



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 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, Commissioner Angela R. Garretson, Commissioner Sergio Granados, Commissioner Christopher Hudak, Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski, Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and Commissioner Andrea Staten were present; with Vice Chair Rebecca Williams 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.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Commissioner Kowalski and seconded by Commissioner Staten roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams absent.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

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

To Amend Resolution 2021-391 to reflect an adjustment to the appropriation accounts.
 by **reducing funds in the amount of \$99,116.78 from Account # 1-01-27-794-980-389 (for a reduced total amount of \$3,036,056.94)**
 and inserting grant funding as follows:

Paratransit Fares/Donations Local	\$36,224.28	T-03-56-850-600-604
Title XIX (Logisticare)	\$41,000.00	G-02-21-460-991-734
Title XIX (Logisticare)	\$10,731.00	G-02-20-460-991-734
Advertising	\$ 5,161.50	T-03-56-850-600-605
Veterans	\$ 6,000.00	G-02-21-460-465-734

COMPARISON IN DOLLARS FROM PREVIOUS CONTRACT:

2020: \$4,738,314.00

2021: \$4,833,461.00

Difference: \$95,147.00 Increase in 2021 contract amount.

OF CONSTITUENTS SERVED PREVIOUSLY: 48,864

HUMAN SERVICES CONTRACT

FIRST READING STATEMENT

Commissioner Kowalski moved Ordinance Number 833-2021 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The public hearing will be scheduled to be held on December 2, 2021.

On a motion made by Commissioner Kowalski and seconded by Chairman Mirabella roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams absent.

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

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The County of Union (the "County"), State of New Jersey is hereby authorized to make various public improvements and to acquire new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new additional furnishings, new communication and signal systems equipment, new information technology and telecommunications equipment and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, in, by and for said County, as more particularly described in Section 4 hereof. The cost of the improvements and acquisitions includes all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements and acquisitions described in Sections 1 and 4 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purposes"), the respective amounts of money hereinafter stated as the appropriation for said respective purposes. Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized, and the State grants, County Open Space Trust funds and the down payment appropriated, by this ordinance. Said improvements and acquisitions shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefitted.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the making of such improvements and acquisitions is not a current expense of said County.

Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and Amounts" which schedule also shows (1) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the State grants hereinafter appropriated, and (3) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the County Open Space Trust funds hereinafter appropriated, and (4) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes, and (5) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (6) the

period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Department of Economic Development, Bureau of Information Technologies - Acquisition of new communication and signal systems equipment consisting of telephone system equipment for the use of various County departments, offices and agencies.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 667,995
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 33,400
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 634,595
Period of Usefulness	10 years

B. Department of Economic Development, Bureau of Information Technologies - Acquisition of new information technology and telecommunications equipment for the use of various County departments, offices and agencies, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 707,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 35,350
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 671,650
Period of Usefulness	5 years

C. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering - Undertaking of road, intersection, bridge and culvert improvement projects at various locations, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$12,208,769
State Grants Appropriated	\$ 8,937,890
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 163,544
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 3,107,335
Period of Usefulness	10 years

D. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering - Undertaking of various engineering, architectural and other services in connection with various infrastructure and building projects.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 1,000,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 50,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 950,000
Period of Usefulness	15 years

E. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering - Acquisition of new information technology and telecommunications equipment consisting of computer and technology equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 10,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 500
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 9,500
Period of Usefulness	5 years

F. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering - Undertaking of (i) environmental monitoring and remediation (including permit applications) at various underground storage tank sites, former landfill sites and other County facilities, (ii) removal of underground storage tanks and (iii) inspection of underground storage tanks.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 101,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 5,050
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 95,950
Period of Usefulness	15 years

G. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new communication and signal systems equipment consisting of (i) a portable cutoff saw and (ii) a portable message board.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 22,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,100
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 20,900
Period of Usefulness	10 years

H. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of equipment and machinery for Print Services and Facilities Management.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 37,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,850
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 35,150
Period of Usefulness	15 years

I. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management - Upgrading fire alarm, sprinkler and fire suppression systems in various public buildings.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 505,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 25,250
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 479,750
Period of Usefulness	10 years

J. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management - Undertaking of various engineering, architectural and other services in connection with various building and infrastructure projects.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 360,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 18,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 342,000
Period of Usefulness	15 years

K. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, including, but not limited to, all-terrain vehicles.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 60,600
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 3,030
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 57,570
Period of Usefulness	5 years

L. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management - Acquisition of new furniture, flooring, window treatments and various equipment for use in various public buildings.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 757,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 37,875
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 719,625
Period of Usefulness	5 years

M. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management - Acquisition of new information technology and telecommunications equipment and new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of (i) computers and (ii) office equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 20,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 19,000
Period of Usefulness	5 years

N. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management - Undertaking of various improvements to public buildings consisting of (i) upgrading elevators at various public buildings, (ii) replacement or repair of roofs at various public buildings, (iii) replacement of rest room partitions at various public buildings, (iv) replacement of the track at the Police Academy and (v) replacement of entrance doors at the County Administration Building. It is hereby determined and stated that said public buildings being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 1,868,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 93,426
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 1,775,074
Period of Usefulness	15 years

O. Department of Parks and Recreation - (i) Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery for use at Ash Brook and Galloping Hill Golf Courses and (ii) undertaking of various park and recreation improvements consisting of (a) infrastructure and course improvements at Ash Brook and Galloping Hill Golf Courses, (b) construction of a therapeutic ring at Watchung Stables and (c) upgrading of park signage at various locations.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 2,737,100
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 136,855
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 2,600,245
Period of Usefulness	15 years

P. Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Park Maintenance - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 1,173,650
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 58,684
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 1,114,966
Period of Usefulness	10 years

Q. Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Park Maintenance - Undertaking of various park and recreation improvements consisting of (i) resurfacing of tennis courts at various locations, (ii) installation of benches, tables, bike racks, water fountains, trash/recycle cans and other park amenities at various locations, (iii) upgrades to Master Garden, (iv) upgrades to the Watchung Stables manure area, (v) replacement of the Chatfield Garden Fountain, (vi) installation of pond aerators at various locations and (vii) various improvements to Wheeler Park.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 1,575,250
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 78,763
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 1,496,487
Period of Usefulness	15 years

R. Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Park Maintenance - Undertaking of landscaping improvements at various locations.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 202,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 10,100
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 191,900
Period of Usefulness	5 years

S. Department of Human Services - Acquisition of real property (containing the Union County One-Stop Career Center currently leased by the County and a parking lot) in Elizabeth for County purposes. Said property to be acquired consists of the following parcels as identified by their street address and designation on the Tax Assessment Map of Elizabeth: (i) 921-923 Elizabeth Avenue (Block 7, Lots 376 and 376 Qual.T01 (Cell Antenna)) and (ii) 5-19 North Spring Street (Block 9, Lot 1248 (part)).

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 7,070,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 353,500
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 6,716,500
Period of Usefulness	40 years

T. Various Departments, Offices and Agencies - Acquisition of new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, and new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the

Board of County Commissioners and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 4,958,400
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 247,922
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 4,710,478
Period of Usefulness	5 years

U. Department of Public Safety, Division of Police - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of (i) body armor and (ii) emergency service and rescue equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 238,150
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 11,908
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 226,242
Period of Usefulness	5 years

V. Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Services - Undertaking of the Radio System Enhancement Project.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 1,515,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 75,750
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 1,439,250
Period of Usefulness	10 years

W. Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Services - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of safety equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 126,250
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 6,313
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 119,937
Period of Usefulness	15 years

X. Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Services - Acquisition of the Roselle Park EMS Building for use by the County for EMS purposes. Said property has a street address of 535 Laurel Avenue and is designated as Block 424, Lot 1.02 on the Tax Assessment Map of Roselle Park.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 767,600
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 38,380

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Period of Usefulness 40 years

