



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2021
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

Chairman Mirabella addressed the public:

Good evening, and welcome to another remote meeting of the Commissioner Board. As always, we have a lot of ground to cover tonight.

Union County is getting back to normal, but the COVID-19 virus is still here, in our state, in our country, and all across the world. Vaccinated people are protected, but if you are not vaccinated, you are still at risk of dying or experiencing lifelong, debilitating impacts. So please, if you want to come out and have fun with everybody else, get your vaccine now.

We are ramping up our mobile vaccine operations and we are literally going door-to-door, to help ensure that everyone has access to a vaccine. Visit ucnj.org/vax to find out where to get your shot in Union County, or call us at 908- 613-7VAX.

We also know that many residents are still feeling the financial impacts of the outbreak. For food assistance, come to the drive-through food distribution event at Kean University this Saturday, June 26, beginning at 8:00 in the morning.

I would also like to let everyone know that summer activities are returning County parks, in accordance with the latest guidance from Governor Murphy and the CDC. We have programs for all ages and abilities, so please check the County website, ucnj.org, or follow us on social media, for the latest updates.

And, in honor of Pride Month, this Monday we will break ground on an upgrade of the north end of Cedar Brook Park in Plainfield. The improvements will include unique new features that create a welcoming, inclusive, and affirming space for all ages to enjoy. We are all looking forward to seeing the new park take shape over the summer, and I would like to thank Vice Chair Williams for her support and guidance on this project.

In another sign that things are getting back to normal, I'm happy to report that the County is sponsoring fireworks for 4th of July celebrations in seven municipalities: Kenilworth; Scotch Plains; Cranford; Springfield; Plainfield; Roselle Park; and Rahway. Enjoy the fireworks, and please be safe during the holiday weekend.

We are also looking forward to July 14, when New Providence will hold an official ribbon cutting to celebrate the first baseball game to be played at the newly renovated Grove Field. The work was supported by a grant from the Union County Kids Recreation Trust Fund. The Trust Fund has improved municipal fields all over Union County, and it's always a pleasure to see it in action.

And finally, I want to recognize everyone who responded to a distress call from a resident who became overwhelmed while out hiking in the woods in Scotch Plains over the weekend. Locating him and bringing him out took a coordinated effort that included the Union County Police, Emergency Management, and EMS, as well as Scotch Plains Police and Fire personnel and the crew at the Union County Regional Dispatch Center: Madison Evans, Anthony Longo, Jackie Templeton, Brandon Beal, Nicole Grossmith, and Gerald Pobuta. I want to personally, and on behalf of the Board, thank everyone for their ability to combine resources and respond quickly to a challenging situation that might have otherwise ended in tragedy.

And now, let's turn to the business of tonight's meeting.

PRESENTATIONS BY THE BOARD

A resolution presentation was made by the Board and the NJAC Foundation relative to the 2021 NJAC Foundation Scholarship recipients.

Chairman Mirabella introduced UC Vocational-Technical Schools Superintendent Gwen Ryan and NJAC Executive Director, John Donnadio, on behalf of the NJAC Foundation.

He called upon Executive Director Donnadio to say a few words.

NJAC Executive Director John Donnadio thanked the Board for the opportunity to make this presentation and for their continued support, noting that he looked forward to getting back to in-person meetings soon. He advised that over the last decade the NJAC Foundation had been able to award over \$400,000 to approximately 700 students enrolled in vocational technical schools, with plans to continue their college education in NJ. He recognized all the students for their tremendous efforts and thanked the various superintendents for their nominations. He thanked Investors Bank, PSE&G, and SHI International Corp. for their continued generosity, noting that the scholarship program would not be possible without their contributions.

Chairman Mirabella thanked NJAC Executive Director Donnadio for his continued hard work and advocacy. He introduced UCVTS Superintendent Gwen Ryan and asked her to say a few words.

Superintendent Ryan thanked the NJAC Foundation, SHI International Corp., Investors Bank, and PSE&G for making these scholarships available to students enrolled in career and technical institutes. She also thanked the Board for recognizing Alex Tan and for their continued support of the students at UCVTS.

Chairman Mirabella asked scholarship recipient and UCVTS student Alex Tan to say a few words.

