



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:39P.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, and Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded were present; with Commissioner Andrea Staten absent.

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 Granados, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Commissioner Staten absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Thursday, January 21, 2021 - Agenda Setting Session
2. Thursday, January 21, 2021 - Regular Meeting
3. Thursday, February 4, 2021 - Agenda Setting Session
4. Thursday, February 4, 2021 - Regular Meeting
5. Thursday, February 18, 2021 - Agenda Setting Session
6. Thursday, February 18, 2021 - Regular Meeting

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to approve the January and February Agenda Setting and Regular Meeting Minutes respectively. On a motion made by Vice Chair

Williams and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Commissioner Staten absent.

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

825-2021 BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 4.N OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 808-2019) ENTITLED: "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW ADDITIONAL FURNISHINGS, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$48,560,397 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE STATE GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS", ADOPTED JULY 25, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting was opened for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance 825-2021 only.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, inquired about the cited renovations and the purpose of said renovations.

County Manager Oatman advised that the renovation would be done to the bar and restaurant to provide for a more open concept and easier access to the outdoor seating area, in addition to other updates.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere advised that there were no additional members of the public wishing to comment on Ordinance No. 825-2021.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Commissioner Christopher Hudak, Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 825-2021 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Vice Chair Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Staten absent.

Following the vote, Commissioner Garretson expressed her support of Ordinance No. 825-2021.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

- 826-2021 CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PROVIDING OF FUNDING TO THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNION COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMPLEX PROJECT IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY, APPROPRIATING THEREFORE THE SUM OF \$16,750,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND CAPITAL SURPLUS OF THE COUNTY.**

FIRST READING STATEMENT

Commissioner Christopher Hudak, Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 826-2021 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The Public Hearing and Final Reading will be held on April 8, 2021.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Leon, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Staten absent.

Following the vote, Commissioner Garretson expressed her support of Ordinance No. 826-2021.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

- 827-2021 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND DELIVERY BY THE COUNTY OF UNION OF CERTAIN AGREEMENTS IN RELATION TO COUNTY GUARANTEED LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2021 (UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMPLEX PROJECT) OF THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY**

FIRST READING STATEMENT

Commissioner Christopher Hudak, Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 827-2021 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The Public Hearing and Final Reading will be held on April 22, 2021.

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

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

- 828-2021 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE GUARANTY BY THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY OF PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL OF AND**

INTEREST ON THE COUNTY GUARANTEED LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2021 (UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMPLEX PROJECT) OF THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$120,000,000

FIRST READING STATEMENT

Commissioner Christopher Hudak, Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 828-2021 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The Public Hearing and Final Reading will be held on April 22, 2021.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Commissioner Staten absent.

2021 BUDGET INTRODUCTION

Commissioner Christopher Hudak, Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman, introduced the 2021 Budget. He noted the tremendous impact of COVID-19 on Union County and was happy to present the 2021 County Budget with a 0% tax increase while also maintaining the County's highest attainable bond rating. He advised that the 2021 Budget would continue to fund the COVID-19 Testing Center at Kean University as well as the Mobile Testing Units that has been dispatched throughout the County. He further advised that the 2021 Budget would continue to fund the vaccination clinics at Kean University and Plainfield and continue to assist the vaccine sites in Rahway and Elizabeth. Additionally, he noted that the 2021 Budget would continue to fund and expand vaccine efforts as more vaccines became available, including continued funding for the online portal vaccine appointment registration system and the vaccine appointment call center for elderly residents and those without access to a computer. He also spoke relative to the County's partnership with Kean University, having established a laboratory to test and research PCR samples for the purpose of gene sequencing relative to variant strains, noting the laboratory as the first of its kind in the entire nation and a continued source of revenue for decades to come. On another note, Commissioner Hudak advised that the 2021 Budget would continue to fund weekly food distributions, noting over 2 million meals furnished thus far. He also noted the distribution of over 100,000 masks to the various municipalities within Union County. He also spoke relative to anticipated federal stimulus funding that the County would use to assist small businesses, schools, libraries, non-profits and tenants, to name a few. He further advised that the 2021 Budget would fund Chairman Mirabella's 2021 Initiative—Union County Rising—which would include public safety improvements; support for local businesses and the LGBTQ community; updates to the park systems and recreational facilities, among others. He advised that the official hearing and adoption of the 2021 Budget was scheduled for April 22, 2021. To close, Commissioner Hudak thanked his Fiscal Committee Colleagues Vice Chair Williams and Commissioners Granados and Palmieri-Mouded for their work in crafting the 2021 Budget. He thanked County

Manager Oatman as well for his work on the 2021 Executive Budget. He also recognized Finance Director Bibi Taylor for her efforts relative to achieving a budget surplus and for her work relative to the 2021 Budget.

