



## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:20 P.M.

### ROLL CALL

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

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

### PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

### STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

### APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

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Note and File

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

### ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

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**829-2021 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART 1-THE UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, CHAPTER 1, UNION COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE BY AMENDING ARTICLE XIV-DEPARTMENTS. DIVISIONS, BUREAUS §1-71. DEPARTMENTS ENUMERATED; DELETING ARTICLE XX-DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; and, AMENDING CHAPTER 140, CONTRACTED OFF-DUTY EMPLOYMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.**

County Counsel Bruce Bergen advised that Ordinance 829-2021 was introduced for first reading during the Board's last meeting on May 20, 2021 and related to the closing of the UC

Jail and the elimination of the Department of Corrections. He further advised that since then it became necessary to amend the pending ordinance to comply with requests from the civil service commission and labor unions. He added that the County had decided to withdraw the initial Ordinance, rather than amend and reintroduce a more comprehensive item to maintain transparency and ensure that the public was properly informed.

Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to withdraw Ordinance 829-2021. On a motion made by Vice Chair Williams and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Commissioner Garretson absent.

#### **ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION**

**830-2021 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART 1-THE UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, CHAPTER 1, UNION COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE BY AMENDING ARTICLE XIV-DEPARTMENTS, DIVISIONS, BUREAUS §1-71. DEPARTMENTS ENUMERATED; DELETING ARTICLE XX-DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; and, AMENDING CHAPTER 140, CONTRACTED OFF-DUTY EMPLOYMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.**

##### **FIRST READING STATEMENT**

Vice Chairman Rebecca Williams, Policy Chair, moved Ordinance Number 830-2021 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The Public Hearing and Final Reading will be held on June 24, 2021.

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

Maria Echeverria, of Elizabeth, expressed her concerns relative to the COVID-19 vaccines as well as Bill S3866 which had recently passed the NJ Legislature and allowed Governor Murphy to retain fourteen executive orders relative to the COVID-19 pandemic even after the public health emergency was rescinded.

Chairman Mirabella thanked Ms. Echeverria for her comments, noting the Board's commitment to science and sense and consequently the COVID-19 vaccination efforts.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, thanked fellow Union County resident Maria Echeverria for her comments, noting the importance of respecting alternative perspectives and opposing viewpoints. Relative to Ordinance 830-2021, he inquired about the fashion by which this ordinance had been presented. Additionally, Mr. Paterson inquired about several Resolutions. Relative to Reso No. 2021-427 and Reso Nos. 430-439, he inquired if these pandemic-related monies were already included in the 2021 Budget. Relative to Reso 2021-458, he asked who the cited advocates were. Relative to Reso No. 2021-461, he asked for additional information relative to the cited agreements. To close, he made comments related to Acting Prosecutor Lyndsay Ruotolo and her new position at the State with the Juvenile Justice Division.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-427 and Reso Nos. 430-439, Director Taylor advised that these would items did modify the 2021 Budget in the amount of \$10,211,930.08. Additionally, she noted that the related grants also modified the adopted budget and would include items as revenue appropriating the same amount in the general ledger.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-458, Acting Prosecutor advised that this item related to a grant which was secured annually through the federal government to cover direct victim witness services. She added that these funds would cover the salary of six victim witness advocates, a program assistant, and a victim notification clerk as well as resources related to referral services, relocation services, and food insecurity among other services.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-461, County Counsel Bergen advised that this item related to specialized counseling services, noting that the vendor had been working with the County since the previous year relative to the UC Jail closure and the elimination of the Department of Corrections. He added that the help from the civil service commission and unions relative to this change had been invaluable.

Chairman Mirabella noted his approval and the Board's approval of the work done by Acting Prosecutor Ruotolo during her time with the County of Union and wished her well on her new position.

Commissioner Garretson joined the meeting.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere confirmed there were no remaining members of the public wishing to comment.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

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The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

**2021-422 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to the Urban League of Union County, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the Reconnections Program to assist persons returning to the community from incarceration to access services to become productive citizens for the period of June 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the total amount not to exceed \$50,000.

