



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:30 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.

Commissioner Garretson joined the meeting.

PRESENTATION BY THE BOARD

A presentation was made by the Board of County Commissioners accompanied by a video presentation from various municipalities relative to the Kids Recreational Trust grants, Greening Union County grants and Preserve Union County grants.

Open Space Trust Fund Chair Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded thanked her Commissioner colleagues, Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Hudak, and Commissioner Leon for their work on this effort and also recognized the municipalities and non-profit partners for their continued work. She noted that the 2021 Kids Recreational Trust grants would be awarded this evening to 20 municipalities, totaling \$1,054,925.40 in funding. She also noted that the 2021 Greening Union County grants would also be presented to 10 municipalities for a total grant award of \$99,125. Relative to the 2021 Preserve Union County, she noted that 10 historic sites throughout the County would be awarded a total of \$299,730.

Chairman Mirabella thanked Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded for her efforts relative to these grants, noting these awards as an important resource for municipalities throughout the County.

Mayor Angie Devanney and Recreation Director Carolyn George accepted the grant awards on behalf of Berkeley Heights for the following:

Kids Recreation Trust: \$40,000
Greening Union County: \$4,000
Preservation Union County (Little-Lord House): \$20,000

Recreation Director Ralph Bernarndo accepted the grant awards on behalf of Clark for the following:

Kids Recreation Trust: \$100,000
Greening Union County: \$3,500

Mayor Kathleen Prunty accepted the grant awards on behalf of Cranford for the following:

Kids Recreation Trust: \$60,000
Greening Union County: \$2,500
Preservation Union County (Hanson House): \$2,500

Mayor Christian Bollwage accepted the grant awards on behalf of Elizabeth for the following:

Kids Recreation Trust: \$150,000
Greening Union County: \$16,000
Preservation Union County (First Presbyterian Church): \$70,000

Mayor Collen Mahr accepted the grant awards on behalf of Fanwood for the following:

Kids Recreation Trust: \$30,000
Greening Union County: \$1,375
Preservation Union County (Fanwood Carriage House): \$55,000

Mayor Sara Todisco accepted the grant awards on behalf of Garwood for the following:

Kids Recreation Trust: \$30,000
Greening Union County: \$2,500

Mayor Linda Karlovitch accepted the grant awards on behalf of Kenilworth for the following:

Kids Recreation Trust: \$30,000
Greening Union County: \$3,000
Preservation Union County (Oswald J. Nitschke House): \$16,000

Mayor Derek Armstead accepted the grant awards on behalf of Linden for the following:

Kids Recreation Trust: \$50,000
Greening Union County: \$6,000

Mayor Paul Mirabelli accepted the grant award on behalf of Mountainside for the following:

Kids Recreation Trust: \$30,000

Mayor Bernard Morgan III accepted the grant awards on behalf of New Providence for the following:

Kids Recreation Trust: \$30,000
Greening Union County: \$2,500

Mayor Adrian O. Mapp accepted the grant awards on behalf of Plainfield for the following:

Kids Recreation Trust: \$ 33,500
Greening Union County: \$10,000
Preservation Union County (Plainfield Performing Arts Center): \$ 14,940
Preservation Union County (duCret School of Art): \$16,290

Mayor Raymond A. Giacobbe accepted the grant awards on behalf of Rahway for the following:

Kids Recreation Trust: \$60,000
Greening Union County: \$5,000
Preservation Union County (Merchants & Drovers): \$30,000

Mayor Donald Shaw accepted the grant awards on behalf of Roselle for the following:

Kids Recreation Trust: \$60,000
Greening Union County: \$2,500

Roselle Park was awarded the following grant awards:

Kids Recreation Trust: \$40,000
Greening Union County: \$5,000

Mayor Joshua Losardo accepted the grant awards on behalf of Scotch Plains for the following:

Kids Recreation Trust: \$65,000
Greening Union County: \$3,750
Preservation Union County (Shady Rest Gold & Country Club): \$40,000
Preservation Union County (Rotary Frazee House): \$35,000

