



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2 2021
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 Granados and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Thursday, October 7, 2021 - Agenda Setting Session
2. Thursday, October 7, 2021 - Regular Meeting
3. Thursday, October 21, 2021 - Agenda Setting Session
4. Thursday, October 21, 2021 - Regular Meeting
5. Thursday, November 4, 2021 - Agenda Setting Session
6. Thursday, November 4, 2021 - Regular Meeting

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to approve the Minutes. On a motion made by Commissioner Kowalski and seconded by Commissioner Staten, roll call showed seven

members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the Minutes of October 7th Agenda Setting and Regular Meeting, with Commissioner Staten abstaining and Vice Chair Williams absent; seven votes in the affirmative for the Agenda Setting Meeting of October 21st, with Commissioner Garretson abstaining and Vice Chair Williams absent; and eight votes in the affirmative for the October 21st Regular Meeting and the November 4th Agenda Setting and Regular Meeting Minutes, with Vice Chair Williams absent.

ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

- 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.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Union that the “Laws of Union County” are hereby amended as outlined in the attached Schedule A:

SCHEDULE A

PART I -

ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

ARTICLE XXI, Department of Public Safety

[Amended 10-30-1985 by Ord. No. 232; 9-10-1987 by Ord. No. 275; 8-2-1988 by Ord. No. 300; 7-18-1991 by Ord. No. 337; 7-22-1999 by Ord.

No. 503; 6-20-2002 by Ord. No. 553; 2-5-2004 by Ord. No. 587; 9-14-2006 by Ord.

No. 636; 3-27-08 by Ord. No. 667; 7-19-2012 by Ord. 738;

Amended 12-19-2013 by Ord. 2013-755; Amended 12-7-2017 by Ord. 2017-789;

Amended 12-7-2017 by Ord. 2017-789]

§ 1-128. Office of Health Management.

[Added 9-9-2007 by Ord. No. 655-2007; Amended by Ord. 2017-78; Amended 12-2-2021 by Ord. 2021-]

A. There is hereby established the Office of Health Management, a certified local health agency

pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-6(b) for the purposes of serving as the certified local health agency

that will receive delegated authority under the County Environmental Health Act (CEHA), N.J.S.A.

26:3A2-21 et seq., the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and the New

Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (NJDHSS).

(1) Under the direction and supervision of the Director of Public Safety, the Office of

Health Management’s functions and responsibilities shall include:

(a) Overseeing the administration of the Office of Health Management in carrying out its duties as the environmental health department receiving delegated authority under the CEHA, N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-21 et seq., the NJDEP and the

NJDHSS.

(b) Implement an air program concentrating on citizen's complaints and ensuring compliance with governing laws by all point source dischargers pursuant to the Air Pollution Control Act, N.J.S.A. 26:2C-1 et seq.

(c) Execute an effective Solid Waste Enforcement Program, including illegal dumping. Union County's Solid Waste Control Program is established pursuant to the provisions of the Solid Waste Management Act, N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 etc., the County Environmental Health Act, N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-21 et seq., and the County Environmental Health Standards and Performance, N.J.A.C. 7:1H-1.1 et seq. The purpose of this enforcement program is to monitor compliance with the rules and regulations of the NJDEP concerning the operation of solid waste facilities and the activities of solid waste collectors and haulers in Union County. All enforcement efforts shall be done in cooperation with the NJDEP - Solid Waste Inspections and Compliance agency to obtain consistent enforcement and to preclude duplication of effort.

(d) Oversee investigation of all water pollution complaints and assist the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection with compliance monitoring of all point source discharges. Under the auspices of the Environmental Health Performance Standards for Potable Water Supply, N.J.A.C. 7:1H-3.6, Groundwater Pollution Control, N.J.A.C. 7:1H-3.7, and Surface Water Pollution Control, N.J.A.C. 7:1H-3.8, implement a comprehensive Water Pollution Control Program.

(e) Work in conjunction with the County Bureau of GIS to develop and maintain geographic information systems (GIS) data relative to CEHA initiatives. The goal is to develop and implement a comprehensive County-wide geographic information system (GIS) database and mapping program incorporating information from local, County, state and federal agencies to serve local municipalities, agencies and the County in making decisions which impact the environment of the area.

(f) Ensure compliance and enforcement of applicable Recycling provisions under Union County's Solid Waste Control Program.

(g) Ensure compliance with Noise Control Regulations pursuant to the Noise Pollution Control Act, N.J.S.A. 13:1G-1 et seq; N.J.A.C. 7:29-1.1 et seq. The Union County Office of Health Management, Office of Environmental Health will enforce the State Noise Control Regulations following the guidelines outlined in this section and the CEHA Work Program to control noise from commercial and industrial sources.

(h) Providing administrative support and assistance to all Union County departments and agencies concerning the implementation of current federal and state environmental regulations.

(i) Promoting environmental health and safety programs within the County, including but not limited to the provisions of the "New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act", N.J.S.A. 34:5A-1 et seq., hazardous waste, OSHA compliance and recycling regulations as specified in the Union County Solid Waste Management Plan.

(j) Administer an effective Local Information Network Communications System (LINCS) operation to respond to public health threats and emergencies and provide central planning, coordination and delivery of specialized services within the County in partnership with all municipal health departments. Responsibilities will include establishing a public health surveillance and

response network to ensure rapid detection and containment of conditions which threaten the public's health and safety, providing communications to key health and health-related participants, forming public-private partnerships for addressing health issues, and coordinating all relevant entities which support and contribute to the public's health, local and state health departments, managed care, medical providers, laboratories, and emergency responders.

(k) Act as lead public health official under the provisions of the Emergency Health Powers Act.

(l) Enhance and integrate local public health agencies' state of preparedness for, response to, and recovery from acts of terrorism and other public health emergencies by minimizing, to the fullest extent possible, the human health consequences associated with the emergence of a novel strain of influenza virus (Flu Pandemic Planning), and expanding capacity to expeditiously and efficiently distribute/administer antibiotics and/or vaccines to our entire population at community-based points of distribution or through other supplemental delivery modalities.

(m) Work in conjunction with Union County OEM to enhance the existing Public Health Annex of the Emergency Operation Plan.

(n) Participate as a member of the Local Emergency Planning Council (LEPC) in the periodic review of updates and modifications to the County Emergency Operation Plan.

