

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Williams presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

Vice Chair Williams addressed the public:

Good evening, and welcome to another remote meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners. My name is Rebecca L. Williams, I am the Vice Chair of the Board, and I am standing in for Chairman Mirabella tonight. Thank you all for joining us.

I want to start off by recognizing First Lady Tammy Murphy, who visited the FEMA vaccination site on Pearl Street in Elizabeth earlier this week. The County has been assisting in this operation, as part of our efforts to help ensure that eligible residents have equal access to a COVID-19 vaccine. I would like to thank First Lady Tammy Murphy and Governor Murphy for their support.

We are continuing to distribute vaccines through the Union County Vaccine Center at Kean University, and we encourage everyone to get vaccinated as soon as they are eligible and vaccines are available. We add new appointments as soon as supplies come in, so please keep checking the Vaccine Center scheduling page,

at ucnjvaccine.org, for the latest updates. For those without access to the website, they can schedule through the County's Call Center.

Meanwhile, let's all continue to protect each other, and observe the safety guidelines. Wear a mask, keep your distance, and avoid large gatherings.

Turning now to seasonal events, to lead off Women's History Month, we are now accepting nominations for the Union County "Tribute to SHeroes" awards. The awards will recognize women who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, pride and commitment to their community during the COVID-19 pandemic. The deadline for nominations is March 31, so please don't delay. You can get all the details online through the Union County Office on Women, at ucnj.org/women.

Also, on March 10 we are kicking off the 2021 schedule for our Queer Empowerment Hour, a bi-weekly virtual gathering that centers on LGBTQ+ issues in Union County and beyond. For all the details and to get the Zoom link, please visit the Union County Office of LGBTQ Affairs online at ucnj.org/lgbtq, or call 908-527-4742.

And, in honor of St. Patrick's Day, on Saturday, March 20 we are bringing the U2 Tribute Band to our series of free drive-in concerts. We are all looking forward to a great show, which will include Irish music and dance. Visit our registration page at ucnj.org/reserve beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, March 12 to reserve your spot.

And now, let's start the business of tonight's meeting.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Vice Chair Williams advised that the Communications would be approved later during the Regular Meeting.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY CLERK

Joanne Rajoppi, County Clerk

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2021-96 adopted on 1/21/2021, an agreement with International Business Machines Corporation (IBM), Piscataway, New Jersey to reflect payment for the period of December 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 only in the amount of not to exceed \$1,878.99 and to award a contract for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of not to exceed \$23,850.31. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2020-899, adopted on 12/10/2020, a contract with Royal Printing Services, West New York, New Jersey, for the additional amount

of \$104,480.00 for a total contract amount of not to exceed \$3,066,297.00 for the period of February 1, 2020 through January 31, 2022. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Nicole DiRado, Administrator

