



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2021
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:59P.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 Leon, and Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded were present; with Vice Chair Rebecca Williams and Commissioner Andrea Staten were 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 Communications. On a motion made by Commissioner Kowalski and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Thursday, May 6, 2021 - Agenda Setting Session
2. Thursday, May 6, 2021 - Regular Meeting
3. Thursday, May 20, 2021 - Agenda Setting Session
4. Thursday, May 20, 2021 - Regular Meeting

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to approve the Minutes. On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Hudak, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the Minutes of May 6th Agenda Setting and Regular Meeting and May 20th Regular Meeting; with Vice Chair Williams and

Commissioner Staten absent; five votes in the affirmative for the Minutes of May 20th Agenda Setting Meeting, with Commissioner Granados and Commissioner Leon abstaining and Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting was opened for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance Number 830-2021 only.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere confirmed that there were no members of the public in the cue wishing to speak, nor had he received any comments and or questions electronically to be read into the record relative to Ordinance No. 830-2021.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski, Policy Committee Member, moved Ordinance Number 830-2021 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 Hudak, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

831-2021 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART 1-THE UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, CHAPTER 1, UNION COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE BY AMENDING ARTICLE XXI- DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, §1-127. DIVISION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES.

FIRST READING STATEMENT

Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski, Policy Committee Member, moved Ordinance Number 831-2021 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 scheduled to be held on July 22, 2021.

On a motion a motion made by commissioner Kowalski and seconded by Commissioner Hudak, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten 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 Kowalski and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten 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.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere confirmed that there were no members of the public in the cue wishing to speak, nor had he received any comments and or questions electronically to be read into the record.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

2021-473 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-474 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) in the approximate amount of \$18,594.00 for the purpose of LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) CWA Administration for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

- 2021-475 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

- 2021-476 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

- 2021-477 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

- 2021-478 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

- 2021-479 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-480 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-481 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-482 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-483 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-484 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

- 2021-485 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

- 2021-486 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

- 2021-487 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

- 2021-488 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

- 2021-489 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-490 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-491 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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).

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-492 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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)

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-493 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-494 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-495 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-496 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-497 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: 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 .

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-498 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-499 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-500 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-501 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement allowing the Cranford Jaycees to have their annual 4th of July Firecraker Run.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-502 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-503 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

- 2021-504 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN:** Amending Resolution 2019-894 to include Tamaques Park, Westfield, NJ, into the Union County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

- 2021-505 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

- 2021-506 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

- 2021-507 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

- 2021-508 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

- 2021-509 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

- 2021-510 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

- 2021-511 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

- 2021-512 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

- 2021-513 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-514 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-515 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-516 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-517 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-518 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-519 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-520 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-521 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-522 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 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent. -

2021-523 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-524 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-525 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-526 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-527 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-528 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-529 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-530 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2021-531 COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution congratulating Cold Stone Creamy, of Union, on their grand opening.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

- 2021-532 COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Roy Davis, of Newark, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

- 2021-533 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution commemorating World Refugee Day in Partnership with the International Rescue Committee on Sunday, June 27, 2021.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

- 2021-534 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating Mary Jane Dugan, of Linden, on the celebration of her 90th Birthday.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

- 2021-535 VICE CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

- 2021-536 VICE CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Honnie L. Graham Sr. of Plainfield.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

- 2021-537 VICE CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Janet Mitnik Dillon of Plainfield.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-538 VICE CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Kevin Rosero, of Plainfield, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

2021-539 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution recognizing Irene Truszkowska of Mountainside upon the occasion of her 103rd Birthday.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten absent.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Hudak had no comments.

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded recognized and congratulated all the graduates throughout the County on their amazing accomplishment in spite of the many obstacles they faced relative to the COVID-19 pandemic. She noted her recent attendance to two graduation ceremonies the previous Friday including one at the Lamberts Mill Academy in Westfield and another at the Raymond J. Lesniak Recovery High School in Roselle. To close, she noted that although the COVID-19 pandemic had evoked much sadness and loss, the Board was happy to recognize Mary J. Dugan, of Linden and Irene Truszkowska, of Mountainside on their upcoming 90th and 103rd birthdays respectively.

Commissioner Kowalski noted the arrival of the summer season, encouraging residents to safely take advantage of the County's parks and other outdoor recreational opportunities. To close, she encouraged residents to enjoy the summer and wished them a happy 4th of July.

Commissioner Granados reminded residents about an upcoming Job Fair taking place at the Mills at Jersey Gardens Mall hosted by the Board of County Commissioners in collaboration with the NAACP and the Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce. He advised interested residents to visit the County's website for additional information and or register for the event which would feature 150 employers, noting the event as a great benefit for job seekers. To close, he congratulated all the graduates throughout the County, noting the Board's pride relative to their academic achievement and success.

Commissioner Garretson had no comments.

Commissioner Leon noted that she was happy to have taken part in so many County activities during the month of June, including Juneteenth celebrations as well as the Portugal and Pride Flag Raising events. She celebrated the diverse fabric of Union County and its commitment to celebrating this diversity. She thanked the Union County Directors and Staff for their continued efforts in facilitating these inclusive opportunities and celebrations. On another note, she congratulated all the graduates and encouraged them to continue pursuing their education as a means to success. To close, she recognized her father's 86th birthday earlier this month on June 3rd and wished her mother a happy 86th birthday on July 1st, noting her love and appreciation for them.

Chairman Mirabella recognized and thanked all the municipalities within Union County for the many local events they hosted relative to Juneteenth and LGBTQ Pride Month, noting several scheduled events in the coming days. He advised that on Monday, Scotch Plains would be hosting a local pride event from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. and an LGBTQ Trivia Night on Wednesday at Ash Brook Golf Course. He celebrated the commitment to diversity, acceptance, and inclusion demonstrated by the various municipalities throughout the County. He also spoke relative to the recent unveiling of the David Wright Picnic House in Winfield, dedicated to former Mayor, Commissioner, and Union County Deputy County Clerk, David P. Wright, noting the attendance of his wife, children, and grandchildren at the event. On another note, Chairman Mirabella spoke about the graduation ceremonies for the first classes from the new UC Fire Academy at the previous site of the Juvenile Detention Center in Linden, noting that the County had received much interest from local municipalities and out-of-county municipalities to use the space for their fire training needs. To close, Chairman Mirabella praised the constant communication efforts of the County with the various municipalities during the COVID-19 pandemic relative to testing and vaccinations, noting that he hoped this type of communication would continue into the foreseeable future as it served the best interest of County residents.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 P.M.

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

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

2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

AGENDA SETTING SESSION

January 21, 2021

February 4, 2021
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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

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August 12, 2021

September 2, 2021
September 23, 2021

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October 21, 2021

November 4, 2021
November 18, 2021

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December 16, 2021

REGULAR MEETINGS

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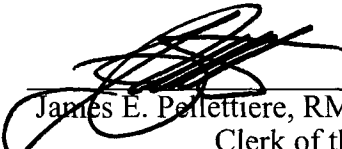
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James E. Pellettiere, RMC, QPA
Clerk of the Board

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