



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

Chairman Mirabella addressed the public:

Good evening, and welcome to another remote meeting of the Commissioner Board.

We have a lot of ground to cover tonight, so I'll begin with some brief updates on our COVID-19 testing and vaccination programs. Starting this week, we converted the Test Center at Kean University from a drive-through to a walk-up site and our staff will show you how to take a nasal swab sample yourself; it's easy, and it's convenient. The site is open every Monday and Tuesday morning, and you can make an appointment online at ucnj.org/covid19. You can also visit on a drop-in basis.

On vaccination, we are now offering the Pfizer vaccine to ages 12 and up, and the Moderna for ages 18 and up, at our countywide vaccination sites. If you work during the week, you can get the Pfizer vaccine in Plainfield this weekend, at our free clinic at Plainfield High School, 950 Park Avenue. It will be open on

Saturday, May 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Visit ucnj.org/vax to make an appointment or call 908-613-7VAX.

Also, on Tuesday we offered the Johnson & Johnson vaccine to residents during our emergency food distribution event at Warinanco Park. It's part of our efforts to reach everyone in Union County with a vaccine, and we were really encouraged by the results. I would like to thank PSE&G, WellCare, and the Community FoodBank of NJ for coming to the event with their teams, to offer additional assistance.

Turning now to other business, I am very happy to report that the renovation of the Ulrich Memorial Pool complex in Rahway River Park is complete. The pool will open for the season, on Memorial Day Weekend.

We are also continuing our drive-in concerts and movies. The schedule is on the County website at ucnj.org/calendar, and remember to reserve online at ucnj.org/reserve.

And finally, with Graduation Season is upon us, I wanted to take a moment to congratulate all those who have - or will be - participating in their graduation ceremony. Along with their academic excellence, 2021 Graduates have certainly shown their resiliency during this covid-19 pandemic, and deserve to be commended on their accomplishment!

To that end, I would be remiss, if I didn't take a moment to congratulate our colleague - DR. Angela Garretson - on her commencement from both Rutgers-Newark AND NJIT this past weekend; where she graduated with a PH.D in Educational policy.

Congratulations!

And now, let's turn to the business of tonight.

PRESENTATIONS BY THE BOARD

A presentation to the Board was made by the Office of Veteran Services relative to the County's recognition as a "We Value Our Veterans" Employee, a note of significance as the County celebrates "Military Appreciation" Month, followed by a video presentation made to the Board by the Honorable Governor Phil Murphy relative to the County's recognition as a "We Value Our Veterans" Employers Award.

Deputy County Manager Wagner noted that it was her pleasure to present the "We Value Our Veterans" Community Award presented to the County of Union by the state in recognition of the many strides the County has made to support its honored Veterans. She added that based on fourteen different criteria, the County had received 160 out of a possible 190 points to earn the recognition. She turned

the meeting over to Veteran Service Coordinator Janna Williams to say a few words.

Veteran Service Coordinator Janna Williams spoke relative to the month of May being Military Appreciation Month, noting that the County, along with her Department, had been working tirelessly during the last year to make life easier for our brave Veterans and as a result, had been recognized with the “We Value Our Veterans” Community Award. She noted the many new offerings for Veterans through the County of Union including: reserved parking for Veterans at all County facilities; the publication of a quarterly newspaper to inform Veterans about local and national issues; and a Veteran Tree Memorial with scan-able informative signs at Rahway River Park. Veteran Service Coordinator Williams turned the meeting over to Governor Phil Murphy.