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with SOE Software Corporation d/b/a Scytl, Tampa, FL., for the purpose of producing and maintaining a virtual poll worker training platform for the Union County Board of Elections for a contract period March 15, 2021 through March 14, 2024 in an amount of not to exceed \$83,632.00 with the potential option to extend for up to four (4) additional one (1) year periods. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Jersey Mail Systems, Freehold, New Jersey for the purpose of providing a barcode reader to further automate the processing of vote by mail ballots in an amount not to exceed \$18,690.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amy Crisp Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into the proposed open ended contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. to Johnston Communications, Springfield, NJ, to provide electronic network equipment, security and cabling to various County Departments for a period of twenty-four (24) months with the option to extend for one additional twenty-four (24) month period in an amount not to exceed \$616,200.00 (BA# 23-2021). **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter in to the proposed open ended contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., with Johnston Communications, Springfield, NJ, to provide telephone/associated services systems equipment, installation, maintenance services, for various County Departments for a period of twenty-four (24) months with the option to extend for one additional twenty-four (24) month period in an amount not to exceed estimate \$862,761.00 (BA#24-2021). **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Joseph Graziano, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Cartegraph Systems LLC of Dubuque, Iowa, to provide the licensing, upgrade and maintenance to the web based Operations Management System with Enterprise Licensing for a one year period commencing January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount not to exceed \$97,650.00. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Services Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process to T&M Associates, of Middletown, New Jersey, to provide LSRP services to review the existing public documentation and prepare a plan to resume the site remediation activities for the former Venneri Site located at 300 North Avenue, Town of Westfield, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$106,450.00 (Union County Engineering Project No. 2011-031) **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to utilize the County's only option to extend the open ended contract awarded to Pennetta Industrial Automation, Little Ferry, NJ pursuant to Resolution 2019-250 and originally obtained through advertised public bidding (B.A. # 7-2019), for the purpose of providing Pipefitting & Heating Systems Repairs, Maintenance, and Installation Services, for twenty-four (24) consecutive months from March 28, 2021 through March 27, 2023 in an amount not exceed \$249,000.00. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Resolution granting permission for the Borough of Roselle Park to hang a banner advertising the Borough's 2021 Arts Festival from August 31, 2021 until September 27, 2021 and to close Chestnut Street from Charles Street to Webster Avenue on Saturday, September 25, 2021 with an inclement weather date of Sunday, September 26, 2021 from 7:00 am to 9:30 pm in order to hold the Arts Festival **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCEBibi Taylor, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending the 2021 Temporary Budget Ch. 96 P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20). **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**
2. Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Union, New Jersey approving the issuance of subordinated revenue bonds, (Aries Linden, LLC Project) Series 2021 pursuant to section 147(f) of the internal revenue code of 1986. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**
3. 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 and implement the completion of Construction of a Biosolids Processing Facility to be located in the City of Linden, New Jersey. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**
4. Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider to establish a Storm Recovery Trust required by NJSA 40A: 4-39. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICESDebbie-Ann Anderson, Director

1. Amending Resolution Number 2021-55 to reflect additional motels be added and utilized under the County wide Code Blue Emergency Shelter Initiative for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, with no changes to the total amount or other terms of the prior resolution. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

Commissioner Palmieri-Moued inquired about the additional motels being added to the Code Blue Emergency Shelter Initiative.

Director Anderson advised that several locations had been added including the Ramada Plaza Totowa, The Gateway Family YMCA, Efficiency Inn, and Travel Lodge Avenel. She added that several of the out-of-county motels would be used exclusively for COVID-19 positive cases.

2. Amending Resolution Number 2020-460, to reflect a grant extension of six (6) months for the 2020 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Spending Plan for a new grant period of January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; with no other changes. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
3. 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 Ready To Go Restroom Trailers, Pittsburg, PA, for the purchase of a Shower Trailer for an amount not to exceed \$83,900.00. (BA #13-2021) **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

Commissioner Granados asked Director Anderson to elaborate on this great initiative facilitated by Chairman Mirabella.

Director Anderson advised that this campaign would provide mobile shower and laundry services for those in need, predominantly in Elizabeth and Plainfield. She added that a traveling mobile unit would be made available upon request to the other municipalities.

Commissioner Granados noted the importance of the initiative in providing such an essential service.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATIONRon Zuber, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to execute a Temporary Site Access Agreement for the Department of Environmental Protection required testing of hazardous contaminants at Wheeler Park. **(Commissioner Andrea Staten)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Architectural Services Contract to Netta Architects, Mountainside, New Jersey to provide Architectural Services for the renovation of Red Knot at Galloping Hill, Borough of Kenilworth, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed

\$58,000.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2021-002).
(Commissioner Andrea Staten)

Vice Chair Williams asked Director Zuber to elaborate on this item.

Director Zuber referred to County Manager Oatman.

County Manager Oatman advised that the facility had been closed due to COVID-19 and the County was pursuing options to repurpose the facility to make it more useful, open, and inviting during this closure.

