

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:06 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 M. Leon, 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.

Commissioner Garretson joined the meeting.

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.

First, I want to draw your attention to an extremely important new COVID-19 emergency relief program that we are launching at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, July 26. It's called the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. We created this program with federal CARES Act funding, to assist tenants, and their landlords, who have been hit by the economic impact of the pandemic.

The first round of funding totals \$16.6 million for help with back rent, and with delinquent gas or electric bills. We want to get this emergency relief to those who need it, as quickly as possible. The funds will be paid to landlords on behalf of tenants, so we need everyone to help communicate about this program. Tenants, please talk to your landlords and encourage them to participate in the Emergency

Rental Assistance Program. Landlords, make sure your tenants know they can apply for assistance. The application portal is ucnj.org/rental-assistance. Landlords can register on the portal beginning at 9:00 a.m. this Monday, July 26. Tenants can start applying at 9:00 a.m. the following Monday, August 2. Beginning on July 26, we also have a call center available to answer questions about the program. They can be reached at 1-855-552-1172 Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Again, that starts on July 26.

We are supporting the program with outreach and advertising, and everyone can pitch in to make sure that help gets to tenants and their landlords as soon as possible.

Moving now to other items, let's also make sure everyone knows they can visit ucnj.org/covid19 to make appointments online at Union County's free testing and vaccination sites. If you need help using the online system, please don't hesitate to contact the Union County COVID-19 Call Center at 908-613-7829. That's 908-613-7829, and it's the same number for help with scheduling a test or a vaccine.

And speaking of vaccines, on behalf of the Board I would like to thank each and every one of the thousands of Union County residents who have gotten their vaccine. For those of you who still have questions, please talk to your doctor. There are too many stories of people hospitalized and dying from COVID-19 without ever asking their doctor about vaccines. It's a real tragedy, and we hope that everyone acts now to get the facts, and get vaccinated.

Moving on to other topics, if you need assistance with food during the outbreak please come to our next emergency food distribution event on Tuesday, July 27 at Gerald B. Green Plaza, 200 West 2nd Street in Plainfield. It begins at 12:00 noon on a walk-up basis, so please bring a cart or wagon to carry your food home. The next drive-up food distribution event will take place on July 31 at Kean University. You can get all the details, and information about other helpful resources during the pandemic, on the County website at ucnj.org/covid19.

Also, just a reminder that we are still accepting nominations for the "Small Business Champions" program. This program honors and recognizes the many small businesses that have been a lifeline to Union County residents all throughout the pandemic. The Small Business Champions program is our way of showing appreciation for their community spirit. You can help, by submitting your nomination online at ucnj.org/union-county-means-business. Nominations close on July 31, so please don't delay.

And finally, we all know that the new Delta variant of the virus is a cause for concern. So, we ask that you continue to be careful as we bring back our schedule of free movies and other outdoor activities. Wear a mask when requested to do so, and please be aware that many people in our community need your help to stay safe. That includes children under age 12, and people with compromised immune

systems. Let's all help take care of each other as we enjoy the rest of the summer season.

With that, let's turn to the business of tonight's meeting.

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

William Daniel, Prosecutor

Prosecutor Daniel thanked the Board for their support during his transition into the role of Union County Prosecutor. He added that he looked forward to working with the residents of Union County as well as those with any dealings in the County. He thanked the staff at Kean University for all their preparatory efforts.

Chairman Mirabella thanked Prosecutor Daniel for the kind words and congratulated him on his great swearing-in ceremony. Chairman Mirabella noted his attendance to the ceremony as well as the attendance of law enforcement officials from around the County. He wished Prosecutor Daniel all the best in his new position as U.C. Prosecutor.

Deputy First Assistant Prosecutor Doreen Yanik presented the Resolutions on behalf of the Prosecutor's Office.