Y. Office of County Clerk - Acquisition of new information technology and telecommunications equipment consisting of computers.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 42,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,100
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 39,900
Period of Usefulness	5 years

Z. Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation - Acquisition of real property in Berkeley Heights for County park purposes. Said property has a street address of 735-737 Springfield Avenue and is designated as Block 501, Lots 1 and 3 on the Tax Assessment Map of Berkeley Heights.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 2,585,000
County Open Space Trust Funds Appropriated	\$ 2,585,000
Period of Usefulness	40 years

AA. Sheriff's Office - Undertaking of surveillance system upgrades at various facilities.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 707,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 35,350
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 671,650
Period of Usefulness	15 years

BB. Union County Vocational-Technical Schools - Undertaking of various renovations and improvements to facilities (district-wide). It is hereby determined and stated that (A) all resolutions to be filed by the Board of Education of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools and the Board of School Estimate of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in order to request the Board of County Commissioners to raise funds for the aforesaid purpose have been filed, (B) no down payment is required for such purpose pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:54-31 and (C) such public buildings being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 353,500
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 353,500
Period of Usefulness	15 years

CC. Union County Vocational-Technical Schools - (i) Undertaking various security upgrades (district-wide) and (ii) acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of (a) instructional equipment and machinery for various educational programs and (b) non-instructional equipment. It is hereby determined and stated that (A) all resolutions to be filed by the Board of Education of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools and the Board of School Estimate of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in order to request the Board of County Commissioners to raise funds for the aforesaid purposes have been filed and (B) no down payment is required for such purposes pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:54-31.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 808,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 808,000
Period of Usefulness	10 years

DD. Union County Vocational-Technical Schools -Acquisition of new additional furnishings and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, consisting of (i) classroom furniture (district-wide) and (ii) trucks. It is hereby determined and stated that (A) all resolutions to be filed by the Board of Education of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools and the Board of School Estimate of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in order to request the Board of County Commissioners to raise funds for the aforesaid purpose have been filed and (B) no down payment is required for such purpose pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:54-31.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 252,500
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 252,500
Period of Usefulness	5 years

EE. Union County College - Renovation and expansion of the physical education facility at the Cranford Campus, including expansion of the existing gym, addition of locker rooms, renovation of existing classrooms and administrative offices and acquisition of original furnishings and equipment therefor. It is hereby determined and stated that (A) all resolutions to be filed by the Board of Trustees of Union County College and the Board of School Estimate of Union County College in order to request the Board of County Commissioners to raise funds for the aforesaid purpose have been filed; (B) no down payment is required for such purpose pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-19(2)(b); (C) Union County College may apply for debt service aid from the State of New Jersey pursuant to Chapter 12 of the Laws of 1971 of New Jersey (N.J.S. 18A:64A-22.1 et seq.) for the improvement described in the preceding sentence; (D) if such Chapter 12 State Aid is received, it shall be applied to the payment of principal and interest on bonds or notes issued by the County for such project; and (E) such public building being improved is of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 5,633,780
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 5,633,780
Period of Usefulness	15 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$49,070,544
Aggregate State Grants Appropriated	\$ 8,937,890
County Open Space Trust Fund Appropriated	\$ 2,585,000
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,525,000
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$36,022,654

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$1,803,273 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purposes, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 6. The aggregate sum of \$8,937,890 received or to be received as grants from the New Jersey Department of Transportation is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the infrastructure improvements authorized in Section 4.C above.

Section 7. The sum of \$2,585,000 available in the Union County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the property acquisition authorized in Section 4.Z hereof.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$1,525,000, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said County, are now available to finance said purposes. The sum of \$1,525,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes.