Chairman Mirabella commended Commissioner Hudak and the Fiscal Subcommittee for their efforts and presentation of the 2021 Budget, noting the difficult circumstances of the last year. He also recognized County Manager Oatman, Deputy County Manager and Director Wagner, Finance Director Taylor and all the Directors throughout the County, noting his approval for the presentation of a budget with a 0% increase.

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 Commissioner Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chair Williams roll called showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Commissioner Staten absent.

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.

Quaney Chambliss, of Rahway, spoke relative to the potential jail closure and the relocation of Union County inmates to Essex County and further inquired about the County's plans to this effect.

County Manager Oatman noted that there was no item on the evening's agenda relative to the jail closure. He advised that the County was pursuing all opportunities to streamline county government, including a thorough review of the jail operations, including meetings with Union leaders to discuss future plans. He reiterated that no finals plans had been made relative to the future of the Union County jail.

Eric Larnick, of Scotch Plains, spoke relative to the Parks Department's Master Plan for the Union County Park Systems. He noted the importance of open space and outdoor recreational opportunities as highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic. He spoke relative to the continued issue of mountain biking through the Watchung Reservation and the threats of these illegal activities on the natural habitat. He encouraged the Parks Department and Board to emphasis restoration and preservation of existing open space rather than development.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, asked questions relative to several resolutions. Relative to Reso No. 2021-218, Mr. Paterson inquired about the qualifications of the cited vendor to provide the respective services. Relative to Reso Nos. 2021-

230 & 2021-231, he asked for additional details relative to the increase. Relative to Reso No. 2021-254, Mr. Paterson asked for more information relative to this item.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-218, Director Anderson advised that the vendor was a lead child care agency established in 1976 and authorized under the state of New Jersey to furnish the cited service. She further advised that organization facilitated childcare resources to working families that could not afford and or qualify for child care assistance. She noted that the agency had helped 18 families and 31 children the previous year.

Relative to Reso Nos. 2021-230 & 2021-231, Director Taylor noted that under public law 2015, Chapter 249 signed into law on January 19, 2016, each constitutional officer was allowed a budget increase with a 2% increase cap. She advised that revenue generated by a particular department should also be considered relative to the cap. She advised that the Sheriff's Department revenue had been adversely affected by COVID-19 due to postponement of Sheriff property sales, noting the need by the County to compensate for this loss. Relative to the Prosecutor's Office, Director Taylor noted a reduction in operating expenses; however, the Office required additional funding to satisfy salary increases in accordance with Union negotiations. She advised that the Prosecutor's Office's overall budget was increased by 0.6% and the Sheriff's Department saw a 0.3% increase overall. Director Taylor advised that although the 2% cap was exceeded by these departments, it was balanced by the overall county budget that maintained a 0% increase for the second year in a row.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-254, Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that the item was solely to show support to Berkeley Heights in their pursuit of a LEAP grant, offered annually through the state, which would furnish technological upgrades required to achieve compatibility with County systems used through the Shared Services Agreements.

Stacey Gregg, of Rockaway, spoke relative to Kean University and certain Board members' receiving political donations from a management company involved with the ICE Detention Center in Elizabeth. She also noted the undesirable conditions at this ICE facility.

Chairman Mirabella thanked Ms. Gregg for her comments, noting the Board had no control over Kean University's Board members as the school was an autonomous agency. Relative to the ICE Detention Center, Chairman Mirabella confirmed that the facility was not controlled by the County and encouraged Ms. Gregg to contact the City of Elizabeth relative to her concerns.

