



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:36P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

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

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1. Thursday, April 8, 2021 - Agenda Setting Session
2. Thursday, April 8, 2021 - Regular Meeting
3. Thursday, April 22, 2021 - Agenda Setting Session
4. Thursday, April 22, 2021 - Regular Meeting

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to approve the April Meeting Minutes. On a motion made by Commissioner Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chair Williams, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the April 8th Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes as well as the Agenda Setting and Regular meeting of April

22th; with Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon, and Commissioner Staten absent. Relative to the Regular Meeting of April 8th, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmation; with Vice Chair Williams abstaining and Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon, and Commissioner Staten absent.

Commissioner Granados joined the meeting.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

829-2021 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART 1-THE UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, CHAPTER 1, UNION COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE BY AMENDING ARTICLE XIV-DEPARTMENTS. DIVISIONS, BUREAUS §1-71. DEPARTMENTS ENUMERATED; DELETING ARTICLE XX-DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; and, AMENDING CHAPTER 140, CONTRACTED OFF-DUTY EMPLOYMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

FIRST READING STATEMENT

Vice Chairman Rebecca Williams, Policy Chair, moved Ordinance Number 829-2021 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The public hearing and final reading will be scheduled to be held on June 10, 2021.

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

SUSPENSION OF RULES

Suspension of the rules to allow for the joining of both Public Comments on resolutions being offered for adoption, and Public Comments on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.

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

Commissioner Leon joined the meeting.

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 made comments and asked questions relative to several resolutions. Relative to Reso Nos. 2021-371, 2021-372, and 2021-375, he noted that it was good to see additional grant monies being received for these

items. Relative to Reso No. 2021-386, he asked why the County was making the purchase instead of the Educational Services Commission of NJ. Relative to Reso No. 2021-397, Mr. Paterson inquired about a purchase of golf carts eight years ago and asked why the additional purchase was necessary. Relative to Reso No. 2021-406, he made comments relative to the firm and its link to Finance Director Bibi Taylor. Relative to Reso No. 2021-416, Mr. Paterson noted that in honor of Juneteenth the County should honor previous requests made by Quaney Palmer Chambliss and Salaam Ismail in bringing awareness to the unpleasant, local history relative to slavery.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-386, Director Graziano advised that the purchase was not being made for the Educational Services Commission of NJ but rather, the purchase was being made through the Educational Services Commission Co-op. He added that the Department would be using this co-op to purchase a street sweeper using capital monies to be used by the County.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-397, Recreational Facilities Director Armando Sanchez advised that contrary to Mr. Paterson's claims, the Department had not made a golf cart purchase in a long time. He added that the County leased its golf carts and vehicles from EZ-GO for four years now, noting the vendor was also responsible for the maintenance of all these respective vehicles. He advised that the 4-year contract amount of \$1.8 million did not account for anticipated revenue which was project to be \$3.2 million.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-406, County Manager Oatman advised that the vendor would be responsible for reviewing federal regulations relative to federal funding to ensure appropriate spending of the monies being furnished.

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

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

Before the vote, Chairman Mirabella advised that Reso No. 2021-369 would be pulled from the Regular Meeting Agenda to allow for additional review of the item.

Clerk of the Board of Pellettiere advised that Reso No. 2021-369 would be removed and would be replaced by the former Reso No. 2021-370. To confirm, Clerk Pellettiere advised that the Board would now be voting on Reso No. 2021-364 through Reso No. 2021-421.

2021-364 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

- 2021-365 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

- 2021-366 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

- 2021-367 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

- 2021-368 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Foveonics Document Solutions, Clinton, NJ, through the Educational Services Commission of NJ #65MCESCCPS, 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.

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

2021-369 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Re-appointing Christopher J. Scaturro, as the Union County Emergency Management Coordinator for a three (3) year term commencing on May 20, 2021 through May 19, 2024.

2021-369 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Revenue Guard Medical Claims Management, LLC, Morganville, NJ, to provide ambulance billing and collection services for Union County Emergency Medical Services for the initial 24 month period of June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2023 with options to extend for one 24 month period and one final 12 month period at a service fee rate of either 5.15% or 6.75% as specifically outlined in vendor's proposals, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00.

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

2021-370 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: 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.

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

2021-371 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: 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).

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

2021-372 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$12,971.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: DOL Workforce Investment Opportunities Act (WIOA) - Data Reporting and Analysis.

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

2021-373 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$90,487.71 as a result of notification

received from the State of New Jersey, Department of State for a program entitled: HAVA Physical Security - Voting Machine Warehouse Inside Cameras Grant.

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

2021-374 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: 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.

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

2021-375 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: 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).

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

2021-376 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: 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).

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

2021-377 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: 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 - Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) Grant.

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

2021-378 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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 Spooktacula (October 30, 2021), Holiday Tree Lighting (November 26, 2021), Winter Wonderland (December 10, 2021) in the total amount of not to exceed \$10,000.

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

2021-379 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution sponsoring the Borough of Roselle Park's Independence Day Celebration on July 1, 2021 in the amount of not to exceed \$4,000.

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

2021-380 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

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

2021-381 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

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

2021-382 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution sponsoring the Citizens Going Forward Goodwill Festival 2021 held on June 5, 2021 in Mattano Park, Elizabeth in the amount of not to exceed \$1,500.

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

2021-383 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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).

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

- 2021-384 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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).

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

- 2021-385 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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).

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

- 2021-386 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

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

- 2021-387 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

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

- 2021-388 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

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

- 2021-389 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

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

- 2021-390 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

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

- 2021-391 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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.

