



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

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Note and File.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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The meeting is now opened to the public for the purpose of commenting on Resolutions being offered for adoption and/or any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

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The following resolutions are being offered for adoption:

**2021-700 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute the FY2022 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) contract in the amount of \$318,910.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) for the grant period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 for the purpose of providing community programming for low income residents of Union County, and to recognize and accept that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from NJDCA, does further authorize the execution of any such agreement.

- 2021-701 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding (BA #41-2021) in accordance with Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to First Priority Emergency Vehicles, Manchester, NJ for the purchase of two Cares Act Vans for an amount not to exceed \$310,304.88.
- 2021-702 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Sub-grant Agreement with HMH Hospitals Corporation, JFK Medical Center, Edison, NJ, to provide nurse case management of lead poisoned children through the County Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program from July 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021 in an amount of not to exceed \$22,373.00.
- 2021-703 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with National Medical Services Inc. dba NMS Laboratories, Willow Grove, PA, for post-mortem toxicology lab services for basic and expanded testing services, for a contract term of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.
- 2021-704 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Spec Rescue International, Virginia Beach, Virginia, to provide specialized training to members of the Metro Urban Search and Rescue (MUSAR) Task Force from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Region, through the 2019 and 2020 UASI grants, in an amount not to exceed \$158,665.00.
- 2021-705 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Re-appointing the following members to the Workforce Development Advisory Board with a term ending June 30, 2023: Gwen Ryan, Richard Capac, Debbie Ann Anderson, Juanito Chialuisa; and re-appointing the following members with a term ending June 30, 2024: Krystal Canady, Salvador Garcia, Theresa Soto-Vega, Ed Faver, Stan Robinson, Jr., Glenn Nacion, Paul Belardo, and Edwin Gomez. Further appointing the following to serve as members to the Workforce Development Board for a term ending June 30, 2023: Morgan Thompson, Kelly Laudette, Hilary McCarron, and Daryl Palmieri.
- 2021-706 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution appointing Adela S. Caceres (Domestic Violence) to the Union County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) for a term ending December 31, 2022.
- 2021-707 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Lerch, Vinci & Higgins LLP, Fair Lawn, NJ to provide Financial Advisory Services to the County of Union related to Cornerstone Behavior Health Hospital in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00.

- 2021-708 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$2,760.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Grant.
- 2021-709 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$86,427.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: VOCA-Sexual Assault Response Team/Forensic Nurse Examiner (SANE).
- 2021-710 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$147,126.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of State for a program entitled: UCBOE Drop Box Pickups Grant.
- 2021-711 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$26,880.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of State for a program entitled: UCBOE Early Voting Reimbursement Phase II Grant.
- 2021-712 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$11,458.96 as a result of notification received from the Rahway Board of Education, Rahway, New Jersey for a program entitled: UCBOE Rahway 2021 Special School Election Reimbursement.
- 2021-713 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement between the County of Union and the City of Linden for the installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Pedestrian Crosswalk Systems at the intersections of South Wood Avenue (CR-617), and Pennsylvania Railroad Avenue, North Stiles Street (CR-615) and Amon Terrace and South Stiles Street (CR-615) and West Munsell Avenue in Linden, New Jersey. The Systems will be purchased, installed, operated and maintained by the City of Linden.
- 2021-714 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2021-559, a contract with CME Associates, Parlin, NJ to provide additional On-Call Environmental Engineering Services for an additional amount of \$30,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$85,000.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2020-014).

- 2021-715 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2019-1104, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding (BA#56-2017) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to GPC, Inc., of Millburn, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 4 for the Union County Courthouse Fire Code Upgrades, City of Elizabeth. This change order will increase the original contract amount by \$350,006.88 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$21,878,223.53 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-033C).
- 2021-716 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights Volunteer Rescue Squad to hang banners over Springfield Avenue and Plainfield Avenue from October 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021 for their Membership Drive.
- 2021-717 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution granting permission to the City of Linden to close Wood Avenue between Elizabeth Avenue and Curtis Street on Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm for the First Annual October to Never Forget event.
- 2021-718 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 for the purpose of transporting veterans of Union County to veteran's medical facilities in the amount of not to exceed \$12,000.00.
- 2021-719 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOURED:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept and the Board to endorse and approve the 2022 Comprehensive County Youth Services Plan and Application Update, to include Award numbers listing each funding source as required by the State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission and Attorney General's Office: The State Community Partnership Program Management Funds in the amount of \$55,550.00; State Community Partnership Program Service Funds in the amount of \$384,876.00; and Family Court Services in the amount of \$248,737.00.
- 2021-720 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the County of Hudson for the provision of Comprehensive Inmate Substance Abuse Treatment and Reentry Services Program for an initial period October 1, 2021 Through June 30, 2022 in the amount not to exceed \$2,625,000.00.
- 2021-721 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2021-35, adopted January 3, 2021, authorizing the use of cooperative contracts, to increase the annual budgetary allocation for Insight Public Sector, for the

period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, by an amount not to exceed \$8,413.39 for a new total amount not to exceed a total of \$58,413.39.

