



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:49 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 Commissioner Kowalski 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 Vice Chair Williams 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.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, asked questions and made comments relative to several resolutions. Relative to Reso Nos. 2021-162, 2021-163, 2021-164, Mr. Paterson made comments relative to the cited cost and asked why Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services was more expensive than the other vendors providing similar services. Relative to Reso No. 2021-165, he asked for a list of the applicants receiving awards and the respective amounts they would be receiving. Relative to Reso No. 2021-167, he noted the vendor's location and asked why this vendor had been chosen to conduct work on Lenape Park in Kenilworth. Relative to Reso Nos. 2021-171 and 2021-172, Mr. Paterson compared these expenses to the prior County Music Festivals and asked one vendor had not been chosen to perform these duties rather than two. Relative to Reso No. 2021-177, Mr. Paterson asked about the nature of the original lawsuit and how the settlement would be satisfied. Relative to general comments, Mr. Paterson made comments relative to Commissioner Hudak and his role as Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman.

Relative to his general comments regarding Commissioner Hudak, Chairman Mirabella expressed his personal confidence and the Board's confidence in Commissioner Hudak and his ability to carry out the duties as Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman.

Relative to Reso Nos. 2021-162, 2021-163, 2021-164, Director Anderson advised that the respective vendors had negotiated their contracts with the state, hence the difference in fees. She added that \$7 was a reasonable price in comparison to other Paratransit System services. She advised that this was not a new initiative and confirmed that the cited fees were for one-way trips as specified in the negotiated contracts.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-165, Director Zuber provided the following list:

Borough of Fanwood: \$1,200.00	Historic Midtown Elizabeth SID: \$750.00	Reeves-Reed Arboretum: \$2,500.00
Cranford Historical Society: \$650.00	Historical Society of Elizabeth: \$2,500.00	Springfield Free Public Library: \$1,000.00
Cranford Historical Society: \$2,200.00	Historical Society of Plainfield: \$3,500.00	Union Township Historical Society: \$2,000.00
Elizabeth Public Library: \$2,300.00	Kenilworth Historical Society: \$2,800.00	Visual Arts Center of New Jersey: \$1,800.00
Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Frazee House Inc.: \$2,500.00	Linden Public Library: \$2,300.00	Westfield Historical Society: \$2,500.00
	Merchants & Drovers Tavern Museum Assoc: \$2,500.00	

Relative to Reso No. 2021-167, Director Zuber confirmed that the Lenape Park system was located in more than one municipality. He further advised that the

item was meant to grant temporary site access to the vendor to install a monitoring well and conduct water sampling for Union DEP.

Relative to Reso Nos. 2021-171 and 2021-172, County Manager Oatman advised that these vendors would continue to provide the drive-in concert series implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic as a means to offer residents safe recreational opportunities.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-177, County Counsel Bergen advised that the portion of the settlement being paid by the County had not changed and confirmed that the County would be responsible for furnishing a portion of the settlement cost and the remaining would be covered under an umbrella insurance policy. He advised that the case involved a motor vehicle accident that was deemed accidentally, but resulted in injury.

Carol Bianca, of JCP&L, emailed her comments to be read into the record by Clerk of the Board Pellettiere. She thanked the Board as well as the County Staff, including Director Graziano as well as Emergency Responders and the Department of Engineering and Public Works for their partnership and support.

Jay Robiana, Co-founder of Rails to Trails made comments relative to Rails to Trails and the positive impact it could have in Union County. He noted the importance of making greenways and trails to facilitate travel for pedestrians, cyclists, and individuals on scooters while also promoting their safety. He also spoke about the potential benefits of the expanding the use of more eco-friendly means of transportation in an effort to combat climate change. He also noted the importance of providing safe, outdoor recreational opportunities for residents of all walks of life. He advised that the East Coast Greenway had become the country's most visited park in 2020, illustrating the importance and emphasis on safe, outdoor recreation, especially during a pandemic. He noted the NJ Legislature's preparation of the Safe Passing Bill which would further promote pedestrian, bike, and scooter safety throughout the state. He spoke about the potential to convert the CNJ line between Elizabeth and Cranford into a rail and trail path as a means to safely connect downtown areas and provide residents with direct access to commerce, transportation, and other resources, while also promoting redevelopment efforts in various parts throughout the County. He noted the importance of improving mobility for all residents, but particularly those with disabilities, older adults, and school children among others.

Chairman Mirabella thanked Mr. Robiana for his elaborate presentation and requested he forward any pertinent information to Clerk of the Board Pellettiere for distribution amongst the Commissioners. He noted that the Board was incredibly receptive and supportive of these and similar initiatives that positively enhance the lives' of residents.