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2019-802, a Shared Services Agreement between the County of Union and the City of Newark to include the addition of a clerical staff person to support to the City of Newark Forensic Scientist for the period through September 30, 2022 with no other changes to the terms and conditions. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter in to an agreement for the purchase of various badges, trophies and plaques from State Drug Stores, Inc. dba West Hudson Industries, Rahway, New Jersey for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into an agreement with Prevention Links, Roselle, New Jersey for the Operation Helping Hand program for the period of September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 in the amount of \$57,000.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of the Prosecutor's Office, to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law

and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021 Governor Phil Murphy Budget - Operation Helping Hand Grant Program in the amount of \$90,476.19 for the period of September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022 (Subaward number SFYOHH-20-2021). **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

5. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General for FFY20 Stop Violence Against Woman Act (VAWA) Grant Program in the amount of \$43,680.00 in federal funds with a required match of not to exceed \$14,560.00 for a total project cost of not to exceed \$58,240.00 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (Subaward number VAWA 50-20). **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General for SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program in the amount of \$358,688.00 for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025. (Subaward number 21-BWC-443) **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amy Crisp Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

1. Amending Resolution Number 2021-314, to include the requisite language in the format required by the NJ Department of Transportation. This amended resolution is necessary to submit a grant agreement and execute a grant contract for the Union County Rails to Trails Feasibility Study Project. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Commissioner Hudak inquired about the timeline and procedure relative to the Trails Feasibility Study Project.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that this specific item was meant to adjust certain language as requested by the NJ Department of Transportation. She noted that grant funding had already been received by the County and the request for bids had already been advertised, adding that she expected the contract to be awarded at the Board's meeting in August. She advised that the feasibility study would determine potential contamination and encroachments on site as well as significant grade changes and ultimately determine whether or not the project could be completed in a safe and cost-efficient manner.

Commissioner Hudak noted that he and Commissioner Kowalski had recently attended an event in Cranford and discussed this potential grant opportunity. He added that residents seemed excited about the possibilities of this project and the increased connectivity it offers relative to paths and parks. He advised that the County should also be looking at its own resources to curb certain costs associated with the project if it did indeed proceed.

Chairman Mirabella thanked Commissioner Hudak for bringing up the project, noting much interest in the Rails to Trails project. He noted that Commissioner Kowalski had worked on this initiative for years and it was nice to finally see some progress.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the County's second and final option to extend the contract with Development Directions, LLC for consulting services and administration of the Union County Home Improvement Program (UCHIP) and Senior Home Grant, for the period of September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022 with funds totaling \$339,000.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

Vice Chair Williams asked Deputy County Manager Wagner to expand on this item.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that these monies would be used to fund the Senior Home Grant and UC Home Improvement Program, noting this item was only meant to extend the contract with Development Directions, LLC to administer this program for an additional year. She noted that the Senior Home Grant was contingent on income and a person would receive \$5,000 in a forgivable loan. She advised that the Home Improvement Program offered a maximum loan of \$24,999, accompanied by a lien against the property, with no required payments or interest incurred until the property was transferred. She added that at the time of transfer, the County would receive a repayment of the loan, noting that these monies would eventually be loaned to another qualifying applicant.

3. Resolution concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board's (UCWDB) Resolution No. 2021-27 to approve the Revised Program Year 2020 Union County Workforce Development Area Budget, for the purpose of allocating funding for class-size training contracts. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
4. Resolution concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board's (UCWDB) Resolution No. 2021-24 adopting Program Year 2021 Union County Workforce Development Area Budget. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
5. Resolution concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board's (UCWDB) Resolution No. 2021-25, authorizing the Union County Department of Human Services to continue serving as the American Job Center Service Operator for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 in the total amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
6. Resolution concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board's (UCWDB) Resolution No. 2021-26, authorizing the use of Program Year 2021 Grant Budget Accounts by the Union County Department of Human Services, as the American Job Center Services Operator, for the provision of Comprehensive Career Services to eligible participants for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and to receive funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan on behalf of the Union County Community Development Block

Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program so that projects as listed therein may be undertaken within the County of Union. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

8. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed open ended contract obtained through advertised public bidding (BA 31-2021) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: to Rahway Business Machines, Avenel, NJ, for the purpose of providing Printer Repair Services, for 24 consecutive months of June 22, 2021 through June 21, 2023, with an option to extend for one additional 24 month period, in an amount not to exceed \$11,000.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
9. Authorizing the County Manager to award contracts to the following non-profit agencies to provide technical assistance for the implementation of the Department of Treasury's Emergency Rental Assistance Program funds in response to the COVID-19 pandemic: United Way of Greater Union County, Family Promise, and Urban League of Union County, each in the amount of \$50,000.00, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Joseph Graziano, Director

1. Amending Resolution Number 2021-81, a contract with CME Associates, Parlin, New Jersey to provide additional On-Call Environmental Engineering Services in an additional amount of \$30,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$55,000.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2020-014). **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Commissioner Hudak asked Director Graziano to elaborate on this item.