Section 9. To finance said purposes, bonds of said County of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$36,022,654 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 10. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said County of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$36,022,654 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 11. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, by the County Manager and by the County Treasurer and shall be under the seal of said County and attested by the Clerk or Deputy Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the County Treasurer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 12. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of the purposes to be financed with bonds or notes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 17.19 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 13. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of said County, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said County, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$36,022,654 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 14. Any funds received from private parties, the State of New Jersey or any of its agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or

any of its agencies in aid of such purposes (other than the State grants hereinbefore appropriated which shall be applied to the cost of such purposes, but shall not be applied to the payment of outstanding bond anticipation notes and the reduction of the amount of bonds authorized), shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purposes, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purposes shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 15. The County intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements and acquisitions described in Section 4 (except for Section 4.Z) of this bond ordinance. If the County incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the County hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 16. The full faith and credit of the County are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the County, and the County shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the County for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 17. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and is available for public inspection.

Section 18. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

FIRST READING STATEMENT

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

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Leon roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams absent.

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

FIRST READING STATEMENT

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

Vice Chair Williams joined the meeting.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams abstaining.

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 Vice Chair Williams and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, 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, inquired about the trail between Black Brook and Nomahegan Park and asked if there were any future plans for the area in addition to the tree removal that had already been done. He also inquired about Harbor Consultants and why the vendor had not been used by the County since 2019. He also made comments to the Commissioners' return to in-person meetings in December.

Relative to the trail between Black Brook and Nomahegan Park, Director Zuber advised that work on that area had started in September as requested by the Department of Environmental Protection and that work included the removal of trees along the berm. He added that trees would be planted throughout the parks systems, but were prohibited in the berm area.

Commissioner Kowalski added that the trees had been taken down in response to a flood control project as prescribed by the DEP.

Relative to Harbor Consultants, County Manager Oatman advised that this vendor was secured through a bid process and he was unaware of any situation relating to this entity and unsure about why they had not been used since 2019. He added that these types of projects are awarded to the lowest bidder and he had no qualms about using the vendor again in the future if they submitted the lowest bid.

Chairman Mirabella noted that he was looking forward to in-person meetings in December.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, asked questions and made comments relative to several resolutions. Relative to Reso No. 2021-819, Mr. Paterson inquired about the cited parking spots. Relative to Reso Nos. 2021-821 and 2021-822, he inquired about the amount of monies being requested and whether or not this resource was covered under the American Rescue Plan. Relative to Reso Nos. 2021-827 and 2021-828, he asked how much monies were involved and how they would be used. Relative to Reso No. 2021-830, he asked for an overview of this item. Relative to Reso No. 2021-832, he inquired about why this project had taken so long to complete and asked what work remained outstanding on the cited project. Relative to Reso No. 2021-845, he asked why this item was necessary. Relative to Reso No. 2021-846, Mr. Paterson noted his approval relative to the project and asked what the initial phase of the project entailed. Relative to Reso No. 2021-847, he asked why the County could not maintain these records. Relative to Reso Nos. 2021-849 and 2021-850, he asked about the changes being made to these agreements. The remaining questions and comments from the speaker were inaudible.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-819, Director Anderson advised that these parking spaces would be used to accommodate Social Services staff, noting that the cost for these spots was incredibly reasonable given the difficulties with parking in the area.

Relative to Reso Nos. 2021-821 and 2021-822, Director Anderson confirmed these Resolutions were funded through the American Rescue Plan, adding that during the 2021 Food Distribution season, the County had supplied approximately 9 million meals to residents facing food insecurity. She thanked the Commissioners and County Manager Oatman for their strong support of this program.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-827, Director Taylor advised that this resolution allowed for the cancelling of various grant appropriation accounts, noting a total