Quaney Palmer Chambliss, of Rahway, spoke relative to the earlier presentation by Union County Vocational High School, noting that it was nice to see the students doing so well and it made her proud to be a County resident. She encouraged the students to participate in the NAACP's Act-So Program, noting

that former Freeholder Mohamed Jalloh had participated in the program many years ago. On another note, she thanked the Board for making the necessary adjustments to include both audio and video capabilities for members of the public, as requested in the previous meeting. She also spoke relative to Mr. Bruce Paterson's previous comments relative to Commissioner Hudak and his qualifications as they relate to his position as Chairman of the Fiscal Committee. On another note, she expressed her concerns relative to transportation and ride-share services adhering to COVID-19 restrictions and asked the Board to review and ensure that customers are safe during these trips.

Relative to transportation services, Director Anderson confirmed that the information would be taken under advisement, noting that local Paratransit services did adhere to COVID-19 restrictions, including masking and social distancing. She added that she would forward Ms. Chambliss' concerns to the State's Health and Human Services Department for review.

Maria Echeverria's, of Elizabeth, comments were read into the record by Clerk of the Board Pellettiere. Ms. Echeverria expressed her concerns relative to the COVID-19 vaccine, sharing some difficult and personal experiences relative to vaccinations.

Sonia Tavares, of Union, expressed her concerns relative to the dangers of Liberty Ave, noting several accidents in the area of her home, and issues with drivers failing to adhere to the posted speed limits.

Chairman Mirabella confirmed that although Liberty Avenue was not a County road, the Board and County were willing to assist the Township of Union in any way to address this concern. He added that Ms. Tavares concerns would be forwarded to Union Township by the Board in an attempt to resolve this issue.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere confirmed there were no additional members of the public wishing to speak.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

2021-156 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Clearview Data Systems, Greenville, South Carolina for the Union County Sheriff's Office to purchase a LiveScan System in an amount not to exceed \$21,562.00.

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

2021-157 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to award a renewal contract to the United Way of Greater Union County to provide services under the 2021 Union County Family Support and Prevention (FSP) Program for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the total

amount not to exceed \$250,000.00; and furthermore requesting authorization to permit a one-time advance payment of up to one month of the award amount for the agency to carry out the program activities.

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

- 2021-158 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2019-917 to reflect that Ratan Irvington LLC dba Howard Johnson, North Plainfield, NJ, is authorized to exceed the Pay to Play threshold amount of \$17,500.00 with requirement of properly executed pay to play disclosures for the Code Blue Emergency Shelter Initiative during winter months of 2019-2020 without an increase to the total contract amount for all vendors of not to exceed \$350,000.00.

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

- 2021-159 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Amending the 2021 Temporary Budget Ch. 96 P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20).

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

- 2021-160 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to ESRI Environmental Systems Research Inc., of Redlands, CA for maintenance and technical support as needed of the ArcGIS Desktop License for GIS Databases for an amount not to exceed \$25,521.67, for the period of March 20, 2021 through March 19, 2022.

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

- 2021-161 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Iron Mountain, Boston, MA for Mobile Paper Shredding Services at all scheduled Union County Mobile Paper Shredding events from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2023, with potential for two (2) 12 month extension options, in a contract amount not to exceed \$58,240.00.

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

- 2021-162 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a revenue generating agreement with Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the provision of transportation service through the Union County Paratransit System for Partial Care clients attending their programs, based upon scheduled trips provided by the County on Monday through Friday in the reimbursement amount of \$7.00 per one way trip for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

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

- 2021-163 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a revenue generating agreement with Sage Eldercare, Summit, New Jersey, for the provision of transportation services through the Union County Paratransit System for Adult Day Care clients attending their programs based upon scheduled trips provided by the County on Monday through Friday in the reimbursement amount of \$6.00 per one way trip for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

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

- 2021-164 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Authorizing the County of Manager to enter into a revenue generating agreement with Inroads to Opportunities, Roselle, New Jersey for the provision of transportation services through the Union County Paratransit System for Partial Care clients attending their programs based upon pre-scheduled trips provided by the County on Monday through Friday in the reimbursement amount of \$6.00 per one way trip for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

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

- 2021-165 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award 2021 History Grants as received by the Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs to the below listing of sixteen (16) applicants in the amount of not to exceed \$33,000.00.