Governor Phil Murphy addressed the public:

I would like to congratulate Union County on being a recipient of this year's “We Value Our Veterans” Community Award. We created the “We Value Our Veterans” Community Award program to recognize the communities going above and beyond to honor our military veterans. Union County is the proud home of thousands upon thousands of proud New Jerseyans that have worn our nation's uniform in times of war and in times of peace. It is also the final resting place of those that helped our nation to preserve our liberty. In earning this recognition, and more importantly through the breath of veteran-based services and recognitions you provide, Union County is showing how you are making every day, Veterans' Day. To the Board of Commissioners and the Veteran Services Advisory Committee Chair, my friend, Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Vice Chair and friend Rebecca Williams and a whole host of other friends: Commissioners Dr. Angela R. Garretson, Sergio Granados, Chris Hudak, Bette Jane Kowalski, Lourdes Leon, Kim Palmieri-Moudeed, Andrea Staten, Veteran Service Coordinator Janna Williams and Veteran Service Officer Ken Glick and everyone within county government whose support has made this recognition possible, thank you and congratulations. May God Bless our honored Veterans for their service.

Chairman Mirabella thanked County Manager Ed Oatman, Deputy County Manager Wagner, Veteran Service Coordinator Janna Williams and all the staff at the UC Veterans Affairs Office for their efforts. He advised that as the County was preparing for the Memorial Day weekend, many of the Commissioners would participate, as customary, in putting American flags on the gravestones of our deceased Veterans in honor of their sacrifice. He added that the County was honored to be the proud recipient of the “We Value Our Veterans” Community Award and thanked Governor Murphy for the recognition.

A video presentation was made by the Board relative to the 2021 Infrastructure Grant Awards.

Commissioner Hudak noted that it was a privilege to once again be able to provide municipalities with the 2021 Infrastructure Grant. He noted that funding

for this program was initially secured using the proceeds from the sale of Runnells Hospital and given to the various municipalities throughout the County to fund shovel-ready projects. He added that this was the seventh year of the initiative, noting that approximately \$10.5 million had already been furnished, totaling \$21 million in infrastructure funding including the municipal match. He added that it was nice to see these monies put to good use to make necessary improvements that would otherwise be impossible without this type of funding.

2021 Infrastructure Grant Awards:

Berkeley Heights – Drainage Improvement at Glenside Road & Various Locations: \$62,000

Clark – 2021 Clark Capital Road Improvement Program: \$65,000

Cranford – 2021 Cranford Resurfacing Project: \$90,000

Elizabeth – Elizabeth River Flood Control Project/Ursino Detention Basin: \$145,000

Fanwood – 2021 Fanwood Road Improvement Program: \$40,000

Garwood – Paving, Public Works Municipal Garage & Community Enhancement Program: \$35,000

Hillside – Hillside Municipal Building Security Improvement Project: \$20,525.06

Kenilworth – Records Scanning, Sewer Evaluation, Repair/Replacement of sidewalks; Digital Signage: \$55,000

Linden – 2021 Linden Resurfacing of Various Streets: \$90,000

Mountainside – Resurfacing of Garrett Road and Hickory Lane: \$40,000

New Providence – 2021 New Providence Roadway Paving Project: \$50,000

Plainfield – 2021 Plainfield Roadway Improvement Project/East Third Street: \$145,000

Rahway – 2021 Rahway Resurfacing Project: \$95,000

Roselle – 2021 Roselle Various Street Improvements: \$70,000

Roselle Park – ADA Improvements at the Municipal Complex: \$62,500

Scotch Plains – 2021 Scotch Plains Roadwork Assistance Program: \$100,000

Springfield – 2021 Springfield Paving Improvement on Various Streets: \$60,000

Summit – Butler Parkway Improvements & City Hall Records Management Improvement : \$75,000

Union – 2021 Union Road Improvement Project/Phase II: \$95,000

Westfield – Improvement of Willow Grove Road: \$100,000

Winfield Park – Power DMS for police, firefighter protective clothing/equipment: \$5,000

Chairman Mirabella commended Commissioner and Fiscal Committee Chairman Hudak for his efforts relative to the 2021 Infrastructure Grant and for being an integral part of the initiative since the very beginning. He noted the importance of this funding in allowing municipalities to fund necessary improvements. He also thanked his fellow Commissioners for their support.

A brief presentation was made by Joann Gemenden, former Recycling and Planning Bureau Chief, relative to the “Bag Up NJ” campaign.