of \$4.76 million in the cancellation of receivable amounts and \$4.9 million in appropriations, adding that the appropriations amount was higher than the receivables because it included a county match of \$153,000. She added that this action had no bearing on the surplus amount.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-828, Director Taylor advised that this Resolution, Director Taylor advised that this resolution related to the cancellation of capital balances in the amount of \$429,545.39. She added that of that \$429,545.39, \$215,910.58 represented unfunded amounts that did not affect surplus. She added that the other balance being cancelled of \$213,634.18 would cancel the funded portion of capital balances and would be allocated to capital surplus, but would have no bearing on operational surplus.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-830, County Manager Oatman advised that this resolution pertained to 2 position controls for the Departments of Public Safety and Social Services.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-832, Director Graziano advised this pertained to the Three Culverts Project that had been underway since 2010, noting that all the bridges had been completed except the one that belonged to both Union and Essex Counties. He added that various DEP issues had arose as well as property acquisition issues, noting that Verizon had also experienced major issues related to this bridge. Director Graziano advised that he expected the remaining work to be completed at the Pemberton Ave Culvert in Plainfield in approximately 3-4 months. He noted that he expected to present the Board with another related item in the future due to one of the bridges being damaged during Hurricane Ida. He added that the damage was possibly covered by insurance and if not, the department would submit a claim for the damage to FEMA.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-845, Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that although the County had a wonderful working relationship with Senators and Congressmen within the State, the Department felt a need for this service for the occasions in which the County had dealings with staffers and other personnel at the federal level. She noted that the vendor had been instrumental in identifying various congressionally directed spending projects as well as execute all the necessary paperwork, putting the County in a position to receive millions of dollars to facilitate important projects within the County.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-846, Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that this resolution would fund the necessary improvements and updates to seven affordable housing units to qualify under the proper quality housing standards as dictated by HUD. She added that Hurricane Ida had increased the need for affordable housing, noting the aforementioned repairs would take approximately ten months.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-847, Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that this item would give the County a platform to manage \$4.7 million in CDBG. She noted that this resource would allow the County to go paperless and streamline the process.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-849, County Manager Oatman advised that this item related to a three-year contract with a 2% increase.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-850, County Manager Oatman advised that this item related to the closing of the jail and contract terms between July and December with a 2% increase.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere confirmed that there were no additional members of the public wishing to speak and or he had not received any additional comments to be read into the record.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

2021-817 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend the SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program for the Union County Sheriff's office to purchase body worn cameras and body worn camera related equipment in an amount not to exceed \$462,626.00 for the grant period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025 (Agency award number 21-BWC-444).

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

2021-818 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to establish funds for all burial costs for the indigent, unidentified or unclaimed deceased persons of Union County at a burial rate not to exceed \$1,550.00 in a total amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

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

2021-819 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Lease Agreement between the County of Union and SHARMA REALTY INVESTMENTS, LLC, for the rental of 30 parking spaces at \$75.00 per parking spot located at 432 Westminster Avenue, Elizabeth, N.J commencing on January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount of not to exceed \$2,250.00 per month for a total annual amount not to exceed \$27,000.00.

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

2021-820 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to The Mount Olive Baptist Church, Plainfield, NJ, to provide warming center services for homeless individuals on Union County designated Code Blue

Nights for the period of November 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$17,000.

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

2021-821 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution Number 2021-651 a contract with Village Super Market, Inc. dba ShopRite of Union, Springfield, NJ, for the purpose of providing food for the Union County COVID-19 Emergency Food Distribution events for the period of November 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, to increase funding in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, for a new total amount not to exceed \$1,985,000.00.

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

2021-822 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution Number 2021-652 with Frank M. Gargiulo & Son, Inc. dba Gargiulo Produce, Hillside, NJ, for the provision of fresh produce for the County's COVID-19 Emergency Food Distribution events for the period of November 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, to increase funding in an amount not to exceed \$280,000.00, for a new total amount not to exceed \$1,310,000.00.

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

2021-823 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Resolution Approving Transfer of Current Fund Appropriations.

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

2021-824 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$347,080.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of State for a program entitled: UCBOE Early Voting Reimbursement Phase II Grant.

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

2021-825 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$477,900.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a program entitled: Recycling Enhancement Act Grant.

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

2021-826 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$278,045.76 as a result of notification

received from the State of New Jersey, Department of State for a program entitled: UCBOE Primary Election Day Poll Worker Pay Incentive.

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

2021-827 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Canceling unexpended grant account balances in the listed Grant Accounts.