Recreation Director Adam Lee accepted the grant awards on behalf of Springfield for the following:

Kids Recreation Trust: \$40,000
Greening Union County: \$4,000

Mayor Nora Radest accepted the grant awards on behalf of Summit for the following:

Kids Recreation Trust: \$50,000
Greening Union County: \$8,000

Mayor Michele Delisfort accepted the grant awards on behalf of Union for the following:

Kids Recreation Trust: \$70,000
Greening Union County: \$7,000

Westfield Recreation Commission Chairwoman Jennifer Gilman accepted the grant awards on behalf of Westfield for the following:

Kids Recreation Trust: \$43,320.40
Greening Union County: \$10,000

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Vice Chair Williams and seconded by Commissioner Granados roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Thursday, September 2, 2021 - Agenda Setting Session
2. Thursday, September 2, 2021 - Regular Meeting
3. Thursday, September 23, 2021 - Agenda Setting Session
4. Thursday, September 23, 2021 - Regular Meeting

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to approve the September Agenda Setting and Regular Meetings Minutes. On a motion made by Vice Chair Williams and seconded by Commissioner Granados rolls called showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded abstaining from the September 2nd Agenda Setting and Regular Meeting Minutes and Commissioner Staten abstaining from the September 23rd Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting Minutes.

ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

832-2021 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE GUARANTY BY THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY OF PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE COUNTY GUARANTEED REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2021 (RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAM PROJECT) OF THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$5,500,000.

WHEREAS, the COUNTY OF UNION, New Jersey (the "County"), pursuant to the Improvement Authorities Law of the State of New Jersey (the "State"), constituting Chapter 183 of the Pamphlet Laws of the State of 1960, as amended and supplemented (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-44 et seq.) (the "Act"), has heretofore duly created a body corporate and politic known as The Union County Improvement Authority (the "Authority"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 80 of the Act, the County is authorized to guaranty unconditionally the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on any obligations of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the County, in order to assist the Authority with refunding its County of Union Guaranteed Renewable Energy Program Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2011 (Federally Taxable) and financing of certain renewable energy projects (the "Project"), has determined to provide for the guaranty of County Guaranteed Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 (Renewable Energy Program Project) of the Authority or the refunding of said bonds (the "Obligations") under the resolution of the Authority entitled "County Guaranteed Revenue Bond Resolution (Renewable Energy Program Project)" or the bond resolution(s) authorizing the refunding of said Obligations (the "Bond Resolution");

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. This guaranty shall be adopted by the governing body of the County in the manner provided for adoption of a bond ordinance as provided in the Local Bond Law, constituting Chapter 169 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1960 of the State, as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law").

Section 2. Pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of the Act, specifically Section 37 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80), the County is hereby authorized to and hereby shall fully, unconditionally and irrevocably guaranty the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Obligations in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding at any time \$5,500,000, which Obligations are to be issued to finance and/or refinance the Project, on such terms and conditions as may be agreed to by and between the County and the Authority and as are reflected in this guaranty and in the guaranty certificate on the face of each Obligation. Upon the endorsement of the Obligations referred to in Section 3 below, the County shall be fully, unconditionally and irrevocably obligated to pay the principal of and interest on the Obligations in the same manner and to the same extent as in the case of Obligations issued by the County, and, accordingly, the County shall be unconditionally and irrevocably obligated to levy ad valorem

taxes upon all the taxable property within the County for the payment thereof, without limitation as to rate or amount, when required under the provisions of applicable law. This full, unconditional and irrevocable guaranty of the County effected hereby to pay the principal of and interest on the Obligations when due, in accordance with the terms hereof, shall not be abrogated for any reason. Any Obligations which are no longer considered outstanding under the Bond Resolution shall not be counted for the purpose of the \$5,500,000 limitation contained in this guaranty.