Alex Tan thanked the Board and NJAC for the recognition, noting the year as difficult for an IT intern during the COVID-19 pandemic. He added that the monies would be of great use to him as he prepared to attend Rutgers – New Brunswick.

Nick Sgroi of SHI International Corp. thanked the Board and NJAC for allowing them to participate and give back. He congratulated Alex Tan and wished him well as he continued his education.

Mike Coyle of PSE&G congratulated Alex and wished him luck at Rutgers.

Chairman Mirabella thanked Nick Sgroi of SHI International Corp. and Mick Coyle of PSE&G for their generosity.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Chairman Mirabella advised that the Communications would be approved later during the Regular Meeting.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Lyndsay V. Ruotolo, Acting Prosecutor

First Assistant Prosecutor Doreen Yanik represented the Office.

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

Chairman Mirabella asked First Assistant Prosecutor Yanik to give the Board's best relative to her new position with the State.

1. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into an agreement with Thermo Scientific Portable Analytical Instruments Inc. (Lifetech), Carlsbad, CA to purchase proprietary reagents supplies and service agreements for instrument maintenance for the period of June 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$239,640.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into an agreement with Tecan US Inc., Morrisville, NC, to purchase service agreements for instrument maintenance necessary to perform DNA testing for the period of 12 months upon contract execution, in an amount not to exceed \$18,928.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Axon Enterprise Inc., Scottsdale, Arizona, for the renewal of a license for Evidence.com in an amount not to exceed \$15,500.25. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
4. Amending Resolution Number 2021-364, a contract awarded to Clearview Data Systems, Greenville, SC, for the purpose of providing annual maintenance contract of software and hardware of a mugshot, fingerprint and data processing system, to increase the invoiced amount from \$23,575.43 to \$24,921.26 for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. The original contracted amount and all other aspects of the contract will remain the same. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Nicole DiRado, Administrator

1. Amending Resolution Number 2021-102, a contract with Liberty Transportation Group, Berkeley Heights, NJ, to increase the contract amount by an additional amount of \$14,395.00 for a new contract amount of not to exceed \$74,395.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Chairman Mirabella asked Administrator DiRado to elaborate on this item.

Administrator DiRado advised that the Board of Elections had secured this contract for election-related transportation services for the 2021 election cycles as customary, the previous year. She advised that last year, her office has used the former Juvenile Detention Center in Linden as a temporary tally center for the 2020 election cycle, noting three vote tabulators on site as well as an envelope processing machine. She further advised that when the Juvenile Detention Center was vacated, the vendor had to move this equipment to the BOE's voting machine warehouse and then again to the main BOE office in Elizabeth, which would be the new tally center. She noted that the additional

fees related to these unanticipated moving expenses and the monies needed for election-related transportation services for the remainder of the year. She added that the tabulation machines were incredibly costly at over \$110,000 each and it was imperative to ensure these items were moved carefully and by an insured and reputable vendor.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Laura Scutari, Director

Chairman Mirabella noted that many of these items seemed to be related to insurance renewals.

Director Scutari confirmed this to be the case, noting many items were being renewed for a three-year term, with a six-month extension option which would allow the items to commence in January rather than mid-year.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Axis Insurance Company, Chicago, IL, through Beckerman & Company, the County's Insurance Broker of Record, for Watchung Stables Accident and Health Insurance for the period of July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$4,789.04. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Princeton Insurance Company, Princeton, New Jersey, through Beckerman & Company, the County's Insurance Broker of Record for a Medical Malpractice insurance policy for Cornerstone staff, for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in amount not to exceed \$5,883.09. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Liberty Mutual Surety, King of Prussia, PA through Beckerman & Company, the County's Insurance Broker of Record, for a Blanket Surety Bond for Public Officials for the period of July 12, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$3,252.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract for Cyber Security insurance coverage with Conner Strong & Buckelew Companies, LLC through the New Jersey Counties Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund for the period of June 26, 2021 through June 25, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$60,667.84 **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with American Family Life Assurance Company, Columbus, Georgia for the provision of Voluntary Accident, Sickness, Disability insurance for off-the-job coverage to County employees for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 with the option to renew for 18 months at no cost to the County. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
6. Amending Resolution Number 2021-27, a professional services contract with Eric M. Bernstein and Associates, LLC, Warren, NJ, special counsel for Labor and Personnel matters, to increase the contract by \$85,000.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$200,000.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Commissioner Garretson asked Director Scutari to elaborate on this item and asked how costs compared to the previous year.

