



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Also present were County Manager Edward T. Oatman, County Counsel Bruce H. Bergen Esq., and Clerk of the Board James E. Pellettiere.

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The prayer and salute to the flag were led by Clerk of the Board Pellettiere.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

The statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by Clerk of the Board Pellettiere.

Chairman Mirabella addressed the public:

Good evening and welcome to another remote meeting of the Commissioner Board. I just have a couple of brief remarks tonight.

First, I want to remind everyone that the Union County Gun Buyback Amnesty date is this Saturday, October 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It's taking place at the following three locations:

- In Elizabeth, at the Master's Table Christian Fellowship, 207-211 Bond Street.
- In Plainfield, at Shiloh Baptist Church, 515-521 West Fourth Street.
- In Westfield, at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, 506 Westfield Avenue.

You can give us any gun, in any condition, and we will give you a reward of up to \$250.00 – with no questions asked. These buyback events help remove unwanted guns from our neighborhoods and keep them out of the wrong hands. So please.

look through your shelves and closets, and take this opportunity to safely dispose of unwanted guns in your home. For more information visit ucnj.org/buyback.

We also continue to help connect residents impacted by Tropical Storm Ida with federal recovery and relief programs. That includes a virtual Town Hall earlier this week, on Tuesday. I'd like to thank FEMA for participating in the event and answering questions from the community.

Also, I want to remind everyone that Union County's COVID-19 response continues, with free testing, free vaccines, and emergency food distribution for Union County residents. We have made a lot of progress but we still have a long way to go.

As you may know, we got some good news from the Centers for Disease Control today. According to their data, we are one of just a few counties in the whole country – and the only one in New Jersey – to achieve the designation of “low transmission rate.” That is a remarkable achievement that validates all of the hard work and extra precautions we have taken since the beginning of the outbreak. I would like to thank all of the volunteers and professional staff who have worked to ensure that tests and vaccines are available to all Union County residents. I would especially like to thank each and every resident who has already gotten their vaccination. And, I cannot emphasize enough how important it is for everyone to step up and get their COVID-19 vaccine as soon as they are eligible. Union County is not an island. We are all still at risk. That is especially true for many thousands in our community, who cannot be vaccinated due to their age or medical condition. COVID-19 will continue to be a matter of life and death until everyone who can get vaccinated, does get vaccinated.

So, as we celebrate our low transmission rate, let's all renew our commitment to using every resource at our disposal to stop the virus from spreading, until this pandemic is finally declared over.

He thanked County Manager Oatman for his leadership during the pandemic and for using all the resources at his disposal to help the residents of Union County. He also thanked Director Moran and Director Anderson as well as his Commissioner colleagues for all their efforts.

And now, let's 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 CLERK

Joanne Rajoppi, County Clerk

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract bid, obtained through advertised public bidding (BA# 44-2021) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Office of the Union County Clerk Renovation and Remodeling to Santorini Construction, Neptune NJ, for the purpose of remodeling and renovating the Union County Clerk's offices of Business, Elections, Recording, and Public Access areas, in the amount of not to exceed \$3,186,000.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2021-141, a contract with various vendors to provide goods and services in the process of conducting elections for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, by increasing the amount allocated to Eisenberg Associates Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 for an overall total amount not to exceed \$44,900.00 for modifications needed for the Election Reporting Application Software necessitated by Early Voting requirements. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Chairman Mirabella asked County Clerk Rajoppi to provide an update on the upcoming election.

County Clerk Rajoppi advised that machine early-voting would start on Saturday, October 30th, noting that residents could visit one of the seven cited locations on the County website to cast their vote early. She added that residents could visit any of the locations, regardless of their town of residence. She also added there was still time to vote by mail through her office, recommending residents come in person to one of the County Clerk's locations to cast their vote on the spot on a paper ballot. She also advised that the voting-machines had been inspected earlier that day and that everything was working as expected. She also reminded residents that they could opt to vote on Election Day at their designated polling location.

Chairman Mirabella thanked County Clerk Rajoppi and her staff for their efforts relative to the election.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF

Peter Corvelli, Sheriff

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2021-35 to add Axon Enterprise, Inc., Scottsdale, Arizona as a State Contract Vendor for the purpose of purchasing body worn cameras and Evidence.com license and storage in an amount not to exceed \$32,257.84. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Nicole DiRado, Administrator

County Manager Oatman represented the Board of Elections.