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

**2021-423 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Jewish Family Services of Central New Jersey, Elizabeth, New Jersey for the Pandemic Recovery Volunteer Corps (PRVC) Program to engage volunteers to assist Union County residents in addressing community needs, in the total amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for the period of June 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

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

**2021-424 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with POWER DMS, Orlando, Florida, for electronic memorandum services for the period of May 12, 2021 to May 11, 2022 in the amount of not to exceed \$5,167.50.

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

**2021-425 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept and expend funds awarded through the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM) Preparedness Bureau via NJEM Grants funded through the 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant - EMPG/ Emergency Management Agency Assistance- EMAA Grant (FY21-EMPG- EMAA-2000) in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.00; consisting of up to a \$55,000.00 Federal Award (with a County in-kind match of up to and in an amount of not to exceed \$55,000.00), for the performance period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

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

**2021-426 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to accept the following vehicle: 1996 Pierce Quantum Pump Engine Vin #4P1CT02SXTA000550 from Union Fire Department, Union, New Jersey, for

training purposes at the Union County Fire Training Academy in the amount of \$1.00.

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

**2021-427 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend New Jersey Department of Health grant funds to support Vaccination Supplemental Funding in the amount of not to exceed \$450,000.00.

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

**2021-428 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept and expend a grant award from the New Jersey Department of Health for continuing the Right to Know compliance program in Union County for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$16,401.00.

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

**2021-429 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Sub-grant Agreement with The Community Hospital Group, Inc. D/B/A JFK Medical Center, Edison, N.J to provide nurse case management of lead poisoned children through the County Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program from October 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 in an amount of not to exceed \$70,000.00.

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

**2021-430 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$2,946,215.08 as a result of notification received from the United States, Department of Treasury for a program entitled: Emergency Rental Assistance - Round 2 Grant.

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

**2021-431 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$4,610.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for a program entitled: Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant.

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

**2021-432 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$499,037.00 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 Witness Advocacy Grant.

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

**2021-433 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$450,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: COVID-19 Vaccination Supplemental Funding Grant.

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

**2021-434 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$16,401.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: Right to Know Project Grant.

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

**2021-435 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$1,162,641.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult Grant.

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

**2021-436 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$1,113,558.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Youth Grant.

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

**2021-437 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$1,331,273.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Dislocated Worker Grant.

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

**2021-438 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$2,408,436.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: WorkFirst New Jersey Allotments.

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

**2021-439 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$155,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: Workforce Learning Link (WLL) Grant.

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

**2021-440 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Borough of Kenilworth's Independence Day Celebration on June 27, 2021 in the amount not to exceed \$4,000.

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

**2021-441 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Township of Scotch Plains' Independence Day Celebration on July 3, 2021 in the amount not to exceed \$4,000.

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

**2021-442 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Township of Cranford's Independence Day Celebration on July 2, 2021 in the amount of not to exceed \$4,000.

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

**2021-443 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Township of Springfield's Independence Day Celebration on July 4, 2021 in the amount of not to exceed \$2,000.

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

**2021-444 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Independent Authors Book Exposition on August 7, 2021 in the amount not to exceed \$1,000.

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

**2021-445 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Linden Halloween Parade Committee's Halloween Parade on October 24, 2021 in the amount not to exceed \$4,000.

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

**2021-446 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the New Outlook Pioneers Penn Jersey Chapter 32's Music in the Park Season of Gratitude: "Honoring Covid19 Victims Celebrating Survivors" on August 19, 2021 in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.

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

**2021-447 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Linden General Pulaski Parade Committee's various 2021 Polish heritage events including the Annual General Pulaski Parade in the amount not to exceed \$4,000.

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

**2021-448 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract obtained through advertised public bidding (B.A. # 29-2021) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Eagle Building Services, LLC, Newark, NJ, for the purpose of providing window cleaning services for twenty-four (24) consecutive months, with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month optional extension, in an amount not to exceed \$125,300.00.

