

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:04 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

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.

It's been an eventful few weeks as we are rounding the corner into warmer weather, and we have some items to report. Besides the improving weather, the first thing on everyone's minds is the Governor's announcement of the easing of restrictions over the next few weeks. But, while we're excited about moving ahead with our lives, we must still continue to be vigilant, avoid big crowds, and take precaution in enclosed areas.

In regard to our vaccination efforts, the County of Union has begun targeting under-vaccinated communities in order to achieve herd immunity. While many people who wanted a vaccine have already received one, we are making a renewed effort to reach certain population groups and urban communities that we will reach out to vaccinate.

We are taking a community-wide approach and building partnerships that will boost our vaccination numbers. The County is partnering with area hospitals, churches, schools, community organizations and youth groups to build lists and target anyone who doesn't have a vaccination and we will transition to a new registration website for vaccine appointments. The County also began its vaccination program for homebound residents two weeks ago. Anyone wishing to get on the list can still call the County's Division on Aging and Disability Resources at 1-888-280-8226 between the hours of 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. We are working with Union County College and Kean University to vaccinate staff and students at the County's vaccination center at Downs Hall, Kean University in Union; And at the end of May, we are seeking to launch a door to door campaign, and launch mobile vaccination clinics to serve residents in Elizabeth, Plainfield, Roselle, Linden, Hillside, and other areas.

Speaking of May, we are also marking National Nurses week beginning today until the 12th. We have a resolution on tonight's agenda. We continue to thank the many nurses and emergency personnel who have served us through the pandemic.

Our food distribution program is also continuing. We have an upcoming distribution on Saturday, May 8 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at Kean University in Union. Please go to the website for more upcoming events at ucnj.org.

We are also gradually, and carefully, re-introducing activities in our parks, so please continue observing rules for masks and social distance. The Commissioner Board is pleased to welcome the Motown tribute band "Shadows of the 60's" to our series of free, live drive-in concerts. Shadows of the 60's will take the stage at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 15 at Cedar Brook Park in Plainfield. The event is free, but registration is required online in advance to reserve a spot. Reservations will be available on a first come, first serve basis beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 7 on the County website at ucnj.org/reserve. More shows are upcoming and will be listed on the website.

As we celebrate the re-birth of life during spring time, we received exciting news about two peregrine falcons that are nesting at the top of one of Union County's highest buildings -- the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth. The falcons have increased their family with four newly hatched chicks. These new additions to the Union County family just received their first check-up from wildlife experts, and they are doing great. You can watch, too, by tuning into the free Union County livestream at ucnj.org/falcon.

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

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 PROSECUTORLyndsay V. Ruotolo, Acting Prosecutor

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into a contract with West Publishing Corporation, a Thomson Reuters Business, Eagan, MN for the purpose of providing a subscription for an intelligence database for a period of three (3) years beginning April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2020-625 for the total project cost to reflect the full grant award of \$87,451.00 in Federal funds, the required match amount of \$21,863.00, and the existing budgeted salary and fringe costs of \$107,996.00 already associated with the project for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. Of the total project cost of \$217,310 the County remains responsible for \$129,859.00. Subaward number VS-41-19. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

BOARD OF ELECTIONSNicole DiRado, Administrator

1. Amending Resolution Number 2021-99, a contract award to Royal Printing Service, West New York, New Jersey, to include a grant account only. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Chairman Mirabella asked Administrator DiRado to give an overview of what residents could expect in terms of voting for the June Primary Election.

Administrator DiRado advised that Governor Murphy authorized the June Primary Election to be conducted as customarily done prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and residents would once again have the option to vote in-person on Election Day. She further advised that all regular polling places would be restored, noting that any resident that was affected by the reassignment of polling locations last year due to COVID-19, would receive notice confirming their location for the June Primary Election. She added that any residents that had submitted a request to receive a mail-in ballot for all future elections should anticipate receiving their ballots by mail from the County Clerk's Office. She added that all residents could expect to receive sample ballots for the upcoming June Primary Election which would also cite their designated polling location.

Commissioner Hudak asked Director DiRado about poll-worker recruitment for the upcoming election cycle and if she had seen any fluctuation in availability attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic. He also inquired about mail-in ballot tallies.