(o) Coordinate with representatives from all local health departments and acute_care facilities in Union County to establish and review protocols to ensure the mutual investigation of diseases of public health importance, including potential bioterrorism incidents.

(p) Participate in increasing the availability of worker crisis counseling and mental health and substance abuse behavioral health support, in conjunction with the County OEM and the County Mental Health Administrator, and in collaboration with the New Jersey Division of Mental Health Services Disaster and Terrorism Branch as well as the New Jersey State Police's Disaster Critical Incident Response Program.

(q) Participate, in conjunction with NJDHSS, County OEM and the Local Health Departments, in the development of a business continuity-planning element as a component of a county-level all-hazards preparedness plan.

(r) Exercise plans to test horizontal and vertical integration with response partners at the State, County and Local level.

(s) Perform duties as assigned by the Director of Public Safety in the enforcement, collection and management of fees, fines or penalties pursuant to Environmental Quality and Enforcement Fund (EQEF), under the CEHA, N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-21 et seq., including the conduct of compliance hearings.

(t) To administer and enforce the Local Health Services Act, N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 8:24 et seq., the Sanitation in Retail Food Establishments and Food and Beverage Vending Machines regulations on County properties and within any municipality covered under a Shared Services Agreement with the County, including performing inspections and issuing permits to allow for retail food establishments.

(u) Investigate incidents of communicable and reportable diseases to determine if cases are isolated events or present a threat to public health.

B. Inspections and Permits Fees.

1) The Union County Board of County Commissioners annually adopts a fee schedule for inspections and permits, performed by the Department of Public Safety, for all retail food establishments on County properties. The Clerk of the Board will publish the required notice in the appropriate newspaper of such introduction and public hearing for the Schedule of Fees. A copy of the currently effective Schedule of Fees ordinance is on file in the Clerk of the Board's office and is available for examination during office hours.

2) The Director of the Department of Public Safety is hereby authorized to set fees and one time charges not specifically included in the Schedule of Fees. Subject to the written approval of the County Manager, the Director of the Department of Public Safety is hereby further authorized to amend or modify any fee set forth in the Schedule of Fees for special promotions and events up to twelve (12) times a year. In the event that the Director shall assess, amend or modify any fee he shall file a notice of said assessment, amendment or modification with the Clerk of the Board and the Director of the Department of Finance, no less than five (5) days prior to the effective date of the assessment, amendment or modification.

C. Office head. The Director of the Office of Health Management, who may be a licensed full_time health officer, shall be the head of the Office and shall be responsible to the Director of Public Safety for its operation.

D. Office organization. Within the Office of Health Management, there shall be the following divisions:

- 1) The Bureau of Environmental Health.
- 2) The Bureau Local of Public Health.
- 3) The Bureau of Public Health Nursing.
- 4) The Bureau of Emergency Preparedness and Response.

E. The Bureau of Environmental Health. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Office of Health Management, the Bureau of Environmental Health's functions and responsibilities shall include:

- 1) Investigating all water pollution complaints and assist the NJDEP with compliance monitoring of all point source discharges. Under the auspices of the Environmental Health Performance Standards for Potable Water Supply, N.J.A.C. 7:1H-3.6, Groundwater Pollution Control, N.J.A.C. 7:1H-3.7, and Surface Water Pollution Control, N.J.A.C. 7:1H-3.8, implementing a comprehensive Water Pollution Control Program.
- 2) Responding to noise complaints and enforce State Noise Control Regulations pursuant to the Noise Pollution Control Act, N.J.S.A. 13:1G-1 et seq; N.J.A.C. 7:29-1.1 et seq. The Union County Office of Health Management will enforce the State Noise Control Regulations following the guidelines outlined in this section and the CEHA Work Program to control noise from commercial and industrial sources.
- 3) Providing information and technical assistance to municipalities, individuals and various agencies on environmental issues.
- 4) Promoting environmental health and safety programs within the County, including but not limited to the "Right-to-Know" law, safety, hazardous waste and OSHA compliance.
- 5) Implementing the provisions of the "New Jersey Worker and Community Right to Know Act", N.J.S.A. 34:5A-1 et seq..
- 6) Ensuring compliance with Recycling Regulations as stated in the Solid Waste Management Act.
- 7) Implementing an air program concentrating on citizens complaints and ensuring

compliance with governing laws by all point source dischargers pursuant to the Air Pollution Control Act, N.J.S.A. 26:2C-1 et seq..

F. The Bureau of Local Public Health. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Office of Health Management, the Bureau of Local Public Health's functions and responsibilities shall include:

- 1) Ensure compliance with state and local regulation by inspecting food establishments, schools, churches, day care centers, body art shops, gyms, nursing homes, pet shops, youth camps, recreational bathing facilities and mobile food establishments. The department shall conduct plan reviews and pre-operational inspections for new or renovated establishments.
- 2) Review and approve temporary food applications and inspect food vendors for county and municipal sponsored festivals and events.
- 3) Investigate health hazards and preventable injuries and disease exposure in work and community settings. Inspectors conduct timely inspections and investigate nuisance complaints (if warranted) to enforce abatement.
- 4) Inspect grease traps and emphasize the importance of maintaining them.
- 5) Provide relevant technical support to local, state and federal agencies.
- 6) Lead-based paint/environmental dwelling inspections. These may lead to violation notices, and abatement orders.

G. The Bureau of Public Health Nursing. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Office of Health Management, the Bureau of Public Health Nursing's functions and responsibilities shall include:

- 1) Coordinate services and programs throughout the community in conjunction with community partners.
- 2) Nurses shall conduct lead risk assessments, screening and case management, health screenings, communicable disease investigation/surveillance and immunization audits.
- 3) Collect and analyze communicable disease data from available surveillance systems to monitor disease trends and communicate any significant findings to NJDOH and local public health partners within their jurisdiction.

H. The Bureau of Emergency Preparedness and Response. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Office of Health Management, the Bureau of Emergency Preparedness and Response's functions and responsibilities shall include:

- 1) Providing guidance and support for the development of an "All Hazards Public Health Plan" for all local health agencies within their jurisdiction, in accordance with a NJDHSS template.
- 2) Maintaining 24/7/365 communications capabilities in order to respond to infectious disease outbreaks and public health threats due to acts of terrorism and/or natural emergencies.
- 3) Providing local and regionally generated disease data, such as the number of emergency department visits and admissions, sources and volume of influenza-like illness and other information that may be indicative of potential public health threats and/or emergencies to the NJDHSS.
- 4) Conducting Hazard and Vulnerability Analysis and initiate a review and update of the county/municipal hazard vulnerability assessment, specific to chemical plants (SARA/TCPA), hazardous waste plants, retail establishments/businesses with chemical and pesticide supplies and sewer treatment plants.
- 5) Collecting and analyzing communicable disease data from available surveillance systems to monitor disease trends and communicate any significant findings to NJDHSS and local public health partners within their jurisdiction.