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

**2021-449 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract obtained through advertised public bidding (B.A. # 30-2021) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Vanore Electric, Inc., Hackensack, NJ, for the purpose of providing electrical systems services for twenty-four (24) consecutive months, with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month optional extension, in an amount not to exceed \$251,168.00.



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

**2021-450 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution granting permission to the Borough of Roselle Park to close Chestnut Street from Grant Avenue to Webster Avenue on Monday, May 31, 2021 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm to hold the 2021 Memorial Day Parade; to hang a banner on Chestnut Street from June 14, 2021 until July 6, 2021 advertising the 2021 Independence Day Celebration; and to hang a banner on Chestnut Street from June 1, 2021 until June 14, 2021 advertising the Spring 2021 Borough-Wide Garage Sale.

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

**2021-451 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution granting permission to the City of Linden to close Wood Avenue from Routes 1&9 to Gibbons Street on Sunday, October 24, 2021 for the annual Halloween Parade from 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm with a rain date of October 31, 2021.

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

**2021-452 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights, Downtown Beautification Committee to hang a banner advertising Restaurant Month across Plainfield Avenue from August 16, 2021 until September 30, 2021.

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

**2021-453 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply and enter into an agreement with New Jersey Transit to secure SFY22 grant funding in the amount of \$1,064,750.00 for the grant period of January 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2022.

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

**2021-454 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2021-340 to reflect an increase to the Aging Area Plan Contract Spending Plan in the amount of \$1,710,692.72 to reflect a new total not to exceed \$6,413,583.72 for the period of January 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2021.

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

**2021-455 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN:** Amending Resolution Number 2021-168 adopted on February 18, 2021, (BA# 9-2021) a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law,

N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Fischer Contracting, Inc., of Scotch Plains, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Wheeler Park Path Paving Project, City of Linden, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by \$618.40 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$70,036.60 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2020-022).

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

**2021-456 VICE CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the County's second option extending the contract with Universal Protection Services LLC, Bridgewater, NJ, through the public bidding process BA#12-2019 as per Resolution 2020-465, for security coverage to Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County, for the period of twelve (12) months commencing July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, in the total amount not to exceed \$376,398.45.

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

**2021-457 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2021-284, a contract with Kristen Balsamo-Kleinbach, to serve only as a LIMS support analyst at the Union County Prosecutor's Forensic Laboratory for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at no additional cost to the County.

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

**2021-458 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of the Prosecutor, to apply for and accept funding for the purpose described in the application from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety for FFY19 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Program for project titled County Office of Victim Witness Advocacy in the amount of \$499,037.00 in federal funds with a required match of not to exceed \$124,759.00 for a project total cost of \$623,796.00 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (Subaward number V-62-19).

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

**2021-459 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of 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, Division of Administration, Department of Law and Public Safety for FFY19 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Program for the project titled County Sexual Assault Response Team/Forensic Nurse Examiner Program to reflect the total project cost of \$225,509.00. The total project cost reflects the full grant award of \$86,427.00 in federal funds, the required match amount of not to exceed \$21,607.00 and an existing budgeted salary and fringe cost of \$117,475.00 for the

period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 (Subaward number VS-85-19).

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

**2021-460 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution 2020-479, approving the 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Action Plan and the 2020-2021 Annual Consolidated Action Plan (Year 46) to reflect the utilization of funds in the total amount of \$30,111.00 from the Plainfield Program Income - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the following programs: Plainfield Comprehensive Housing Assistance Program (CHAP) in an amount of \$5,111.00 for a new CHAP Year 46 project total in the amount of not to exceed \$340,111.00; and, for the new project Dudley House Transitional Housing in the amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

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

**2021-461 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-746 dated October 15, 2020, to increase the appropriation to The Weiner Law Group, LLP, of Parsippany, NJ, in an additional amount not to exceed \$70,000.00 for additional legal services of a specialized nature for a total contract amount not to exceed \$85,000.00.