Administrator DiRado advised that recruitment was going very well, consistent with pre-pandemic levels, noting that interest was quite high. She noted that her department was being mindful to pair seasoned poll workers with newly-trained poll workers to ensure resources are available if an issue should arise as well as mitigate wait times. Relative to mail-in ballots, she advised that 10% of residents were designated to receive mail-in

ballots, consistent with pre-pandemic levels, and of those already mailed, 2,500 residents had already returned their voted ballots to her office for processing.

Commissioner Leon asked Administrator DiRado to advise residents on the process to receive a mail-in ballot. Commissioner Leon also asked her to advise on the deadline for returning ballots for the June Primary Election.

Administrator DiRado advised that residents had until June 1st to submit a mail-in ballot application to the County Clerk's Office in order to receive a mail-in ballot for the June Primary Election. She added that the application had to be physically received by the County Clerk's Office by June 1st in order for their request to be satisfied; a June 1st postmark would not be accepted. Relative to residents that anticipate a mail-in ballot that has yet to be received, Administrator DiRado advised that residents would need to call the County Clerk's Office to inquire on the status of their mailed ballot. She added that in the case on an issued ballot that has not been received, the voter would be required to execute and submit an affidavit to that effect in order to be issued a duplicate by the County's Clerk Office. Relative to the return of mail-in ballots, Administrator DiRado advised that the voted ballot would have to be postmarked no later than June 7th and arrive at the Board of Elections no later than June 14th in order for it to be accepted and processed.

Commissioner Kowalski inquired about early voting.

Administrator DiRado advised that residents had the opportunity to request a mail-in ballot from the County Clerk's Office before the deadline of 3PM on June 7th and or the Monday before Primary Election Day. She added that voters could schedule an in-person visit to the County Clerk's Office between now and the deadline, fill out a mail-in ballot application request, and be issued a ballot that could be voted on the spot and submitted to a secure lock-box that would be collected by the Board of Elections for processing. She added that these services were offered at both the Elizabeth and Westfield locations of the County Clerk's Office. She further added that mail-in ballot recipients could also opt to use the ballot drop boxes scattered throughout Union County to return their voted ballots, noting the resource was convenient, with one in each town, and secure as the boxes were under 24/7 camera surveillance. She added that her department, escorted by County Police, retrieved the contents of the ballot drop boxes daily during the election cycles.

Commissioner Garretson inquired about resources available to residents regarding this crucial information.

Administrator DiRado advised that residents could visit unioncountyvotes.com to access the same information she just provided. She advised that this website was managed by the County Clerk's Office, but would also include important information relative to the Board of Elections as well. She closed by reminding residents that the voter registration deadline was May 18th.

Chairman Mirabella offered his recognition and thanks to Administrator DiRado's staff for their diligent and admirable effort in tackling an all-mail-in election last year, noting it as a tremendous feat.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amy Crisp Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, under the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) Challenge Grant, in the amount of \$150,000.00. The grant funds will be used to support the Union County Emergency Services Regional Dispatch Center. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Joseph Graziano, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Funds Exchange Program – Cost Reimbursement Agreement in association with the Replacement of the Gordon Street Bridge over “Out of Service” Conrail Structure 2050150, Boroughs of Roselle and Roselle Park, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$9,591,008.92, subject to the approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-051). **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract to IH Engineering, P.C. of Hackensack, NJ, to provide Construction Administration and Inspection services for the Replacement of Gordon Street Bridge over “Out of Service” Conrail Structure 2050150, Boroughs of Roselle and Roselle Park, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$702,506.92, subject to the approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-051). **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement with PSE&G of Springfield, NJ, for the Utility Relocation of their existing primary facilities for the Replacement of Gordon Street Bridge over “Out of Service” Conrail Structure 2050150, Boroughs of Roselle and Roselle Park, County of Union, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$275,000.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-051). **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Amending Resolution Number 2017-131 adopted February 9, 2017 authorizing the County Manager to enter into agreements, for the Right of Way with various owners in association with the Replacement of the Gordon Street Bridge over “Out of Service” Conrail Structure 2050150, Boroughs of Roselle and Roselle Park, County of Union, New Jersey for an additional amount of \$182,930.00 for an amount not to exceed \$386,650.00, subject to the approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-051). **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Vice Chair Williams asked for an overview of the Gordon Street Bridge replacement project, mention in Item Nos. 1,2,3,4.

