

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16 2021
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:55 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Vice Chair Rebecca Williams, 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.

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 Vice Chair Williams and seconded by Commissioner Garretson 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 Vice Chair Williams and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, 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.

Inaudible name, spoke relative to the ongoing labor negotiations that have been taking place between the County and the CWA Labor Union.

Imani Humphrey, spoke on behalf of colleague Valerie Donofrio relative to the labor negotiations between the County and the CWA Labor Union.

Jennifer Colon, spoke relative to her experience as a County employee, noting that she wished to make enough money to support her family without receiving social services assistance.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments and asked questions relative to several Resolutions. Mr. Paterson made comments relative to the County's budget and the running fund balance, suggesting these monies should be used to off-set municipal taxes. Relative to Reso No. 2021-954, he asked who would be overseeing this service. Relative to Reso No. 2021-956, he asked for additional information relative to the transfer. Relative to Reso No. 2021-971, he asked if the cited cost included the cost of title insurance. Relative to Reso Nos. 2021-985 through 2021-9995, he asked why these election-related Resolutions could not be introduced all at once. Relative to Reso No. 2021-1001, Mr. Paterson asked why this task could not be completed by County personnel. Relative to Reso No. 2021-1004, he asked about the vendor's involvement with this item as there was no Reso ever executed for the cited vendor. Relative to Reso No. 2021-1005, Mr. Paterson asked if there were restrictions regarding how these settlement monies would be spent. Relative to Reso No. 2021-1006, he asked for an overview. To close, he wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-954, Director Taylor advised that someone had been designated through mass mutual to monitor the fees to make sure they were consistent with industry standards. She confirmed this was of no cost to the County.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-956, Director Taylor advised that the total transfer was \$45,000 and monies were being transferred from Social Security to cover various control accounts within the Departments of Administrative Services and Engineering as well as the Board of Taxation.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-971, Counsel Bergen confirmed that the cited costs would cover the title search, title insurance, and closing costs. He added that the cost of title insurance was dependent on the sale price.

Relative to Reso Nos. 2021-985 through 2021-995, Administrator DiRado advised that these items related to mandated costs associated with ensuring a secure and transparent election. She added that changes to costs and or contracts were often necessitated by legislative changes.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-1001, Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that grant writing and the procurement of grant opportunities was an incredibly elaborate process that often required extensive research. She added that this resource was also used by six municipalities throughout the County, allowing them to apply for grants for municipal initiatives.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-1004, Counsel Bergen advised that the County was a member of a state-wide insurance fund as a means to curb related expenses. He added that the vendor was not hired directly by the County, but rather by the joint insurance fund.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-1005, Counsel Bergen advised that the monies from the settlement could only be used on future expenses related to treating and preventing opioid addiction as a means to combat the damage done by the defendants.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-1006, County Manager Oatman advised that the agreement included a 3-year contract with a 2% annual increase.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere confirmed that there were no additional members of the public wishing to speak.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

2021-946 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Monarch Housing Associates, Cranford, NJ to develop a Coordinated Entry System for Union County to assist persons experiencing homelessness and housing crisis access services for the period commencing January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

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

2021-947 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCa) in the approximate amount of \$12,396.00 for the County Welfare Administration (CWA) Administration of the 2021 Universal Service Fund for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

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

2021-948 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCa) in the approximate amount of \$18,594.00 for the purpose of LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) CWA Administration for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

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

2021-949 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution Number 2021-218, a contract with Community Coordinated Child Care of Union County, Inc., Rahway, New Jersey, for the Union County Child Care Subsidy program to increase the contract by an additional amount of not to exceed \$3,000.00 for the period of April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, for a new total amount not to exceed \$37,500.00.

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

2021-950 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to both qualify, pursuant to a Request for Qualifications procurement process and award a professional services contract to Dr. Vipul C. Mody, Bridgewater, NJ to serve as Medical Director of the Union County Pediatric Immunization Clinic located at 40 Parker Road, Elizabeth for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in the amount of \$24,000.00.

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

2021-951 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Gen-el Safety & Industrial Products, Randolph, NJ, through State Contract #21-FOOD-01682 for the purpose of purchasing (5) AreaRAE Pro RDK Kits for the UASI HazMat units in an amount not to exceed \$374,076.15.