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2021-681, a contract with The Liberty Group, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey for additional work associated with early voting and

the new electronic poll books for an additional amount of \$30,575.00, for a new contract amount of \$98,875.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amy Crisp Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

1. Amending Resolution Number 2020-783, changing the company name from Edmunds & Associates, Inc., Northfield, NJ, to Edmunds GovTech, with no other changes to the original terms of the contract. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2016-774, a contract with Everbridge Inc. of Burlington, MA to provide software and services for the Citizens Notification System, by extending the contract end date by two (2) months from September 30, 2021 to November 30, 2021, with no other changes to the original terms of the contract. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Commissioner Hudak asked about the two-month extension.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that the previous contract had expired in October and the two-month extension would allow for the Department to finalize the contract details. She added that she expected the new contract to be finalized and presented at the next meeting for approval. She noted additional usage of the resource due to COVID-19 which contributed to the need for additional discussions relative to the new contract. She added that the Department would be using the same vendor as they had proved to be reliable and a great provider of this service to partnering agencies.

Commissioner Hudak asked how about the quantity of partnering agencies.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that the local police departments used this resource as well as many municipalities to alert residents via text message/phone via First Alert, noting it as a valuable resource.

Chairman Mirabella recognized Robert Charkowsky for his efforts relative to this resource and training users throughout the County.

3. Resolution concurring with Resolution Number 2021-29 of the Union County Workforce Development Board to award a contract to the Plainfield Public Library to expand opportunities for basic to intermediate digital literacy training to qualifying individuals through the Workforce Learning Link program in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 for the time period beginning September 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Chairman Mirabella asked Deputy County Manager Wagner to elaborate on this item.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that this item related to action recently taken at the last Workforce Development meeting and would provide \$75,000 to the Plainfield Public Library to continue this resource. She noted that this item would fund a Microsoft Office Certification for 75 residents to obtain the necessary computer skills for various occupations.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Joseph Graziano, Director

1. Amending Resolution Number 2021-235, a contract with Capital Paving and Contracting, LLC of Lebanon, New Jersey for the 2021 Road Resurfacing Project, to reflect a reallocation of account numbers. (Union County Engineering # 2017-023) **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Requesting the County of Union to support the City of Elizabeth's grant application for project funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Safe Routes to School (SRTS) for installation of pedestrian hybrid beacons, pavement markings, signage and sidewalks at three (3) locations in the City of Elizabeth: Summer Street, South Broad Street and West Jersey Street at the Elizabeth River. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to execute a Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Department of Interior, U.S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Division, West Trenton, New Jersey for a Joint Funding Agreement (Agreement Number 21LIJFA16) for the period of October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022 for a sum not to exceed \$17,865.00. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Amending Resolution Number 2017-565, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding (BA# 28-2017) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Precision Building Construction, Bound Brook, New Jersey, for the UC Historic Window Replacement. This final change order# 1 will reduce the original contract amount by (\$38,291.50) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$317,610.50. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2014-017) **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application, on behalf of the County of Union, and if awarded, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for Fiscal Year 2022 County Aid Fund Program (CA-2022- County of Union -0004) in the amount of \$7,129,921.00. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application, on behalf of the County of Union, and if awarded, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) – 2022 Local Bridges, Future Needs Program – LBFN 2022-00001 for the Trenton Avenue Bridge, over Elizabeth River, Structure 2004018, City of Elizabeth, County of Union, New Jersey. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2021-001) **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract obtained through advertised public bidding (BA #47-2021) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Paul's Electronic Maintenance, Inc. d/b/a SBP Industries, South Plainfield, NJ, for the purpose of providing emergency generator services for twenty-four (24) consecutive months, with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month optional extension, in an amount not to exceed \$123,600.00. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
8. Amending Resolution 2020-619 authorizing the County Manager to exercise the County's option to extend a contract awarded to Weldon Materials Inc., Westfield, NJ (BA# UCCP #22-2020) for a period of twelve (12) months to provide Road

Materials in the total amount not to exceed \$761,676.75. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

9. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding (BA#43-2021) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Laws, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management to Sage Landscape Contractors, Inc., Watchung, NJ for a contract period of twenty four (24) consecutive months, in the amount not to exceed \$189,600.00 with one twenty four (24) month option to extend. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Commissioner Hudak asked what this service would be specifically used for.

Director Graziano advised that this vendor had been awarded this contract for the last several years and related to snow removal services.

Commissioner Hudak asked if this was the only vendor secured for this service.

Director Graziano confirmed this to be the case.

10. Granting permission to the Township of Scotch Plains to close a portion of Park Avenue from Front Street to Westfield Avenue/East 2nd Street to Front Street including Bartle Avenue, Grand Street, Senger Place and Flanders Avenue on November 11, 2021 for a Veteran's Day event. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
11. Resolution granting permission to the Borough of New Providence to close Springfield Avenue from South Street to Livingston Avenue for the Annual Street Fair on Sunday, October 24, 2021 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm; and Springfield Avenue from South Street to Gales Drive on Friday, November 26, 2021 from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm for the Holiday Festival. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Bibi Taylor, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution Number 2018-973 to exercise the first option to extend the contract by one (1) year, pursuant to RCCP 3-2018, to Primepoint LLC, Mt. Holly, New Jersey to continue to provide Integrated Human Resource and Outsourced Payroll System services and Time and Labor Management Services beginning December 1, 2021 through November 30, 2022 for an amount not to exceed \$189,600.00. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**
2. Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$18,000.00 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 Aid Reimbursement Grant. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**

Chairman Mirabella asked Director Taylor to elaborate on this item.