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

#### **COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

**2021-462 COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing students from 10 school districts in Union County that participated in a four-week interactive financial literacy course this spring, called the "2021 Stock Market Challenge" hosted by the Zeta Nu Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity in Plainfield, in order to help empower local youth with insights and experience on investing in the stock market; and further congratulating Plainfield and Roselle school districts on being named two of three winners in the "Team Winner" category, and students Justin Bugarin of Plainfield and Leah Brogden of Berkeley Heights on being named two of three winners in the "Individual Winner" category.

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

**2021-463 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing the Hispanic Latino Alumni Council (HLAC) as they host their annual HLAC Scholars Recognition Event Saturday June 12th, which honors Latino undergraduate students who have demonstrated scholastic achievement, campus and community involvement, and furthermore congratulating all the

award recipients for their hard work and contributions to their local communities within Union County.

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

**2021-464 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Joseph (J.P.) Miele, founder and Chairman Emeritus of Partnership for a Drug-Free NJ, during their time of sorrow.

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

**2021-465 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Laudatory resolution congratulating the General Pulaski Day Parade Committee, Linden, NJ as they celebrate their sashing Dinner on Saturday, June 12, 2021; and further congratulating the 2021 Linden General Pulaski Parade Linden Marshall: Police Chief David Hart; the 2021 Linden General Pulaski Parade Miss Polonia: Sophie Kotulski; and 2021 Linden General Pulaski Parade Junior Miss Polonia: Marcelina Domaradzka and 2021 Little Miss Polonia: Milena Glab.

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

**2021-466 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDE & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing Russell "Russ" Triolo for 50 years of exemplary service to the Boys and Girls Club of Union County.

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

**2021-467 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution proclaiming the month of June, 2021, as "Adopt-A-Cat Month" throughout the County of Union.

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

**2021-468 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Proclaiming the month of June, 2021 as Immigrant Heritage Month.

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

**2021-469 VICE CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing the month of June as LGBTQ Pride Month at their Pride Flag Raising Ceremony on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 to honor the history of the LGBTQ liberation

movement and to support the rights of all citizens to experience equality and freedom from discrimination.

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

**2021-470 VICE CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of John J. Sweeney, Vice Chair of the Green Brook Flood Control Commission, during their time of sorrow.

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

**2021-471 VICE CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution wishing health and happiness to former Elizabeth "Liz" Urquhart as she celebrates her 90th birthday.

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

**2021-472 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of John Laezza, Clark's Business Administrator, during their time of sorrow.

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

#### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

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Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded spoke about her recent attendance to the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Disc Golf Course at Oak Ridge Park in Clark, adding that this was the first full disc golf course in the County. On a different note, she reminded residents about the Women of Excellence Awards the following evening which would be hosted virtually due to COVID-19. She noted that these recipients were to be honored the previous year, but due to the pandemic, the event had been postponed. She advised interested residents to visit the County website to register for the virtual ceremony. To close, she congratulated Russell Triolo for his 50 years of service to the Boys and Girls Club of Union County.

Commissioner Leon congratulated fellow colleagues Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded on their recent Primary Election victories as well as Commissioner hopeful James Baker.

Commissioner Granados echoed the sentiments of Commissioner Leon and congratulated Chairman Mirabella, Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, and Mr. James Baker on their recent election wins. Relative to Acting Prosecutor Ruotolo, Commissioner Granados commended her on an amazing job, noting her commitment to the County and local law enforcement agencies through many initiatives she helped introduced. He congratulated

Acting Prosecutor Ruotolo on her new position, noting his confidence in her abilities and the tremendous value she will bring at the state level.

Commissioner Hudak also recognized Acting Prosecutor Ruotolo, noting that her new position was reflective of her reputation and prior work, including her tremendous efforts relative to the Helping Hands initiative. On another note, he congratulated Chairman Mirabella, Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, and Mr. James Baker on their Primary Election wins and wished them well on their General Election run. He also recognized everyone that participated in the election process, noting the importance of this process as it relates to democracy. To close, he wished residents a happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday and encouraged residents to get vaccinated against COVID-19, noting the vaccines as safe and effective.