- 6) Establishing and reviewing protocols to ensure the investigation of diseases of public health importance, including potential bioterrorism incidents.
- 7) Managing and operating the Public Health Emergency Communication System to ensure the timely dissemination and exchange of public health information to all key stakeholders within the LINCS agency region on a 24/7/365 basis.
- 8) Developing and delivering risk communication resources for local public health agencies and elected officials.
- 9) Reviewing procedures, protocols, statutes and regulations and other directives related to the Emergency Health Powers Act, in particular, as related to Isolation and Quarantine (Sections 14, 15 and 16 of the Act).
- 10) Expanding the mass prophylaxis plan to include alternative methods of medication delivery based on NJDHSS guidelines (when available) and provide training, as required.
- 11) Identify, recruit and train a pool of volunteers and staff to assist with any public health threat/emergency, including but not limited to, conducting epidemiologic investigations and supporting mass prophylaxis activities.
- 12) Conducting a business continuity-planning element as a component of a county-level all-hazards preparedness plan; develop protocols to expedite the implementation of recovery risk communication plans; develop protocols to expedite the implementation of recovery risk communication plans.
- 13) Developing plans for the rapid distribution of medications for first responders, fixed facilities, and the public within 48 hours; develop a local SNS assessment tool and review and update SNS plans to ensure that the grantee can receive and distribute medications for all Union County jurisdictions.
- 14) Operating with federal, state and local authorities using a unified command structure, under the Incident Command System / National Incident Management System (ICS / NIMS).

ARTICLE XXIV, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[Added 12-19-2013 by Ord. 2013-755; Amended 4-30-2015 by Ord. 2015-764;

Amended 7-20-2017 by Ord. 2017-785; Amended

12-7-2017 by Ord. 2017-789; Amended 12-19-2019 by Ord. 811-2019; Amended 12-2-2021 by Ord. 2021-]§ 1-152. Department established; purpose; organization.

A. to D. [unchanged]

E. The Department of Economic Development shall also have the Bureau of ADA Compliance, which shall report to the Director of the Department of Economic Development. § 1-158.1. Bureau of ADA Compliance.

[Added 12-2-2021 by Ord. 2021-]

A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Department of Economic Development, the Bureau of ADA Compliance shall:

1. Ensure compliance with federal and state disability rights laws by the County and will assist municipalities and school districts within the County with training and guidance concerning

same.

2. Have an ADA Coordinator as required by federal law, who shall be responsible for coordination of ADA compliance within the County, and shall investigate complaints regarding noncompliance.

3. The functions and responsibilities of the Bureau of ADA Compliance and the ADA Coordinator shall include:

(a) Evaluate and assess County existing facilities, parking lots, programs and services,

- as well construction and modification of County facilities to assess ADA compliance.
- (b) Develop policies to ensure programmatic and communication accessibility, and to assess reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities.
 - (c) Integrate on-going training on disability access issues.
 - (d) Monitor and assist implementation of the County ADA Transition Plan.
 - (e) Implement and monitor the County's Access and Inclusion Solution Process procedure for disability complaints.

B. Bureau Head. There may be a Bureau Head of the Bureau of ADA Compliance who serves as the head of the Bureau and shall be responsible to the Director of the Department of Economic Development for its operation, who may be the ADA Coordinator.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting was opened for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance Number 833-2021 only.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, asked for additional information relative to the article changes.

County Counsel Bergen advised that the first part of the article change involved the hiring of an ADA compliance officer to comply with federal law following the recent ADA study conducted by the County. He noted the second part related to the Department of Public Safety/Health Management Office and reconfiguring the Ordinance to align with the current process being used within the Department.

Chairman Mirabella asked the Clerk of the Board if there were any members of the public wishing to speak on the Ordinance 833-2021.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere confirmed that there were no additional members of the of the public wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 833-2021; noting that additional seating was made available to the public in the Administration Building for those not able to find seating within the Commissioner Meeting Room as a result of the reduced seating caused by the coronavirus precautions taken. Clerk Pellettiere advised that there were no other individuals in that space provided wishing to speak or comment.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Commissioner Kowalski moved Ordinance Number 833-2021 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

On a motion made by Commissioner Kowalski and seconded by Commissioner Leon 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
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 729,220
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.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting was opened for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance Number 834-2021 only.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, asked how much the County would be paying for the Roselle Park EMS Building. He also asked for clarification regarding the blocks being purchased of the real property at 735-737 Springfield Ave in Berkeley Heights.

County Manager Oatman confirmed that the County would be paying approximately \$700,000 for the Roselle Park EMS building. He noted that of the \$49,070,544 being cited in the ordinance, \$13 million of that would be covered by grant funding, with the remaining balance being the total bonded. He added that in this year's County budget \$46 million in debt would be paid.

County Counsel Bergen advised that he did not have the lot and blocks readily available, but confirmed that the County was purchasing the property that had been listed for sale. He noted that the property was adjacent to County parkland and the price being paid was based on an appraisal.

Open Space Administrator Durbin-Drake confirmed that the County was purchasing Block 501 Lots 1 & 3 of the real property at 735-737 Springfield Ave in Berkeley Heights.

Chairman Mirabella asked the Clerk of the Board if there were any additional members of the public wishing to speak on Ordinance 834-2021.

Clerk of the Board Pelletiere confirmed that there were no additional members of the of the public wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 834-2021 within the Commissioners Meeting Room and or the alternate space provided with additional seating for members of the public.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Commissioner Hudak, Fiscal Committee Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 834-2021 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

Commissioner Garretson stated she would be abstaining from this vote, however upon further clarification, 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 absent.

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

Be It Ordained by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Union as follows:

Section 1. The salaries of the Members of the Board of County Commissioners, County Manager, County Counsel, and Departments Heads shall be as hereinafter set forth and shall be effective as of January 1, 2022.