Director Taylor advised that this item related to the renewal of the County's integrated Human Services system and payroll system. She added that the cost was a flat rate from last year's cost.

3. Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$78,560.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Public Safety, Division of Highway Traffic Safety for a program entitled: Comprehensive Traffic Safety Program Grant. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**
4. Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$52,631.57 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Operation Helping Hand Overdose Data to Action Grant. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**
5. Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$306,789.59 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for a program entitled: State Homeland Security Program - SHSP Grant. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**
6. Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$1,992,043.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for a program entitled: Urban Area Security Initiative - UASI Grant. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**
7. Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$46,686.90 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. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Live Life Virtually (LLV), LLC, Linden, New Jersey to provide online access to curriculum, training materials, data collection, and the full customization of a version of LLV "Your Practice Life" program for the period of March 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$26,800.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract pursuant to competitive contracting law, (RCCP 8-2021) N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 for the contract period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 to Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, NJ, for the operation of the Union County Children's Shelter at a per diem amount of \$354.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$516,900.00 for Year One, with four (4) one-year options to extend the contract at the prices quoted in the agency's competitive contract proposal. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

Commissioner Granados asked Director Anderson to elaborate on this item.

Director Anderson advised that this item related to a youth shelter program through a state and federal mandate with Community Access Unlimited as the partnering agency. She noted

the County's shelter nights offered housing to court-appointed youth. She added that this was done throughout the year and the Department had served over 100 youth through this detention-alternative service.

3. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and enter into agreement with the NJ Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) to secure Recreation Opportunities for People with Disabilities (ROID) Program grant funding in the amount of \$35,000.00 with a required County Match of \$7,000.00 for a total program amount of \$42,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept and execute the CY2022 Alcoholism/Drug Abuse (A/DA) Grant funding from the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), in the amount of \$831,277.00 with a County Match requirement not to exceed \$109,962.00 for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for the provision of prevention education/early intervention and treatment program for medically indigent residents of Union County. **(Commissioner Andrea Staten)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept funding and execute a contract with the State of New Jersey, Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA), FY2023 Alliance Grant to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Program award in the amount of \$244,862.00 from the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA) for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. **(Commissioner Andrea Staten)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2021-22 HEARTH Emergency Solutions (HES) Grant program spending plan for renewal subcontracts for the period of August 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$371,505.00 and further authorizing the County Manager to transfer funds among the agencies listed during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the listed agencies fail to meet contractual obligation. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Unitronix Data Systems, Raritan, NJ for the provision of software License and Software Maintenance for the Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services commencing on January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$140,935.16. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
8. Authorizing the County Manager to enter in to a lease agreement between the County of Union and Immaculate Conception Church, Elizabeth, NJ, for the rental of 85 parking spaces at \$82.00 per parking space, for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$6,970.00 per month for a total annual amount not to exceed \$83,640.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
9. Authorizing the County Manager to institute the Countywide Code Blue Emergency Shelter Initiative to provide emergency shelter during emergency sheltering situations including days that qualify under the State of New Jersey's Code Blue law for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, in an amount not to exceed

\$350,000.00 for payment to the shelters and motels listed. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

Commissioner Hudak inquired about the effects of the state mandate on this program.

Director Anderson advised that the state mandate had increased the volume and the cited \$350,000 were monies the Commissioners approved for clients that did not qualify for this resource through social services benefits, noting that the state mandate would cover the costs associated with those that did qualify for the cited benefits. She added that Union County was the first county in NJ that offered the Code Blue Emergency Shelter resource and believed the new legislation to be a result of County's advocacy relative to the program. She noted that the resource had serviced 3,230 adults and 575 children during the 2021 Code Blue season.

Commissioner Hudak asked Director Anderson if she expected any funding challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Director Anderson advised that it was too early to tell. She advised that the Department was still assisting families displaced by Hurricane Ida. She added that the potential lifting of the eviction moratorium in January could also cause certain challenges moving forward. She advised that she expected to have additional information in December and would keep the Board abreast regarding any changes and or challenges.

Chairman Mirabella noted his approval of this item and the importance of this resource in proving Code Blue Emergency Shelter during the winter for the homeless population as well as other residents requiring shelter. He commended Director Anderson and her Department for the administration of this program over the last several years to help those in need.