2021-952 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution Number 2021-190, a contract with Lehrer-Gibilsco Funeral Home, Rahway, NJ for livery services for the Medical Examiner's Office, to increase the contract amount by not to exceed \$105,160.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$305,160.00 for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

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

2021-953 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution Number 2021-223, contracts with three (3) per diem pathologists to be available in the absence of the County Medical Examiner, to increase the contract amount by not to exceed \$40,200.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$290,200.00 for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

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

2021-954 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Economic Planning Group, Iselin, NJ, for Retirement Planning Services pursuant to competitive contracting, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 (RCCP 12-2021) for the contract period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023, with the option

to extend for one (1) 24 month period beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025 and a final 12 month extension option beginning January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, at no cost to the County.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Hudak roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded abstaining.

2021-955 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the only option to extend a contract with Pino Consulting Group, Toms River, New Jersey, to provide consulting services for preparation of the Indirect Cost Plan and Medicare and Medicaid Cost Reports for Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County for an additional 24 month period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023 in the total amount of not to exceed \$192,000.00.

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

2021-956 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Resolution Approving Transfer of Current Fund Appropriations.

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

2021-957 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2021-832 for a vendor name change only from Maser Consulting, P.A. to Colliers Engineering & Design DBA Maser Consulting of Red Bank, New Jersey.

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

2021-958 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to adopt Procedures for Administration and Inspection of Federal Aid Highway Projects to provide Standard Procedures to be used by Union County for Administration of Federally Funded Transportation Projects administered through New Jersey Department of Transportation.

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

2021-959 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to DRS Imaging Group, Springfield, New Jersey to provide migration of current image files, setting up software cabinets and software support and maintenance for the period commencing January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$29,700.00.

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

2021-960 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Cartegraph, Inc., Dubuque, Iowa, to provide licensing, upgrade and maintenance to the web-based Operations Management System with Enterprise Licensing for the period commencing January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in the amount not to exceed \$102,253.00.

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

2021-961 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Approving a pre-qualified list of firms for the provision of Architectural Services for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

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

2021-962 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Approving a pre-qualified list of firms for the provision of Construction Management Services for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

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

2021-963 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Approving a pre-qualified list of firms for the provision of General Engineering Services for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

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

2021-965 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the County's only option to extend the contract pursuant to Resolution 2019-1115 and originally obtained through advertised public bidding (B.A. # 44- 2019) with Pennetta Industrial Automation, Little Ferry, NJ, for the purpose of Lock & Slider Maintenance and Control Systems Services at various locations throughout the County for twenty-four (24) consecutive months from January 28, 2022 through January 27, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.

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

2021-966 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to implement and administer the 2021-2025 Community Forestry Management Plan for the County.

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

2021-967 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to MPC Bus Corporation, Brooklyn, NY, for the provision of Transportation Services for the Paratransit System pursuant to competitive contracting, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 (RCCP #9-2021) for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in the total amount not to exceed \$3,893,002.86 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 Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Hudak roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2021-968 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Authorizing the County Manager to award subcontracts to the agencies on the attached Union County Youth Services Commission Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative Spending Plan in the total amount not to exceed \$114,000.00 for the contract period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. This resolution would further authorize the County Manager to transfer funds among the funded agencies/municipalities during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any funded agencies/municipalities fail to meet its contractual obligation, upon approval by the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission.

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

2021-969 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Amending Resolution Number 2021-796, to authorize the County Manager to encumber and allocate additional grant funds from the Union County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund for the Preserve Union County 2021 grant program in the amount not to exceed \$10,848.81 (Cranford-Hanson House), for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$310,578.81.

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

2021-970 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Amending Resolution Number 2021-798, a contract with Colliers Engineering and Design, Red Bank, New Jersey, for an additional amount of not to exceed \$7,000.00 to conduct further NJDEP-compliant Preliminary Assessment work at the property located at 735-737 Springfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights for a new contract total amount not to exceed \$13,500.00.

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

2021-971 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Attorney Title Services, Cranford, New Jersey for the purpose of title search, insurance and settlement services, through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, for the property located at 735-737 Springfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$7,293.00.