Salaam Ismial, of Elizabeth, spoke relative to the potential closure of the Union County jail and the effects it would have on the community as well as the employees.

UC Parks Volunteer and botanist Kristina Necovska, of Scotch Plains, spoke relative to the Parks Department's Master Plan and emphasized restoration and

preservation over development of these open spaces. She spoke about the need for better educational resources for residents as well as a more proactive approach to protecting these natural habitants from foreign and invasive species.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere confirmed there were no remaining members of the public wishing to comment.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

- 2021-218 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a professional service contract with Community Coordinated Child Care of Union County, Inc., Rahway, New Jersey, for the Union County Child Care Subsidy program for the period of April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$34,500.00.

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

- 2021-219 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a subcontract to PROCEED, Inc. for the Intensive Case Management (ICM) program under the Social Services for the Homeless (SSH) grant for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, in the amount not to exceed \$362,000.00.

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

- 2021-220 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into agreement with Prevention Links, Inc., of Roselle, NJ to provide operation services to the mandated Intoxicated Driver Resource Center (IDRC) for the County of Union, for a contract period of January 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$31,150.00.

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

- 2021-221 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2021-56, a contract with the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, Elizabeth, NJ for the provision of emergency shelter housing placements for homeless individuals in Union County through the Operation Warm Heart Program, to reflect a one month extension to the contract term through May 31, 2021; all other terms remain the same.

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

- 2021-222 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to the United Way of Greater Union County to provide services under the 2021 Union County Family Success Center (FSC) Program for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the total amount not to exceed \$286,000.00; 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 Vice Chair Williams, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Commissioner Staten absent.

- 2021-223 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into professional services contracts with three (3) per diem pathologists to be available in the absence of the County Medical Examiner for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00.

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

- 2021-224 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a ten (10) year Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Clark to continue providing 911 Emergency Medical call screening and EMS Dispatch services, in an amount not to exceed \$10,152.12 for the first year with an annual 2% increase through contract term, commencing January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2030.

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

- 2021-225 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a ten (10) year Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Mountainside to continue providing 911 Emergency Medical call screening services, in an amount not to exceed \$6,573.00 for the first year with an annual 2% increase through contract term, commencing January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2030.

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

- 2021-226 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2021-188, authorizing the acceptance of the FFY20 Hazardous Materials Emergency

Preparedness Planning and Training Grant Program subaward (2020-13), to include specific language as requested by the NJ Department of Public Safety, Office of Emergency Management; all terms remain the same.

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

- 2021-227 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2021-60, exercising the option to extend the contract with Advanced Data Processing Inc., Chappaqua, NY (formerly dba Intermedix) to provide ambulance billing services for Union County Emergency Medical Services through May 31, 2021 at a service fee cost of 5.15% of the total revenue collected, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

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

- 2021-228 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution Approving Transfer of Current Fund Appropriations.

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

- 2021-229 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to affirm the County of Union's compliance with the Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964." In accordance with State law; when submitting the budget for approval, the County certifies that our hiring practices comply with the EEOC requirements.

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

- 2021-230 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the Office of the Sheriff to exceed the County Entity Budget CAP (P.L., 2015, c.249).

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

- 2021-231 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the Office of the County Prosecutor to exceed the County Entity Budget CAP (P.L., 2015, c.249).

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

- 2021-232 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the Office of the County Board of Elections to exceed the County Entity Budget CAP (P.L., 2015, c.249).

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

- 2021-233 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution to exceed the County tax levy limit and to establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.14).

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

- 2021-234 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution Introducing and Approving the Annual Budget of the County of Union for the Fiscal Year 2021.

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

- 2021-235 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 Capital Paving and Contracting, LLC, of Lebanon, New Jersey for the 2021 Road Resurfacing Project, Various Municipalities, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$7,728,313.60, subject to the approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation. (BA# 4-2021; Union County Engineering Project # 2019-023)

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

- 2021-236 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to terminate the contract between the County of Union and Xerox Corporation, awarded by way of Resolution 2017-1036, effective March 31, 2021 and Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract using State and Federal cooperative contracts: Department of Engineering, Public Works, and Facilities Management - Division of Facilities Management: Xerox Corporation, Woodbridge, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing equipment leasing and labor services for an on-site Print Shop during the period of April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2026 for the not to exceed amount of \$2,088,000.00. As a Shared Service, usage of the Print Shop is extended to all governmental entities within Union County.