Position	2022 Salary
Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners	37,178.36
Vice-Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners	35,998.29
Member of the Board of County Commissioners	34,818.23
County Counsel	182,500.00
County Manager	220,977.01
Director of Administrative Services	158,000.00
Director of Economic Development/Deputy County Manager	176,854.32
Director of Engineering Public Works & Facilities	159,341.44
Director of Finance/County Treasurer/CCFO	172,534.32
Director of Human Services	158,000.00
Director of Parks & Recreation	145,439.62
Director of Public Safety	158,000.00

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect at the time and manner provided by law.

Section 3. That the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby authorized to publish a notice in the appropriate newspaper of such introduction and of a public hearing on December 2, 2021, and shall forward one certified copy of final passage to each Clerk of all Municipalities located within the County of Union.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting was opened for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance Number 835-2021 only.

Chairman Mirabella advised that all comments and or questions made by the public related to Ordinance No. 835-2021 would be addressed collectively by the Board once all members of the public wishing to speak had the opportunity to do so.

Lolita Slater, of Linden, inquired about the adjustments to the Department Head salaries.

[name inaudible] spoke relative to the Division of Social Services and his colleagues that volunteered during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure residents had access to essential resources. He noted the proposed raise for the County Manager and added that while he appreciated County Manager Oatman's leadership and service during

the pandemic, other employees were forced to settle for 2%. He asked the Board for their consideration in negotiating a fair agreement that would account for the increase in the cost of living at the very minimum.

Jennifer Lorenzo (SP?), recognized the Board for their continued efforts, noting they were doing a good job. On another note, she spoke relative to the proposed salary increase for the County Manager, adding that she did not feel the significant increase was justified.

Mya Humphrey, spoke about the CWA Labor Union and their negotiations with the County and the members' desire to settle on a fair contract, adding that a 2% raise did nothing to boost employee morale. She noted that under the CWA Labor Union agreement, employees were prohibited from moving out of Union County unless they had been employed for fifteen years or more by the County. She advised that as a result, many of her colleagues faced financial challenges, adding that some of the employees working at the Division of Social Services were also receiving Social Services benefits. She noted the tireless efforts of her colleagues that worked uninterrupted throughout the pandemic and volunteered as needed to assist residents in need. She closed by asking the Board to ensure that a fair contract was negotiated for CWA employees.

John Bury, of Kenilworth, noted the raises proposed by Ordinance No. 835-2021, and inquired about the reasoning and justification behind these raises.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, spoke relative to the proposed salary increases, noting the effect of these raises on the pension system. He questioned the need for a Deputy County Manager, noting the reduction in County personnel over the years. He noted the increased need for food and social services among residents of Union County, adding that this spoke to the struggle faced by most constituents. He closed by asking the Board to turn down the proposed raises and settle for the 2% customarily given to the majority of employees.

Lauren Montgomery, of Clark, noted that the CWA Labor Union had been involved in negotiations with the County for a new contract since July 2020. She echoed the sentiments of Ms. Humphrey, noting that the Division of Social Services worked consistently during the pandemic as well as other state of emergency closures, including Hurricane Ida. She added that Social Services employees had not been entitled to hazard pay due to COVID-19 and were denied special identifications to facilitate travel during declared state of emergencies when travel was restricted to essential personnel only. She also spoke relative to the residency requirement under the CWA labor agreement, noting that the County Manager, Social Services Division Head and Director all lived out-of-County. She also noted that employees in the Division of Social Services that tested positive for COVID-19 were obligated to use their accrued time for those absences.

[name inaudible] spoke on behalf of the members of the CWA Labor Union, noting the upsetting treatment endured by the respective members and the County's perceived failure to recognize the difficulties faced by employees. She also spoke relative to certain perceived intimidation experienced by members and leaders of the CWA Labor Union. She noted that CWA leadership had been called to the Union

Police Department for questioning to determine whether or not an Executive Board Member of the CWA had introduced chemicals into the workplace. Additionally, she noted, that law enforcement officials had been investigating the posting of a flyer on the Union bulletin Board inviting CWA members to attend the December 2nd Commissioners' meeting. She noted her concern relative to the intimidation faced by members as a result of protected union activities. She closed by noting the tireless efforts of her colleagues at Social Services and called for a fair agreement to be reached by all the parties involved.

Chairman Mirabella asked the Clerk of the Board if there were any additional members of the public wishing to speak on Ordinance 835-2021.

Clerk of the Board Pelletiere confirmed that there were no additional members of the of the public wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 835-2021 within the Commissioners Meeting Room and or the alternate space provided with additional seating for members of the public.

Chairman Mirabella advised that the Board was not involved in labor negotiations nor were these negotiations done publicly, adding that County Manager Oatman was responsible for appointing individuals to oversee the negotiation process. He noted the frustration of the CWA employees present, adding that it was unfortunate that negotiations had gone on so long with no resolution. He emphasized the importance of compromise in ensuring an agreeable contract for both parties can be reached.

Relative to the salary increases, Chairman Mirabella confirmed that these raises were a result of both performance and parity. He recognized the tremendous efforts and performance of County Manager Oatman during the last few years, noting his leadership in closing the UC Jail that would result in millions of dollars in savings as well as his guidance in navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. He also noted last year's 0% tax increase, the County's renewed AAA bond rating, and the reduction in County personnel without interruptions in service. He advised that the proposed increase for County Manager Oatman was consistent with the salaries of similar County officials throughout the state. Relative to the other salary increases, Chairman Mirabella advised that these raises were also established in consultation with County Manager Oatman and are consistent with salaries in surrounding areas. He closed by confirming that he would rely on the County Manager and the negotiating team to reach and agreement with the CWA Labor Union.

Chairman Mirabella opened the floor up to any of his colleagues for comments prior to the Board's vote.

Commissioner Garretson advised that she would be abstaining from the vote relative to Ordinance No. 835-2021 as she did not feel she had received the necessary information to make an informed vote prior to this evening. She clarified that she supports the efforts of the County and the County Manager, and that her vote was not "No", but rather a vote to "abstain" as she did not receive the information she requested from the Finance Committee, noting it was not a collective decision. She stated she was appreciative that an equity study was done. She stated she hopes that in the future (the Board) would be more transparent and that (the Board) would have a unified voice. She stated that she believes in this Board and has voted 99% in

agreement with the Board and stated that the Board does care about the employees (CWA in audience). She echoing Chairman Mirabella's sentiments relative to labor negotiations, and encouraged CWA members to pursue the appropriate channels to have their concerns addressed.

