

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Williams presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:19 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Vice Chair Rebecca Williams, Commissioner Sergio Granados, Commissioner Christopher Hudak, Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski, Commissioner Lourdes Leon, Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and Commissioner Andrea Staten were present; 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.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

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

EXECUTIVE BUDGET STATEMENT

County Manger Edward T. Oatman delivered the 2021 Executive Budget to the Board for review.

County Manager addressed the Board:

Given these unprecedented times and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on every aspect of our lives, I am announcing a zero percent increase in Union County's 2021 budget for the second year in a row. This budget continues to fund our response to the pandemic, maintain essential services including the safety net for those in need, and hold the bottom line. We are also maintaining our credit

rating, which is the highest obtainable. Some of the essential services that are funded include: the County's COVID-19 Vaccination Centers at Kean University and Plainfield and our registration and call-in center operations; the COVID-19 Drive-Thru Test Center at Kean University and our mobile unit, which operates throughout Union County; weekly food distributions, which have provided more than 2 million meals to those in need; Union County's mask distributions to all 21 municipalities; and various Human Services programs that support child care, seniors, working families, and those in need. This budget also funds the Chairman's "Union County Rising" initiatives for 2021, which include public safety improvements, support for our businesses, our LGBTQ community, upgrades to our parks and recreation facilities, and support for recreational programming.

I thank the Commissioners for their vision and support, and our County team of Directors for their partnership and assistance. I would also like to thank our County employees, many of whom have put in extra hours or adjusted their schedules to assist in our food drives, and our vaccination and test center operations. Extraordinary times demand extraordinary measures, and we could not accomplish all this without the hard work of many.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

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.

FIRST READING STATEMENT

Commissioner Hudak, Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 825-2021 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The public hearing will be scheduled to be held on March 25, 2021.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Granados, roll called showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Garretson absent.

Commissioner Angela R. Garretson joined the meeting.

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.

Vice Chair Williams called for a motion to Suspend the Rules. On a motion made by Commissioner Kowalski and seconded by Commissioner Leon roll called showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Chairman Mirabella 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.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, asked questions and made comments relative to several resolutions. Relative to Reso No. 2021-185, he asked why the license plate reader was needed. Relative to Reso No. 2021-187, he asked for additional information relative to the rescue equipment. Relative to Reso No. 2021-189, Mr. Paterson asked why the equipment could not be secured through the Department of Defense. Relative to Reso No. 2021-190, he inquired about the \$200,000 and how the amount had been determined. Relative to Reso No. 2021-192, Mr. Paterson asked why this item was not a bond ordinance and asked who was guaranteeing the debt. Relative to Reso No. 2021-193, he asked why the Union County Improvement Authority was taking over the construction and inquired about what happened to the original contractor. Relative to Reso No. 2021-196, he asked about previous remediation and paving work that had been done several years ago at the same location. Relative to Reso No. 2021-200, he asked why the facility had to be renovated and why the renovations were not the responsibility of the tenant. Relative to Reso No. 2021-204, Mr. Paterson asked why additional funds were necessary. Relative to Reso Nos. 2021-207 & 2021-208, he inquired about the cited services.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-185, Director Moran noted the value of a license plate reader as an integral part of law enforcement efforts. He advised that the license plate reader could capture license plate numbers and run them through state and federal criminal databases to identify stolen vehicles, among other things.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-187, Director Moran advised that funds would be used to purchase rope, assorted harnesses and other related rescue accessories for use by the Urban Search and Rescue teams, totaling seven departments.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-189, Director Moran advised that this item related to the Military Surplus Program, noting that the County saved thousands of dollars in expenses by participating in this initiative, having received computers, servers, night vision goggles and other equipment.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-190, Director Moran advised that the additional increase related to the COVID-19 pandemic, noting a 500 case increase over the previous year. He added that during the height of the pandemic, body storage became challenging, hence why the department was asking for additional fees to contend with a potential increase that may result. He noted that the Resolution was a NTE amount and funds would only be used as needed.

Relative to Reso Nos. 2021-192 and 2021-193, Director Taylor advised that the Union County Improvement Authority had authorized the bio solids facility in October of 2019 for an amount of \$50 million. She further advised that the owners of the project had informed the UCIA in late 2020 that the schedule as costs of the project had been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. She noted that the non-recourse tax-exempt bond essentially meant that the County and UCIA had no legal obligation to repay the debt associated with the cited project. Consequently, she noted that under Section 56 under the UCIA, the County was responsible for consenting to the project which was the purpose of the Resolutions. She further advised that under the IRS revenue code, the County was required to approve projects that were to be repaid by private parties, noting again that neither the County nor the tax payers had any financial obligation to satisfy this debt. She added that all obligations were revenue generated by the project and would subordinate the debt that the bond holder would be obligated to pay in the event the project did not come to fruition.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-196, Director Graziano advised that the company was categorized as LSRP and was contracted to oversee the remediation of contaminated ground water on the site that has been contaminated for at least the last 15 years. He added that they would be testing the 10-15 wells on-site in ongoing efforts to address the groundwater contamination. He noted that the vendor has been secured through an RFP process, having submitted the lowest bid. He added that all efforts were conducted per the Department of Environmental Protection's guidelines and the work would be ongoing until the contamination was resolved.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-200, County Manager Oatman advised that the renovations and or improvements were not the responsibility of the tenants, but rather the County which owns the building.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-204, County Clerk Rajoppi advised that the Resolution included \$16,000 in mandated costs as the State of NJ was requiring the language of the voter registration applications be changed. She advised that the remaining balance of \$89,000 would be used in the event of another all vote-by mail election for the 2021 Primary and General elections. She noted that Governor Murphy had not yet decided how the upcoming elections would be held, but noted that in the event of an all-mail-in election, the Office would need approximately \$90,000 to print 127,000 bilingual ballots. She added that the cost breakdown was reasonable and came out to \$8.90 per voter.