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

- 2021-392 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Resolution re-appointing the following individuals to the Union County Advisory Council on Aging for a 3 year-term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023: Elizabeth A. Fennik and Theodore A. Freeman.

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

- 2021-393 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDE:** 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.

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

- 2021-394 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN:** 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.

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

- 2021-395 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN:** 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.

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

- 2021-396 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN:** 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).

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

- 2021-397 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN:** 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).

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

2021-398 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN: 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.

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

2021-399 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2021-400 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2021-401 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2021-402 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution of the Union County Board of County Commissioners concurring with Resolution No. 2021-13 of the Union

County Workforce Development to amend its agreement with Union County College; and to amend Union County Board of County Commissioners' Resolution Nos. 2019-614, 2019-811, 2020-139, and 2020-853.

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

2021-403 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution of the Union County Board of County Commissioners concurring with Resolution No. 2021-14 of the Union County Workforce Development to amend its agreement with the International Rescue Committee; and to amend Union County Board of County Commissioners' Resolution Nos. 2020-390 and 2020-854.

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

2021-404 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution of the Union County Board of County Commissioners that it hereby concurs with Resolution No. 2021-16 of the Union County Workforce Development Board to authorize the Union County American Job Center to reflect that open balances from Program Year 2019 WIOA Adult ITA contracts will be charged to Program Year 2020 WIOA Adult ITA appropriation accounts in the amount not to exceed \$38,307.68, and, that open balances from Program Year 2019 WIOA Dislocated Worker ITA contracts will be charged to Program Year 2020 WIOA Dislocated Worker ITA appropriation accounts in the amount not to exceed \$152,115.84.

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

2021-405 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to apply as the lead agency for the NJ Department of Community Affairs Division of Local Government Services Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) Implementation Grant for the consolidation of adult correctional services of Union County and Essex County, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

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

2021-406 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

- 2021-407 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

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

- 2021-408 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

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

- 2021-409 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-448, Executive Order 2020-02 Revised Covid-19 Personnel Policy.

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

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2021-410 COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Reverend Alfreddy Fletcher, during their time of sorrow.

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

- 2021-411 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

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

- 2021-412 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

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

- 2021-413 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

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

- 2021-414 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution acknowledging the (Cuban Organization) on the celebration of the Cuban Independence Day Flag Raising on May 20, 2021...

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

- 2021-415 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution designating the month of May as "Bag Up NJ" month in Union County in an effort to recognize the State of New Jersey's new law phasing out single use plastic and paper bags and encouraging the use of reusable bags throughout New Jersey; and further committing the County of Union to work in concert with the New Jersey Clean Communities Council, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Department of State, policymakers, environmental and business groups, as well as other stakeholders, to educate consumers, businesses, and communities within the County of Union of the new law and encouraging residents to "Bag Up" before the ban goes into effect.

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

2021-416 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

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

2021-417 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

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

2021-418 VICE CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

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

2021-419 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

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

2021-420 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

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

2021-421 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution congratulating Drew Pavlica, Garfield Municipal Clerk and former President of the Municipal Clerks Association of New Jersey (MCANJ) and a leadership member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC), upon his retirement after 30 years as Clerk of the City of Garfield.

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Kowalski encouraged residents to participate and offer input relative to a Truck Mobility Study that the County was conducting. She advised that the virtual public meeting on this matter was scheduled for May 26th, noting that additional details were available on the County website. She added that many residents, like herself, had noticed certain changes and disruptions in traffic patterns since the onset of COVID-19, noting the County has thus far identified 35 areas of concern as well as 10 priority locations that seemed heavily affected.

Commissioner Hudak noted that it was nice to see Joann Gemenden, former Union County District Recycling Coordinator, participate in tonight's meeting. He closed by wishing her well on her retirement and congratulated her on being named the new Executive Director of New Jersey Communities Council.

Commissioner Garretson thanked her colleagues and the entire Union County family for the special recognition that evening in honor of her recent graduation. On another note, she advised that she was looking forward to commemorating Juneteenth and hopefully memorializing some of the local history noted by previous public speakers.

Commissioner Granados invited residents to the annual Union County Portuguese Flag raising ceremony in commemoration of the Day of Portugal, Camões and the Communities, on June 10th at the Union County Court House. To close, he congratulated Commissioner Garretson on her recent acquisition of a Ph.D.

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded extended her congratulations to colleague Commissioner Garretson as well as all the graduates throughout the County. She also congratulated Micayla Mirabella, Chairman Mirabella's daughter, on her recent graduation ceremony that had been postponed last year due to COVID-19. To close, she expressed gratitude for the school officials, teachers, and parents that had to contend with the difficulties of remote and or hybrid learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Commissioner Leon noted her recent attendance of the Cuban Flag Raising, noting the difficulties faced by her family in Cuba that inspired them to come to America and pursue the American Dream. On another note, she reminded residents that May was Mental Health Awareness Month and Older Americans Month, noting her full support of these causes.

Chair Williams reminded residents that June was Pride Month and the County would be offering a variety of events and programs to commemorate and celebrate the month. She also encouraged residents to tune into the Queer Empowerment Hour on June 9th, hosted by Micayla Mirabella. To close, she congratulated her colleague, Commissioner Garretson, on her recent educational accomplishment.

Relative to Pride Month, Chairman Mirabella advised that in addition to the County offerings, many municipalities would be having their own activities and programs to commemorate the month. He noted that Scotch Plains would be holding an event on June 3rd with Vice Chair Williams as a keynote speaker. To close, he thanked his Commissioner colleagues for all their efforts in being public servants, their many contributions to the community, and their willingness to remain accessible to their constituents.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Vice Chair Williams and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Commissioner Staten absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

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

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

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

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