Chairman Mirabella made comments relative to the positive experience relative to the responsiveness of the County Manager and his Administration. A conversation ensued clarifying previous statements.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Commissioner Hudak, Fiscal Committee Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 835-2021 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

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

SUSPENSION OF RULES

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

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to Suspend the Rules. On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll called showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams absent.

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.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments relative to Reso Nos. 2021-863, 2021-868, 2021-869, 2021-870, 2021-917, and 2021-930. Relative to Reso No. 2021-882, he asked for additional information related to the raise increase. Relative to Reso No. 2021-896, Mr. Paterson asked for a breakdown in cost. Relative to Reso No. 2021-931, he asked for clarification related to this item. Relative to Reso No. 2021-932, he asked about the City of Elizabeth's role in this matter. Relative to Reso Nos. 2021-934 and 2021-935, Mr. Paterson asked for additional information related to these items.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-882, Chairman Mirabella advised that the constitutional officers would be receiving a 2% raise.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-896, Director Anderson advised that monies would be used to pay taxes, utility fees, property insurance, and other operational services

including housekeeping services. She advised that costs had increased 2% in comparison to the previous year.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-931, County Counsel Bergen advised that this item would fund litigation expenses, court reports, and expert witnesses. He noted that the County had reviewed a routine amount of legislation this year, but ancillary costs had increased slightly. He added that the monies being requested under this Resolution would cover the anticipated bills for the remainder of the year.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-932, County Manager Oatman advised that the City of Elizabeth was not involved in the proposed Government Complex other than the location of the project being in Elizabeth.

County Counsel Bergen advised this item related to litigation regarding the Government Complex and the County defending its right to proceed with the project.

Commissioner Hudak confirmed that this Redevelopment Project had gone through all the proper channels and had been done through an open bid process.

John Bury, of Kenilworth, inquired about how video of the evening's meeting would be recorded and distributed. He also asked if the Board anticipated returning to the Zoom format.

Chairman Mirabella advised that he did not anticipate a return to Zoom meetings unless the COVID-19 pandemic worsened. He added that the meeting was being recorded as previous in-person meetings were recorded and would be distributed as customary.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere added that the County videographer would be responsible for preparing and distributing the video. He noted that the video would likely be available in the next few days and would subsequently be posted on the County's website.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere confirmed that there were no additional members of the public wishing to speak on Resolutions for adoption or make general comments within the Commissioners Meeting Room and/or the alternate space provided with additional seating for members of the public.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

- 2021-855 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with The Mount Olive Baptist Church, Plainfield, New Jersey to provide warming center services for homeless individuals on Union County designated Code Blue Nights for the period of January 1, 2022 through March 31, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$25,500.00.

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

- 2021-856 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to The Gateway Family YMCA, Elizabeth NJ to operate the Dudley House Veterans Transitional Housing facility for homeless veterans and eligible homeless males during the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in the total amount not to exceed \$75,000.00.

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

- 2021-857 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Prevention Links, Inc., Roselle, NJ, for the 2022 Union County Helping Hands 365 Program or the period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 in the amount of not to exceed \$110,000.00.

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

- 2021-858 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Family Promise, Inc., Summit, NJ, for the 2022 Shelter Diversion program for the period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 in the amount of not to exceed \$150,000.00.

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

- 2021-859 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract pursuant to competitive contracting law, (RCCP #10-2021) N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 to YWCA of Eastern Union County, Kenilworth, NJ, for the operation of the Union County Family Justice Center in the total amount not to exceed \$317,852.00 for Year One, with four (4) one-year options to extend the contract at the prices quoted in the agency's competitive contract proposal.

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

- 2021-860 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2021-476 to extend the contract with Geographic Solutions of Palm Harbor, FL for continuation of Workforce Information Management Data System, for the period of January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 in the amount not to exceed \$29,550.00.

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

2021-861 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to the United Way of Greater Union County to provide services under the 2022 Union County Family Support and Prevention (FSP) Program for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in the total amount not to exceed \$250,000.00; and furthermore requesting authorization to permit a one-time advance payment of up to one month of the award amount for the agency to carry out the program activities.

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

2021-862 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to the United Way of Greater Union County to provide services under the 2022 Union County Family Success Center (FSC) Program for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in the total amount not to exceed \$286,000.00; and furthermore, requesting authorization to permit a one-time advance payment of up to one month of the award amount for the agency to carry out the program activities.

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

2021-863 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to award contracts under the 2022 Social Services for the Homeless (SSH) Spending Plan, for the purpose of providing emergency services and homeless prevention to residents of Union County in a total amount not to exceed \$1,140,400.00 for the period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022; further authorizing the transfer of funds among awarded agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any fails to meet its contractual obligation.

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

2021-864 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to award contracts to the agencies on the attached list under the 2022 Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) Spending Plan for the period January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$662,625.00; further authorizing the transfer of funds among awarded agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any fails to meet its contractual obligation.

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

- 2021-865 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-883, to extend the 2021 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Spending Plan grant term by six (6) months for a new subcontract term of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; with no other changes to the spending plan or terms of the agreements.

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

- 2021-866 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2021-541, to extend the 2020-21 HEARTH Emergency Solutions (HES) Grant Spending Plan grant term by three (3) months for a new subcontract term of August 1, 2020 to March 31, 2022; with no other changes to the spending plan or terms of the agreement.

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

- 2021-867 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Foveonics Document Solutions, Clinton, NJ, through the Educational Services Commission of NJ #65MCESCCPS, to provide Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital scanning and document management for patient medical records for the period of December 3, 2021 through April 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$80,977.44.

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

- 2021-868 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2021-821 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 December 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$2,185,000.00.

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

- 2021-869 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2021-822 with Frank M. Gargiulo & Son, Inc. dba Gargiulo Produce, Hillside, NJ, for the purpose of providing food for the Union County COVID-19 Emergency Food Distribution events for the period of December 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, to increase funding in an amount not to exceed \$155,000.00, for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$1,465,000.00.

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

2021-870 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to declare UC Marine 1, Hull No. Sama1745b606, a 2005 36' Sea Ark Dauntless marine vessel, as surplus, no longer needed for County purposes and further authorizing the transfer of title to the Borough of Carteret Police Department.

