

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:37 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

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 Vice Chair Williams, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Thursday, June 10, 2021 Agenda Setting Session
- 2. Thursday, June 10, 2021 Regular Meeting
- 3. Thursday, June 24, 2021 Agenda Setting Session
- 4. Thursday, June 24, 2021 Regular Meeting

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to approve the June Minutes. On a motion made by Vice Chair Williams and seconded by Commissioner Staten, roll call showed eight members of the voted in the affirmative for the June 10th Agenda Setting Session Minutes, with Commissioner Garretson abstaining; nine votes in the affirmative for the June 10th Regular Meeting Minutes; five votes in the affirmative for the June 24th Agenda Setting Session Minutes, with Vice Chair Williams, Commissioner Granados,

Commissioner Hudak, and Commissioner Staten abstaining; and seven votes in the affirmative for the June 24th Regular Meeting Minutes, with Vice Chair Williams and Commissioner Staten abstaining.

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere read Ordinance No. 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.

BE IT ORDAINED. by the Union County Board of County Commissioners that the "Laws of Union County" are hereby amended as outlined in the attached Schedule A; and

SCHEDULE A

PART I - ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

Chapter 1, UNION COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union 4-28-1976 by Ord. No. 1; amended in its entirety by Ord. No. 9-1984. Subsequent amendments noted where applicable.]

ARTICLE XXI, Department of Public Safety

[Amended 10-30-1985 by Ord. No. 232; 9-10-1987 by Ord. No. 275; 8-2-1988 by Ord. No. 300; 7-18-1991 by Ord. No. 337; 7-22-1999 by Ord. No. 503; 6-20-2002 by Ord. No 553; 2-5-2004 by Ord. No. 587; 9-14-2006 by Ord. No. 636; 3-27-08 by Ord. No. 667; 7-19-2012 by Ord. 738; Amended 12-19-2013 by Ord. 2013-755; Amended 12-7-2017 by Ord. 2017-789; Amended 12-7-2017 by Ord. 2017-789]

§ 1-127. Division of Emergency Services.

[Amended 8-21-1997 by Ord. No. 454; 7-23-1998 by Ord. No. 479; 1-21-1999 by Ord. No. 490; 9-23-1999 by Ord. No. 507; 9-14-2006 by Ord. No. 636; Amended 7-19-2012 by Ord. No 738.

- A. There is hereby established the Division of Emergency Services under the direction and supervision of the Director of Public Safety. The functions and responsibilities of which shall include:
- 1) Planning, developing, coordinating and activating County-wide mutual aid and emergency management operations, to include preparedness and mitigation efforts and the integration of preparedness and response elements of the County Division of Health and Department of Human Services into the County Emergency Operations Plan.

- 2) Making available to the County and activating such emergency management facilities and services as are available from the resources of County government.
- 3) Keeping the County advised of current and potential disaster situations.
- 4) Coordinating and implementing all necessary response, assistance, training and related services for the identification of hazardous materials and appropriate cleanup and disposal of hazardous materials caused by accident or otherwise.
- 5) Providing for the appropriate training of fire personnel from the municipalities of the County of Union, continuing education in the field of fire science and such other assistance in fire-science-related matters that may be deemed appropriate through the Fire Service Training Academy.
- 6) Maintaining a fully certified and operable hazardous materials response team to serve as agents of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for the purposes of investigating, mitigating and preventing releases, spills or other discharges into the air, water or soils within Union County. These procedures will be implemented according to the Union County Emergency Operations Plan and as required by CEHA performance standards, N.J.A.C. 7:1H-3 et seq.
- 7) Perform duties as assigned by the Director of Public Safety in the enforcement, collection and management of fees, fines or penalties pursuant to Environmental Quality and Enforcement Fund (EQE Fund) under the CEHA, N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-21 et seq. [Added 9-14-2006 by Ord. No. 636]
- 8) Performing the duties and the functions and responsibilities of the office in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Governor.
 - B. Division head. The Director of Emergency Services shall be the head of the Division and shall be responsible to the Director of Public Safety for its operation.
 - C. Division organization. Within the Division there shall be the following Bureaus:
 - (1) The Bureau of Operations.
 - (2) The Bureau of Logistics.
 - (3) The Bureau of Support.