Joanne Gemenden advised that last November, Governor Murphy and the State Legislature had passed a comprehensive bag ban that would go into effect in May of 2022. She advised that a new state-wide campaign has been launched with an informative PSA to debut next week. She added that Union County was the first County to proclaim the month of May as “Bag Up NJ” and thanked the Board for their unyielding support and efforts in preparation to welcome this new legislation and educate the public.

Chairman Mirabella thanked Joann Gemenden for all her efforts, noting that he was proud of Union County for being the first to offer its support and proclaim May “Bag Up NJ” month.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Chairman Mirabella advised that the Communications would be approved later during the Regular Meeting.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF

Peter Corvelli, Sheriff

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Clearview Data Systems, Greenville, South Carolina to renew a maintenance contract for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$23,575.43. (Commissioner Sergio Granados)

2. Amending Resolution Number 2021-41 to increase the amount to Atlantic Health Systems, Atlantic Medical Group, to provide Pre-Employment Medical Examinations, drug screenings and other related medical services to the Union County Sheriff's Office in the additional amount not to exceed \$5,000 for a new contract amount of \$105,000. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amy Crisp Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

1. Resolution of the Union County Board of County Commissioners concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board to approve the Revised Program Year 2020 Union County Workforce Area Budget—through UCWDB Resolution No. 2021-10—for the purpose of inserting additional New Jersey Department of Labor Funding, this allocation of funds is targeted as pass-through funding with the purpose of paying invoice number UNC-020, in the amount of \$12,971.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Resolution of the Union County Board of County Commissioners concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board to approve the Revised Program Year 2020 Union County Workforce Area Budget—through UCWDB Resolution No. 2021-11—for the purpose of assigning the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity grant the requisite indirect cost rate allowable under the approved Central Service Cost Allocation Plan. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
3. Resolution of the Union County Board of County Commissioners concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board action—through UCWDB Resolution No. 2021-12— to employ First-In, First-Out (FIFO) accounting practices to transfer WIOA expenses in the amount of \$776,974.07 from Program Year 2020 to Program Year 2019 and thereby free-up the commensurate amount of available funds in Program Year 2020. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
4. Resolution of the Union County Board of County Commissioners to concur with Resolution No. 2021-13 of the Union County Workforce Development Board to amend its agreement with Union County College by revising the contract start-and-end period as follows: from beginning on July 1, 2019 and ending on May 31, 2021 to the new contract period beginning on July 1, 2019 and ending on December 31, 2021. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
5. Resolution of the Union County Board of Chosen Commissioners to concur with the with Resolution No. 2021-14 of the Union County Workforce Development Board to amend its agreement with the International Rescue Committee by revising the contract start-and-end period as follows: from beginning on February 14, 2020 and ending on May 31, 2021 to the new contract period beginning on February 14, 2020 and ending on December 31, 2021. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
6. Resolution of the Union County Board of Chosen Commissioners to concur with Resolution No. 2021-16 of the Union County Workforce Development Board to authorize the Union County American Job Center to transfer from Program Year

2019 WIOA Adult Account No. G-02-19-365-366-581 to Program Year 2020 WIOA Adult Account No. G-02-20-365-366-581 Individual Training Account contracts in the amount not to exceed \$38,307.68. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Commissioner Kowalski asked Deputy County Manager Wagner to elaborate on source funding for Item Nos. 1-6.

Deputy County Manager Wagner confirmed that the noted items were all federally funded and these resolutions were basically meant to reflect actions taken by the Workforce Development Board during their meeting earlier this month. She added that these items would allow the County to spend down monies so unused funds from the previous year did not have to be returned and could be applied to 2021 where the need would be greater. She advised that due to COVID-19, many of the programs were changed and some of the school's used to offer training had been closed due to the pandemic.