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

- 2021-237 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution requesting a waiver of Union County's residency requirement for an inter-governmental employee of Monmouth County, Stuart Newman (Environmental Specialist 2), Dept. of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management/Division of Public Works (Recycling).

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

- 2021-238 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with New Jersey Transit to secure grant funding in the amount of \$300,000.00 with a 100% County match in the amount of \$300,000.00 for a total of not to exceed \$600,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 for NJ Transit's Consolidated NJ - Job Access and Reverse Commute NJ-JARC round 8 Grant Program for SY2022.

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

- 2021-239 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to execute and certify an updated Recreation and Open Space Inventory for submission to the Green Acres Program of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

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

- 2021-240 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to utilize the County's only option to extend a contract with CivicPlus, Manhattan, KS, pursuant to Resolution 2016-719, amended by 2018-769 and in accordance with RCCP 3-2016, for a Cloud Based Recreation Management Software System, for the period of 24 months from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$44,000.00.

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

- 2021-241 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2021-141, a contract with various vendors for the provision of goods and/or services required from several vendors in the process of preparing and conducting an

election, to replace Joan Gill CSR with Nancy A. Bouselli, for the same services with no change in terms or funding.

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

- 2021-242 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of the Union County Prosecutor's Office, 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 JusticeTrax Inc. of Mesa, Arizona, for the procurement of Laboratory Information Management Systems (LIMS) in an amount not to exceed \$251,206.00 (BA#17-2021).

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

- 2021-243 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into an agreement with Porter Lee Corporation, Schaumburg, Illinois, for the purpose of providing annual support services, supplies and upgrades for the Barcode, Evidence Analysis, Statistics and Tracking (BEAST) evidence logging system for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00.

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

- 2021-244 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with General Star Management Company, Stamford, CT, through the County's Insurance Broker of Record Beckerman & Company, to provide liability coverage for ambulances owned and operated by the Union County Emergency Services for the period of April 26, 2021 to December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$28,689.00.

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

- 2021-245 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with The Hartford Insurance Company, Dallas, TX, through the County's Insurance Broker of Record Beckerman & Company for Volunteer Accident Insurance for the period of April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$90.00.

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

- 2021-246 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution 2020-472, authorizing an agreement with Beckerman & Company, the County's Insurance Broker of Record, to obtain a Public Officials Blanket Surety Bond with Liberty Mutual Surety for the period of July 12, 2020 through July 11, 2021, to authorize adjustments in an amount not to exceed \$663.00 for a new total of \$6,368.00.

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

- 2021-247 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Dossier Systems, Inc., Burlington, NJ to provide an upgrade to the existing cloud-based server system used by the Division of Motor Vehicles and other shops for Fleet Maintenance for the period of April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$23,723.00.

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

- 2021-248 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-318, a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Essex for the relocation of inmates on an as needed basis at the per diem cost of \$98.00 per inmate per day, to authorize an additional amount not to exceed \$1,981,070 for a new total amount not to exceed \$4,484,970.00; and further amending the contract period to end June 30, 2021.

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

- 2021-249 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter in to a contract with National Flag & Display Co., Inc. dba Metro Flag Company, Wharton, NJ to purchase American Flags that will be placed on the graves of veterans buried in Union County cemeteries during the Memorial Day holiday weekend in 2021, in the total amount not to exceed \$22,579.20.

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

- 2021-250 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution of the Union County Board of County Commissioners concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board award of a contract to the Industry Business Institute at Union County College to operate as an Affiliated American Job Center Partner, as authorized under 20 CFR 678.310, 34 CFR 361.310, and 34 CFR 463.310 so as to supplement and enhance customers' access to the services available through the Comprehensive American Job Center of Union County, which is operated by the

Union County Department of Human Services, total funding for the contract in an amount not to exceed \$270,000.00.