Director Scutari advised that this item related to special counsel for personnel matters, including disciplinary action. She added that the firm was working on 15 active cases and the increase was necessary to finalize these cases. She advised that last year, the cost for this resource had been \$120,000.

7. Authorizing the County Manager to approve Third Party Administrative Services with Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, through BGIA/Acrisure, the County's Health Insurance Consultant/Broker of Record for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 for an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 with one six-month option to extend. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
8. Authorizing the County Manager to approve Prescription Benefit Management Services for Employee Self-Insurance Program to CAREMARKPCS HEALTH, L.L.C., Woonsocket, RI, through BGIA/Acrisure, Woodbridge, NJ, as the County's Health Insurance Consultant/Broker of Record for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$710,000.00 with one six (6) month option to extend. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
9. Authorizing the County Manager to approve Claims Payment Authorization for Employee Health and Prescription Self-Insurance Program to Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, Newark, NJ and CAREMARKPCS, LLC, Woonsocket, RI, the contracted Third Party Administrators, for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 with one six (6) months option to extend. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
10. Authorizing the County Manager to award a stop-loss insurance contract to Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, Newark, NJ through BGIA/Acrisure, Woodbridge, NJ, as the County's Health Insurance Consultant/Broker of Record for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$2,600,000.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
11. Authorizing the County Manager to renew Union County Cooperative Pricing System, ID# 8UCCP, which expires July 8, 2021, for another term of 20 months, making the new expiration date March 5, 2023. This cooperative pricing system, with the approval of both the County and the vendor(s), allows approved municipal and other governmental members to purchase utilizing a County of Union contract subject to its specifications, terms and conditions with no fees or cost to the County of Union. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
12. Resolution declaring various goods as surplus and no longer needed for use by the County, and further authorizing the County Manager to advertise and hold a public auction for said surplus goods. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Ronald Charles, Director

Assistant Director Robert Cesaro represented the Department.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2021-248, a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Essex for relocation of inmates on an as needed basis for the period of January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in an additional amount of \$1,570,792.00 for expenses incurred during 2021, per diem cost of \$98.00 per inmate per day, for a new total amount not to exceed \$4,253,542.00 for year 2021 for an overall total contract amount not to exceed \$6,055,762.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Commissioner Garretson asked Assistant Director Cesaro to elaborate on this item.

Assistant Director Cesaro advised that this item related to the closure of the UC Jail. He noted that the reduction of services and eventual closure required certain staff to seek alternative employment. He added that as a result of reduced staff and to ensure the safety and security of inmates, the County had opted to increase the quantity of inmates being transferred before the July 1st deadline.

County Manager Oatman confirmed that due to a reduction of employees, inmates were being transferred earlier than anticipated which resulted in this increase in costs.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amy Crisp Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

1. 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 Resolution No. 2021-19—for the purpose of assigning the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act grant, the WorkFirst New Jersey grant, and the Workforce Learning Link grant the requisite indirect cost rate allowable under the approved Center Service Cost Allocation Plan, as specified in the forms attached hereto and made a part hereof. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Resolution of the Union County Board of County Commissioners concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board action—through Resolution No. 2021-20—to employ First-In, First-Out (FIFO) accounting practices to transfer WIOA expenses in the amount of \$73,863.70 from Program Year 2020 to Program Year 2019 to thereby free-up the commensurate amount of available funds in Program Year 2020, as specified in the forms attached hereto and made a part hereof. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
3. Resolution of the Union County Board of County Commissioners concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board's action of awarding a performance-based contract extension to the Union County Department of Human Services for the provision of American Job Center Services Operator for the period of July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00, with the option to extend the contract for one additional year. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Commissioner Garretson asked Deputy County Manager Wagner to elaborate on this item and advise about the annual cost for this item.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that this item went out for RFP for a provider to operate the American Job Center. She advised that the County was its own contractor and the Department of Human Services had applied to the RFP and was awarded the contract for a two-year term. She noted that the two year term was scheduled to end in June and this item allowed the County to extend the contract for another year. Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that the Department was awarded \$2 million annually which was usually spent in its entirety, noting that unused monies could be applied to the following year.

