



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 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

Note and File

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

833-2021 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND “THE LAWS OF UNION COUNTY: ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION” BY AMENDING: PART 1-UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, CHAPTER 1, UNION COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE, ARTICLE XXI – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, §1-128 OFFICE OF HEALTH MANAGEMENT AND ARTICLE XXIV – DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

FIRST READING STATEMENT

Vice Chair Williams, Policy Committee Chair, will move Ordinance Number 833-2021 for First Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The public hearing will be scheduled to be held on December 2, 2021.

834-2021 BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW ADDITIONAL FURNISHINGS, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$49,070,544 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE STATE GRANTS AND COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUNDS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE

ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**FIRST READING STATEMENT**

Commissioner Hudak, Fiscal Committee Chairman, will move Ordinance Number 834-2021 for First Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The public hearing will be scheduled to be held on December 2, 2021.

835-2021 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THE COUNTY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT HEADS.**FIRST READING STATEMENT**

Commissioner Hudak, Fiscal Committee Chairman, will move Ordinance Number 835-2021 for First Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The public hearing will be scheduled to be held on December 2, 2021.

SUSPENSION OF THE 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

The following resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2021-817 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend the SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program for the Union County Sheriff's office to purchase body worn cameras and body worn camera related equipment in an amount not to exceed \$462,626.00 for the grant period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025 (Agency award number 21-BWC-444).
- 2021-818 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to establish funds for all burial costs for the indigent, unidentified or unclaimed deceased persons of Union County at a burial rate not to exceed \$1,550.00 in a total amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

- 2021-819 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Lease Agreement between the County of Union and SHARMA REALTY INVESTMENTS, LLC, for the rental of 30 parking spaces at \$75.00 per parking spot located at 432 Westminster Avenue, Elizabeth, N.J commencing on January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount of not to exceed \$2,250.00 per month for a total annual amount not to exceed \$27,000.00.
- 2021-820 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to The Mount Olive Baptist Church, Plainfield, NJ, to provide warming center services for homeless individuals on Union County designated Code Blue Nights for the period of November 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$17,000.
- 2021-821 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2021-651 a contract with Village Super Market, Inc. dba ShopRite of Union, Springfield, NJ, for the purpose of providing food for the Union County COVID-19 Emergency Food Distribution events for the period of November 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, to increase funding in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, for a new total amount not to exceed \$1,985,000.00.
- 2021-822 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2021-652 with Frank M. Gargiulo & Son, Inc. dba Gargiulo Produce, Hillside, NJ, for the provision of fresh produce for the County's COVID-19 Emergency Food Distribution events for the period of November 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, to increase funding in an amount not to exceed \$280,000.00, for a new total amount not to exceed \$1,310,000.00.
- 2021-823 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution Approving Transfer of Current Fund Appropriations.
- 2021-824 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$347,080.00 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.
- 2021-825 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$477,900.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a program entitled: Recycling Enhancement Act Grant.
- 2021-826 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$278,045.76 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of State for a program entitled: UCBOE Primary Election Day Poll Worker Pay Incentive.
- 2021-827 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Canceling unexpended grant account balances in the listed Grant Accounts.
- 2021-828 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Canceling Capital Balances to Capital Surplus and Deferred Charges Unfunded.

- 2021-829 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$197,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of State for a program entitled: UCBOE-Election Day Poll Worker Pay Incentive Grant.
- 2021-830 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to adjust and/or change the Internal Position Control Schedules.
- 2021-831 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contracts obtained through advertised public bidding (BA# 46-2021) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management - Supplying of Snow Plow & Salt Spreader Equipment parts and accessories - Dejana Truck & Utility Company 2502 Route 130 N., Cinnaminson, NJ - Lots 2 \$22,500 - Lot 5 \$22,000; Trius Inc., 5049 Industrial Road, Farmingdale, NJ - Lot 6 \$23,750 for a period of 24 consecutive months in the total amount not to exceed \$68,250.
- 2021-832 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending resolution 2016-949, a contract to Maser Consulting PA, Red Bank, New Jersey to provide additional services for Three Culverts in Plainfield, Scotch Plains, and Springfield, NJ for an additional amount of \$65,700.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$508,680.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-006C).
- 2021-833 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Amending Resolution No. 2021-391, a contract with MPC Corporation, Garden City, NY for the continued provision of Paratransit Services, to reflect an additional adjustment to the appropriation accounts for the continued provision of Paratransit Services.
- 2021-834 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN:** Authorizing County Manager to Enter into an Access Agreement allowing Monmouth University to conduct an Archeological Survey in Green Brook Park.
- 2021-835 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve Change Order No. 1 to BA# 9-2020 awarded by Resolution Number 2020-280, to Space Farms, Inc., Wantage, NJ, increasing the contract amount by not to exceed \$16,000.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$60,825.00 for the period of April 1, 2020 through April 30, 2022.
- 2021-836 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to obtain permits needed based on sedimentation testing of three lakes in the Clark Reservoir in the amount of \$250,000.00.
- 2021-837 VICE CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Request for a waiver of the County's residency requirement for Charles Richardson, an employee with the Department of Human Services, Director, American Jobs Center.