Director Graziano advised that this item related to on-call environmental engineering services needed relative to Fresh Water wetland GP2 permits needed for Rahway River Park and Briant Park in Summit. He added that this vendor would also provide on-call service for required FHA permits for Trotters Branch in Phil Rizzuto Park in Elizabeth.

2. Amending Resolution Number 2021-84, a contract with Netta Architects, Mountainside, New Jersey to provide additional On-Call Architectural Services in an additional amount of \$7,500.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2020-018). **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Commissioner Hudak asked Director Graziano to elaborate on this item.

Director Graziano advised that this item related to on-call architectural services relative to a project in the County's Administration Building, Human Services Department. He noted that the project involved converting a copy room into two additional offices, adding the vendor would be responsible for design services, with County staff completing the actual construction.

3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement between the County of Union and the Township of Clark for inspection of offsite improvements by Developer of roads and traffic signals that are under County jurisdiction at Valley (C.R. 608) and Walnut Avenue (C.R. 632) Intersections. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement between the County of Union and the City of Summit to allow the City to construct a Pedestrian Bridge that will span over Morris Avenue (C.R. 527) at the site of abandoned railroad bridge abutments. The City of Summit shall be responsible for the contracting, engineering, design, maintenance and costs of constructing the Bridge. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Director Graziano advised that this item related to an agreement with the City of Summit relative to the installation of a pedestrian bridge on Morris Ave, a county road. He noted that under the cited agreement, the City of Summit would be responsible for the funding, design, engineering, and construction of the bridge, adding that the County would only oversee the project.

5. Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the County's only option to extend the contract for twenty four (24) months, upon execution of the contract, pursuant to Resolution Number 2019-622 with Taurus Advisory Group, Madison, New Jersey, to provide advisory Energy Procurement and Management Services for the County of Union, New Jersey. (No cost to the County of Union) **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
6. Amending Resolution Number 2019-249 a contract awarded through advertised public bidding (BA# 5-2019) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Smith Soudy Asphalt Construction Company of Wallington, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the 2019 Road Resurfacing Project, various municipalities, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$37,472.88) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$11,414,636.72 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-029). **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the County's only option to extend the open-ended contract pursuant to Resolution 2019-684 and originally obtained through advertised public bidding (BA #27-2019) with Scientific Boiler Water Conditioning Co., Inc., Linden, NJ, for the purpose of providing Water Treatment Service & Supplies for twenty-four (24) consecutive months from September 10, 2021 through September 9, 2023 in an amount not exceed \$63,040.00. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
8. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Academy Glass, Inc., Rahway, NJ, for glass panel installation services at the Union County Courthouse - Cherry Street Annex, in an amount not to exceed \$ 19,800.00. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Commissioner Hudak asked Director Graziano to elaborate on this item and advise whether or not this item was covered under any type of warranty.

Director Graziano advised that approximately a year ago, the County realized there was a broken glass panel on the 4th floor of the UC Courthouse-Cherry Street Annex. He noted that since the building was relatively new, he had contacted the respective manufacturer and architect to ensure the glass panels were installed correctly and whether or not the repair could be covered under some type of warranty. Ultimately, he advised, it was determined that the product was not faulty and installation was done correctly, adding that as a result the County would have to fund the costly replacement of the glass. He added that the glass replacement would require a crane, scaffolding, traffic consults, and road closure which contributed to the high cost. He also noted a recent traffic accident at the location which would result in additional repairs.

9. Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the County's only option to extend the contract pursuant to Resolution 2019-686 and originally obtained through advertised public bidding (BA #26-2019) with Green Genie, Allenhurst, NJ, for the purpose of Concessions: Automated Teller Machine (ATM) Services at various locations throughout the County for twenty-four (24) consecutive months from August 28, 2021 through August 27, 2023. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
10. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to TAPinto, New Providence, NJ for advertising and promotion of the Union County Recycling and Clean Communities Initiatives and promotion of County Recycling events in an amount not to exceed \$17,850.00. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Commissioner Hudak recognized Director Graziano and his Department for their efforts relative to this item.

Chairman Mirabella asked Director Graziano to confirm that these ads would be circulated throughout all the municipalities.