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

- 2021-972 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Colliers Engineers and Design, Red Bank, New Jersey for the purpose of conducting Preliminary Environmental assessment of structures located at 67 Stanley Avenue, Summit and 175 Glenside Avenue, Scotch Plains for the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$28,950.00.

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

- 2021-973 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award renewal subcontracts under the 2022 Alcohol/Drug Abuse (A/DA) Grant for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in the amount not to exceed \$798,387.00 as specified on the attached spending plan, and allow authorization 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 obligations.

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

- 2021-974 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve KemperSports Management's operational budget for Golf Course operational expenses for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in the amount not to exceed \$5,499,689.00.

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

- 2021-975 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve KemperSports Management Inc.'s operational budget for Scotch Hills Golf Course operational expenses for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$399,283.00.

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

- 2021-976 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve KemperSports Management Inc.'s operational budget for Warinanco Sports Facility operational expenses for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$699,263.00.

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

- 2021-977 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding (BA# 52-2021) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq:

Department of Parks and Recreation: Country Feed & Grain, Haskell, NJ, for the purpose of providing horse feed, for a contract period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months from the date of contract execution, in the amount of not to exceed \$180,000.00.

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

2021-978 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN: Amending Resolution Number 2013-868 a contract with Colliers Engineering and Design DBA Maser Consulting, Red Bank, NJ to provide design and construction administration & inspection services for the Madison Avenue Park Synthetic Turf Field, City of Rahway, New Jersey for an additional amount of not to exceed \$73,500.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$169,410.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-016).

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

2021-979 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN: Amending Resolution Number 2017-931, a contract awarded to Town & County Veterinary Service, Denville, NJ, authorizing an extension of this contract through February 28, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00.

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

2021-980 VICE CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Resolution amending the County of Union's Employee Handbook to incorporate the addition of Juneteenth as a paid holiday within the Holiday Schedule.

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

2021-981 VICE CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the County's second option to extend the contract awarded to Center for Family Guidance, PC, Marlton, NJ, for the provision of Medical and Psychiatric services at Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital, for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, representing Year 3 of the total five (5) year contract with two (2) one-year extension options remaining, at the County's sole discretion, in an amount not to exceed \$1,468,895.00.

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

2021-982 VICE CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Center for Family Guidance, PC, Marlton, NJ, for the period of January 1, 2022 through January 31, 2022, for the service of Administrator at Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital, in an amount not to exceed \$13,750.00.

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

2021-983 VICE CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the Union County Performing Arts Center, Rahway, NJ to produce a theatrical play on February 18, 2022 in honor of Black History Month in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.00.

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

2021-984 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2021-203, a contract with International Business Machines Corporation (IBM), Piscataway, NJ to reflect the correct contract period beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$104,338.14 for a total contract not to exceed \$128,188.45.

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

2021-985 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Election Systems and Software, LLC (ES&S) for maintenance of the software, hardware, and other services relative to voting machines, paper vote tabulation machines, and electronic poll books for the Primary and General elections of 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$23,566.00.

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

2021-986 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter in a contract with Intersection Media LLC, Secaucus, NJ, for the purpose of providing design and advertising space for the Union County Votes App at NJ Transit train stations in advance of the 2022 Primary and General Elections for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$19,800.00.

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

2021-987 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the County's only option to extend the pre-qualification period and the vendors prequalified pursuant to Resolution 2019-1078 for transportation services of election equipment and supplies for the Union County Board of Elections for an additional 24 month period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023.

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

2021-988 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with University Van Lines, Rahway, New Jersey, for the purposes of transporting voting machines, electronic poll books and election supplies for the

Union County Board of Elections for the contract period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$35,364.00.

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

2021-989 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Liberty Transportation & Storage Co., dba The Liberty Group; Berkeley Heights, NJ for the purpose of transporting voting machines, electronic poll books and election supplies for the Union County Board of Elections for the contract period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$129,616.00.

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

2021-990 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Remington & Vernick, Secaucus, NJ for the purpose of providing rewarding services as required by NJ statute following the 2020 census and re-districting services for the Union County Board of Elections for the contract period commencing December 14, 2021 through January 13, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$34,700.00.