Commissioner Staten echoed the sentiments of her colleagues and congratulated all the Primary Election winners as well as all of the 2021 graduates. On another note, she invited residents to attend the Juneteenth Flag Raising ceremony on June 19<sup>th</sup> in front of the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth. She spoke relative to the flag's design and the arch representing the often difficult road that must be traveled to evoke meaningful change. She also spoke relative to the history of Juneteenth, noting it as one of the oldest known celebrations commemorating the ending of slavery in the U.S. She added that Juneteenth was first celebrated in Galveston, Texas where the last of enslaved people were freed.

Commissioner Kowalski congratulated Acting Prosecutor Ruotolo on her new position as well as Chairman Mirabella, Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, and Mr. James Baker on their Primary Election win as well as all the other winners of the Primary Election cycle. She also thanked the voters for their participation in the democratic process, noting a big voter turnout in Cranford and Plainfield. She closed by adding that she looked forward to the virtual Women of Excellence Ceremony and the many upcoming Juneteenth activities.

Commissioner Garretson congratulated Chairman Mirabella, Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, and Mr. James Baker on their election wins. She also offered her best wishes to Acting Prosecutor Ruotolo on her new position with the State of New Jersey. On another note, she spoke about Juneteenth and thanked Commissioner Staten for providing a brief history on the holiday.

Vice Chair Williams also offered her congratulations to everyone that participated in the Primary Election, particularly the winners, for their willingness to serve the public in the capacity of public servant. On another note, she congratulated Acting Prosecutor Rutolo on her new position as Director of the Division of Criminal Justice for the State of New Jersey. Vice Chair Williams spoke relative to Juneteenth and the upcoming flag raising event, noting that her family has observed the holiday for decades as her father was born in Galveston, Texas. She thanked the State of NJ for officially recognizing Juneteenth as a State and Public Holiday. On another note, she offered her well wishes to former Plainfield councilmember and current member of the UC Board of Taxation, Elizabeth Urquhart on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, noting the many contributions to the community, both past and present, made by Ms. Urquhart over the years; she thanked her colleagues for supporting this Resolution. Relative to Pride Month, Vice Chair Williams noted several

upcoming family-friendly events including, a 'Let Me Be Me' Field Day in Warinanco Park and an LGBTQ Trivia Night at Ash Brook Golf Course in Scotch Plains, among others. To close, she noted the recent installment of the Queer Empowerment Hour, which focused on the history and rights of the LGBTQ movement and thanked host Mikayla Mirabella and guests for the informative discussion.

Chairman Mirabella wished Ms. Elizabeth Urquhart a Happy Birthday, noting her constant radiant presence. He congratulated colleague Commissioner Hudak on being selected in the Primary to represent the Democratic Party on the State Committee. On another note, he spoke relative to the UCC's Women's Soccer Team making the final 8 during the national championship round of the junior college circuit, noting a tremendous performance. He added that this was the first time a major tournament took place at the new turf field at Oak Ridge Park. He also spoke relative to the first UC Fire Academy's graduation ceremony the previous evening, noting 40 new firefighter graduates, several from Hillside, Union, and Rahway. He thanked County Manager Oatman and Director Moran for their efforts in bringing this new facility to fruition. He added that many towns had expressed interest in using the facility, including out-of-town municipalities, noting the financial benefit of such a resource. On another note, he congratulated Acting Prosecutor Ruotolo on her new position with the State of New Jersey and wished her well on her new professional endeavor. To close, he mentioned the County's outdoor drive-up concerts and thanked County Manager Oatman, Deputy County Manager Wagner, Director Zuber, Ellen Chase, Vicki Durbin-Drake, and Sean Faughnan for their related efforts. He also noted his recent attendance to pride-related events as well as the Portuguese Flag Raising ceremony alongside Commissioner Granados and UC Board of Elections Commissioner Tony Texeira.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

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