, which Obligations are to be issued to finance and/or refinance the Project, on such terms and conditions as may be agreed to by and between the County and the Authority and as are reflected in this guaranty and in the guaranty certificate on the face of each Obligation. Upon the endorsement of the Obligations referred to in Section 3 below, the County shall be fully, unconditionally and irrevocably obligated to pay the principal of and interest on the Obligations in the same manner and to the same extent as in the case of Obligations issued by the County, and, accordingly, the County shall be unconditionally and irrevocably obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the County for the payment thereof, without limitation as to rate or amount, when required under the provisions of applicable law. This full, unconditional and irrevocable guaranty of the County effected hereby to pay the principal of and interest on the Obligations when due, in accordance with the terms hereof, shall not be abrogated for any reason. Any Obligations which are no longer considered outstanding under the Bond Resolution shall not be counted for the purpose of the \$48,000,000 limitation contained in this guaranty.

Section 3. The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, Vice Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners or Director of Finance of the County shall, by manual or facsimile signature, execute an endorsement on each of the Obligations evidencing this guaranty by the County as to the punctual payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon. The endorsement on each Obligation shall be in substantially the following form, and absent the fully executed endorsement in such form on any such Obligation, such Obligation shall not be entitled to the benefits of this guaranty:

GUARANTY BY THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY

The payment of the principal of and interest on the within Bond shall be fully, irrevocably and unconditionally guaranteed by the County of Union, a body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey (the "County"), in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80 and the guaranty ordinance of the County finally adopted pursuant thereto, and the County is fully, irrevocably and unconditionally liable for the payment, when due, of the principal of and interest on this Bond, and if necessary the County shall levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the County, without limitation as to rate or amount, in order to make such payment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County of Union, New Jersey, has caused this guaranty to be executed by the signature of its Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, Vice Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners or Director of Finance.

COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY

By: _____
**Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners,
Vice Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners
or Director of Finance**

The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, Vice Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners or Director of Finance is hereby further authorized to execute such other certificates or agreements relating to this guaranty that may be required by the Authority to comply with the terms of the financing documents relating to the Obligations, including, without limitation, (i) any agreements or certificates detailing the time and method that payment under this guaranty shall be made by the County, (ii) any letters of representations or similar undertakings to be executed in connection with the sale of the Obligations, setting forth certain representations, warranties and covenants of the County as an inducement to the purchase of the Obligations, (iii) any certificates deeming "final" (for the purposes of Rule 15c2-12 of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission) any Preliminary or final Official Statements of the Authority in connection with the Obligations, and (iv) any bond purchase agreement or continuing disclosure agreement executed in connection with the sale of the Obligations. Such further agreements or certificates shall not abrogate the County's responsibilities hereunder.

The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, Vice Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners or Director of Finance is hereby further authorized to execute one or more continuing disclosure agreement(s) or other instrument(s) undertaking the secondary disclosure obligations of the County required by Rule 15c2-12 of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the issuance of any Obligations by the Authority.

Section 4. It is hereby found, determined and declared by the governing body of the County that:

(a) This guaranty may be adopted notwithstanding any statutory debt or other limitations, including particularly any limitation or requirement under or pursuant to the Local Bond Law, but the aggregate principal amount of the Obligations that shall be entitled to the benefits of this guaranty, being an amount not to exceed \$48,000,000 outstanding at any time, shall after their issuance be included in the gross debt of the County for the purpose of determining the indebtedness of the County under or pursuant to the Local Bond Law.

(b) The principal amount of Obligations entitled to the benefits of this guaranty and included in the gross debt of the County shall be deducted, and is hereby declared to be and to constitute a deduction, from such gross debt under and for all the purposes of the Local Bond Law (i) from and after the time of issuance of the Obligations until the end of the fiscal year beginning next after the completion of the acquisition or construction of the project to be financed from the proceeds of the Obligations, and (ii) in any annual debt statement filed pursuant to the Local Bond Law as of the end of said fiscal year or any subsequent fiscal year, if the revenues or other receipts or moneys of the Authority in such fiscal year are sufficient to pay its expenses of operation and maintenance in such fiscal year and all amounts payable in such fiscal year on account of the principal of and interest on all such guaranteed Obligations, all Obligations of the County issued as provided in Section 36 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-79), and all Obligations of the Authority issued under the Act.

Section 5. The following matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The maximum outstanding principal amount of Obligations of the Authority that are hereby and hereunder guaranteed as to the punctual payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon at any time is \$48,000,000.