Director Graziano noted that this was an ongoing project for many years and that the County had finally gained traction to tackle the project. He advised that Item No. 1 related to a funds exchange program and or a cost reimbursement agreement executed with the State of NJ for \$9.5 million, noting that the County had separate, additional monies set aside for the project. He added that County had furnished all necessary documentation to the State of NJ and was merely waiting for approval to move forward. Relative to Item No. 2, he advised that the cited amount was reflected in the \$9.5 million, noting this project did not go out for public bid as it required a much more stringent review by an evaluation committee under federal guidelines and the County merely served as a channel for the project. Relative to Item No. 3, Director Graziano advised that the construction support services were also included in the cited \$9.5 million. He advised that he expected to receive final authorization for the project by the end of May, pre-construction meetings in June, and the actual construction to start in September. He added that the project would run 24 months from start of construction and he shared in the Board's enthusiasm to finally see some progress on this long-stemming project.

Chairman Mirabella noted the interest from both Boroughs in replacing the Gordon Street Bridge and asked what type of information and or resources had been provided to Roselle and Roselle Park relative to the progress of the project.

Director Graziano advised that he had sent information to Roselle Councilman Brandon Bernier providing an overview of the prospective project as well as a timeline relative to the anticipated start and finalization of the replacement project.

Chairman Mirabella instructed Director Graziano to forward the same resources to the respective Mayors of Roselle and Roselle Park as well as the Borough Administrators to ensure they have the necessary information at their disposal relative to the project.

Director Graziano agreed to furnish the necessary information to the respective Boroughs.

5. Amending Resolution Number 2020-550, a contract awarded to Remington & Vernick Engineers, of Secaucus, New Jersey to provide additional Engineering Design Services, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the 2018 Bridge Improvement Program for the County of Union, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$27,270.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$251,077.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-024). **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
6. Resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with R.J. Sherman & Associates dba Vermeer North Atlantic Sales & Service, Lumberton, NJ for the purchase of various Vermeer parts and supplies for the Vermeer Compost Turner for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
7. Resolution granting permission to The Township of Berkeley Heights to hang a banner for the Berkeley Heights 5K Charity Road Race and Fitness Walk from

August 16, 2021 thru September 20, 2021. (**Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski**)

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Bibi Taylor, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. RESOLUTION PRESCRIBING THE DETAILS AND BOND FORM THEREOF FOR \$3,600,000 COUNTY COLLEGE BONDS OF 2021 (CHAPTER 12 STATE AID) DATED JUNE 15, 2021, AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION, PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF A NOTICE OF SALE AND THE PUBLICATION OF A SUMMARY NOTICE OF SALE AND PRESCRIBING THE FORM THEREOF FOR SUCH BONDS, APPROVING THE PREPARATION, DISTRIBUTION AND EXECUTION OF A PRELIMINARY AND A FINAL OFFICIAL STATEMENT FOR SUCH BONDS, UNDERTAKING TO PROVIDE CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION, COVENANTING TO COMPLY WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED, AND AUTHORIZING VARIOUS MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH ELECTRONIC BIDDING FOR THE BONDS. (**Commissioner Christopher Hudak**)
2. Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$32,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services for a program entitled: State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). (**Commissioner Christopher Hudak**)
3. Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$182,930.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation for a program entitled: Gordon Street Bridge (ROW). (**Commissioner Christopher Hudak**)
4. Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$150,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) Challenge Grant. (**Commissioner Christopher Hudak**)

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

1. Amending Resolution Number 2021-306 to reflect an increase to the Aging Three Year 2019-2021 Area Plan - Year 3 Spending Plan in the amount of \$60,000.00 to reflect a new total of not to exceed \$4,702,891.00 for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. (**Commissioner Andrea Staten**)
2. Authorizing the use of the Competitive Contracting process, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 et seq., for the provision of providing program operations for the

Union County Intoxicated Driver Resource Center. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with JANUS Solutions, Ewing, NJ, to provide continued organizational assessment and improvements for the Division of Social Services in a total amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 for the period of May 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

Commissioner Granados asked Director Anderson to elaborate on Item No. 3.