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

- 2021-166 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve a license agreement allowing the Borough of North Plainfield to hold its Community Day Fireworks in Green Brook Park on Saturday, July 10, 2021 (with a rain date of July 11, 2021).

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

- 2021-167 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Temporary Site Access Agreement between the County of Union and Carpenter Technology of Union Township, for temporary access to Lenape Park in the Township of Union, for the installation of a monitoring well and to conduct water sampling at this site.

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

2021-168 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN: 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 Fischer Contracting, Inc of Scotch Plains, New Jersey for the 2021 Wheeler Park Path, Route 1&9, City of Linden, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$70,655.00. (BA# 9-2021; Union County Engineering Project # 2020-022)

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

2021-169 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN: Amending Resolution Number 2019-352 adopted on April 25, 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 National Lawn Sprinklers Inc., of White Plains, New York, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the 2019 Irrigation Improvement – Galloping Hill Golf Course, Borough of Kenilworth, New Jersey. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$19,602.42) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$178,847.58 (BA# 9-2019; Union County Engineering Project Number 2019-002).

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

2021-170 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN: Authorizing County Manager to enter into an Agreement with Clean-Flo International, LLC, West Chester, PA, for the desiltation of the ponds in Briant Park and Rahway River Park, for a period of one year from the execution of the Agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$390,440.00.

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

2021-171 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the Union County Performing Arts Center, Rahway, NJ, for the purpose of talent acquisition, booking and event days' of facilitation for the 2021 Drive In Concert Series for the period of March 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount not to exceed \$250,000.00.

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

2021-172 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with This Is It! Productions, Jersey City, NJ, to provide professional planning, production, promotion and management services for the 2021 Drive In Concert Series for the period of March 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$181,650.00.

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

2021-173 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Division of Administration, Department of Law and Public Safety, under the SFY 2021 Law Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment Fund (LEOTEF), in the amount of \$10,109.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. (Subaward Number LEOTEF 09-21)

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

2021-174 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2019-1075 to reflect revised approved budget of \$32,024.00; and to further authorize the County Manager through the Office of Union County Prosecutor to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of State Police Grant Program for funding under the FY19 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 (Subaward Number 19-PC-03).

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

2021-175 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to apply as the lead agency for the NJ Department of Community Affairs Division of Local Government Services Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) Challenge Grant. The County of Union and the Borough of Fanwood, Borough of Garwood, Borough of Kenilworth, and the Borough of Roselle, have determined to apply for a LEAP Challenge Grant in the amount of \$150,000.00.

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

2021-176 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution 2021-111 authorizing an agreement with LexisNexis for the purchase of additional law books and materials for the County Clerk's Office in the additional amount not to exceed \$258.00 for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$60,897.00.

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

2021-177 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: A Resolution authorizing the County Manager to execute a Settlement Agreement in the matters entitled Gloria Melgar v. County of Union and Reina Melgar v. County of Union, in the amount not to exceed \$750,000.00, of which the amount of \$240,227.27 shall be paid by the County of Union and the remainder balance being paid by New Jersey Excess Joint Insurance Fund and BRIT Insurance Company.

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

2021-178 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: A Resolution to endorse and support a Career and Technical Education Program Expansion Grants application of the Union County Vocational Technical School District, seeking grant funding in the amount of \$7,111,169.00 to support the Peterson Farm – Sustainable Science Academy project.

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

2021-179 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: A Resolution to endorse and support a Career and Technical Education Program Expansion Grants application of the Union County Vocational Technical School District, seeking grant funding in the amount of \$5,272,125.00 to support the UCVTS Campus – Global Logistics and Supply Chain project .

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Leon recognized and thanked the efforts of the Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management as well as the Department of Parks and Recreation relative to snow removal and road clearing. She also thanked the Directors, staff, and volunteers involved with the COVID-19 testing facility, the vaccination clinic, and the Emergency Food Distribution drives. She noted that she was proud of the tremendous effort and proud to be part of the Union County family and continuing to do great things for the community and its residents.

Commissioner Hudak addressed the public comments relative to his position as Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman, a position he has held formerly, noting that he was proud of his record in that capacity. He noted his strong knowledge and background as it relates to budgets as well as his pride in the Infrastructure Grants that continue to offer invaluable financial resources to municipalities for an array of different things, including road maintenance and repairs among others. On another note, Commissioner Hudak spoke relative to the unprecedented weather in Texas, noting the importance of having strong infrastructure in the event of an unexpected natural disaster. He noted the importance of regulation, oversight, and infrastructure to avoid similar consequences in New Jersey. He recognized Congressman Malinowski for his efforts relative to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. On another note, he spoke relative to Mr. Robiana's earlier comments about Rails to Trails, noting that the County Manager was working with the organization to obtain GSI mapping and assist with the grant application process through the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority. He added that the County was looking at reserving some funding for this initiative in the 2021 Budget. He noted the importance of ensuring safe recreational opportunities as families looked for outdoor recreation as a safe outlet during the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent restrictions.