Section 3. The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, Vice Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners or Director of Finance of the County shall, by manual or facsimile signature, execute an endorsement on each of the Obligations evidencing this guaranty by the County as to the punctual payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon. The endorsement on each Obligation shall be in substantially the following form, and absent the fully executed endorsement in such form on any such Obligation, such Obligation shall not be entitled to the benefits of this guaranty:

GUARANTY BY THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY

The payment of the principal of and interest on the within Bond shall be fully, irrevocably and unconditionally guaranteed by the County of Union, a body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey (the "County"), in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80 and the guaranty ordinance of the County finally adopted pursuant thereto, and the County is fully, irrevocably and unconditionally liable for the payment, when due, of the principal of and interest on this Bond, and if necessary the County shall levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the County, without limitation as to rate or amount, in order to make such payment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County of Union, New Jersey, has caused this guaranty to be executed by the signature of its Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, Vice Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners or Director of Finance.

COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY

By:

**Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners,
Vice Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners
or Director of Finance**

The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, Vice Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners or Director of Finance is hereby further authorized to execute such other certificates or agreements relating to this guaranty that may be required by the Authority to comply with the terms of the financing documents relating to the Obligations, including, without limitation, (i) any agreements or certificates detailing the time and method that payment under this guaranty shall be made by the County, (ii) any letters of representations or

similar undertakings to be executed in connection with the sale of the Obligations, setting forth certain representations, warranties and covenants of the County as an inducement to the purchase of the Obligations, (iii) any certificates deeming "final" (for the purposes of Rule 15c2-12 of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission) any Preliminary or final Official Statements of the Authority in connection with the Obligations, and (iv) any bond purchase agreement or continuing disclosure agreement executed in connection with the sale of the Obligations. Such further agreements or certificates shall not abrogate the County's responsibilities hereunder.

The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, Vice Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners or Director of Finance is hereby further authorized to execute one or more continuing disclosure agreement(s) or other instrument(s) undertaking the secondary disclosure obligations of the County required by Rule 15c2-12 of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the issuance of any Obligations by the Authority.

Section 4. It is hereby found, determined and declared by the governing body of the County that:

(a) This guaranty may be adopted notwithstanding any statutory debt or other limitations, including particularly any limitation or requirement under or pursuant to the Local Bond Law, but the aggregate principal amount of the Obligations that shall be entitled to the benefits of this guaranty, being an amount not to exceed \$5,500,000 outstanding at any time, shall after their issuance be included in the gross debt of the County for the purpose of determining the indebtedness of the County under or pursuant to the Local Bond Law.

(b) The principal amount of Obligations entitled to the benefits of this guaranty and included in the gross debt of the County shall be deducted, and is hereby declared to be and to constitute a deduction, from such gross debt under and for all the purposes of the Local Bond Law (i) from and after the time of issuance of the Obligations until the end of the fiscal year beginning next after the completion of the acquisition or construction of the project to be financed from the proceeds of the Obligations, and (ii) in any annual debt statement filed pursuant to the Local Bond Law as of the end of said fiscal year or any subsequent fiscal year, if the revenues or other receipts or moneys of the Authority in such fiscal year are sufficient to pay its expenses of operation and maintenance in such fiscal year and all amounts payable in such fiscal year on account of the principal of and interest on all such guaranteed Obligations, all Obligations of the County issued as provided in Section 36 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-79), and all Obligations of the Authority issued under the Act.

Section 5. The following matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The maximum outstanding principal amount of Obligations of the Authority that are hereby and hereunder guaranteed as to the punctual payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon at any time is \$5,500,000.

(b) The purpose described in this guaranty is not a current expense of the County, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(c) A supplemental debt statement of the County has been duly made and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Board, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State, and such debt statement shows that while the gross debt of the County, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by this guaranty by \$5,500,000, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the net debt of the County is not increased, and the obligation of the County authorized by or incurred pursuant to the terms of this guaranty is permitted by an exception to the debt limitations of the Local Bond Law, which exception is contained in the Act.

(d) All other items to be contained in a bond ordinance adopted pursuant to the Local Bond Law are hereby determined to be inapplicable to the County's guaranty of the Obligations hereby.

Section 6. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:37A-56, the County hereby consents to the undertaking of the Project by the Authority and the entering into any agreement in connection therewith.