4. Amending Resolution Number 2020-654, authorizing the County Manager to distribute Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 Funds, to support activities that prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus, to reflect additional funds in the amount of \$17,000.00 to provide for lead inspection services by Mandell Lead Inspectors, Inc., as per HUD requirements under the County's CDBG - CV Rental Assistance program, for a new amount not to exceed \$1,367,000.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Essex to apply for the NJ Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) Implementation Grant for Transportation Vehicle Funding and an Additional Intake Receiving Gate at the Essex County Correctional Facility to help cover the transitional costs of consolidating correctional services of Union and Essex Counties. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a shared service agreement joining the County of Essex in applying for a LEAP Implementation Grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 to support implementation of shared service. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Joseph Graziano, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement between the County of Union and the Township of Berkeley Heights for the County to permit the Township of Berkeley Heights to install a LED Pedestrian Crosswalk Sign on Plainfield Avenue (C.R. 641) and Cottage Street in Berkeley Heights, New Jersey. The system will be maintained by the Township of Berkeley Heights. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a professional engineering service contract to French & Parrello Associates, P.A., Wall, New Jersey to provide Professional Engineering Services for the 2022 Inspection of Dams in an amount not to exceed \$15,500.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2021-004). **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 2020-547, a Professional Engineering Service Contract with Mast Construction Services of Little Falls, New Jersey for the purpose of providing construction management and inspection services for the Union County Courthouse Fire Code Renovations Phase 3, Elizabeth, New

Jersey, for additional services not to exceed \$114,935.00, for a new contract amount not to exceed \$2,285,519.00 (UC Engineering Project # 2010-033C)
(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)

Chairman Mirabella asked for an update on this item, particularly when the project would be completed.

Director Graziano asked Troy Marzziotti from Mast Construction Services to provide an update on the project.

Mr. Marzziotti, from Mast Construction Services advised that they were currently working on the second phase of the project. He noted that the Rotunda segment had been completed last March and the certification of completion had been received last month. He added that Mast was currently tackling the 16 stair tower floors which had been broken up into three phases to mitigate potential disruptions to court proceedings. He added that phase one which focused on floors 1-4 and phase two which focused on floors 5-8 had been completed. He noted that they were currently working on the last phase of the project which included floors 9-16 and expected to complete that phase in October.

Chairman Mirabella noted that he was pleased to see the progress being done on the project and the scheduled completion date of October. He added that renovations had been cumbersome to navigate, but greatly needed to ensure safety and adherence to state inspection standards.

4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Rapid Recovery Services, LLC, Teterboro, NJ, for mold remediation services at the Union County Fire Academy, in an amount not to exceed \$ 27,837.00. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Administrative Consent Order with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection for the County Compost Facility at Houdaille Quarry, Springfield. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
6. Resolution granting permission to the Township of Scotch Plains to hang a banner across Park Avenue near Front Street and Bartle Avenue from August 1, 2021 through September 3, 2021 to promote the St. Bartholomew's Annual Festival. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
7. Resolution granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights to hang a banner across Plainfield Avenue and Springfield Avenue from June 23, 2021 until August 5, 2021 to advertise the 2021 Concerts in the Parks. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Bibi Taylor, Director

Comptroller Erick Mesias represented the Department.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to establish an additional \$2,000.00 in temporary change funds in the Department of Parks & Recreation's annual change

fund to be used at Ulrich Pool in Rahway Park and the Spray Park at Wheeler Park.
(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)

2. Title and Text Resolution for Department of Corrections to accommodate the change in the delivery of service for inmate housing from in-house to the County of Essex via a formal shared service agreement. This resolution will modify the salary and operating expenses budget lines for the Department of Corrections.
(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)
3. Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$18,594.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) CWA Administration Grant.
(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)
4. Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$59,594.10 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a program entitled: Clean Communities Grant. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**

Commissioner Garretson asked Comptroller Mesias to elaborate on this item.

Comptroller Mesias advised that this was a Chapter 159 grant relative to a Clean Communities Grant.

5. Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$12,396.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Universal Service Fund - CWA Administration Program Grant. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**

Commissioner Garretson asked Comptroller Mesias to elaborate on this item.

Comptroller Mesias advised that this was a Chapter 159 grant related to the Universal Service Fund – CWA Administration Program Grant.

6. Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$6,656.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Addressing the Training Needs of Juvenile Prosecutors Grant. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**
7. Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$300,000.00 as a result of notification received from New Jersey Transit, for a program entitled: New Jersey Job Access Reverse Commute (NJ-JARC) Grant. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**

Commissioner Garretson asked Comptroller Mesias to elaborate on this item.

Comptroller Mesias advised that this was a Chapter 159 grant related to the New Jersey Job Access Reverse Commute.

Commissioner Kowalski added that the NJ-JARC Grant would keep the Route 22 shuttle running, which had become a valuable resource for people traveling the route.

8. Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$12,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs for a program entitled: Veterans' Paratransit Program Grant. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**

Commissioner Garretson asked Comptroller Mesias to elaborate on this item.

Comptroller Mesias advised that this was a Chapter 159 grant related to Veterans' Paratransit Program Grant.

9. Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$74,988.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of State for a program entitled: Cares Act - BOE Drop Box Surveillance - Maintenance and Archiving Grant. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

Commissioner Garretson inquired about the link between the items presented by the Department of Finance and similar items under the Department of Human Services.

Director Anderson advised that the Department of Finance would submit an item relative to the acceptance of a grant award intended for use by the Department of Human Services.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2021 Union County GAP One-Time Spending Plan in the total amount not to exceed \$378,570.00 for subcontracted services to be provided during the period of July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies fail to meet contractual obligation. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) in the approximate amount of \$18,594.00 for the purpose of LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) CWA Administration for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) in the approximate amount of \$12,396.00 for the County Welfare Administration (CWA) Administration of the 2020 Universal Service Fund for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
4. Amending Resolution Number 2021-301 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 July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

5. Amending Resolution Number 2021-267 to further extend the contract to Geographic Solutions, Palm Harbor, FL for continuation of Workforce Information Management Data Exchange System, for a period of seven (7) months commencing June 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$34,475.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
6. Amending Resolution Number 2021-302 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 July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

Relative to Item Nos. 4 & 6, Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded asked for an update on meals served and pounds of food provided to residents in need.

Director Anderson advised that through June, approximately 5.4 million meals had been served and 5.9 million pounds of food had been distributed.

7. Amending Resolution Number 2021-367 to reflect an extension to a contract awarded to Prevention Links, Inc., of Roselle, NJ to provide additional hours of operation services to the mandated Intoxicated Driver Resource Center (IDRC) for the County of Union, for an additional two (2) months for a new contract term of January 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021 and to reflect additional dollars in the amount of \$16,262.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$65,042.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Ron Zuber, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement allowing the Cranford Jaycees to have their annual 4th of July Firecraker Run. **(Commissioner Andrea Staten)**
2. Amending Resolution #2020-519, a contract awarded to CME Associates, Parlin, NJ, to perform testing, collect data on the bathometry, assess sediments, organic content, flow rates, retention time and water quality at the Clark Reservoir in accordance with the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00. **(Commissioner Andrea Staten)**
3. Amending Resolution 2019-894 to include Tamaques Park, Westfield, NJ, into the Union County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. **(Commissioner Andrea Staten)**

Chairman Mirabella asked Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded to speak about this item. He noted that she had been instrumental in working with the Township of Westfield to facilitate the inclusion of this feature in the Parks Master Plan.

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded advised of the additional youth playing fields needed in Westfield, particularly in Tamaques Park. She shared that after several months of communication between County Manager Oatman and Westfield Mayor Shelley Brindle, the County decided to incorporate this new feature to the existing Parks Master Plan, She noted that she was very excited about the enhancement and hoped this would be one of many new exciting things happening in the Town of Westfield.