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

- 2021-251 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution of the Union County Board of County Commissioners concurring with Union County Workforce Development Board resolution 2021-02 for award of a contract to the Plainfield Public Library for basic to intermediate digital literacy training to qualifying individuals through the Workforce Learning Link program for the period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$80,000. Client program enrollment shall be completed by June 30, 2021 and all program funds shall be fully expended by December 31, 2021.

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

- 2021-252 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution of the Union County Board of County Commissioners concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board approval to amend the Program Year 2020 Union County Workforce Area Budget—through UCWDB Resolution No. 2021-06—in accordance with Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Final Rules; WorkFirst New Jersey Funding Regulations; and the Workforce Learning Link program requirements.

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

- 2021-253 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution of the Union County Board of County Commissioners concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board approval to amend the Program Year 2019 Union County Workforce Area Budget—through UCWDB Resolution No. 2021-07—in accordance with Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Final Rules; WorkFirst New Jersey Funding Regulations; and the Workforce Learning Link program requirements.

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

- 2021-254 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to support the Township of Berkeley Heights in their application for a LEAP Implementation Grant in the amount of \$735,455.00 to provide for the efficient provision of emergency dispatch services, which will benefit the residents of both participating local units.

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

- 2021-255 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution 2020-748, authorizing funding for the Union County School District Grant Program, to reflect an increase to the total grant amount by \$10,000.00 for a new total amount of not to exceed \$4,751,900.00.

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

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2021-256 COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of James Luther Barnes of Hillside during their time of sorrow.

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

- 2021-257 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution proclamation the month of April, 2021 as "Autism Acceptance Month" throughout Union County; and further recognizing and emphasizing the shift from "Awareness" to "Acceptance".

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

- 2021-258 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution proclamation April 11, 2021 as "National Pet Day" throughout Union County.

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

- 2021-259 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution proclamation April 30, 2021 as "National Therapy Animal Day" throughout Union County.

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

- 2021-260 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating Phil Israel, Director of the Westfield Library, on his retirement and thanking him for his many years of service to the Westfield Community.

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

- 2021-261 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating Rosalba Comas, First Deputy County Counsel who has been appointed as a Superior Court Judge.

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

- 2021-262 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating Kerry Higgins, Assistant County Counsel who has been appointed as a Superior Court Judge.

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

- 2021-263 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating JoAnn Gemenden on her retirement and recognizing her many years of service to the County of Union; and further commending her on her stewardship of the County's Recycling Programs through the years.

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Leon recognized and thanked all the County staff and Directors for their efforts relative to the Kean Testing and Vaccination Centers as well as the emergency food distribution drives. In particular, she thanked Director Anderson and her staff for their efforts. Relative to Women's History Month, she recognized and commended all women that have made a difference and have made meaningful impacts despite adversity.

Commissioner Palmieri-MouDED recognized Commissioner and Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman Hudak relative to the 2021 County Budget, noting that it was a pleasure serving alongside him on the committee. She noted her pride in being able to present a budget with a 0% tax increase, particularly during these difficult times, and thanked everyone involved for their efforts. With the warm weather approaching, Commissioner Palmieri-MouDED encouraged residents to visit the Trailside Nature and Science Center and take advantage of the many upcoming, outdoor offerings. On another note, she

reminded residents about the UC Falcon Cam, noting it was another great educational resource for residents.

Commissioner Kowalski thanked her colleagues as well as County Manager Oatman, Deputy County Manager and Director Wagner and everyone involved in the drafting of the 2021 County Budget, noting her pride in being able to introduce a budget with a 0% tax increase for the second year in a row. She also thanked all the public participants that evening for their input relative to the park system's Master Plan, noting that their feedback would be considered. On another note, Commissioner Kowalski spoke relative to the comment about ICE, noting the County's refusal to comply with the agency and federal agents on a previous occasion, a stance later promoted by Governor Phil Murphy and Attorney General Gurbir Grewal. To close, she spoke about her participation at Cranford's recent 150th anniversary celebration.