- 2021-722 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-533, an Affiliation Agreement with Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Child and Adolescent Outpatient Unit, Department of Psychiatry and The Friends of the Child Advocacy Center of Union County for licensed clinician / therapist services, to reflect Affiliation Agreement period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022. (All other aspects of the contract will remain the same).
- 2021-723 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2021-503, an agreement with Thermo Scientific Portable Analytical Instruments Inc. (Lifetech), Carlsbad, CA to purchase proprietary reagent supplies and service agreements for instrument maintenance, to reflect a change/addition of account number only. (All other aspects of the agreement remain the same).
- 2021-724 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award an open-ended contract to MTE Turf Equipment Solutions, Inc. (Municipal Turf Equipment), West Henrietta, NY for the purchase of Jacobsen lawn mower parts in an amount not to exceed \$26,500.00.
- 2021-725 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Resolute Guard, Sea Girt, NJ, to provide Cybersecurity and Risk Management services to the County of Union for a twelve-month (12) period in an amount not to exceed \$24,950.00.
- 2021-726 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution of the Union County Board of County Commissioners concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board Resolution No. 2021-28 to award contracts to Union County College and also to Workforce Advantage to provide WorkFirst New Jersey services to clients enrolled in the Program Year 2021 (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022) in the amount not to exceed \$476,737.00 to each vendor, for a total amount not to exceed \$953,474.00.

#### COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2021-727 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing Ada Morell for her 10 years of service to Kean University as the University's Board of Trustees Chair.
- 2021-728 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating Bernie Wagenblast, Dr. Nancy DiLiegro, Steven Edwards, Sister Percylee Hart and Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski on being honored by the

Boy Scouts of America, Patriots' Path Council at their 2021 Union County Lifetime Achievement Awards Dinner.

- 2021-729 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating Anthony Russo who is being honored by the Italian Tribune on October 8, 2021 upon receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award.
- 2021-730 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating the 2020 Unity Award recipients upon being honored by the Union County Human Relations Commission.
- 2021-731 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing Melanie Wilson, Summit Interfaith Council, Antonietta LaVecchia, Jesse Butler, Rick Proctor and John Detweiler on being honored by the Boy Scouts of America, Patriots' Path Council at their 21st Annual Summit Good Scout Award Dinner.
- 2021-732 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution honoring the life and legacy of Damaryz Vazquez, an Elizabeth resident who inspired many young women within her community through her locally renowned Damaryz Dance Studio in Elizabeth.
- 2021-733 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing September 2021 as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month to remember those affected by suicide, to raise awareness, and to focus efforts on directing treatment to those who need it most.

#### COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

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#### ADJOURNMENT

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## 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

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December 16, 2021

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.

In adherence to the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) guidelines, the County Commissioners' meetings will be open to the public by electronic means, and as such, will be conducted through a teleconference via ZOOM Webinar. All members of the public may view the meeting by livestream at [ucnj.org/commissioners](http://ucnj.org/commissioners). Any member of the public wishing to participate in the teleconference meeting, may do so by downloading ZOOM to their individual electronic device and must email the Clerk of the Board at [jpellettiere@ucnj.org](mailto:jpellettiere@ucnj.org) <<mailto:jpellettiere@ucnj.org>> to receive the meeting-specific link and password to gain access to the teleconference. All requests **must** be submitted and received by the Clerk of the Board **no later than noon of the corresponding meeting date.**

Members of the public who prefer not to, or do not have the means to, participate in the teleconference, may continue to participate in the County Commissioners meetings by emailing comments relative to resolutions being offered for adoption and/or on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county to the Clerk of the Board at [jpellettiere@ucnj.org](mailto:jpellettiere@ucnj.org) <<mailto:jpellettiere@ucnj.org>>. All relevant comments received will be read into the record during each Regular Meeting's Public Comment Portion, prior to the Board's consideration of resolutions for adoption, and will be addressed accordingly by the Board. All emails **must** be submitted and received by the Clerk of the Board **no later than noon of the corresponding Regular Meeting date** and, as is always the case, **must** include the public member's **full name** and **town of residence** and **resolution number** to which comments are being referred for the record. Agendas will be posted for the public's viewing on the County's official website at: [www.ucnj.org/commissioners](http://www.ucnj.org/commissioners) <<http://www.ucnj.org/commissioners>>.

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**\*\*\* MEETING CANCELLED.**