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

2021-871 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to approve an annual uniform/clothing allowance for the Union County Fire Mutual Aid Coordinator and Deputy Coordinators in an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00.

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

2021-872 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Adoption of the 2021 Countywide All Hazards Mitigation Plan.

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

2021-873 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement to authorize approval for participation in the Defense Logistics Agency, Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO), 1033 Program to enable Union County Police Department to request and acquire excess Department of Defense Equipment from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

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

2021-874 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement for Tuberculosis Services with the New Jersey Medical School Global Tuberculosis Institute for a one-year period from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$92,314.20.

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

2021-875 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$31,981.00 as a result of notification

received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Paul Coverdell - Forensic Science Improvement Grant.

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

2021-876 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$74,247.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Grant.

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

2021-877 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$65,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Highway Traffic Safety for a program entitled: STEP Traffic Safety Enforcement Grant.

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

2021-878 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$61,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Highway Traffic Safety for a program entitled: Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Callout Program Grant.

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

2021-879 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$23,391.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Disability Services for a program entitled: Personal Attendant Services Program - (PASP).

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

2021-880 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$11,068.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services for a program entitled: Area Plan Contract.

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

- 2021-881 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$9,204.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Community Services Block Grant (CSBG).

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

- 2021-882 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution approving Constitutional Officers' Salary.

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

- 2021-883 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to adopt exclusionary wage increases as follows: Salary increases for 2022 shall be based upon each employee's performance evaluation and not to exceed 2% said salary increases shall be effective January 1, 2022.

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

- 2021-884 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2021- 491, a contract with French & Parello Associates, Wall, NJ to provide additional services for the 2022 Inspection of Dams, to increase the amount by an additional \$5,165.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$20,665.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2021-004).

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

- 2021-885 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2019- 999, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding (BA# 34-2019) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to KM Construction Corporation, Irvington, NJ, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Replacement of Lawrence Avenue Minor Bridge, Borough of Mountainside, New Jersey. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$79,474.45) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$374,329.92 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-042).

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

2021-886 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Resolution authorizing the County Manager to award an open ended contract obtained through advertised public bidding (BA# 50-2021) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq; Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management: Bristol Donald Co. Inc., Newark, NJ, Lots 1 & 4 of Snow Plow & Salt Spreader Equipment Parts & Accessories for a period of 24 consecutive months in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00.

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

2021-887 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Resolution granting permission to the City of Linden to close Wood Avenue between Elizabeth Avenue and Elm Street on December 3, 2021 from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm for its Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Event.

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

2021-888 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding (BA# 49-2021) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq, to HFT Management Inc., Long Valley, NJ to provide advertising on the Union County Paratransit System vehicles, as a Revenue Producing contract, for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months with the option to extend for 24 months.

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

2021-889 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Salary Reimbursement Agreement with Rutgers Cooperative Extension for the provision of State and Federal mandated agriculture and resource management, family and community health sciences, and 4-H youth development programs for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$112,898.00.

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

2021-890 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOURED: Authorizing the County Manager to award subcontracts on the attached Union County Youth Services Commission Spending Plan to provide program services based on the Juvenile

Justice Commission Points of Continuum: Prevention, Diversion, Detention, Disposition, and Reentry in the total amount not to exceed \$511,656.00 for the contract period of January 1, 2022 to 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 Kowalski and seconded by Commissioner Garretson roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Vice Chair Williams absent.

2021-891 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Amending Resolution Number 2021-569, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding (BA#32-2021) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to PAX Mundus Enterprises, LLC, Monmouth Junction, NJ, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Union County Performing Arts Center--Paint Project, City of Rahway, New Jersey. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$6,116.65) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$220,383.35 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2020-020).

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

2021-892 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN: Authorizing the County Manager to award FY2023 Alliance Program subcontracts pursuant to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA) for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$244,862.00 as specified in the spending plan; and to further authorize the County Manager to transfer funds among the municipalities listed during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the listed municipality/agencies fail to meet contractual obligation.

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

2021-893 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN: Amending Resolution Number 2021-342, a contract awarded to Paragon Restoration Corp., Kenilworth, NJ for the Improvements at Building #4 and #7 at Deserted Village of Feltville/Glenside Park, (Union County Engineering #2019-004) in the amount not to exceed \$852,500.00 to reflect a reallocation between two Account Numbers; No change in terms of the agreement or contract amount.

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

2021-894 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN: Resolution appointing Mary Claire Gilvelber, MD to the Mental Health Board (MHB) for a term commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2024.

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

2021-895 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN: Resolution appointing Malaika Walker to the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for a term ending December 31, 2025.

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

2021-896 VICE CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to continue the Lease Agreement for Cornerstone Psychiatric Unit, with Runnells BH Operating, Inc. for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$4,758,084.25.

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

2021-897 VICE CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to certify to the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health Services that there have been no changes to the plan for delivery of mental health services and that the County of Union will continue to operate a psychiatric facility during the 2022 calendar year.

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

2021-898 VICE CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Pharma-Care Inc., Clark, NJ to provide pharmacy consulting services for the patients at Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00.

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

2021-899 VICE CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with SOS Corporation, Pinehurst, NC, to provide computer software license, maintenance and support for Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County for the contract period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in the total amount not to exceed \$14,159.05.

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

2021-900 VICE CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Approving Medical Practitioners authorized to provide services to Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

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

2021-901 VICE CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into agreements with pre-qualified Medical Practitioners to provide necessary services for the patients of the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County for the contract period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

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

2021-902 VICE CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Resolution requesting a waiver of Union County's residency requirement for Ricardo S. Matias, PE, CME, CFM, (County Engineer), Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering.

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

2021-903 VICE CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Resolution requesting a waiver of Union County's residency requirement for Kelly Martins (Director/Public Information Officer), Department of Public Information.

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

2021-904 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application, on behalf of the County of Union, and if awarded, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for Fiscal Year 2022 Local Transportation Project Funds. LTPF-2022- Amphibious Excavator Grapple Loader – 00074.

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

2021-905 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to make any and all purchases of goods and/or services required in the process of preparing

and conducting elections to be provided by various vendors and to provide miscellaneous products and services for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$43,000.00.