7. Authorizing the County Manager to apply as the lead agency for the NJ Department of Community Affairs Division of Local Government Services Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) Implementation Grant for the consolidation of adult correctional services of Union County and Essex County, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000. **(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 Remington & Vernick Engineers, Haddonfield, New Jersey, to provide Engineering Design Services, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Replacement of Plainfield Avenue Bridge in the City of Rahway, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$169,830.00(Union County Engineering Project# 2018-027). **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Remington & Vernick Engineers, Haddonfield, New Jersey, to provide Engineering Design Services, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the rehabilitation of the Trenton Avenue Bridge in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$218,295.00(Union County Engineering Project# 2021-001). **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to French & Parello Associates, Wall, New Jersey, to provide Engineering Design Services, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the 2022 Bridge Improvement Program for the County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$121,685.00 (Union County Engineering Project# 2021-003). **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with W. E. Timmerman Company, Whitehouse, NJ for the purchase of road maintenance equipment under the Educational Services Commission of NJ # 65MCESCCPS / Contract # 20/21-55, in an amount not to exceed \$286,910.80. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
5. Resolution granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights to close Springfield Avenue from the intersection of Synder Avenue to the Somerset County Line from 6:00 pm to 2:00 am on July 16, 2021 for their Mt. Carmel Festival. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
6. Resolution granting permission for the Township of Scotch Plains to close a portion of Park Avenue between Mountain Avenue and Westfield Avenue/East 2nd Street on Monday, May 31, 2021 from 9:30 am to 11:00 am for a Memorial Day Service of Remembrance. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
7. Resolution granting permission to the City of Linden to hang a banner on behalf of its Special Improvement District over Wood Avenue at Curtis Street and at Elizabeth Avenue promoting a farmers market from June 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
8. Resolution granting permission to the Township of Springfield to hold their Memorial Day Parade on May 31, 2021 and close Mountain Avenue from Shunpike Road to North Trivett Avenue and Shunpike Road from South Springfield Avenue to Mountain Avenue between the hours of 9am to noon. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Bibi Taylor, Director

Finance Comptroller Erick Mesias represented the Department.

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$65,295,900.50 as a result of notification received from the United States Department of Treasury for a program entitled: American Rescue Plan Act-Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**
2. Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$5,254,518.40 as a result of notification received from the United States, Department of Treasury for a program entitled: Emergency Rental Assistance Round 2 Grant. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**
3. Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$63,092.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services for a program entitled: Area Plan Contract - Federal Financial Participation (FFP). **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**

4. Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$688,239.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Community Service Block Grant (CSBG). **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**
5. Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$279,064.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services for a program entitled: Area Plan Contract - Consolidation Appropriations Act (CAA) Grant. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**
6. Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$115,263.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services for a program entitled: Area Plan Contract - Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA). **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountainside, New Jersey, for the provision of the Special Child Case Management and Early Intervention Program, for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount not to exceed \$50,000.00; funds represent the match as stipulated by Statute requiring the County to match the Special Child Case Management and Early Intervention grant from the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2021 Aging GAPA spending plan for subcontracted services to be provided during the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 in the total amount not to exceed \$508,000.00; Further authorizing the transfer of funds among the funded agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies should fail to meet its contractual obligation. **(Commissioner Andrea Staten)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 2020-701 with SAGE Eldercare, Inc., of Summit, NJ to extend the contract period for an additional six (6) months, to provide information and assistance to seniors (age 60 years and older and/or their caregivers) under the State Health Insurance Program (S.H.I.P.) in the amount not to exceed \$16,000 for a new contract period of April 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. **(Commissioner Andrea Staten)**
4. Amending Resolution Number 2020-590 to reflect a grant extension of three (3) months for the 2020-2021 Homeless Trust Fund (HTF) Spending Plan for a new grant period of May 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; with no other changes. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

5. Amending Resolution Number 2021-300 to reflect an extension to a contract awarded to Prevention Links, Inc., of Roselle, NJ to provide additional hours of operation services to the mandated Intoxicated Driver Resource Center (IDRC) for the County of Union, for an additional one (1) month for a new contract term of January 1, 2021 through June 30th, 2021 and to reflect the additional amount of \$9,880.00, for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$48,780.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
6. Amending Resolution Number 2021-52, a contract with MPC Bus Corporation, Garden City, NY, for the provision of Transportation Services, to reflect a change in appropriation accounts only. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Foveonics Document Solutions, Clinton, NJ, through the Educational Services Commission of NJ #65MCESSCCPS, to provide the Division of Social Services scanning and document management for all files for the period of June 1, 2021 through November 1, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$677,408.40. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Ron Zuber, Director