[Added 9-14-2006 by Ord. No. 636]

- D. The Bureau of Operations. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of Emergency Services, the Bureau of Operations functions and responsibilities shall include:
 - (1) Hazardous Materials

- a. Maintaining a fully certified and operable hazardous materials response team to serve as agents of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for the purposes of investigating, mitigating and preventing releases, spills or other discharges into the air, water or soils within Union County. These procedures will be implemented according to the Union County Emergency Operations Plan and in compliance with CEHA performance standards, N.J.A.C. 7:1H-3 et seq..
- b. Coordinating and implementing all necessary response, assistance, training and related services for the identification of hazardous materials and appropriate cleanup and disposal of hazardous materials caused by an accident or otherwise.
- c. Operating with federal, state and local authorities using a unified command structure, under the Incident Command System / National Incident Management System (ICS / NIMS).
- d. Maintaining capabilities as a Type 1 hazardous materials team as delineated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.
- e. Complying with the New Jersey State Police Hazardous Materials Response Unit Standards for Operations and Training.
- f. Preparing and Disseminating all mandated statistical programmatic reports to appropriate agencies and officials

(2) Emergency Medical Services

- a. Provide ambulance services throughout the county as needed or requested.
- b. Shall not fail to respond to an emergency call or refuse to provide emergency treatment and transportation to any person because of that person's race, sex, creed, national origin, sexual preference, age, disability, medical condition, or ability to pay.
- c. Adhere to all of the NJ Department of Health's licensing standards for Basic Life Support services.
- d. The day-to-day operation and management of Emergency Medical Services shall be under the supervision of the Division head or his or her designee.
- e. Emergency Medical Services use rates shall be established on an annual basis in accordance with industry standards in similar service areas and in line with other service providers in the County's geographic location as determined between the County Manager, Director, Division of Emergency Services and the third party billing consultant retained for such purposes.

(3) Emergency Management

- a. Planning, developing, coordinating and activating County-wide mutual aid and emergency management operations, to include preparedness and mitigation efforts and the integration of preparedness and response elements of the County Division of Health and Department of Human Services into the County Emergency Operations Plan.
- b. Making available to the County and activating such emergency management facilities and services as are available from the resources of County government.
- c. Keeping the County advised of current and potential disaster situations.

Performing the duties and the functions and responsibilities of the office in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Governor[Added 9-14-2006 by Ord. No. 636; Amended 7-19-2012 by Ord. No. 738]

- E. The Bureau Chief shall be a Certified Hazardous Materials Specialist pursuant to OSHA Regulations, 29 C.F.R. 1910.120-120.6(iii) "Training"; and shall have a certification as a Hazardous Materials On Scene Incident Commander pursuant to OSHA Regulations, 29 C.F.R. 1910.120-120.6 "Training"; and shall be a certified New Jersey Emergency Medical Services technician. The Bureau Chief shall be the head of the Bureau and shall be responsible to the Director of the Division of Emergency Management for its operation. [Added 9-14-2006 by Ord. No. 636]
- F. Bureau of Logistics. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Division of Emergency Services, the Bureaus of Logisitics' functions and responsibilities shall include:
 - (1) Management of the County's Homeland Security Grant Program, Urban Area Security Initiative, Critical Infrastructure and other similar homeland security and domestic preparedness programs.
 - (2) Staffing and assisting the Commissioner Committee on Homeland Security on domestic preparedness issues.
 - (3) Providing technical assistance to the County Working Group, Urban Area Security Imitative Regional Working Group and other agencies/municipalities on applications and grant management pertaining to homeland security and domestic preparedness.
 - (4) Providing support and assistance to all Departments and agencies concerning current Federal and State Homeland Security and Domestic Preparedness programs and regulations.
 - (5) Maintaining a close liaison with the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Domestic Preparedness, State Police Office of Emergency Management and Domestic Preparedness and the Office of the Attorney General on issues relevant to homeland security and domestic preparedness grants and initiatives.