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

2021-906 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with B & B Press Inc., Lebanon, New Jersey, to provide print services for Mail-in-Ballots and Provisional Ballots for the 2022 and 2023 Primary, General and Special Elections for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023 with the option to extend for an additional twenty-four (24) months in an amount not to exceed \$645,084.70.

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

2021-907 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Royal Printing Services, West New York, New Jersey, to provide election printing services of primary sample ballots, emergency ballots, tally sheets, and official voting machine set-up, for the 2022 and 2023 Primary, General and Special Elections, for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023 with the option to extend for an additional twenty four (24) months in an amount not to exceed \$2,140,548.00.

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

2021-908 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Full Service Mailers, Hackensack, New Jersey, to provide election mail fulfillment services for the 2022 and 2023 Primary, General and Special Elections for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023 with the option to extend for an additional twenty-four (24) months in an amount not to exceed \$195,987.60.

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

2021-909 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into a contract with Kristen Balsamo-Kleinbach, Paramus, New Jersey, to serve as a LIMS support analyst at the Union County Prosecutor's Forensic Laboratory for the period of January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$11,636.00.

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

2021-910 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Axon Enterprises, Inc., Scottsdale, Arizona through NJ State Contract # 17-FLEET-00736, for the purchase of body worn cameras and Evidence.com license and storage in an amount not to exceed \$358,688.00.

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

2021-911 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with The Rodgers Group, LLC, Island Heights, NJ for specialized and consulting services for Law Enforcement Accreditation for the period of December 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$21,950.00.

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

2021-912 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to award a contract to Gracie Global, LLC, Torrance, CA, for Gracie Survival Tactics (GST) Level 1 and 2 Dual Certification Courses in an amount not to exceed \$72,000.00 for the period of December 13, 2021 through December 22, 2021.

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

2021-913 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2021-843, a resolution 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, to reflect the correct award amount of \$52,631.57 and Subaward number FFYOH-18-2021. All other aspects of the Resolution will remain the same.

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

2021-914 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to apply for and accept funding for the purpose described in the application from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General, Division of State Police Grant Program for FY20 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program, Project Titled Improvement Computerization and Reduce CDS Backlog in

the amount of \$31,981.00 in federal funds for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 (Subaward number 20-PC-03).

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

2021-915 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2021-750, contracts for the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners/Forensic Nurse Examiners who serve as Independent Contractors as part of the Union County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) to add a stipend for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners/Forensic Nurse Examiners for certain assault cases in the amount of \$440.00 per case, for approximately 30 cases a year for a total of not to exceed \$13,200.00 and also adding trial preparation and testimony fee for an additional hourly rate of \$105.00 per hour, for approximately 36 hours for a total of not to exceed \$3,780.00. The total additional estimated amount is not to exceed \$16,980.00.

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

2021-916 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2021-26, a professional services contract with Hatfield Schwartz LLC, Cedar Knolls, NJ, counsel for Labor and Personnel matters, to increase the contract by \$90,000.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$295,000.00.

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

2021-917 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2021-36, a tuition reimbursement program for job related courses for pre-approved Union County full-time employees, to increase the contract by \$40,000.00 for a new total not too exceed \$190,000.00; no other changes to the terms or conditions of the agreement.

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

2021-918 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2021-28, a contract with Ruderman & Roth, LLC, Springfield, New Jersey, specialized legal counsel for personnel matters, to increase the contract by \$60,000.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$190,000.00.

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

- 2021-919 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2021-726, a resolution concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board Resolution No. 2021-28 providing WorkFirst New Jersey services, to indicate the correct contact award in the not to exceed amount of \$307,042.00; no other changes to the terms or conditions of the agreement.

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

- 2021-920 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services for the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) County Coordinator Fellowship Grant in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 to support the County hiring a full-time Shared Services County Coordinator Fellow for a one-year period.

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

- 2021-921 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution of the Union County Board of County Commissioners to concur with Resolution No. 2021-32 of the Union County Workforce Development Board to amend its agreement with Union County College by revising the contract start-and-end period as follows: from beginning on January 1, 2021 and ending on December 31, 2021 to the new contract period beginning on January 1, 2021 and ending on March 31, 2022; this Resolution amends County Commissioners Resolution No. 2021-250.

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

- 2021-922 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution of the Union County Board of County Commissioners to concur with Resolution No. 2021-31 of the Union County Workforce Development Board to amend its agreement with Union County College by revising the contract start-and-end period as follows: from beginning on July 1, 2019 and ending on December 31, 2020 to the new contract period beginning on July 1, 2019 and ending on March 31, 2022.

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

- 2021-923 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution of the Union County Board of County Commissioners concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board's action to approve the Revised Program Year 2021 Union County Workforce Development Area Budget—through WDB Resolution No. 2021-33—for the purpose of assigning the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act grants the

requisite indirect cost rate allowable under the approved Center Service Cost Allocation Plan.

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

2021-924 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution of the Union County Board of County Commissioners concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board's action to approve the Revised Program Year 2020 Union County Workforce Development Area Budget—through WDB Resolution No. 2021-34—for the purpose of assigning the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act grants the requisite indirect cost rate allowable under the approved Center Service Cost Allocation Plan.

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

2021-925 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution of the Union County Board of County Commissioners concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board's (UCWDB) action to approve the Revised Program Year 2020 Union County Workforce Development Area Budget —through WDB Resolution No. 2021-35—for the purpose of allocating funding for class-size training contracts.

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

2021-926 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to the Union County Economic Development Corporation, Cranford, NJ, for the purpose of providing general economic development services to private businesses within the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

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

2021-927 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to the Union County Economic Development Corporation, Cranford, NJ, for the purpose of providing procurement training/technical assistance to private businesses within Union County for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00.

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

2021-928 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Everbridge Inc., 155 North Lake Avenue, Suite 900, Pasadena, CA, 91101 to provide software and support services to the County of Union for the initial period of December 1, 2021 to November 30, 2023 with one 24-month option to extend, in an amount not to exceed \$135,000.00.

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

2021-929 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with We Are One New Jersey Inc., Trenton, NJ, to provide social and human services that educate, empower, and uplift working families under the We Are One New Jersey Project, for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$245,000.00.

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

2021-930 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the first option to extend a contract with Development Directions LLC, Rahway, NJ for Administration of the Union County Housing Voucher Program (HAPP) (Section 8) for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in the amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 with one (1) final twelve-month option to extend remaining. The administrative fees are set forth annually by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

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

2021-931 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2021-107, authorizing County Counsel to engage the services of litigation support experts, to increase the appropriation in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for a total contract sum not to exceed \$50,000.00.