Director Zuber was joined by Recreational Facilities Director Armando Sanchez.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2018-998, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding (BA# 50-2018) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Grade Construction, Paterson, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for Ponderosa Farm Park Turf Fields, Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by \$182,454.11 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$1,387,894.14 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-008). **(Commissioner Andrea Staten)**

Vice Chair Williams elaborate on the changed being made to Ponderosa Farm Park.

Director Zuber advised that this particular item reflected a change order to reduce the initial anticipated costs of the project. He noted that the upgrades related to the replacement of two all-grass fields installed at Ponderosa Farm Park in 2011. He added that the new fields could not be used for all sports including soccer, lacrosse, and football.

2. Amending Resolution Number 2017-796, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding (BA# 58-2017) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Grade Construction, Paterson, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for Meisel Park Field Improvements, Township of Springfield, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by \$289,829.56 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$1,176,873.44 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-004). **(Commissioner Andrea Staten)**

3. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding (BA#2021-26) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks and Recreation: EZ-GO, Division of Textron, Inc., Augusta, GA, for the purpose of providing electric golf cart fleet and maintenance, for the contract period of forty-eight (48) consecutive months commencing July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$1,880,989.92. **(Commissioner Andrea Staten)**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Re-appointing Christopher J. Scaturio, as the Union County Emergency Management Coordinator for a three (3) year term commencing on May 20, 2021 through May 19, 2024. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Revenue Guard, 50 Route 9 North, Morganville, NJ 07751 to provide ambulance billing services for Union County Emergency Medical Services for a 24 month period **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Bruce H. Bergen, County Counsel

1. Amending Resolution Number 2020-709, to increase the contract amount to Chasan Lamparello Mallon & Campuzzo, P.C. of Secaucus, NJ, for additional services in the matter entitled Richard Trigo v. Lyndsay V. Ruotolo, et als, in the additional amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$35,000.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt, Cappelli, Tipton & Taylor, LLC, New Providence, NJ, as Special Counsel to the County of Union to provide services related to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021/Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund in the amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Vice Chair Williams asked if there was a particular term and or timeframe for this service.

Counsel Bergen advised that this firm had been secured and employed for the last 15 months and would continue to focus their efforts on advising the County on how monies received through the CARES Act and the American Recue Plan Act could be properly spent in accordance with federal regulation. He added that this particular item would extend the existing contract with the firm to navigate spending on the anticipated monies to be received through the American Rescue Plan Act. He advised the there was no definitive timeline for the firm's services and they would continue to work until all respective funds were consumed. He added that the County had just received the first payment from the American Rescue Plan Act, with another anticipated payment expected in a year, to be spent by 2024.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGEREdward Oatman, County Manager

1. Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Nurses Collective Bargaining Agreement HPAE Local 5112, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Commissioner Kowalski asked County Manager Oatman to elaborate on the agreement and advise whether or not the nurses at the County's testing and vaccination centers were covered by this agreement.

County Manager Oatman advised that this was a one-year contract that included a 2% increase and would replace the Lincoln's Birthday holiday with Juneteenth. He noted that all other bargaining units had agreed to these terms as well as the execution of a one-year contract that could be revised within the year as matters with COVID-19 developed. Relative to the nursing staff, County Manager Oatman confirmed this agreement would only affect County nursing staff, adding that the County was looking into employing local organizations like the Visiting Nurse Association to fill the void of nurses that had been reassigned to the County's testing and vaccination centers.