Director Anderson advised that this item related to consultation services to be provided by the cited vendor in order to better improve services in the Department as well as offer more intense case management in an attempt to promote greater self-sufficiency in benefit recipients. She added that the vendor was responsible for conducting an organizational assessment and offer recommendations relative to the restructuring of the Department during the COVID-19 recovery period. She noted that the Department of Social Services had seen an increase in applicants, noting that approximately 10% of UC residents had applied to receive SNAP benefits and or were receiving them already.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Ron Zuber, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Jasper Seating Co. Inc., Jasper, IN, through NJ State Contract # A81718, for the purchase of furniture for the Red Knot at Galloping Hill Golf Course, in an amount not to exceed \$67,333.36 **(Commissioner Andrea Staten)**

Commissioner Hudak asked Director Zuber to confirm that the purchase of furniture was for the new facility, following redesign. He also asked whether or not this purchase would be under state contract.

Recreation Facilities Director Armando Sanchez advised that the new furniture would replace the existing furniture at the Red Knot following the completion of the redesign and confirmed that all the items being purchased were covered under state contract.

2. 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 Paragon Restoration Corporation of Kenilworth, New Jersey for the Improvements at Building #4 and #7 at the Deserted Village of Feltville/Glenside Park, Township of Berkeley Heights, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$852,500.00 (BA# 25-2021; Union County Engineering Project # 2019-004). **(Commissioner Andrea Staten)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 2019-263 adopted March 28, 2019 awarding a Professional Engineering Service Contract with Remington & Vernick Engineers, of Secaucus, New Jersey to provide design and construction administration & inspection services for an Azalea Garden located in Warinanco Park, Borough of Roselle, New Jersey for an additional amount of \$7,250.00 for a new contract

amount not to exceed \$79,100.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-041) **(Commissioner Andrea Staten)**

4. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to carry out a project to implement a sedimentation testing phase for three lakes in the Clark Reservoir in the amount of \$250,000.00. **(Commissioner Andrea Staten)**

Commissioner Hudak asked Director Zuber to elaborate on this item and confirm that funding for this project had been allocated in last year's State budget.

Director Zuber confirmed that his Department had received a letter from Governor Murphy just that morning relative to funding. He advised that the item on tonight's agenda reflected the initial rehabilitation phase of the project, which would include the testing of sediments in the three lakes at the Clark Reservoir. He added that the results of this testing would help the Department determine how to best proceed and address the location.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Viken Detection Corporation, Burlington, MA, to purchase a Lead Paint Analyzer in an amount not to exceed \$19,730.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Thermo Scientific Portable Analytical Instruments Inc., Tewksbury, MA, to purchase an XRF analyzer machine for lead inspections in an amount not to exceed \$28,250.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

Relative to Item Nos. 1 & 2, Commissioner Granados asked Director Moran for an overview of these initiatives.

Director Moran advised that these items related to a new initiative regarding childhood lead exposure prevention. He advised that the State of NJ required pediatricians to test their patients regularly for lead exposure and in the case of a positive result, the UC Health Department would be notified and allowed to enter the household and conduct additional testing using the cited devices to determine the origin(s) of the lead. He added that last year, the County had seen 75 cases of lead exposure in children, noting the importance of educating the public relative to these dangers.

3. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Public Safety: H&S Construction and Mechanical, Inc., Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the purpose of construction for the UC Dispatch Center, in the amount not to exceed \$3,283,000.00 (BA#27-2021; Union County Engineering Project #2019-025). **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

Vice Chair Williams asked Director Moran to provide the projected timeline for the project. She also asked if the anticipated Dispatch Center could accommodate services for all 21 municipalities, if necessary.

Director Moran noted his excitement relative to the expansion of the UC Dispatch Center, noting that it would accommodate 33 consoles and Union County's dispatching needs for all municipalities, if necessary for the foreseeable future. He noted that the most recent expansion to the dispatch center had occurred approximately ten years ago and with all the interest in shared services, the County could no longer expand services in the current facility that only housed nine consoles. Director Moran advised that if the Resolution was approved by the Board this evening, he would immediately dedicate his efforts to getting the project off the ground as soon as possible. He added that if all went according to plan, he expected the project to be completed at the beginning of 2022.