Chairman Mirabella recognized Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded for the instrumental role she played in getting this item added to the Parks Master Plan. He recognized the need to improve field space and field usability in Westfield and noted this as a step in the right direction that also serves to enhance the Park Systems in Union County. He thanked colleague Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded for bringing attention to this need in Westfield.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Spec Rescue International, Virginia Beach, Virginia, to provide specialized training to members of the Metro Urban Search and Rescue (MUSAR) Task Force from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Region, through the 2018 and 2019 UASI grants, in an amount not to exceed \$69,245.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Sea Box Inc., Cinnaminson, NJ, for the modifications and upgrades to the UASI Metro Urban Search & Rescue (MUSAR) training container, located at Newark Fire Department, in an amount not to exceed \$23,875.00 utilizing the 2018 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Funds. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

Chairman Mirabella asked Director Moran to elaborate on this item.

Director Moran advised that this item related to enhancements to a shipping container used by the UASI Metro Urban Search and Rescue Team for training purposes to stimulate confined space rescue. He added that the container was used for lifting, moving, shoring, and concrete breaching among other uses and the upgrade would allow for enhanced training.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Bruce H. Bergen, County Counsel

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2020-557 to increase the appropriation to Renaud & DeAppolonio, LLC, Cranford, NJ in the matter entitled Monique Hall v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for a sum not to exceed 45,000.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2020-747 to increase the appropriation to Kologi Simitz, Linden, NJ, in the matter entitled Franny Cartagena v. UC, et als. in an

amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$20,000.00. (**Chairman Alexander Mirabella**)

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

Edward Oatman, County Manager

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Appointing Andrew Moran, Union County Department of Public Safety Director, as the Union County Emergency Management Coordinator for a three (3) year term commencing on June 24, 2021 through June 23, 2024. (**Chairman Alexander Mirabella**)

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Roy Davis, of Newark, during their time of sorrow. (**Commissioner Angela R. Garretson Chairman Alexander Mirabella**)
2. Resolution congratulating Cold Stone Creamy, of Union, on their grand opening. (**Commissioner Angela R. Garretson & The Entire Board**)
3. Resolution commemorating World Refugee Day in Partnership with the International Rescue Committee on Sunday, June 27, 2021. (**Commissioner Sergio Granados & The Entire Board**)
4. Authorizing the County Manager to execute a Supplemental Funding Request to the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program for matching dollars for acquisitions made through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund in an amount not to exceed \$8,036,450.00. (**Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded**)
5. Authorizing the County Manager to award Discover Our Parks grants to two (2) municipalities in the County of Union, in accordance with the Kids Recreation Trust Fund grant criteria, through and for the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00. (**Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded**)
6. Resolution congratulating Mary Jane Dugan, of Linden, on the celebration of her 90th Birthday. (**Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded & The Entire Board**)
7. Appointing the following members to the Union County Advisory Board on the Disabled (ABD): Edward J. Heaton to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2021; Linda Ershow-Levenberg (Agency Representative) for a term beginning January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2023; Alfredo Gonzalez for a term beginning January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021; Diane Granada for a term beginning January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2023; Susan Spurr for a term beginning January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2023; Harold Aguilar for a term beginning January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2023; Sean Dineen for a term beginning January 1, 2021 -

December 31, 2021; Carolee Marano (Agency Representative) for a term beginning January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2023; John Waters for a term beginning January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2023; and Veronica Weston Blalock for a term beginning January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2023. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

8. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Dr. Harold S. Yood of Plainfield who passed away at the age of 101. **(Vice Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams & The Entire Board)**
9. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Janet Mitnik Dillon of Plainfield. **(Vice Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams & The Entire Board)**
10. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Honnie L. Graham Sr. of Plainfield. **(Vice Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams & The Entire Board)**
11. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Kevin Rosero, of Plainfield, during their time of sorrow. **(Vice Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams & The Entire Board)**
12. Resolution recognizing Irene Truskowska of Moutainside upon the occasion of her 103rd Birthday. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Commissioner Leon and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski a voice vote showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Hudak, and Commissioner Staten absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:49P.M.

**UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
2021 MEETING SCHEDULE**

**REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021 at 12:00 pm
Courthouse Plaza, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ & Remotely
Through Teleconference via Zoom Webinar**

2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

AGENDA SETTING SESSION

REGULAR MEETINGS

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June 10, 2021
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July 22, 2021

July 22, 2021

August 12, 2021

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Clerk of the Board

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