(6) Monitoring Federal and State legislation relative to Homeland Security and Domestic Preparedness and recommending policies and procedures for compliance.

[Added 9-14-2006 by Ord. No. 636]

G. The Bureau of Logistics will have as its Bureau Chief the Domestic Preparedness Planner. The Bureau Chief shall head the Bureau and shall be responsible to the Director of the Division of Emergency Services for its operation.

[Added 9-14-2006 by Ord. No. 636]

H. The Bureau of Support

- a. Fire Science Training Academy. Providing for the appropriate training of fire personnel from the municipalities of the County of Union, continuing education in the field of fire science and such other assistance in fire-science-related matters that may be deemed appropriate through the Fire Service Training Academy.
- b. Communications. Maintain the radio communication capabilities for the County of Union.
 - I. Coordinator of Emergency Management. There shall be a Coordinator of Emergency Management appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, subject to the approval of the State Director of Emergency Management and subject to his orders, as required by law.
 - J. Deputy Coordinator of Emergency Management. There shall be one or more Deputy Coordinator(s) of Emergency Management appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, subject to the approval of the State Director of Emergency Management and subject to his orders, as required by law.
 - K. State Director to exercise supervision and control. The State Director of Emergency Management shall exercise supervision and control of the Coordinator of Emergency Management and Deputy, who may be removed by the State Director for cause. The Coordinator of Emergency Management and Deputy shall perform their duties in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. App. A: Ch. 9, and rules and regulations promulgated by the Governor.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting was opened for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance Number 831-2021 only.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, asked for additional details relative to Ordinance No. 831-2021.

County Manager Oatman advised that Ordinance No. 831-2021would eliminate the Department of Corrections and consolidate remaining functions to the Sheriff's Department.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere confirmed there were no remaining members of the public wishing to comment and he had not received any correspondence to be read into the record.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Vice Chairman Rebecca Williams, Policy Chair, moved Ordinance Number 831-2021 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

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

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 Granados, roll called showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting was opened to the public for the purpose of commenting on Resolutions being offered for adoption and any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, asked several questions and made comments relative to several items on the evening's agenda. Mr. Paterson made several comments regarding the new County Government Complex. Relative to Reso No. 2021-540, he asked why these services were needed. Relative to Reso No. 2021-544, he asked how much revenue the County expected to receive. Relative to Reso No. 2021-545, he asked for additional details regarding this matter. Relative to Reso Nos. 2021-559 and 2021-560, he asked for additional information relative to these on-call services. Relative to Reso No. 2021-566, he asked about whether or not this replacement was covered under a builder guarantee and or performance bond. Relative to Reso No. 2021-588, Mr. Paterson asked about the new terms of the agreement.