Section 7. This guaranty shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.

NOTICE OF PENDING GUARANTY ORDINANCE

The guaranty ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on October 7, 2021. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the County Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, in the City of Elizabeth, on October 21, 2021 at 5:30 o'clock PM. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full guaranty ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such guaranty ordinance follows:

Title: Ordinance Authorizing The Guaranty By The County Of Union, New Jersey Of Payment Of Principal Of And Interest On The County Guaranteed Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 (Renewable Energy Program Project) Of The Union County Improvement Authority In An Aggregate Principal Amount Not Exceeding \$5,500,000

Purpose(s): Guaranty by the County of Union of the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the County Guaranteed Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 (Renewable Energy Program Project) of The Union County Improvement Authority

Appropriation: \$5,500,000 for County Guaranty
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$5,500,000 for County Guaranty
Grants (if any) Appropriated: None
Section 20 Costs: Not applicable
Useful Life: Not applicable

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CLERK OF THE
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This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17.

GUARANTY ORDINANCE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

The guaranty ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the County of Union, State of New Jersey on October 21, 2021 and the 20 day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such guaranty ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full guaranty ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such guaranty ordinance follows:

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CLERK OF THE BOARD
OF COUNTY
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DEBT STATEMENT CERTIFICATE

I, **JAMES E. PELLETTIERE**, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, in the County of Union, New Jersey (herein called the "Local Unit"), HEREBY CERTIFY that annexed hereto is a true and complete copy of the Supplemental Debt Statement of the Local Unit that was prepared as of _____, 2021 by _____, who was then _____ of the Local Unit and filed in my office on _____, 2021, and that a complete, executed copy of such statement was filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services of the State of New Jersey on _____, 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Local Unit this _____ day of _____, 2021.

JAMES E. PELLETTIERE
Clerk of the Board of County
Commissioners

(SEAL)

EXTRACT from the minutes of a _____ meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Union, New Jersey held at the County Administration Building in the _____ on _____ at _____ o'clock __.m.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

[Attach appropriate minutes hereto]

CERTIFICATE

I, **JAMES E. PELLETTIERE**, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing annexed extract from the minutes of a meeting of the governing body of the County duly called and held on _____ has been compared by me with the original minutes as officially recorded in my office in the Minute Book of the governing body and is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of the original minutes so far as they relate to the subject matters referred to in the extract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the County this _____ day of _____, 2021.

JAMES E. PELLETTIERE

Clerk of the Board of County
Commissioners

(SEAL)

EXTRACT from the minutes of a _____ meeting of the Board County Commissioners of the County of Union, New Jersey held at the County Administration Building in the _____ on _____ at _____ o'clock __.m.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

[Attach appropriate minutes hereto]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the County this _____ day of _____, 2021.

JAMES E. PELLETTIERE
Clerk of the Board of County
Commissioners

(SEAL)

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I, **JAMES E. PELLETTIERE**, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, HEREBY CERTIFY as follows:

1. I am the duly appointed Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey (herein called the "Local Unit"). In this capacity I have the responsibility to maintain the minutes of the meetings of the governing body of the Local Unit and the records relative to all ordinances and resolutions of the Local Unit. The representations made herein are based upon the records of the Local Unit.

2. Attached hereto is a true and complete copy of an ordinance passed by the governing body of the Local Unit on first reading on _____ and finally adopted by the governing body on _____.

3. On _____ a copy of the ordinance and a notice that copies of the ordinance would be made available to the members of the general public of the county who requested copies, up to and including the time of further consideration of the ordinance by the governing body, was posted in the principal County Administration Building of the Local Unit at the place where public notices are customarily posted. Copies of the ordinance were made available to all who requested them; After introduction, the ordinance or summary thereof, a copy of which is attached hereto, was duly published on _____.

4. A certified copy of this ordinance and a copy of the amended capital budget form has been filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

5. After final passage, the ordinance or summary thereof, a copy of which is attached hereto, was duly published on _____. No protest signed by any person against making the improvement or incurring the indebtedness authorized therein, nor any petition requesting that a referendum vote be taken on the action proposed in the ordinance has been presented to the governing body or to me or filed in my office within 20 days after the publication or at any other time after the final passage thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the County this _____ day of _____, 2021.