3. Authorizing the County Manager to utilize the County's option to extend a Concession contract: OFF Management, LLC., Roselle, NJ, pursuant to BA# 23-2018, for a Mobile Food/Ice Cream Truck for Rizzuto Park for the period of two (2) additional seven (7) month seasons of April 2021 through October 2021 and April 2022 through October 2022, in the revenue amount of \$9,828.00. **(Commissioner Andrea Staten)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to utilize the County's option to extend the Concession contract: Maglione's Italian Ice, Iselin, NJ, pursuant to BA# 21-2018, for Mobile Food/Ice Cream Truck for Ponderosa Park, for the period of two (2) additional seven (7) month seasons, April 2021 through October 2021 and April 2022 through October 2022, in the revenue amount of \$7,025.00. **(Commissioner Andrea Staten)**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution No. 2020-677 to reflect an increase to CEHA Grant funds awarded by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection in the amount of \$75,224.00 for a total grant in the amount of \$255,224.00, with a required County match in the amount of not to exceed \$232,864.00, to support CEHA activities for the contract period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2020-574, to decrease and further authorizing the County Manager to accept and execute an updated sub-agreement to reflect a reduction in funds by \$11,545.00 from \$48,205.00 and expend funds from the updated Sub-Grant Agreement with Middlesex County for inclusion in the New Jersey Department of Health, Comprehensive Cancer Control Grant of \$36,660.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Vigilant Solutions, LLC, Livermore, CA, for the purchase of an Automatic License Plate Reader System and accessories in an amount not to exceed \$38,394.72 utilizing the 2018 and 2019 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Funds. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Spec Rescue International, Virginia Beach, Virginia to coordinate, conduct, evaluate and review the Metro UASI Strike Team Small Scale Training Exercise through the 2019 UASI grant, in an amount not to exceed \$39,720.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Municipal Emergency Services, Pennsauken, NJ, through State Contract #17-FLEET-00818 for the purpose of providing specialized rope rescue equipment for the UASI Metro Strike Team in an amount not to exceed \$111,556.46. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend \$9,060.00 from the NJ Department of Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General under the FFY 2020 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant (HMEP.) **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement to authorize approval for participation in the Defense Logistics Agency, Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO), 1033 Program to enable Union County Police to request and acquire excess Department of Defense Equipment from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
8. Authorizing the County Manager to enter in to an open ended professional services contract with Lehrer-Gibilsco Funeral Home, Inc., Rahway, New Jersey, to provide livery services for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, in a total amount not to exceed \$200,000.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution strongly urging the Governor of New Jersey and the New Jersey State Legislature to implement various solutions, as proposed, to address the concerns of the expiration of the moratorium on the removal of tenants via lock-outs for the vast majority of residential tenants due to the extreme public health emergency caused by the Covid-19 pandemic; and further encourages the creation of a committee to be chaired by the Governor's designation that would be tasked with developing a mediation program prior to the end of the moratorium. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados & The Entire Board)**
2. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Raymond F. Lynch, during their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski & The Entire Board)**
3. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Mark Epps of Newark, during their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski & The Entire Board)**

4. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Margaret Mary Curran, of Cranford, during their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski & The Entire Board)**
5. Resolution recognizing the month of March as "Women's History Month" and March 8th as "International Women's Day" in Union County; and further celebrating the social, political and economic achievements of women. **(Vice Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams & The Entire Board)**
6. Resolution congratulating the Star Fish Food Pantry as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary. **(Vice Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams & The Entire Board)**
7. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Robert (Bob) Milici, former Roselle Park Council member and Community Service Worker for the Union County Department of Human Services' Division of Individual & Family Support Services, during their time of sorrow. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**
8. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Dr. Orlando Edreira Fit, former University Professor, Elizabeth Councilman, during their time of sorrow. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**
9. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Jack Daniels a former coach at Hobart College, during their time of sorrow. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Williams asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded a voice vote showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Garretson absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 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

REGULAR MEETINGS

January 21, 2021

January 21, 2021

February 4, 2021

February 4, 2021

February 18, 2021

February 18, 2021

March 4, 2021

March 4, 2021

March 25, 2021

March 25, 2021

April 8, 2021

April 8, 2021

April 22, 2021

April 22, 2021

May 6, 2021

May 6, 2021

May 20, 2021

May 20, 2021

June 10, 2021

June 10, 2021

June 24, 2021

June 24, 2021

July 22, 2021

July 22, 2021

August 12, 2021

August 12, 2021

September 2, 2021

September 2, 2021

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September 23, 2021

October 7, 2021

October 7, 2021

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November 4, 2021

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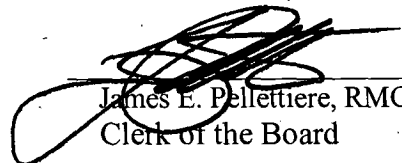
November 18, 2021

December 2, 2021

December 2, 2021

December 16, 2021

December 16, 2021


 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.