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

2021-991 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Royal Printing Services, West New York, NJ for the purpose of providing election printing services to print challenger badges, voter and poll worker instructions and all other printing needed to conduct elections in the County of Union for the contract period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, in the amount not to exceed \$130,000.00.

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

2021-992 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Election Systems & Software LLC (ES&S), Omaha to provide on-site election resources which includes the Primary Election, General Election and Early Voting for the contract period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$46,750.00.

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

2021-993 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Election Systems & Software LLC (ES&S), Omaha, Nebraska, for the purpose of purchasing consumables for the Union County Vote Tabulation System for the contract period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

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

2021-994 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Election Systems and Software, LLC (ES&S), Omaha, Nebraska for the purpose of providing hardware, firmware and software licensing, maintenance and support for Union County's Vote Tabulation System for the contract period of March 1, 2022 through November 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$382,095.00.

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

2021-995 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution 2021-629, a contract with Election Systems and Software, LLC (ES&S), Omaha, Nebraska for additional onsite resources provided during early voting and on election day 2021 in the amount of \$20,200.00.

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

2021-996 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2021-102, to reflect the vendor's name change to be Liberty Transportation and Storage Company, Inc., dba The Liberty Group, 50 Industrial Road, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey.

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

2021-997 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2021-805 to reflect the vendor's name change to be Liberty Transportation and Storage Company, Inc., dba The Liberty Group, 50 Industrial Road, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey.

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

2021-998 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2021-630 to reflect the vendor's name change to be Liberty Transportation and Storage Company, Inc., dba The Liberty Group, 50 Industrial Road, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey.

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

2021-999 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to submit the Union County Housing Assistance Payment Program Administrative Plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) wherein the County of Union serves at the Public Housing Agency (PHA) to administer the Section 8 Tenant Based Assistance Housing Choice Voucher Program, for the purpose of

providing financial assistance to low income tenant families in our 21 municipal jurisdictions.

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

2021-1000 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, under the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) Implementation Grant, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 with a required in-kind County match of \$83,340.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$333,334.00.

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

2021-1001 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the first option to extend a contract with Millennium Strategies, Morristown, NJ, to provide grant writing and procurement services to the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, in the amount not to exceed \$98,000.00 with one (1) final twelve month option to extend remaining.

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

2021-1002 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to rescind Resolution number 2021-808, which authorized the extension of a contract term to Everbridge Inc.

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

2021-1003 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution 2021-928 a contract awarded to Everbridge Inc., Pasadena, CA, to reflect the accurate contract term to be October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023, with no other changes to the terms of the contract or not to exceed amount.

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

2021-1004 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to execute a Settlement Agreement in the matters entitled Monique Hall v. County of Union et als, in the amount not to exceed \$400,000.00, of which the amount of \$157,395.29 shall be paid by the County of Union and the remainder balance \$242,604.71 shall be paid by Chubb Insurance Company.

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

2021-1005 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the Execution of Participation Agreements in the Proposed Nationwide Opioid Settlements and Agreement as to the Material Terms of New Jersey Distribution of Opioid Settlement Funds.

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

2021-1006 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with PBA 73A County Police Superior Officers Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024.

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

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2021-1007 COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution recognizing and congratulating the newly established Township of Hillside Branch of the NAACP.

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

2021-1008 COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution recognizing the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Phi Eta Omega Chapter of Scotch Plains for four years of service under President Deana Lawson.

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

2021-1009 COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution recognizing the new 2021 line for the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Omega Psi Omega chapter of Elizabeth.

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

2021-1010 COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution recognizing the new 2021 line for the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Theta Phi Omega chapter of Plainfield.

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

2021-1011 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of former Union County employee and Winfield Firefighter, Christopher H. Beers, during their time of sorrow.

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

PRESENTATION BY THE BOARD

Chairman Mirabella asked his fellow Commissioners to join him in making a gift presentation to Commissioner Andrea Staten in honor of the completion of her 3-year term as County Commissioner.