JAMES E. PELLETTIERE
Clerk of the Board of County
Commissioners

[SEAL]

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting was open for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance Number 832-2021 only.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, inquired about how this Ordinance related to prior action taken by the Board relative to a solar panel project.

Director Taylor advised that Ordinance No. 832-2021 was directly related to bonds that were authorized in 2011 for the procurement, installation, operation, and

maintenance of solar energy projects at approximately 30 different sites in 15 different municipalities throughout the County. She noted that based on current market conditions, the County expected to save approximately \$400,000 in net present value savings or approximately 8.07% of the refunded principle. She added that as a result of current market conditions, there was a request to refund the bonds in an amount not to exceed \$5.5 million. She advised that the proceeds from the sale and issuance of the bonds would be used to refund the authorities debt that remained outstanding as well as reinvest in the program itself. She noted that because the system was aging, the County was looking to reinvest in the solar panel program to ensure that towns could continue the program and continue to realize and generate electric revenues and reap savings to the municipalities. She confirmed the transaction itself was savings based upon current market conditions and did not deal with the prior action taken in 2011.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Commissioner Christopher Hudak, Union County Improvement Authority Liaison, moved Ordinance Number 832-2021 for Final Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Leon roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

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

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to Suspend the Rules. On a motion made by Commissioner Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chair Williams, roll called showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

John Bury, of Kenilworth, submitted comments to be read into the record by Clerk of the Board Pellettiere. Mr. Bury expressed his dissatisfaction that the comments he submitted for the October 7th Regular Meeting were partially censored for allegedly violating the meeting bylaws.

Counsel Bergen advised that Mr. Bury's previous remarks were not read into the record in their entirety based on his legal advice and renewed his opinion that there was no infringement on Mr. Bury's freedom of speech as a result of this action. He added that the appropriate action was taken by Chairman Mirabella and

the Clerk of the Board as a means to control and protect the nature of the meeting process.

Maria Echeverria, of Elizabeth, submitted comments to be read into the record by Clerk of the Board Pellettiere. Ms. Echeverria advised that the FDA would be hosting an online discussion related to the use of COVID-19 Pfizer vaccines on children 5-11 years of age and encouraged the Board to participate in the discussion.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments and asked questions relative to several resolutions. Relative to Reso No. 2021-762, he inquired about the use of the program and its documented success. Relative to Reso No. 2021-766, he asked about the need for the cited parking spaces. Relative to Reso No. 2021-772, he inquired about this item and future mitigation costs that may be associated with the project. Relative to Reso No. 2021-789, Mr. Paterson asked for additional details related to the service. Relative to Reso Nos. 2021-795, 2021-796, and 2021-797, he inquired about the timing of these awarded grants. Relative to Reso No. 2021-798, he asked about additional details related to this item. Relative to Reso No. 2021-803, he asked for an update on this project, including when it would be completed. Relative to Reso No. 2021-805, he asked about the continuation of this service.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-762, Director Anderson advised that this resource would service the 16-24 year old population by providing invaluable resources that would help them develop necessary life-skills post high school as a means to help them succeed. She noted that the program would assist these individuals with budgeting and financial literacy as well as post high school education choices through the Division of Youth Services with the involvement of case managers. She added that 167 individuals had utilized this program, citing a 90% success rate in participants. She noted that this virtual program had proven an invaluable resource during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-766, Director Anderson advised that these parking spaces would be used to accommodate approximately 350 Social Services employees assigned to the Elizabeth site.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-772, Director Moran advised that the location had flooded during Hurricane Ida. He noted that it was in the County's best interest to conduct a study of the location to determine how the critical infrastructure could be protected in the event of more extreme and unprecedented weather events in the future. He added that this resource was heavily relied upon by residents, especially during emergencies, and that the County had a responsibility to take the necessary measures to preserve the site. He confirmed that dependent on the outcome of the study, additional capital projects could be forthcoming.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-789, Director Graziano advised that this item related to work performed by staff within the Departments of Engineering and Public Works and Parks and Recreation throughout the year. He noted that this work

could involve paving as well as cinder block and concrete deliveries. He added the Department has spent approximately \$300,000 on this contract last year.