(b) The purpose described in this guaranty is not a current expense of the County, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(c) A supplemental debt statement of the County has been duly made and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Board, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State, and such debt statement shows that while the gross debt of the County, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by this guaranty by \$48,000,000, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the net debt of the County is not increased, and the obligation of the County authorized by or incurred pursuant to the terms of this guaranty is permitted by an exception to the debt limitations of the Local Bond Law, which exception is contained in the Act.

(d) All other items to be contained in a bond ordinance adopted pursuant to the Local Bond Law are hereby determined to be inapplicable to the County's guaranty of the Obligations hereby.

Section 6. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:37A-56, the County hereby consents to the undertaking of the Project by the Authority and the entering into any lease or other agreement.

Section 7. This guaranty shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.

FIRST READING STATEMENT

Commissioner Hudak, Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 824-2021 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The public hearing is scheduled to be held on February 4, 2021.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Granados, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

SUSPENSION OF 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.

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to Suspend the Rules. On a motion made by Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Granados roll called 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 and any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.

Maryann & Charles Laskowski advised they had no questions and or comments.

Andrea Crowley Hughes advised she had no questions at this time.

Charles Weltner spoke relative to the Parks Department's Master Plan and inquired about how residents could provide input and inquired about the potential for a public forum to discuss ideas.

Chairman Mirabella thanked Mr. Weltner for his interest, advising that the Master Plan was put in place specifically to evoke input and feedback from Union County residents.

Department Director Brennan added that the Parks Department was always looking for ideas and input from the public whether it was through in-person interviews, online surveys, and or other similar resources. He advised that the Department did not have any specific details, as the process was in the beginning

phases, but promised additional information and more firm details and dates closer to early spring.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere confirmed that there were no additional members of the public in the cue wishing to ask questions or make comments.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

- 2021-66 COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** Appointing Councilman Sean Benoit (Delegate) to represent the Borough of Garwood to the UC Air Traffic & Noise Advisory Board for a two (2) year term ending December 31, 2022.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-67 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a lease agreement between the County of Union and Immaculate Conception Church, Elizabeth, NJ for the rental of 85 parking spaces at 425 Union Avenue, Elizabeth commencing on January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$6,800.00 per month for a total annual amount not to exceed \$81,600.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-68 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into lease agreement with 28 Prince Street Holdings LLC, Newark, New Jersey for the rental of 26 parking spaces located at 28 Prince Street, Elizabeth, commencing on January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount not to exceed \$1,690.00 per month, for a total annual amount not to exceed \$20,280.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-69 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Geneva Worldwide Interpretation Service, New York, NY to provide interpretation services to the non-English speaking clients of the UC Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-70 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Rescinding Resolution 2021-53; and further 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-71 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2019-1051, a professional services contract with Lehrer-Gibilsco Funeral Home to provide livery services, to increase the contract amount by \$50,000.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 through December 31, 2020.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-72 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Amending Resolution 2021-15, designating depositories, to reflect the designation of additional depositories in 2021.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-73 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution Approving Transfer of Current Fund Appropriations.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-74 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Union, New Jersey providing the consent for the Union County Improvement Authority to undertake the renovation and expansion of the Borough of Roselle existing Library Building.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-75 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2019-155, adopted February 21, 2019, (BA# 1-2019) a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Colonnelli Brothers, Inc. of Hackensack, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for Replacement of Pemberton Avenue Culvert PI-75 Cedar Brook Park, City of Plainfield, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will decrease the original contract amount by \$37,855.36 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$605,271.64. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-006A)

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-76 COMMISSIONER 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 N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to FAI-GON Electric Inc., of Piscataway, New Jersey for the Intersection Improvements at South Michigan Avenue and Quinton Avenue, Borough of Kenilworth, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$120,447.69. (BA# 20-2020; Union County Engineering Project # 2018-012)

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-77 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Neglia Engineering Associates, of Mountainside, New Jersey to provide design, construction administration and inspection services for the 2022 Road Resurfacing Project in an amount not to exceed \$312,892.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2020-010)

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-78 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to M. Disko Associates of Kenilworth, New Jersey to provide On-Call Hydraulic Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2020-019)

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-79 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Dewberry Engineers of Bloomfield, New Jersey to provide On-Call Bridge Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$12,500.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2020-015).

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-80 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Maser Consulting, Red Bank, New Jersey to provide On-Call General Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2020-013).

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-81 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to CME Associates of Parlin, New Jersey to provide On-Call Environmental Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$ 25,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2020-014).

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-82 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to French & Parello Associates, P.A. of Wall, New Jersey to provide On-Call Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MEP) Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2020-017).

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-83 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to NV5 Inc., of Parsippany, New Jersey to provide On-Call Traffic Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2020-016).