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

2021-932 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2021-688, a contract with Lum, Drasco & Positan, LLC, Roseland, NJ to provide legal representation to the County of Union associated with Redevelopment Project Litigation matters (Union County Government Complex) in the City of Elizabeth, NJ, to increase the appropriation in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for a total sum not to exceed \$200,000.00.

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

2021-933 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with PBA 199 Correction Officers Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

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

2021-934 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2021-850, a MOA with PBA Local 199, to reflect the correct negotiated term of July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022.

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

2021-935 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with PBA 73 County Police Officers Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

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

2021-936 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution authorizing payment for accrued 2020 Vacation Leave due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

2021-937 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution authorizing the County Manager to sell the real property owned by the County of Union commonly known as 121-123 Westfield Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ no longer needed for public use, to the Elizabeth Board of Education in the amount of \$365,000.00.

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

2021-938 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract obtained through a competitive contracting process in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-4.1 et seq; Office of the Clerk of the Board: Cityside Archives LLC for the purposes of providing records storage and management services of the County's official documents for a period of commencing

January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026, in the total amount not to exceed \$441,794.05.

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

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2021-939 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating Assemblywoman Quijano upon being honored by Groundwork Elizabeth Inc., at their Urban Farm Dinner on Sunday, November 14, 2021.

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

- 2021-940 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Newton Jones Burkett, Jr., during their time of sorrow.

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

- 2021-941 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution honoring the late William "Bill" Frolich and further recognize the street at the corner of East Avenue and Chestnut Street in Roselle as "Bill Frolich Way".

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

- 2021-942 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing George "G.G." Woody Jr. on being honored in Roselle with a street renaming ceremony on November 27, 2021. The official renaming of 9th Avenue between Chestnut Street and Walnut Street as "George 'G.G.' Woody Jr. Way."

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

- 2021-943 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution commending Jim Madden of the New Providence Municipal Alliance on being named LACADA's 2021 Union County Volunteer of the Year.

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

2021-944 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Union County Parks System.

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

2021-945 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution offering the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Stephen "Steve" Haggerty of Union who passed away on November 27, 2021.

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Garretson noted her recent attendance to an out-of-county event entitled the 1972 Black National Convention, noting that the event would be coming to Newark in 2022. She noted that she was pleased that Newark Mayor Baraka and Jackson Mayor Lumumba would be participating as their fathers had been part of the original movement. On another note, she spoke about her recent attendance, alongside Commissioner Hudak, of Legislative Day at Kean University, recognizing all the great work happening under new Kean President Lamont Repollet. To close, she spoke about the recent NJ League of Municipalities in Atlantic City and thanked her Commissioner colleagues for their participation at the NJ19 – Black County Caucus, noting that the organization was instrumental in replacing the word Freeholder with Commissioner. She closed by noting that she looks forward to the work ahead alongside her colleagues.

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded welcomed everyone back, adding that she was excited to resume in-person meetings and hoped they would continue. She spoke relative to the launch of the Fresh Start mobile program, the first of its kind in New Jersey. She noted that she had the opportunity to visit the site alongside Commissioner Granados and noted that it was a fantastic resource for residents in need. On another note, she spoke relative to several upcoming events, including a performance of The Nutcracker on December 5th and the Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway and a Holiday Concert at UC Vocational-Technical Schools in Scotch Plains on December 11th. She also noted her recent visit to The Model Railroad Club in Union with Commissioner Kowalski and encouraged residents to check out their special Holiday Train Show and Open House on Saturday and Sundays.

Commissioner Leon spoke relative to the holiday season, noting that it was a time to appreciate family and friends and a time of reflection. She noted that she had been visiting toy drives and other charitable events throughout the County and expressed her gratitude for the demonstrations of generosity throughout the community. She added that the County had provided food to over 2000 residents during the previous week's Emergency Food Distribution event. She added that she was proud of her Union County family for helping those in need and thanked all those involved for their volunteering

efforts, in particular Director Anderson, for her non-stop efforts. She closed by encouraging residents to give the gift of health this season by getting themselves and their families vaccinated against COVID-19.

Commissioner Granados thanked all the members of the public for their participation in this evening's meeting. On another note, he spoke relative to the Fresh Start program initiated by Chairman Mirabella, noting that there was a desperate need for this service. He added that in addition to shower and laundry services, residents would be able to interact with Union County staff and learn more about the available housing and employment resources. To close, he wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Commissioner Kowalski had no comments.

Commissioner Hudak spoke relative to the CWA employees that had participated in the meeting earlier. He echoed Chairman Mirabella's sentiments, noting that while he appreciated their participation and passion, negotiations of labor contracts were not conducted in that fashion. He also recognized the tremendous efforts of the many volunteers throughout the County, including County Manager Oatman, relative to the Emergency Food Distribution Drives, noting the continued staggering need for this resource.

Commissioner Staten thanked everyone for attending this evening's meetings, noting that it was nice to be back in-person.

Chairman Mirabella noted that he was pleased to resume in-person meetings and congratulated colleague, Commissioner Leon, for participating in her first in-person meeting since she was elected to the Board, adding that she had done a great job. He reminded residents of another upcoming Food Distribution Drive on Saturday at Kean University. On another note, he spoke relative to his attendance earlier that week to the 10th anniversary ceremony of the Wenzhou University Campus. He advised that he had the opportunity to visit China many years ago to facilitate the Sister City Agreement between Union County and the City of Wenzhou, noting that what started as a business relationship bloomed into an educational relationship as well as a decade-long partnership. To close, he encouraged residents to shop locally for their holiday needs and in turn assist businesses that continued to struggle due to the COVID-19 pandemic and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Commissioner Garretson and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 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**

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AGENDA SETTING SESSION

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March 25, 2021

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April 22, 2021

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May 20, 2021

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June 24, 2021

July 22, 2021

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September 2, 2021
September 23, 2021

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October 21, 2021

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November 18, 2021

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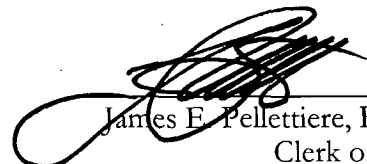
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James E. Pellettiere, RMC, QPA
Clerk of the Board

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