Relative to Reso Nos. 2021-795, 2021-796, 2021-797, Open Space, Recreation & Historic Preservation Trust Fund Administrator Durbin-Drake advised that the timeline for these grants was very complex and that respective staff worked diligently to ensure these grant awards were received by the various municipalities in a timely fashion.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-798, Administrator Durbin-Drake advised that the property was purchased with the intention of continuing operations as a catering hall. She added that once purchased, the new owner had determined that the costs of repairs to the site were unfeasible and opted to resell the property instead which is how the County became involved.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-803, County Clerk Rajoppi advised that this item related to the awarding of a contract for the actual construction, renovation, and rebuilding of her department, noting a prior resolution that was passed to cover the preliminary architectural and designs services. She noted that the respective architect and County staff had recommended an asbestos study be done prior to construction which was why the contract was being revised to include additional monies. County Clerk Rajoppi added that the project would take approximately two years and would be done in phases to allow for the continuation of work by staff.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-805, County Manager Oatman advised that this item related to additional storage and transportation services required by the Board of Elections to conduct early voting.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere confirmed that there were no additional members of the public wishing to speak and or he had no received any additional comments to be read into the record.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

2021-762 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2021-763 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2021-764 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2021-765 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2021-766 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2021-767 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2021-768 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2021-769 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2021-770 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2021-771 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2021-772 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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).

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

2021-773 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2021-774 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2021-775 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: 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.

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

2021-776 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: 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.

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

2021-777 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: 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.

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

2021-778 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: 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.

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

2021-779 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: 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.

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

2021-780 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: 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.

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

- 2021-781 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

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

- 2021-782 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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)

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

- 2021-783 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

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

- 2021-784 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

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

- 2021-785 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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)

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

2021-786 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2021-787 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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)

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

2021-788 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2021-789 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2021-790 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

- 2021-791 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

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

- 2021-792 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

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

- 2021-793 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Granting permission to the Borough of Roselle Park to hang a banner over Chestnut Street advertising the 2021 Anti-Bullying Rally & Youth Summit from September 27, 2021 to October 11, 2021 and to hang a banner over Chestnut Street advertising the 2021 Fall Borough-Wide Garage Sale from October 11, 2021 to October 18, 2021.

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

- 2021-794 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and enter into agreement with the NJ Department of Community Affairs (NJDCOA) 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.

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

- 2021-795 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

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

- 2021-796 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

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

- 2021-797 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund to award 2021 Greening Union County grants to nineteen (19) municipalities in the County of Union in accordance with the grant criteria in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

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

- 2021-798 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

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

- 2021-799 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN:** 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.

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

- 2021-800 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN:** 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.

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

- 2021-801 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN:** 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.

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

2021-802 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN: 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.

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

2021-803 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2021-804 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2021-805 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2021-806 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2021-807 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2021-808 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2021-809 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2021-810 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2021-811 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: 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.

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

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2021-812 COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution offering the board's deepest condolences to the family of Wimphrey Williams Jenkins.

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

- 2021-813 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOURED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Williams and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Moured roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-814 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOURED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Williams and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Moured roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-815 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Williams and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Moured roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2021-816 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating Sydney McLaughlin, 2X gold medal winner at the recent Tokyo Olympics and a graduate of Union Catholic High School.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Williams and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Moured roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Hudak addressed the comments made by the public speaker regarding certain funded programs, including the Code Blue Shelter initiative and the County's solar panel project that provides clean, sustainable energy to fifteen municipalities, noting these initiatives as invaluable resources for residents throughout the County. Regarding the County Dispatch Center, he noted the need to ensure the site remains operational during emergencies, including unprecedented weather events as demonstrated by Hurricane Ida. To close, he reminded residents to vote in the upcoming election and wished his Commissioner colleagues, Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Palmieri-Moured, luck on their election.