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-84 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Architectural Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Netta Architects, of Mountainside, New Jersey to provide On-Call Architectural Services commencing January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00. (Union County Project Number 2020-018).

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-85 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract obtained through advertised public bidding (BA #33-2020) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Paper Mart, 151 Ridgedale Avenue, East Hanover, NJ 07936, for the purpose of providing paper and envelopes listed in Lot # 2 and Lot # 3 for twenty-four (24)

consecutive months that shall commence upon contract execution, for an amount not to exceed \$331,192.55.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-86 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Harrington Recycling Co. Inc., Chester, NJ for labor and equipment for the clean-up and removal of logs, brush, wood chips and stumps at Houdaille Quarry in an amount not to exceed \$86,250.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-87 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Victory Industrial Supply Inc., Linden, NJ for the purchasing of hardware, factory and mill supplies in an amount not to exceed \$44,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-88 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2019-845, a contract with Lorco Petroleum, Elizabeth for the provision of motor oil and filter recycling services, to increase the contract amount by \$6,000.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$7,800.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-89 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Appointing Councilman Michael Ince, (Delegate) to represent the Borough of Garwood to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2021.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-90 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award 2021 HEART Grants received by the Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs. The Cultural & Heritage Advisory Board reviewed sixty (60) applications and grant awards have been recommended in the amount of not to exceed \$115,700.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-91 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding (BA#35-2020) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks and Recreation, TBDS, LLC. dba John R. Knabb & Sons,

Kutztown, PA, for the purpose of providing straw, for a contract period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months that shall commence upon contract execution, in the amount of \$157,500.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-92 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding (BA# 34-2020) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks and Recreation, Frank Carrajiet dba Middle Valley Farms, Long Valley, NJ, for the purpose of providing hay, for a contract period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months that shall commence upon contract execution, in the amount of \$372,320.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-93 VICE CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Jaqueline Napper, PsyD, PsyPharm, Plainfield, NJ, to provide psychological services to the patients at Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital including weekend psychological care and group sessions, for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, in an amount not to exceed 15,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-94 VICE CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Amending Resolution 2021-57 to correctly reflect a change in the name of the Company as SOS Corporation, Pinehurst, NJ and to amend the terms of the contract to provide a Processing View Only License for the use of software for processing and historical data access only; other terms and conditions remain the same.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-95 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Intersection Media LLC, Secaucus, New Jersey for the purpose of providing design and advertising space for the Union County Votes App at NJ Transit train stations in advance of the 2021 Primary and General Elections in an amount not to exceed \$19,800.07.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-96 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with International Business Machines Corporation (IBM), Piscataway, New Jersey for the purpose of providing hardware and software

maintenance for the Union County Clerk's imaging and web servers in both the Elizabeth and Westfield locations for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$22,547.84

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-97 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Election Systems & Software LLC (ES&S), Omaha, Nebraska, for the purpose of purchasing consumables for the Union County Vote Tabulation System for the contract period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-98 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Election Systems & Software LLC (ES&S), Omaha, Nebraska for the purposes of providing onsite election resources for the contract period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-99 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to both exercise the option to extend the pre-qualified period for Royal Printing Services, West New York, New Jersey, for an additional 24 months from February 1, 2021 through January 31, 2023 and to also award a contract for the purpose of providing election printing services to print authority books, poll books, challenger badges and all other printing needed to run elections in the County of Union for the contract period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$130,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-100 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Main Street Movers, Irvington, New Jersey, for the purposes of transporting election supplies for the Union County Board of Elections for the contract period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-101 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with University Van Lines, Rahway, New Jersey, for the purposes of transporting voting machines and election supplies for the Union

County Board of Elections for the contract period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 and an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2021-102 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with The Liberty Group, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey for the purposes of transporting voting machines and election supplies for the Union County Board of Elections for the contract period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 and an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2021-103 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with A. Rifkin, Co., Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania for the purpose of providing secure election bags for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2021-104 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Election Systems and Software, LLC (ES&S), Omaha, Nebraska for the purpose of providing hardware, firmware and software licensing, maintenance and support for Union County's Vote Tabulation System programming for the contract period of March 1, 2021 through November 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$215,015.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2021-105 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept grant funds through the Department of Treasury for emergency rental assistance in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, in an amount not to exceed \$16,601,886.70.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2021-106 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract through a Request for Competitive Contracting process (RCCP#1-2021) to All Covered for the provision of technical services for the Bureau of Information Technology for a contract period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$287,580.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-107 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** A Resolution authorizing the Office of the County Counsel to engage and compensate experts such as court reporters, expert witnesses, examining physicians and other litigation support and specialists which are essential to the defense of the County of Union in amount not to exceed \$45,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-108 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into agreements with West Publishing Corporation for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$102,425.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-109 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into agreements with Gann Law Books for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$54,875.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-110 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into agreements with various vendors for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$34,667.25.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-111 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into agreements with LexisNexis for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$60,639.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-112 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-210 dated February 20, 2020 to increase the appropriation to LaCorte, Bundy, Varady and Kinsella of Union, NJ in the matter entitled Reginald Curry v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a total contract not to exceed \$35,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2021-113 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2020-209 dated February 20, 2020 to increase the appropriation to Rainone Coughlin Minchello, LLC, of Iselin, NJ in the matter entitled Reginald Curry v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a total contract not to exceed \$45,000.00.