Relative to the new Government Complex, County Manager Oatman advised that he could not make any comments as the matter was in litigation. He noted that he was confident in the County being victorious in the matter.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-540, County Counsel Bergen advised that the particular resolution referenced by Mr. Paterson had been removed and the number had been reassigned to a new resolution.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-544, Director Moran advised that the County expected \$60,000 a year in revenue for the next ten years with a 2% increase annually.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-545, Director Taylor advised that this item gave consent to the UCIA to undertake the cited project which requires the issuance of bonds and notes as required by Section 56 of the internal revenue code. She added that the project was requested by the Borough of Fanwood for the UCIA to help with the design, planning, and construction of a public works facility. She noted that the cost of the project was a NTE of \$8 million to expand their current facility and its operations while simultaneously save tax payer dollars.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-559, Director Graziano advised that this on-call service would be used as needed for additional work being done and relative permits.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-560, Director Graziano advised that this service was usually more costly, noting approximately \$72,000 used in the span of four years. He added that in January of this year, the Department issued a Resolution for the service in the amount of \$7,500 and now had the need to increase the contract amount for potential on-call services needed for structural projects, architectural services and design services.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-566, Director Graziano noted that the expense was costly, but necessary. He added that unfortunately the inexplicable damage to the glass panel was not covered under any type of insurance or builder's guarantee and was the responsibility of the County to repair.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-588, County Manager Oatman advised that this item related to an extension of current contract for an additional six months. He added that the terms involved a 2% salary increase for the cited six months.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere confirmed there were no remaining members of the public wishing to comment and he had not received any correspondence to be read into the record.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

2021-540 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2021-541 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2021-542 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2021-543 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2021-544 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2021-545 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: County Section 56 Resolution - UCIA Borough of Fanwood Project

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

2021-546 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Amending previously adopted Resolution 2021-12 designating petty cash custodians.

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

2021-547 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: Amending previously adopted Resolution 2021-16 authorizing various County Signatories.

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

2021-548 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: 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.

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

2021-549 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: 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.

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

2021-550 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: 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.

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

2021-551 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: 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.

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

2021-552 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: 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.

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

2021-553 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: 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.

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

2021-554 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: 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.

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

2021-555 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: 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 - LINCS Grant.

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

2021-556 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: 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.

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

2021-557 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK: 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.

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

2021-558 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

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

2021-559 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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).

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

2021-560 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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).

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

2021-561 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2021-562 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2021-563 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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)

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

2021-564 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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 Sondy 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).

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

2021-565 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2021-566 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2021-567 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2021-568 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

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

2021-569 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED: 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).

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

2021-570 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN: 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.

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

2021-571 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2021-572 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2021-573 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2021-574 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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).

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

2021-575 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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).

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

2021-576 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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)

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

2021-577 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2021-578 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2021-579 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2021-580 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2021-581 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2021-582 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2021-583 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2021-584 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2021-585 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2021-586 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2021-587 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2021-588 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2021-589 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

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

2021-590 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

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

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2021-591 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution recognizing July 28, 2021 as National Peruvian Independence Day.

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

2021-592 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution recognizing July 20, 2021 as National Colombian Independence Day.

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

2021-593 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution recognizing the distinguished career of the Honorable Juliana Diaz, the first female judge in Elizabeth NJ.

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

2021-594 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution recognizing Emy Quispe, a Peruvian immigrant whose career has been a role model for the next generation of Peruvian and Hispanic immigrants within Union County and the State of New Jersey

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

2021-595 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution recognizing Frank Mazza, an Elizabeth Public School teacher who is retiring after 43 years.

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

2021-596 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution offering this Board's best wishes to Roslyn Schwartzberg as she celebrates her 100th Birthday.

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

2021-597 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Congratulating Jack Eckstine of Boy Scout Troop 104, Scotch Plains, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

2021-598 VICE CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of former Plainfield Councilman Albert Hendricks during their time of sorrow.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To the extent known, the following item will be discussed in Executive Session:

1) Attorney Client privileged discussion of potential settlement in litigation matter of U.S. v. Greer.

County Counsel Bergen stated that pursuant to provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, a public body may enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing certain enumerated subjects.

He stated that the Board wished to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Attorney-Client privileged discussions concerning the litigation in the matter of U.S. v. Greer.

He stated that the minutes of the Executive Session shall be separated from the minutes of the Open Public Session and that the minutes of the Executive Session, redacted as appropriate and necessary, shall be available in approximately 30

days. He stated that the Clerk of the Board shall retain the original minutes until such time as the confidential limitations have been removed, at which time they shall be made available.