Chairman Mirabella noted that he was honored to bring attention to Commissioner Staten's term as Commissioner, offering a special recognition to Commissioner Staten's father in the audience. He thanked Commissioner Staten for her service to the residents of Union County as well as her work with the Borough of Roselle. He noted that he was proud of her service and her many accomplishments as Commissioner, noting that residents were better off after her term. He congratulated her on behalf of the Board for a job well done and wished her well in all her future endeavors.

PRESENTATION BY THE BOARD

Vice Chair Williams was joined by her Commissioner colleagues in making a gift presentation to Commissioner Chairman Alexander Mirabella in honor of his two years as Chairman during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Vice Chair Williams recognized Chairman Mirabella for his tremendous leadership over the last two years. She noted his efforts in working alongside the County Administration, including County Manager Oatman and the various Directors, to ensure that residents had access to essential resources and services, in particular at the County's COVID-19 vaccination and testing center at Kean University.

Chairman Mirabella thanked the Board for the recognition.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Kowalski thanked Chairman Mirabella for his efforts, leadership and service, noting his induction into NJAC's Hall-of-Fame for his many years as Union County Freeholder and now Commissioner. Relative to Commissioner Staten, Commissioner Kowalski thanked her for her commitment to public service, serving both the residents of Roselle and Union County. She added that it was a pleasure to serve alongside Commissioner Staten, noting her participation in countless County events over the years as a means to help the residents of Union County. On another note, Commissioner Kowalski spoke relative to the environmental stewards' program through the Rutgers Co-Op. She advised that a number of tree stewards had recently completed their studies, adding that the County was still looking for additional volunteers. She noted a new program in New Providence that would educate children on environmental conservation and the adoption of a storm drain project in Westfield to mitigate debris from emptying in the Rahway River. To close, she wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season and encouraged residents to continue wearing their mask and if they hadn't already done so, get vaccinated or boosted against COVID-19.

Commissioner Hudak acknowledged the employees from the CWA Labor Union in attendance, noting that while he appreciated their comments and their right to make these comments, the Board had no influence over labor negotiations done through the collective bargaining process. Relative to Mr. Paterson's comments about the running fund balance, he advised that these monies allowed the County to continue in a positive financial direction. In comparison, he added that approximately ten years ago, the County had a \$0 surplus which resulted in several unfortunate lay-offs. He noted that the running surplus not only allowed the County to keep its employees, but also allowed leveled taxes, and funding for necessary capital improvements. On another note, Commissioner Hudak congratulated and thanked Chairman Mirabella for his challenging 2-year term as Commissioner Chairman during the COVID-19 pandemic. He recognized Chairman Mirabella for taking the reigns and leading the County in the right direction and ensuring residents had uninterrupted access to necessary services and resources. Commissioner Hudak also congratulated Commissioner Staten on her concluding term as Commissioner and wished her all the best in her future endeavors. He noted her tremendous energy, enthusiasm, and unfaltering smile and her leadership in facilitating the Truck Show at Oakridge Park that his children greatly enjoyed. He wished everyone a Happy Holidays and wished everyone a happy 2022.

Commissioner Garretson spoke relative to several recent events she attended. Joined by Commissioner Kowalski and County Counsel, Commissioner Garretson spoke about the National Disaster and Recover Event hosted by NJAC, noting the event as informative especially give the recent weather-related events experienced in Union County. She also spoke about Kean's Holiday, noting it as a lovely affair. On another note, she spoke about the national Build Back Better proposal, noting over 526 applicants nation-wide, of which only six were selected, with one proposal being selected from Newark, NJ. She added that as a result of being selected, the area would be eligible for up to \$100 million in federal dollars. Relative to Chairman Mirabella, Commissioner Garretson thanked him for his leadership, noting him as a mentor to each member of the Board. Relative to Commissioner Staten, Commissioner Garretson noted her as a tremendous woman, advocate and public servant, noting her lasting influence on the Board and its efforts moving forward. To close, she thanked the members of the public for their participation in the Commissioner meetings, and encouraged them to continue their efforts and continue making their voices heard.