2021-114 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution 2020-321 dated April 2, 2020 to increase the appropriation to Javerbaum Wurgaft Hicks Kahn Wikstrom & Sinins, P.C. in the matter entitled Reginald Curry v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for a total contract not to exceed \$35,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2021-115 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Continuum Voice and Data Systems, Inc., Syracuse, New York for the purpose of providing software maintenance services for the OnBase Records Management proprietary software system of the County, for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$34,620.66.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2021-116 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution 2021-5, a resolution establishing Commissioner appointments to Advisory Boards.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2021-117 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2021-3, a resolution designating official newspapers for the provision of legal notices for the County of Union, to include NJ Advance Media and USA Distributors/El Especialito

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2021-118 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Authorizes the County Manager to adjust and/or change his Internal Position Control Schedules.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2021-119 COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution celebrating Union County and Plainfield resident Charles A Jones, Jr in recognition of his 100th birthday.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-120 COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing and celebrating the historic inauguration of President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris; representing the nation's first Female Vice President, its first bi-racial Black and South Asian Vice President.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-121 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution opposing the recent decision by Comcast Xfinity to charge fees to Union County home internet customers who exceed a newly impose 1.2 TB monthly data cap.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-122 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to former County employee Kathy Villaggio and her family on the passing of her mother, Carmela Williams.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-123 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing the American Heart Association's "Go Red Movement for Women" to encourage awareness of women's heart disease.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-124 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to former county employee Grace Minas and her family on the passing of her son Daniel Stiga.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-125 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of former Roselle Park Firefighter Bob Stevens during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Kowalski recognized the Union County COVID-19 Response Team, thanking everyone involved, including the County Directors and staff, as well as the volunteers for their efforts in leading this important resource. She also thanked County Manager Oatman and Deputy County Manager and Director Wagner for their tremendous efforts. Commissioner Kowalski did acknowledge certain challenges relative to the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine, but implored residents to remain patient as the County developed additional resources to offer vaccine registrations over the phone. She noted the Board's continued commitment to offer COVID-19 testing vaccination and other related resources to its residents.

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded echoed the sentiments of Commissioner Kowalski relative to COVID-19 and thanked everyone involved for their efforts. She also acknowledged the growing frustration amongst County residents relative to the COVID-19 vaccine and their inability to secure an appointment for inoculation. She recognized her mother who was volunteering at the County vaccination center and thanked her for her participation. Despite certain challenges, Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded noted that many residents had praised the smooth and efficient service at the site. She reminded residents to continue to adhere to social distancing measures as well as wear a mask. To close, she wished her son Nicholas a Happy Birthday.

Chairman Mirabella thanked Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded's mother for volunteering as a nurse at the site.

Commissioner Staten echoed the sentiments of her colleagues relative to COVID-19, noting that testing, inoculation, and emergency food distribution drives had become a part of everyday life after COVID-19. She noted the County and Board's commitment to continue their efforts relative to meeting the needs of its residents. On another note, she congratulated the Biden Administration on their swearing-in ceremony and Vice-President Kamala Harris for being the first female Vice-President.

Commissioner Leon recognized and thanked the entire Union County team for their exemplary job relative to providing residents with essential COVID-19 resources, including vaccinations, noting her recent visit to the site. On another note, she discussed yesterday's historic moment relative to the swearing-in of Vice-President Kamala Harris, the first female Vice-President, noting that she looked forward to the next four years under the Biden Administration. Relative to her recent election victory, Commissioner Leon once again thanked the voters for their support and confidence, noting that she looked forward to representing the residents of Union County well and working with the UC family. She also thanked her Commissioner colleagues for their warm welcome and for showing her way. She closed, by once again, congratulating the Biden Administration.