- 2021-838 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to enter into Agreements with Per Diem Advocates to serve as independent contractors as part of the Union County Per Diem Advocates Program for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 in the amount not to exceed \$120,000.00.
- 2021-839 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to enter into a Agreements with Per Diem Advocates to serve as independent contractors as part of the Union County Per Diem Advocates Program for the period of October 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in the amount not to exceed \$13,500.00.
- 2021-840 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a license agreement allowing Hudson County's Public Safety Training Academy to use the Emergency Vehicle Operating Course Track at the Stamler Police Academy.
- 2021-841 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into a contract with O'Brien & Kolano LLC, Glen Gardner, NJ to provide Crisis Intervention Team Training to law enforcement and mental health personnel in an amount not to exceed \$15,200.00.
- 2021-842 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into an agreement with Prevention Links, Roselle, NJ for the Operation Helping Hand program for the period of September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022 in the amount of not to exceed \$57,475.00.
- 2021-843 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of the Union County Prosecutor, to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety for FFY 2021 Overdose Data to Action - Operation Helping Hand Grant Program for the purpose described in the application in the amount of \$52,631.00 for the period of September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022 (Subaward Number FYOHH-18-2021).
- 2021-844 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County of Union to fund the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition, a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c)3 organization in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00, to advocate support for station and service improvements and regional projects for the year 2021.
- 2021-845 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to utilize the County's option to extend the contract awarded to Winning Strategies Washington, LLC and Hoboken Strategy's Group Inc., for a twenty-four (24) month period commencing January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00

- 2021-846 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending resolution 2019-809, a resolution approving the 2018-2019 (Year 44) Consolidated Action Plan, to increase CDBG funding to the Freeholder Initiative Project (D-12-56-818-505-919) in the amount of \$89,524.00 from \$150,000.00 to \$239,524.00 utilizing contingency funds and to award a contract to CAPC Supportive Needs Housing Inc., for extended contract period through August 31, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$239,524.00.
- 2021-847 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Benevate, Inc. D/B/A Neighborly Software, Atlanta, GA, for software usage for the Community Development Block Grant program for a contract period of November 15, 2021 through November 1, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$31,200.00.
- 2021-848 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2021-528 to increase the appropriation to Renaud & DeAppolonio, LLC, Cranford, NJ in the matter entitled Monique Hall v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.
- 2021-849 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Memorandum or Agreement with Teamsters Local 469-Primary Supervisors effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.
- 2021-850 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with PBA LOCAL 199 effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.
- 2021-851 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the Union County Performing Arts Center, Rahway, NJ, to provide services necessary for the execution of the 2021-2022 season of the Sensory Friendly Theater program, which will include up to six (6) performances designed and adapted for children with autism and related disabilities for the period of December 16, 2021 through December 15, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00.

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2021-852 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing November as "National American Indian Heritage Month" throughout Union County.
- 2021-853 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing each of the following community leaders on their honor as being platinum sponsors of the Latino Chamber of Commerce Sailing for Scholarships Fundraising Event: Michael Santos of MLB Lending; Edwin Diaz of Helios Property Management; Rafael Rivera of Helios Property Management; Anthony Rivera of Keller Williams Realty; Alex Cabezas of Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield; Poder Latino and Karla Navarrete of Poder Latino USA organization.

- 2021-854 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing the festival of lights to all who are celebrating Diwali, and wishing all new beginnings and the triumph light over darkness; and further offering this Board's appreciation to Anjali Mehrotra, of Mountainside, for her participation in the Board of County Commissioners' first celebration of Diwali at the November 4, 2021 Board of Commissioners Meeting.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To the extent known, the following items will be discussed in Executive Session:

- 1) Attorney- client privileged communication relative to settlement authority in the matter of Monique Hall v. County of Union, et al.
- 2) Attorney-client privileged communication relative to the status of Union County's Opioid litigation.

ADJOURNMENT

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
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March 25, 2021

April 8, 2021
April 22, 2021

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June 24, 2021

July 22, 2021

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September 2, 2021
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October 7, 2021
October 21, 2021

November 4, 2021
November 18, 2021*

December 2, 2021**
December 16, 2021**

*Meeting canceled.

**Meeting held In-Person at the Union County Board of County Commissioners' Meeting Room, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07207. Meetings conducted as per the County Commissioners' By-Laws and the County Administrative Code as conducted prior to holding remote/virtual meetings via Zoom due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

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. 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>> 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>>. 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>>.

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