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded noted an upcoming Financial Education Workshop for special needs parents, organized through the County's Office on Women and the Office for Persons with Disabilities and Special Needs. She noted that registration was required and encouraged all interested residents to register. On another note, she congratulated Chairman Mirabella for his two years as Commissioner Chairman and thanked him for his leadership, noting that she was impressed by what the County and Board were able to accomplish during the COVID-19 pandemic. She noted the many vaccinations provided to residents, adding that she was proud to be able to offer these and other resources to Union County residents. She also thanked Commissioner Staten for her service, noting that they both started serving on the Board together. She spoke relative to Commissioner Staten's commitment to public service, her pleasant disposition, and enthusiasm. She added that she enjoyed her time serving alongside Commissioner Staten and getting to know her wonderful family. To close, she wished everyone a Happy Holiday and

encouraged residents to wear their masks, get tested, and get vaccinated against COVID-19.

Commissioner Leon reflected on her first year serving as a Union County Commissioner and thanked her Union County family for their warm reception and guidance along the way, noting that she was overwhelmed with gratitude. She thanked Chairman Mirabella for his guidance and mentorship as well as Commissioner Granados for all his assistance. She recognized the amazing efforts of Union County related to addressing the COVID-19 pandemic and providing necessary resources to residents. She thanked everyone for their tireless and continued efforts, including Director Anderson. On another note, she spoke relative to a Meet-&-Greet Event with Santa Claus on Saturday at Warinanco Park for children with disabilities and special needs and encouraged interested residents to bring their children. Relative to Commissioner Staten, she thanked her for her service, adding that it was a pleasure to serve alongside side her and that she would be greatly missed. To close, she wished everyone a Happy Holidays.

Commissioner Granados spoke relative to an earlier toy distribution drive he participated in, alongside Commissioner Hudak, Director Anderson, and many Social Services employees. He noted that he was grateful and humbled by the continued generosity and efforts of the residents of Union County in giving back to the community. On another note, he recognized Commissioner Staten for her dedication as a public servant, noting her work with seniors and youth, adding that he knew she would be successful as a Commissioner when she joined the Board. He thanked her for making a difference and for the many memories made. He also thanked Chairman Mirabella for being an inspiration and for his leadership as Commissioner Chairman, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. He recognized the Board and County for ensuring that residents had access to necessary services, in spite of the unprecedented circumstances evoked by the pandemic. To close, Commissioner Granados wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Vice Chair Williams recognized Commissioner Staten for her dedication as a public servant and her leadership, adding that she treasured their friendship and Commissioner Staten would always be part of the Union County family. To close, she wished everyone a Happy Holiday, noting that we should all transition into 2022 stronger and as a stronger County.

Commissioner Staten noted that it was hard to believe her term as Commissioner was coming to a close, adding that it was bittersweet. She noted that it was an honor to serve alongside her colleagues and thanked them all for the gift and the kind words. She added that it had been a tremendous honor to serve the residents of Union County, noting that she was proud of the many accomplishments that were realized. She spoke relative to the COVID-19 pandemic and how Union County had gone to work immediately to ensure residents had access to necessary resources in spite of the pandemic. She noted that she was grateful to her Board colleagues and thanked them for their unyielding support throughout her journey as County Commissioner. She also thanked her daughter Alexis Staten for her support, sacrifice, and understanding over the last three years. She added that although Alexis was away at school they were mutually in each other's hearts. She also thanked Chairman Mirabella for his leadership, as well as the Directors, Commissioner Aides, and other staff for their continued efforts in supporting the Board.

To close, she wished everyone a Happy Holiday adding that it had been a pleasure to serve as Commissioner.

Chairman Mirabella thanked Commissioner Staten for her efforts and commitment to serving the residents of Union County. On another note, he spoke about his two terms as Commissioner Chairman, noting that 2020 had been unexpected and unprecedented. Nonetheless, he noted how the County and Board pivoted to address COVID-19 and food insecurity, by offering essential resources to residents, redefining how the County ran government. He recognized County Manager Oatman, Deputy County Manager Wagner, and the various Directors for their tireless efforts, noting that they all shared credit in this tremendous feat. He added that he was proud to be part of the Union County family and looked forward to 2022 under new leadership, noting a bright future over the horizon. He noted his confidence in Vice Chair Williams, soon to be Chair, and her ability to tackle whatever obstacles came her way. He closed by wishing everyone a Happy Holidays.

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 7:02 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

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March 4, 2021
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May 20, 2021

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October 21, 2021

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

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