Commissioner Granados thanked the Union County COVID-19 Response Team for their tremendous and continued efforts. He also recognized Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded's mother and father for their assistance at the site. He thanked County Manager Ed Oatman, Deputy County Manager and Director Amy C. Wagner, Public Safety Director

Moran, Jessica Cohen, Victoria Durbin-Drake as well as the various nurses and medical staff for their efforts as well, noting that once the vaccines arrived, the County was prepared to act. He recognized mounting frustrations, but assured residents that the County was doing everything in their power to ensure that the important resource reached as many residents as possible, as quickly as possible.

Commissioner Hudak recognized the County, from the Administration all the way down, for setting the bar high relative to food distributions, grant awards, testing, and now vaccinations against COVID-19. He commended the tremendous undertaking and the ingenuity that allowed for the furnishing of these services. On another note, Commissioner Hudak noted the recent decision by Comcast to restrict internet usage and apply potentially hefty fines to users for overages, especially during these difficult times. He noted that he had reached out to NJ State Senator Nicholas Scutari to discuss the matter and pursue a possible resolution to address this unconscionable action during a time when people were more greatly relying on internet.

Commissioner Garretson referenced the recent protests at the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C., noting that the events of that day had not overshadowed the recent swearing-in ceremony and the historic swearing-in of the first female Vice President Kamala Harris. She noted the wonderful talent present and shared the following reflection about the day:

Every Inauguration Day is a celebration of our enduring democracy — and yesterday reflected that uniquely American tradition. President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris have taken the reins in a historic changing of the guard after four painstaking years, we now have leaders in the White House who will serve understanding the voices of black and brown communities made an indelible mark on their success; and as a result together we can all continue to strive for dignity, honor, and respect throughout our counties and nation.

Commissioner Garretson also spoke about the recent in-person and virtual MLK celebrations, noting that she looked forward to continuing to build on his work and legacy. On another note, she offered her well wishes to all the returning college students. To close, she recognized Deputy County Manager Wagner and Commissioner Colleague Staten on their upcoming birthdays, and wished her sister a Happy Birthday as well.

Vice Chair Williams commended the Department of Human Services, under Director Anderson, for the Code Blue Alert Initiative and for being proactive in contacting participating agencies in the areas to ensure that the necessary resources are ready and available. She also echoed the sentiments of her colleagues relative to the swearing-in ceremony, noting the many women of color that were represented at the historic event. She noted that she looked forward to having Kamala Harris as a consequential Vice President, much like Joe Biden was under the Obama Administration. On another note, she spoke about the recent in-person MLK celebration held in the City of Rahway, recognizing Quanae Palmer Chambliss of the NAACP – Rahway Branch, Pastor Robison, Pastor Wise, Danni Newbury of the UC LGBTQ Affairs Department, and Mayor Raymond Giacobbe for their efforts and participation relative to the event. To close, she expressed her hope for the coming days and years under the Biden Administration.

Chairman Mirabella thanked Vice Chair Williams for representing the Board at the MLK event in Rahway. He shared that he also had the opportunity to attend an MLK event organized by Scotch Plains and Fanwood, noting that it was nice being able to have meaningful celebrations despite the COVID-19 pandemic. On another note, he spoke about the recent travesty that befell the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C., noting that the violence caused by these domestic terrorists was encouraged by former President Trump. He proclaimed that despite the adversity, democracy overcame and the Biden Administration remained steadfast and did not cower to the threat. He added that he was delighted by the swearing-in of President Biden and Vice President Harris, noting that it felt like a weight had been lifted off his shoulders. He affirmed his confidence in the Biden Administration, noting it as a more stable, competent, and honest administration, with a better strategy to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, in comparison to the former administration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To the extent known, the following items are scheduled to be discussed in Executive Session:

- 1) Attorney Client privileged discussions concerning the litigation in the matter of Cherry v. County of Union; and
- 2) Attorney Client privileged discussions concerning the litigation in the matter of Melgard v. County of Union.

County Counsel Bergen 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 discussions concerning the litigation in the matter of Cherry v. County of Union; Melgard v. County of Union.

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

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

Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session. On a motion made by Vice Chair Williams and seconded by Commissioner Hudak, a voice vote showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to return from Executive Session. On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski a voice vote showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

County Counsel Bergen confirmed no action would be taken relative to the matters discussed during the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Vice Chair Williams and seconded by Commissioner Staten, voice vote showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

**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

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March 25, 2021

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May 20, 2021

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June 24, 2021

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REGULAR MEETINGS

January 21, 2021

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November 18, 2021

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December 16, 2021


James E. Pellettiere, RMC, QPA
Clerk of the Board

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.