10. Amending Resolution Number 2021-454 to reflect an increase in the original Area Plan Contract Spending Plan in the amount of \$732,248.00 to reflect a new total of \$7,145,831.72. **(Commissioner Andrea Staten)**
11. Amending Resolution Number 2020-886, a contract with Mount Olive Baptist Church, Plainfield, New Jersey, for the provision of warming center services for homeless individuals, to reflect an account number change only; all other terms remain the same. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
12. Amending Resolution Number 2021-221, a contract with The Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, Elizabeth, New Jersey for the provision of emergency shelter for homeless individuals, to reflect an account number change only; all other terms remain the same. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
13. Amending Resolution Number 2021-368, a contract with Foveonics Document Solutions, Clinton, NJ, to provide on site scanning and document management for the Division of Social Services, for an additional amount of \$423,675.00, and a new amount not to exceed \$1,101,083.40 and to extend the contract period of June 1, 2021 through March 31, 2023. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATIONRon Zuber, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

Commissioner Garretson joined the meeting.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with NJ Custom Outfitters, Hillsborough, NJ, to provide generators in an amount not to exceed \$29,990.00. **(Commissioner Andrea Staten)**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETYAndrew Moran, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend the FY 2021 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant funds from the NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness to provide equipment and training to the UASI region to prepare for, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism in an amount not to exceed \$1,992,043.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend an amount not to exceed \$306,789.59 from the Fiscal Year 2021 New Jersey Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) in order to enhance the County's ability to prepare for, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

Commissioner Granados inquired about these two items and whether or not they were recurring.

Director Moran advised that Item No. 1 was an annual UASI regional award that represented about 10% of the overall award. He added that the County acted as a purchasing agent for approximately 28 UASI projects. He also confirmed these two items were recurring.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2020-371, an agreement with PS&S, Warren, NJ, to perform a flood evaluation regarding the dispatch expansion project, Froehlich Building, Westfield, NJ in an additional amount of \$20,000.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$330,053.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2019-025). **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

Commissioner Granados asked Director Moran to elaborate on this item.

Director Moran advised that this item related to the dispatch expansion project contract on which construction had already begun. He noted that as a result of Hurricane Ida, the Department wanted to secure the services of an engineer to inquire about future flooding risks and potential steps that could be taken to prevent disruptions to the building as well as public safety operations during future storms.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGEREdward Oatman, County Manager

1. Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Park Maintenance Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2022. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Commissioner Hudak asked County Manager Oatman to elaborate on this item.

County Manager Oatman advised that this was a 3-year contract that would cover a 2% increase and replace the holiday of Lincoln's Birthday with Juneteenth.

Commissioner Garretson left the meeting.

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution offering the board's deepest condolences to the family of Wimpfrey Williams Jenkins. **(Commissioner Angela R. Garretson & The Entire Board)**
2. Resolution sponsoring the Town of Westfield's AddamsFest to be held through various events taking place throughout the month of October 2021, in the total amount of not to exceed \$4,000.00. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak & The Entire Board)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, to award Kids Recreation Trust 2021 grants to twenty (20) municipalities in the County of Union, in accordance with the Kids Recreation Trust grant criteria in an amount not to exceed \$1,055,000.00. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-MouDED)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, to award Preserve Union County 2021 grants to ten (10) historic sites throughout the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-MouDED)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, to enter into a contract with Colliers Engineering & Design, Red Bank, New Jersey, for the purposes of conducting a NJDEP-compliant Preliminary Assessment of property located at 735-737 Springfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$6,500.00. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-MouDED)**
7. Resolution recognizing the month of October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and further to encourage Union County residents to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals providing critical advocacy, services, and assistance to its victims. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-MouDED & The Entire Board)**
8. Resolution recognizing October 2021 as "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month" and encourage Union County residents to join in activities that will increase awareness of efforts that can be taken towards breast cancer prevention and control; and further recognizing October 22 as "Wear It Pink Day" throughout Union County. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-MouDED & The Entire Board)**

9. Resolution proclaiming the week of October 23, 2021 to October 31, 2021 as Red Ribbon Week in the County of Union and encourages its citizens to participate in our many drug prevention education and recovery support activities, during Red Ribbon Week. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**
10. Amending Resolution Number 2021-3, a resolution designating official newspapers for the provision of legal notices for the County of Union, to include Sino Monthly New Jersey. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
11. Resolution congratulating Sydney McLaughlin, 2X gold medal winner at the recent Tokyo Olympics and a graduate of Union Catholic High School. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Vice Chair Williams and seconded by Commissioner Hudak a voice vote showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Commissioner Garretson absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 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**

2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

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James E. Pelletiere, 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.

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