He stated that upon affirmative vote of the majority of the members present, the Board may enter Executive Session and upon the Board's return may or may not take formal action on the matter discussed.

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to enter into Executive Session. On a motion made by Commissioner Kowalski and seconded by Commissioner Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to return from Executive Session. On a motion made by Commissioner Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

County Counsel Bergen advised that he had nothing to report following Executive Session.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Kowalski had no comments.

Commissioner Staten congratulated and welcomed newly sworn in U.C. Prosecutor Mr. William Daniel and wished him well on his new position. She also congratulated Captain Stacey Williams on his new position as Chief of Police for the Borough of Roselle. She also congratulated former Chief of Police Brian K. Barnes on his retirement and thanked him for his years of service to the Borough of Roselle. On another note, Commissioner Staten thanked Blanche and George Watts from the Mountainside Community Foundation for facilitating a grant to install a solar-powered water feature at the Sensory Friendly Trail at the Trailside Nature and Science Center at the Watchung Reservation. She encouraged residents to visit the Sensory Friendly Trail for a unique experience incorporating all five senses. She close by encouraging residents to participate in the upcoming National Night Out festivities taking place throughout the County, adding that Roselle would be hosting their event at Borough Hall on August 3rd.

Commissioner Kowalski left the meeting.

Commissioner Leon recognized the Colombian and Peruvian communities relative to their respective Independence Day celebrations, noting that she was honored to have attended their flag raising ceremonies. On another note, she thanked all the County staff for their continued hard work and volunteering efforts relative to COVID-19 testing, vaccinations, and Emergency Food Distribution events. To close, she thanked the Union County family for their support relative to the demonstrations and protests taking place in Cuba, as residents take to the streets to demand their freedom.

Commissioner Hudak welcomed new Prosecutor and former U.C. Superior Court Judge Mr. William Daniel, noting that he looked forward to working with him. He also noted that he was looking forward to the upcoming outdoor concert at Oak Ridge Park in Clark, featuring a performance by Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes. On another note, he

expressed his feelings of dismay relative to COVID-19 and the rising cases due to the present variants, noting that the pandemic was now that of the unvaccinated, and encouraged residents to make an appointment to get inoculated, if they haven't already done so.

Commissioner Granados recognized Commissioner Leon and other local Cuban officials, for standing in solidarity with the people of Cuba and their calls for freedom.

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded had no comments.

Commissioner Garretson also extended her congratulations to new Union County Prosecutor, Mr. William Daniel, on his new position, noting that she looked forward to working with him. On another note, she spoke about her recent attendance to the 2021 National Association of County Officials' conference in Washington, D.C., adding the many important topics were discussed, including Infrastructure and the American Rescue Plan. She noted the Conference's extensive networking opportunity, including the Conference's Honored Guest Speaker Reception including Vice-President Kamala Harris, Speak of the House Nancy Pelosi, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and others.

Vice Chair Williams reminded residents about National Night Out and encouraged residents to participate and support their local public safety and law enforcement officials.

Chairman Mirabella had no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 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	REGULAR MEETINGS January 21, 2021
February 4, 2021	February 4, 2021
February 18, 2021	February 18, 2021
March 4, 2021	March 4, 2021
March 25, 2021	March 25, 2021
April 8, 2021	April 8, 2021
April 22, 2021	April 22, 2021
May 6, 2021	May 6, 2021
May 20, 2021	May 20, 2021
June 10, 2021	June 10, 2021
June 24, 2021	June 24, 2021
July 22, 2021	July 22, 2021
August 12, 2021	August 12, 2021
September 2, 2021	September 2, 2021
September 23, 2021	September 23, 2021
October 7, 2021	October 7, 2021
October 21, 2021	October 21, 2021
November 4, 2021	November 4, 2021
November 18, 2021	November 18, 2021
December 2, 2021	December 2, 2021
December 16, 2021	December 16, 2021



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