Relative to Reso Nos. 2021-207 & 2021-208, Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that these items would provide day-to-day telephone repairs, security

cameras, and cabling in over 120 buildings being occupied by the County. She added that the contract allowed the County to offer lower hourly rates for labor and could provide this shared service to 118 other governmental agencies throughout the County, resulting in cost savings for the entire State.

Ann Decamp thanked the Board and the Parks Department for allowing the public to offer input and suggestions relative to the upcoming Master Plan for the Union County Parks System. She noted the importance of parks and open-space as highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic. She also thanked the Board for hiring two full-time employees to help maintain the parks and Watchung Reservation and assist in the identification and eradication of exotic, invasive species. On another noted she expressed her full support for the Eastcoast Greenway along the Raritan Valley Rail Line.

George Cook, of Hillside, inquired about the availability of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and thanked the Board for their incredibly efforts relative to vaccination.

County Manager Oatman advised that he expected the County to have access to the Johnson & Johnson vaccine shortly, but he unfortunately did not have a more specific time-line. He noted that the County would likely reserve these doses for the mobile clinics, particularly for the senior population to make access easier.

Vice Chair Williams added that the CDC as well as all other guidance received by the County encouraged people to take the first shot made available to them, rather than wait for the one they prefer.

Anthony Thomas was present in the public cue, but left the meeting without making any comments.

Clerk Pellettiere read Maria Echeverria's, of Elizabeth, comments relative to Reso No. 2021-825 and requested a response with regards to prior unrelated inquiries.

Vice Chair Williams advised that she had not received any direct correspondence from Ms. Echeverria.

Clerk Pellettiere advised that he would follow-up with Ms. Echeverria regarding her previous inquiries.

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

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere advised that Commissioner Leon left the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

2021-180 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2021-181 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2021-182 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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)

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

2021-183 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2021-184 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

- 2021-185 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

- 2021-186 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

- 2021-187 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

- 2021-188 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.)

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

- 2021-189 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

- 2021-190 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

- 2021-191 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 Kowalski and seconded by Commissioner Hudak, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Leon absent.

- 2021-192 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** 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.

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

- 2021-193 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Union, New Jersey providing the consent for the Union County Improvement Authority to undertake and implement the completion of Construction of a Biosolids Processing Facility to be located in the City of Linden, New Jersey.

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

- 2021-194 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider to establish a Storm Recovery Trust required by NJSA 40A: 4-39.

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

2021-195 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2021-196 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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)

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

2021-197 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2021-198 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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

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

2021-199 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN: 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.

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

- 2021-200 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN:** 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).

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

- 2021-201 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN:** 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.

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

- 2021-202 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN:** 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.

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

- 2021-203 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

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

- 2021-204 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

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

2021-205 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2021-206 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2021-207 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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).

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

2021-208 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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).

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

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2021-209 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

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

2021-210 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Raymond F. Lynch, during their time of sorrow.

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

2021-211 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Mark Epps of Newark, during their time of sorrow.

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

2021-212 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Margaret Mary Curran, of Cranford, during their time of sorrow.

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

2021-213 VICE CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

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

2021-214 VICE CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution congratulating the Star Fish Food Pantry as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary.

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

2021-215 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

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

2021-216 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

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

2021-217 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Jack Daniels a former coach at Hobart College, during their time of sorrow.

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Granados spoke relative to Read Across America and recognized his fellow Commissioners for their virtual participation in various classrooms throughout the County. He noted the importance of reading as it relates to education and encouraged students to continue making the necessary strides to achieve their educational goals.

Commissioner Kowalski spoke relative to March being Women's History Month, recognizing all women, including her colleagues, other women in government and those within the Union County community. She reminded residents that the County would be offering various programs in honor of Women's History Month and encouraged them to check the County website to remain abreast relative to

these offerings. To close, she reminded everyone to continue wearing their mask and stay safe.

Commissioner Hudak recognized and praised everyone involved with the Kean testing and vaccination centers, including County staff, and advised that the County expected to receive additional doses of vaccinations as previously noted by County Manager Oatman.

Commissioner Staten wished everyone a happy Women's History Month.

Commissioner Garretson noted that it was wonderful to be able to share with her colleagues in celebration of Women's History Month alongside the Department of Human Services.

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded had no comments.

Vice Chair Williams praised her Commissioner colleagues as well as Clerk of the Board James Pelletiere and Director of Digital, Web and Social Media Services, Robert Charkowsky for their tremendous efforts in facilitating the many celebrations, virtual and otherwise, in honor of Black History Month. She noted her excitement regarding the upcoming events relative to Women's History Month. To close, she thanked her colleagues for their support and confidence in chairing the meeting in Chairman Mirabella's absence.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Williams asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Commissioner Staten and seconded by Commissioner Hudak, voice vote showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Chairman Mirabella, Commissioner Granados and Commissioner Leon absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 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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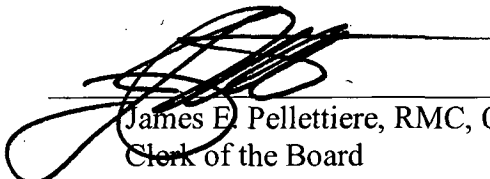
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