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

2021-828 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Canceling Capital Balances to Capital Surplus and Deferred Charges Unfunded.

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

2021-829 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$197,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of State for a program entitled: UCBOE-Election Day Poll Worker Pay Incentive Grant.

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

2021-830 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to adjust and/or change the Internal Position Control Schedules.

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

2021-831 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Resolution authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contracts obtained through advertised public bidding (BA# 46-2021) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management
- Supplying of Snow Plow & Salt Spreader Equipment parts and accessories - Dejana Truck & Utility Company 2502 Route 130 N., Cinnaminson, NJ - Lots 2 \$22,500 - Lot 5 \$22,000; Trius Inc., 5049 Industrial Road, Farmingdale, NJ - Lot 6 \$23,750 for a period of 24 consecutive months in the total amount not to exceed \$68,250.

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

2021-832 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Amending resolution 2016-949, a contract to Maser Consulting PA, Red Bank, New Jersey to provide additional services for Three Culverts in Plainfield, Scotch Plains, and Springfield, NJ for an additional amount of \$65,700.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$508,680.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-006C).

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

- 2021-833 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Amending Resolution No. 2021-391, a contract with MPC Corporation, Garden City, NY for the continued provision of Paratransit Services, to reflect an additional adjustment to the appropriation accounts for the continued provision of Paratransit Services.

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

- 2021-834 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN:** Authorizing County Manager to Enter into an Access Agreement allowing Monmouth University to conduct an Archeological Survey in Green Brook Park.

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

- 2021-835 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve Change Order No. 1 to BA# 9-2020 awarded by Resolution Number 2020-280, to Space Farms, Inc., Wantage, NJ, increasing the contract amount by not to exceed \$16,000.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$60,825.00 for the period of April 1, 2020 through April 30, 2022.

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

- 2021-836 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to obtain permits needed based on sedimentation testing of three lakes in the Clark Reservoir in the amount of \$250,000.00.

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

- 2021-837 VICE CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Request for a waiver of the County's residency requirement for Charles Richardson, an employee with the Department of Human Services, Director, American Jobs Center.

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

- 2021-838 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to enter into Agreements with Per Diem Advocates to serve as independent contractors as part of the Union County Per Diem Advocates Program for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 in the amount not to exceed \$120,000.00.

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

- 2021-839 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Prosecutor's Office to enter into a Agreements with Per Diem

Advocates to serve as independent contractors as part of the Union County Per Diem Advocates Program for the period of October 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in the amount not to exceed \$13,500.00.

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

2021-840 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a license agreement allowing Hudson County's Public Safety Training Academy to use the Emergency Vehicle Operating Course Track at the Stamler Police Academy.

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

2021-841 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into a contract with O'Brien & Kolano LLC, Glen Gardner, NJ to provide Crisis Intervention Team Training to law enforcement and mental health personnel in an amount not to exceed \$15,200.00.

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

2021-842 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into an agreement with Prevention Links, Roselle, NJ for the Operation Helping Hand program for the period of September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022 in the amount of not to exceed \$57,475.00.

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

2021-843 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of the Union County Prosecutor, to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety for FFY 2021 Overdose Data to Action - Operation Helping Hand Grant Program for the purpose described in the application in the amount of \$52,631.00 for the period of September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022 (Subaward Number FYOHH-18-2021).

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

2021-844 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County of Union to fund the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition, a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c)3 organization in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00, to advocate support for station and service improvements and regional projects for the year 2021.

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

2021-845 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to utilize the County's option to extend the contract awarded to Winning Strategies Washington, LLC and Hoboken Strategy's Group Inc., for a twenty-four (24) month period commencing January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00

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

2021-846 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending resolution 2019-809, a resolution approving the 2018-2019 (Year 44) Consolidated Action Plan, to increase CDBG funding to the Freeholder Initiative Project (D-12-56-818-505-919) in the amount of \$89,524.00 from \$150,000.00 to \$239,524.00 utilizing contingency funds and to award a contract to CAPC Supportive Needs Housing Inc., for extended contract period through August 31, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$239,524.00.