Commissioner Granados reiterated his support for Commissioner and Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman Hudak as well as Acting Prosecutor Ruotolo, noting that both were great assets to the County and had the Board's full support and confidence. He recognized the Department of Human Services and Director Anderson for their efforts relative to tackling homelessness and those at-risk of homelessness. He also recognized the Department of Public Safety and Corrections as well as Jessica Cohen and Victoria Durbin-Drake for their efforts relative to COVID-19 testing and vaccinations. To close, he wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Commissioner Hudak echoed Commissioner Kowalski's sentiments relative to ICE and the Board's position on the issue. He noted that the Board had previously opted out of any agreements with ICE as it was determined not to be in the best interest of the County and its residents. Relative to the 2021 County Budget, Commissioner Hudak recognized all those involved in producing a successful budget despite some of the financial setbacks of COVID-19. To close, he referenced the public's concerns relative to the UC jail closure, ensuring residents that no formal proposal had been drafted and presented to the Board for review. He affirmed that no action would be taken without careful review and consideration of all those that would be affected by such a decision.

Vice Chair Williams thanked Commissioner and Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman Hudak for his efforts relative to the 2021 County Budget as well as County Manager Oatman, Director Taylor and all those involved in the process. On another note, she reminded residents about an upcoming virtual town hall meeting that would focus on tackling misinformation relative to COVID-19 and the respective vaccines as a means to ease public concern and encourage residents of color to get vaccinated.

Chairman Mirabella recognized and thanked Vice Chair Williams, Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Granados, and Commissioner Staten for their efforts in raising awareness about the COVID-19 vaccine, noting the need and urgency of getting everyone vaccinated. He encouraged residents to continue using masks and adhering to COVID-19 social distancing protocols as well as get vaccinated upon meeting the eligibility requirement. He thanked all the County staff and volunteers for investing their time at the Kean Testing and Vaccination Center, the Vaccine Call Center, and the various food distribution drives. He noted the willingness of the various Labor Unions to furnish volunteers to help the County with this tremendous undertaking, noting their constant

willingness to help. On another note he reminded residents to tune in to the LGBTQ Queer Empowerment Hour segments that would be forthcoming throughout the year, noting his recent participation in the first installment of 2021. To close, he thanked Vice Chair Williams for stepping-in during the last meeting in his absence, noting she did a wonderful job. He wished everyone a Happy Passover and Easter.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Commissioner Garretson not present and Commissioner Staten absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 P.M.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN COMMISSIONERS 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 6:30pm in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified. In the event an Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting are held on the same night, the Agenda Setting Session will commence at 6:30pm and the Regular Meeting will commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session.

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REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020 at 12:00 pm

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

2020 MEETING SCHEDULE**AGENDA SETTING SESSION**

January 23, 2020

February 6, 2020

February 20, 2020

March 5, 2020

March 26, 2020**

April 2, 2020**

April 23, 2020**

May 14, 2020***

May 21, 2020**

June 4, 2020**

June 18, 2020

July 23, 2020

August 13, 2020

September 3, 2020

September 10, 2020

October 1, 2020

October 15, 2020

November 5, 2020

November 12, 2020

December 3, 2020

December 10, 2020

REGULAR MEETINGS

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* March 18, 2020 Special Meeting at 5:30pm was held via conference call due to state of emergency relative to the COVID-19 coronavirus.

** Meeting conducted remotely and electronically due to state of emergency relative to the COVID-19 coronavirus.

*** Meeting cancelled.

**UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
2021 MEETING SCHEDULE**

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

2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

AGENDA SETTING SESSION

January 21, 2021

February 4, 2021
February 18, 2021

March 4, 2021
March 25, 2021

April 8, 2021
April 22, 2021

May 6, 2021
May 20, 2021

June 10, 2021
June 24, 2021

July 22, 2021

August 12, 2021

September 2, 2021
September 23, 2021

October 7, 2021
October 21, 2021

November 4, 2021
November 18, 2021

December 2, 2021
December 16, 2021

REGULAR MEETINGS

January 21, 2021

February 4, 2021
February 18, 2021

March 4, 2021
March 25, 2021

April 8, 2021
April 22, 2021

May 6, 2021
May 20, 2021

June 10, 2021
June 24, 2021

July 22, 2021

August 12, 2021

September 2, 2021
September 23, 2021

October 7, 2021
October 21, 2021

November 4, 2021
November 18, 2021

December 2, 2021
December 16, 2021


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

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