Commissioner Leon noted the conclusion of Hispanic Heritage Month throughout the County, and encouraged residents to attend the upcoming concert in the park on

Saturday. On another note she commended the entire Union County staff for their phenomenal work and tireless efforts relative to COVID-19 vaccinations and testing. She closed by wishing her Commissioner colleagues, Commissioner Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Palmeiri-Mouded, luck on the upcoming election.

Commissioner Granados extended his gratitude to all the healthcare professionals and medical staff as well as those involved in the COVID-19 Response Team throughout the County. He noted the importance of outreach and working with local municipalities to ensure necessary COVID-19 resources are made available to residents. On another note, she recognized the efforts of his colleagues, Commissioner Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, and wished them well on their upcoming election.

Commissioner Staten congratulated the various towns that received grant awards during the Kids Recreational Trust, Greening Union County and Preserve Union County grants presentation, noting that she looked forward to seeing how these monies would be used. She also wished everyone a safe and Happy Halloween. To close, she wished her Commissioner colleagues, Commissioner Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, luck on their upcoming election.

Commissioner Kowalski reminded residents to vote in the upcoming election and echoed the sentiments of her Commissioner colleagues in wishing Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded luck on their upcoming election.

Commissioner Garretson noted her appreciation for the public's participation in that evening's meeting as well as the responses given by her colleagues addressing these respective concerns. On another note, she echoed the sentiments of her colleagues in wishing Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded the best of luck in their election.

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded thanked the Union County Commission on the Status of Women and the Moms Helping Moms organization as well as the residents throughout the County for their partnership and participation in the recent Diaper Awareness Drive, noting that they collected 6,107 diapers and thousands of other essential baby and female products for residents in need. On another note, she reminded residents that October was Breast Cancer Awareness month and encouraged everyone to wear pink the following day for Wear-It Pink Day. On another note, she spoke relative to the looming COVID-19 vaccine rollout for ages 5-11 and encouraged parents to speak to their pediatricians to determine the best course of action, noting that vaccination was necessary to extinguish COVID-19. To close, she thanked all her Commissioner colleagues for their support relative to the upcoming election.

Vice Chair Williams echoes the sentiments of her colleagues in wishing Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded luck on their upcoming election. On another note, she spoke about her recent attendance to the Sensory Friendly Performance of Bubble Trouble, adding that it had been a wonderful show. To close, she spoke about the upcoming election and reminded them that the County Clerk's Office would have extended hours on October 30th for residents interested in voting by mail. She added that residents could also vote early on machines at the locations designated by the Board of Elections or vote on Election Day at their respective polling locations.

Chairman Mirabella noted the expansion of voting access in New Jersey, recognizing Governor Murphy and the legislature for facilitating the increased access. He thanked his colleagues for their well wishes on his upcoming election. On another note, he spoke relative to the reopening of UCPAC and encouraged residents to visit their website for additional information relative to upcoming performances. He also spoke relative to his recent attendance to the New Jersey Association of Counties, alongside Commissioners Garretson and Commissioner Staten, noting that he was impressed with the many classes and offerings at the conference. Joined by Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Granados, and Commissioner Leon, he noted his attendance to Kean President's Lamont O. Repollet's installation ceremony, noting his confidence in President Repollet's ability to guide Kean University forward. He closed by wishing his son Alex a Happy Birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Vice Chair Williams and seconded by Commissioner Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 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

AGENDA SETTING SESSION

January 21, 2021

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June 24, 2021

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August 12, 2021

September 2, 2021

September 23, 2021

October 7, 2021

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November 18, 2021

December 2, 2021

December 16, 2021

REGULAR MEETINGS

January 21, 2021

February 4, 2021

February 18, 2021

March 4, 2021

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July 22, 2021

August 12, 2021

September 2, 2021

September 23, 2021

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October 21, 2021

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November 18, 2021

December 2, 2021

December 16, 2021


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.

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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