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

2021-847 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Benevate, Inc. D/B/A Neighborly Software, Atlanta, GA, for software usage for the Community Development Block Grant program for a contract period of November 15, 2021 through November 1, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$31,200.00.

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

2021-848 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2021-528 to increase the appropriation to Renaud & DeAppolonio, LLC, Cranford, NJ in the matter entitled Monique Hall v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.

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

2021-849 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Memorandum or Agreement with Teamsters Local 469-Primary Supervisors effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

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

2021-850 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with PBA LOCAL 199 effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.

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

2021-851 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the Union County Performing Arts Center, Rahway, NJ, to provide services necessary for the execution of the 2021- 2022 season of the Sensory Friendly Theater program, which will include up to six (6) performances designed and adapted for children with autism and related disabilities for the period of December 16, 2021 through December 15, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00.

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

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2021-852 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing November as "National American Indian Heritage Month" throughout Union County.

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

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

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

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

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Hudak congratulated Commissioner colleagues, Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, as well as Commissioner-elect James Baker on their election wins.

Commissioner Leon congratulated her re-elected colleagues and Commissioner-elect James Baker on their successful election run.

Commissioner Kowalski also extended her congratulates to Chairman Mirabella, Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, and Commissioner-elect James Baker for winning their elections. She also thanked everyone that participated in the democratic process, noting she was pleased that Governor Murphy had been re-elected to a 2nd term.

Commissioner Granados congratulated all the winners of the recent election cycle, including his colleagues, and thanked all those that participated in the process. On another note he spoke relative to the County's mobile vaccine resource, noting that vaccinations against COVID-19 were now available for children ages 5-11. He thanked all the parents for vaccinating their children.

Commissioner Staten congratulated Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded on their recent election win as well as Commissioner-elect Mr. James Baker. To close, she wished residents a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded thanked her colleagues for their well wishes and congratulated colleague, Chairman Mirabella and Mr. James Baker on their respective victories. She wished residents a Happy Diwali and a Happy Thanksgiving, noting that she looked forward to returning to in-person meetings in December.

Vice Chair Williams issued her congratulations to Chairman Mirabella, Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, and Commissioner-elect Mr. James Baker on their election victories.

Chairman Mirabella noted that he was honored and humbled by the overwhelming response from voters, adding that he was proud to have been re-elected and proud to be part of such a great team serving the residents of County of Union. He added that he was pleased to see Governor Murphy elected to a 2nd term and recognized his colleagues on the Board for serving the highest of callings. He thanked everyone that helped during the election campaign and also thanked NJ Senator Nicholas Scutari for his leadership throughout the years. He closed by noting he was happy the Board would be returning to in-person meetings in December, following the Thanksgiving holiday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

County Counsel Bergen stated that pursuant to provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, a public body may enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing certain enumerated subjects.

He stated that the Board wished to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing attorney-client privileged communication relative to settlement

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

He stated that the minutes of the Executive Session shall be separated from the minutes of the Open Public Session and that the minutes of the Executive Session, redacted as appropriate and necessary, shall be available in approximately 30 days. He stated that the Clerk of the Board shall retain the original minutes until such time as the confidential limitations have been removed, at which time they shall be made available.

He stated that upon affirmative vote of the majority of the members present, the Board may enter Executive Session and upon the Board's return but would not take formal action on the matters discussed.

He noted a third matter that was to be discussed that was removed and would likely be presented at a later meeting.

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

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to return from Executive Session. On a motion made by Vice Chair Williams and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Granados, and Commissioner Kowalski absent.

Commissioner Kowalski joined the meeting following Executive Session.

County Counsel Bergen advised that he had nothing to report following Executive Session.

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 seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Granados absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 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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REGULAR MEETINGS

January 21, 2021

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December 16, 2021


James E. Pelletiere, RMC, QPA
Clerk of the Board

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