Director Graziano confirmed this to be the case, noting the exclusive mention of New Providence related to the location of the vendor's headquarters.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Bibi Taylor, Director

1. County Section 56 Resolution - UCIA Borough of Fanwood Project **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**
2. Amending previously adopted Resolution 2021-12 designating petty cash custodians. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**
3. Amending previously adopted Resolution 2021-16 authorizing various County Signatories. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**
4. Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$157,143.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families for a program entitled: Human Services Advisory Council Grant. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**

5. Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$5,062,559.00 as a result of notification received from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for a program entitled: SuperNofa Continuum of Care Grant. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**

Vice Chair Williams asked Director Taylor to elaborate on Item Nos. 4 & 5.

Director Taylor advised that both items amended the 2021 County Budget and related to the receipt of revenue for projects associated with the Department of Economic Development. Relative to Item No. 5, Director Taylor advised that this grant would provide various support services for UC residents, including: permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, and rental subsidies among other services.

6. Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$137,822.00 as a result of notification received from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for a program entitled: Subregional Transportation Program (STP) Grant. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**
7. Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$15,000.00 as a result of notification received from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for a program entitled: Subregional Transportation Program Supplement Support Grant. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**
8. Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$176,000.00 as a result of notification received from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for a program entitled: Subregional Studies Project (SSP) - Electric Charging Stations Location Study Grant. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**
9. Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$5,398.65 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of State for a program entitled: UCBOE Relocation of Ballot Drop Box Grant. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**
10. Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$358,688.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Body Worn Camera Grant. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**
11. Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$723,072.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: Local Core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness - LINC'S Grant. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**
12. Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$337,459.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention Grant. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**

13. Resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Lerch, Vinci & Higgins LLP, Fair Lawn, NJ to provide Financial Advisory Services to the County of Union related to the American Recovery Rescue Plan Act of 2021/Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 for the period of July 15, 2021 through December 31, 2021. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

1. Amending Resolution 2020-881 to increase the amount payable to RATAN HOTEL MANAGEMENT LLC – HOWARD JOHNSON located in Clifton, New Jersey, a for-profit vendor of the Code Blue Emergency Initiative, will now exceed the Pay to Play threshold of \$17,500 with the requirement of properly executed Pay to Play disclosures. This request is directly related to the increase in the number of homelessness due to the Shelter in place order due to the COVID- 19 Pandemic, which will provide shelter assistance to individuals and families for TANF, GA, and/or emergency assistance recipients for the period of June 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

Vice Chair Williams asked Director Anderson to provide an update on the issue of homelessness throughout the County.

Director Anderson advised that homelessness had drastically increased as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and negatively affected those whose benefit time expired before the pandemic as they did not qualify for the rental moratorium. She also noted a limit on the available housing stock. She added that the Department of Social Services was currently working with about 500 homeless individuals and or families. She advised that this item reflected Pay to Play disclosure forms for the cited vendor. She added that unfortunately, she expected cases of homelessness to increase once the rent moratorium expired.

2. Amending Resolution Number 2020-512 to reflect a grant extension of five (5) months for the 2020-21 HEARTH Emergency Solutions (HES) Spending Plan for a new grant period of August 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021; with no other changes to the terms or conditions of the agreement. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
3. Request for a waiver of the County's residency requirement for Hawa Bonds, an employee with the Department of Human Services, Division Director, Division of Youth Services. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Ron Zuber, Director

Commissioner Hudak thanked Director Zuber and his staff for their work at the Clark Reservoir.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to conduct the 2021-2022 Deer Management Program for Union County, relative to the reduction of the white-tailed deer population within certain areas of the County, and to restrict areas when

conditions necessitate in an amount not to exceed \$20,090.00. (**Commissioner Andrea Staten**)

Chairman Mirabella thanked Director Zuber for his work relative to the deer management program, noting the Department was looking into alternatives to curtail the deer population and continue to mitigate the potential dangers to residents, communities, and roads within Union County.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend the New Jersey Department of Health Grant Award for Local Core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness (LINCS Grant) in the amount of \$723,072.00 for the contract period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. (**Commissioner Sergio Granados**)

Commissioner Granados asked Director Moran to elaborate on this item.

Director Moran advised that this item related to an annual LINCS grant and would allow the County to better respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and other public health emergencies as well as terrorism. He added that this year's grant was substantially greater in comparison to the previous year's amount of approximately \$330,000 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept the New Jersey Department of Health Grant Award for the Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention (CLEP Grant) in the amount of \$337,459.00 for a contract period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. (**Commissioner Sergio Granados**)

Commissioner Granados asked Director Moran to elaborate on this item.

Director Moran advised that the CLEP grant would provide monies to fund a full-time nurse that would serve as a case manager and would be responsible for working with pediatricians and other medical officers in the event of exposure. He added that monies would also fund outreach, education, and inspection of respective properties to determine origins of contamination, if necessary.