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded recognized the Directors, staff, and volunteers involved in the COVID-19 testing and inoculation efforts, paying special mention to Director Moran, Jessica Cohen, and Victoria Durbin-Drake. She also thanked the many doctors and nurses volunteering their time to assist with vaccination efforts. She advised that although the operations at the testing and vaccination sites were remarkable, efforts would not be enough until the County was able to meet the overwhelming demand for vaccinations. She closed by encouraging everyone to continue being safe, use masks, and social distance.

Commissioner Granados thanked the Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, and the Department of Parks and Recreation relative to the snow removal/road clearing. He also thanked everyone involved in the COVID-19 testing and inoculation centers for going above and beyond to ensure that residents have access to these invaluable resources. On another note, he spoke relative to Commissioner Hudak, noting his confidence in Commissioner Hudak's ability to serve as Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman. Commissioner Granados spoke about serving on the committee alongside Commissioner Hudak, noting his review of finances with a careful eye to curb unnecessary expenditures and his willingness to consider new ways to save money.

Commissioner Garretson recognized the unsung heroes helping educate the public relative to vaccinations, in particular the COVID-19 vaccine, noting the topic as controversial, but also as an important dialogue to have to enhance understanding. She thanked everyone in the community for going above and beyond to help each other during these difficult times. She also thanked the public for their participation, noting that it was helpful to hear from residents as a means to address their concerns. On another note, she congratulated all the UCVTS students for their academic achievements, noting the Board was happy to hear and share in their accomplishments. She recognized Alexis Staten, daughter of Commissioner Staten, for being among the celebrated students. Commissioner Garretson closed by speaking about the importance of Black History Month and coming together and embracing other cultures to augment understanding and ensure the prosperity of everyone in Union County.

Commissioner Kowalski also congratulated all the students from UCVTS, noting that she and the Board looked forward to hearing more about their accomplishments in the future. She thanked all the teachers, staff, and administration for contributing to the success of their students. On another note, she reminded residents to continue wearing a mask, social, distance, and be safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. She closed by thanking everyone involved with COVID-19 testing and vaccinations, noting a tremendous effort on the part of staff and volunteers.

Commissioner Staten also extended her congratulations and well wishes to the amazing students of UCVTS for their hard work and academic achievements, especially her daughter Alexis Staten who continues to strive towards academic excellence. She noted the importance of encouraging students to continue the great work during these difficult times and thanked the staff, including Acting Superintendent of Schools Gwen Ryan, for doing their part in keeping students

engaged and motivated. On another note, she advised that the Emergency Food Distribution Drive's location for Saturday, February 20th had been changed from UCVTS in Scotch Plains to Kean University in Union. To close, she thanked the Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management and the Department of Parks and Recreation for their tremendous efforts relative to snow removal/road clearing.

Vice Chair Williams wished everyone a Happy Black History Month, noting the many upcoming events related to the observance. She also issued her congratulations to the students of UCVTS for their academic accomplishments and encouraged them to continue the great work, including Alexis Staten, daughter of Commissioner Andrea Staten. On another note, she spoke about an upcoming walk-up Emergency Food Distribution at Gerald B. Green Plaza in Plainfield, and advised residents to visit the County website for the most up-to-date information and for rescheduling information in the event of inclement weather.

Chairman Mirabella spoke relative to the many events and observances in honor of Black History Month throughout the County, noting that Scotch Plains had its Pan-African flag raising event, the first in the history of the town, recognizing Mayor Losardo's for his efforts to that effect as well as Councilman White and Councilwoman Zimmerman. He expressed his pride in Union County and its willingness to embrace diversity. On another note, he spoke about Commissioner Hudak's instrumental role in the Infrastructure Grant Program which has been helpful and beneficial throughout the 21 municipalities. He also recognized County Manager Oatman and the many Directors throughout the County administration for their efforts in supporting the day-to-day operations of the County and pursuing alternative and novel ways to conduct business despite the COVID-19 pandemic. He noted that the County had a terrific, hard-working team that exhibited true leadership during these trying times, ensuring that residents had access to critical resources including, testing, vaccinations, and emergency food distribution drives.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 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**

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James E. Pelletiere, 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.