2. Amending Resolution Number 2020-448, Executive Order 2020-02 Revised Covid-19 Personnel Policy. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Reverend Alfredy Fletcher, during their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner Angela R. Garretson & The Entire Board)**
2. Resolution congratulating the Youth Legacy Leaders on its new charter status as a non-profit organization whose mission is to guide the youth in the community through the principle of "paying it forward"; and to further wish them success for their first fundraising event "Sip and Smoke" on May 20, 2021, which supports the Youth Legacy Leaders' Scholarship Fund. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados & The Entire Board)**
3. Resolution acknowledging the Elizabeth Portugal Day Committee on their contributions to the Greater Elizabeth Community; and further congratulating them as they celebrate National Portugal Day. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados, Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon & The Entire Board)**
4. Resolution acknowledging the many efforts of the Portuguese American Leadership Council of the United States (PALCUS), a national non-profit based in the Washington D.C. area with a defined mission to be the national voice that advocates for and promotes the advancement of the Portuguese-American community economically, professionally, culturally and politically. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados, Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon & The Entire Board)**

5. Resolution acknowledging the (Cuban Organization) on the celebration of the Cuban Independence Day Flag Raising on May 20, 2021. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados & The Entire Board)**
6. Resolution sponsoring the following events with the City of Rahway: Baile! Rahway's Free Dance Party (June 10, 2021, June 17, 2021, & June 24, 2021), Juneteenth Flag Raising (June 19, 2021), Big Thursdays Outdoor Movies (June 15, 2021, July 22, 2021 & July 29, 2021), Independence Day Fireworks (July 3, 2021); Halloween Spectacular (October 30, 2021), Holiday Tree Lighting (November 26, 2021), Winter Wonderland (December 10, 2021) in the total amount of not to exceed \$10,000. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak, & The Entire Board)**
7. Resolution sponsoring the Borough of Roselle Park's Independence Day Celebration on July 1, 2021 in the amount of not to exceed \$4,000. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak & The Entire Board)**
8. Resolution sponsoring the City of Plainfield's Drive-Up Independence Day Celebration on July 4, 2021 in the amount of not to exceed \$2,000. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak & The Entire Board)**
9. Resolution sponsoring Elizabeth Portugal Day Committee's Flag Raising Ceremony on June 4, 2021 and their Annual Portugal Day Parade & Cultural Celebration on June 5, 2021 in the total amount of not to exceed \$4,000. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak & The Entire Board)**
10. Resolution congratulating the following 7 Scouts of the Cranford Troop 80 on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout: Anthony Bottino, William Kennedy, Patrick O'Shea, John Scheurer, Michael Scheurer, Liam Usinowicz, and Shane Waleski. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski & The Entire Board)**
11. Resolution recognizing Juneteenth as the celebration commemorating the June 19, 1865 announcement of the abolition of slavery; and further celebrating Juneteenth's acknowledgement as a State Holiday in the State of New Jersey; and further wishing a successful efforts to all municipalities and organizations efforts in recognizing Juneteenth, this month of June, 2021. **(Vice Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams & The Entire Board)**
12. Resolution recognizing Edythe Claire Hansen Frank, of Kenilworth, on the celebration her 100th birthday on June 27, 2021; and further wishing her continued health and happiness. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**
13. Resolution recognizing the Month of May as National Military Appreciation Month (NMAM); a time to reflect and offer our gratitude to the men and women of our nation's Armed Forces, and their families, whose service to the Country can never truly be repaid; and further recognizing the six Observations of NMAM: "Loyalty Day" on May 1, "Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW) from May 2, 2021-May 8, 2021, "Victory in Europe Day (aka V-E Day or VE Day)" on May 8th, 2021 and "Military Spouse Appreciation Day" on May 7, 2021, "Armed

Forces Day" on May 15, 2021, and "Memorial Day" on May 31, 2021.
(Chairman Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)

14. Resolution recognizing the week of May 16-22, 2021 as EMS Week; and further commending all EMS workers throughout the County of Union who have been an integral part in the County's response to the Covid-19 pandemic. **(Commissioner Andrea Staten & The Entire Board)**

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35P.M.

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

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

2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

AGENDA SETTING SESSION

January 21, 2021

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

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.