3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement through the Union County Office of Health Management to the Township of Scotch Plains to provide public health services for the period of July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2030 at no cost to the County as this is a revenue generating agreement. (**Commissioner Sergio Granados**)

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Bruce H. Bergen, County Counsel

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Resolution appointing Kologi Simitz, Linden, NJ as Special Counsel to provide legal services of a specialized nature by way of advice and guidance to the Union County Prosecutor's Office, in an amount 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. Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with PBA Local 199A Correction Superior Officers, effective January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution recognizing July 28, 2021 as National Peruvian Independence Day. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados, Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon & The Entire Board)**
2. Resolution recognizing July 20, 2021 as National Colombian Independence Day. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados, Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon & The Entire Board)**
3. Resolution recognizing the distinguished career of the Honorable Juliana Diaz, the first female judge in Elizabeth NJ. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados, Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon & The Entire Board)**
4. Resolution recognizing Frank Mazza, an Elizabeth Public School teacher who is retiring after 43 years. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados, Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon & The Entire Board)**
5. Resolution recognizing Emy Quispe, a Peruvian immigrant who's career has been a role model for the next generation of Peruvian and Hispanic immigrants within Union County and the State of New Jersey **(Commissioner Sergio Granados, Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon & The Entire Board)**
6. Congratulating Jack Eckstine of Boy Scout Troop 104, Scotch Plains, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak & The Entire Board)**
7. Resolution sponsoring the Winfield Fire Department and Ambulance Squad's Annual Carnival held during July 28, 2021 through July 31, 2021 in the amount of \$4,000. **(Commissioner Christopher Hudak & The Entire Board)**
8. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding (BA# 32-2021) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund: PAX Mundus Enterprise, LLC, 7 Tamaron Court,

- Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852, for the purpose of providing Painting and Renovation of the UCPAC, in the amount of \$226,500.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number # 2020-020). **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
9. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of former Plainfield Councilman Albert Hendricks during their time of sorrow. **(Vice Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams, Commissioner Andrea Staten & The Entire Board)**
 10. Amending Resolution Number 2021-115, a contract award to Continuum Voice and Data Systems to reflect the change in the name of the vendor to Naviant, Inc., Verona, WI; all other terms and conditions remain the same. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella)**
 11. Resolution offering this Board's best wishes to Roslyn Schwartzberg as she celebrates her 100th Birthday. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**
 12. Authorizing the County Manager to award to the Union County Baseball Association the amount of not to exceed 40,000.00 for the purposes of providing assistance with the operation of the 2021 youth baseball programs. **(Chairman Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Garretson a voice vote showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 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

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REGULAR MEETINGS

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

Please note that the County Commissioners' meetings are to be regularly held on Thursday evenings and are scheduled to be held on the same evening, with the Agenda Setting Session to commence at 5:00pm and the Regular Meeting to commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session, unless otherwise noted.

In adherence to the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) guidelines, the County Commissioners' meetings will be open to the public by electronic means, and as such, will be conducted through a teleconference via ZOOM Webinar. All members of the public may view the meeting by livestream at ucnj.org/commissioners. Any member of the public wishing to participate in the teleconference meeting, may do so by downloading ZOOM to their individual electronic device and must email the Clerk of the Board at jpellettiere@ucnj.org <<mailto:jpellettiere@ucnj.org>> to receive the meeting-specific link and password to gain access to the teleconference. All requests **must** be submitted and received by the Clerk of the Board **no later than noon of the corresponding meeting date.**

Members of the public who prefer not to, or do not have the means to, participate in the teleconference, may continue to participate in the County Commissioners meetings by emailing comments relative to resolutions being offered for adoption and/or on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county to the Clerk of the Board at jpellettiere@ucnj.org <<mailto:jpellettiere@ucnj.org>>. All relevant comments received will be read into the record during each Regular Meeting's Public Comment Portion, prior to the Board's consideration of resolutions for adoption, and will be addressed accordingly by the Board. All emails **must** be submitted and received by the Clerk of the Board **no later than noon of the corresponding Regular Meeting date** and, as is always the case, **must** include the public member's **full name and town of residence and resolution number** to which comments are being referred for the record. Agendas will be posted for the public's viewing on the County's official website at: www.ucnj.org/commissioners <<http://www.ucnj.org/commissioners>>.

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