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution offering this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Roselyn Jean Rush during their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner Angela R. Garretson & The Entire Board)**
2. Resolution recognizing Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (AAPI) awareness month throughout the County of Union; and further recognizing the generations of Asian and Pacific Islanders who have enriched America's history and are instrumental in its future success; and further denouncing the recent trend of bigotry, intolerance and prejudice against the Asian American/Pacific Island community. **(Commissioner Angela R. Garretson & The Entire Board)**
3. Resolution recognizing Tuesday, May 4, 2021 as National Teacher Appreciation Day and the week of May 2, 2021 through May 7, 2021 as National Teachers Appreciation Week throughout Union County; and further recognizing the extraordinary efforts taken by teachers during the Covid-19 pandemic to ensure the highest possible educational experience for our youth during this challenging school year. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados & The Entire Board)**

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Mirabella thanked the many teachers and educators for their efforts and sacrifice.

4. Resolution congratulating KEAN University on its designation by the federal government as a Hispanic Serving Institution. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados & The Entire Board)**
5. Appointing the following members to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board to represent various municipalities for a one year term ending December 31, 2021: Louis Demondo (delegate) Borough of Kenilworth; Francisco Ortiz (delegate) City of Elizabeth; Andre Luboff (delegate) Borough of New Providence; Natalie Chin (delegate) and Meera Rao (alternate) Township of Berkeley Heights; Ben Cohen (delegate) Township of Cranford; Nicholas Patina (delegate) and Joseph Chrobak (alternate) City of Linden; Robert W. Messler (delegate) and Michael Disko, Jr., (alternate) Borough of Mountainside; Valerie

- Jackson (delegate) and William Nierstedt (alternate) City of Plainfield; Jay Robaina (delegate) and Thomas Strowe (alternate) Borough of Roselle Park; John Morgan (delegate) Township of Scotch Plains; Harris Laufer (delegate) Township of Springfield; Harvey Davidson (delegate) and Mary Gersten (alternate) Town of Westfield; and Michael Ince (delegate) Borough of Garwood. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
6. Resolution congratulating Daniel Gomez, of Cranford, on his 10 years of service as a volunteer with the Cranford First Aid Squad. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski & The Entire Board)**
 7. Resolution recognizing the month of May as Older Americans Month. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon & The Entire Board)**
 8. Resolution recognizing Thursday, May 8, 2021 as National Nurses Appreciation Day, and the week of May 6, 2021 through May 12, 2021 as National Nurses Week throughout Union County; and further recognizing the tireless hours and extraordinary efforts taken by nurses during the Covid-19 pandemic to ensure the health and well-being of the Union County community. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded & The Entire Board)**
 9. Resolution recognizing the month of May as National Mental Health Awareness Month throughout the County of Union. **(Commissioner Andrea Staten & The Entire Board)**
 10. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Dii'jon Allen-Jordan, and the Plainfield community, during their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner Andrea Staten, Vice Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams & The Entire Board)**
 11. Resolution recognizing the week of May 2, 2021 through May 8, 2021 as Public Service Recognition Week; and further commending the work of public employees of the federal, state, county and municipal level that carry out the policies of elected officials throughout the nation. **(Commissioner Andrea Staten & The Entire Board)**
 12. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Frank P. DiLollo during their time of sorrow. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**
 13. Resolution re-appointing the following individuals to the Union County Vocational Technical School Board of Education: Jean Perkins for a term ending October 31, 2023; and Jon-Henry Barr for a term ending October 31, 2024. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
 14. Resolution re-appointing Kamran Tasharofi, MD as a member of the Union County College Board of School Estimate for a term ending June 30, 2024. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

15. Resolution offering this Board's sincere condolences to the family of former Union County Board of Elections Commissioner, John DiSimone, during their time of sorrow. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**
16. Resolution offering this Board's sincere condolences to the family of former Motor Vehicles Senior Mechanic, Vito Lombardi, during their time of sorrow. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Commissioner Kowalski and seconded by Commissioner Leon a voice vote showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33P.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

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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.