



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2021
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Williams presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:37 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

Vice Chair Williams called for a motion to approve the 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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Thursday, July 22, 2021 - Agenda Setting Session
2. Thursday, July 22, 2021 - Regular Meeting

Vice Chair Williams called for a motion to approve the July Minutes. On a motion made by Commissioner Leon and seconded by Commissioner Granados, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative for all July minutes; with Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak 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.

Vice Chair Williams called for a motion to Suspend the Rules. On a motion made by Commissioner Leon and seconded by Commissioner Staten, roll called showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak 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.

Nancy Piwowar, of Plainfield, acknowledged the Parks and Recreation Department for their efforts relative to the maintenance of the U.C. Parks. Specifically, she spoke about Green Brook Park and the negotiations between Union County and Somerset County relative to 15 acres of land that has been owned by the County of Union for nearly a century. She noted that research had concluded that the land was hallowed ground housing the remains of indigenous people as well as American soldiers. She expressed her concerns about the expiring lease and the importance of preserving that sacred land. She also noted that certain changes in ownership could jeopardize the location's National Register of Historic Places Status as well as hinder future funding options for the area.

County Counsel Bergen advised that negotiations between the County of Union and the respective owner of the land were ongoing. He added that he could provide and updated report to the Commissioners relative to negotiations following the meeting. He noted that no agreement had been made thus far to extend the lease.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere read Garwood resident, Mr. Bruce Paterson's questions and comments into the record. Relative to Reso No. 2021-599, Mr. Paterson asked if this item was a duplicate of Reso No. 2021-540, introduced at the Board's last meeting in July. Relative to Reso No. 2021-603, Mr. Paterson asked about the vendor and the respective name change. Relative to Reso No. 2021-604, Mr. Paterson asked about the expected cost of this item. Relative to Reso No. 2021-607, he asked what this money would be spent on. Relative to Reso No. 2021-608, Mr. Paterson asked if these monies would be added to the County Infrastructure Grant, funded by the sale of Runnell's Specialized Hospital. Relative to Reso No. 2021-615, he asked if this item captured all prospective costs involved with the project. Relative to Reso No. 2021-617, he asked if these monies would cover all costs related to this project. Relative to Reso No. 2021- 624, Mr. Paterson asked about the purpose of these testing wells. Relative to Reso No. 2021-630, he inquired about a previous resolution requesting \$89,000 for an all-mail-in election that never occurred and asked if there would be a change

order to this item to recover the monies that were not needed. Relative to Reso No. 2021-636, Mr. Paterson asked about the services and products provided by the vendor. Relative to Reso No. 2021-639 and Reso No. 2021-642, he asked for additional information relative to the new terms of the bargaining agreement. Relative to general comment, Mr. Paterson expressed interest in being considered for an appointment to the Union County Improvement Authority.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-599, Sheriff Corvelli advised that this item related to a 3-month extension of a contract concluding on September 30th.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-599, County Counsel Bergen added that the item referenced by Mr. Paterson was removed from July's meeting agenda and reintroduced this evening for approval.

Relative to Reso No. 2021 – 603, Director Moran advised that this contract was established earlier in the year with Revenue Guard Medical Claims Management LLC and they had since been acquired by a new company, adding that the Resolution was meant to reflect the new vendor's name.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-604, Director Moran advised that the Resolution had been updated to include a NTE amount of \$25,000.

Relative to Reso Nos. 2021-607, 2021-628, and 2021-629, Administrator DiRado advised that the Board of Elections had been awarded a grant award of over \$3.4 million for the purchase of additional voting equipment, including electronic poll books, which were now required by state statute in order to effectuate early voting and the use of electronic poll books to capture voter signatures. She added that the BOE would be taking possession of over 1,300 pieces of new equipment due to the change in statute and had used a portion of the grant award to secure approximately 5,000 square feet of warehouse/office space to store, program, and maintain this equipment to be used for the first time in the 2021 General Election. Relative to security, Administrator DiRado advised that she was working with the landlords of the facility to install certain security measures prior to the delivery of the equipment. She added that she would not disclose the details of these security measures as such details could compromise their effectiveness.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-608, Director Taylor advised that this item related to a grant received from the Department of Transportation for local infrastructure aid and was independent of the County's Infrastructure program, funded by the sale of Runnell's Specialized Hospital.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-615, Director Graziano advised that the item did capture all costs for the cited vendor. He added that this specific project had been born in 2010 when the state cited the County for not having an additional stairwell. He added that the Union County Courthouse – Cherry Street Annex had been built before this project had been started around March of 2018. He noted that the Department expected to complete this project by January of 2022.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-617, Director Graziano advised that this item was fully grant funded and the cited number reflected the Engineering Project number that would be assigned to this project moving forward.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-624, Park Maintenance Director Michael Brennan advised that this item was unrelated to and Union County project. He noted that this was part of environmental and remediation efforts by the Department of Environmental Protection. He added that these testing wells would allow the DEP to monitor potential contamination coming from the site.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-631, Deputy County Clerk Fernandez advised that the \$89,000 mentioned by Mr. Paterson had been used to print applications in preparation for a potential all-vote-by mail election for the 2021 Primary. She added that the Department expected to use these applications moving forward as long as no legislative changes were made.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-637, Director Scutari advised that this vendor provided full service auto and trucks for the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-640, County Manager Oatman advised that this agreement was a 2-year contract with a customary 2% salary increase and the replacement of Lincoln's Birthday with Juneteenth as a holiday.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-643, County Manager Oatman advised that this was a 6-month contract with the standard 2% raise. He added that it would also revise some of the language relative to the Department of Corrections and the UC Jail closure as well as the replacement of Lincoln's Birthday with Juneteenth.

Relative to Mr. Paterson's comment about being appointed to the UCIA, Vice Chair Williams noted that it would be taken under advisement.

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

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

- 2021-599 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to utilize the County's option to extend the contract pursuant to Resolution 2020-904 with Geo Reentry Inc., for the provision of comprehensive inmate substance abuse treatment and residential correctional facility services, for a period of three (3) months commencing July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 in the amount not to exceed \$875,000.00.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-600 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into agreement with Office Needs, Clark, NJ for the provision of cartridges, toner for printers, scanner drums, plus any additional purchases that may be required for the Division of Social Services for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-601 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution Number 2021-478 to extend the contract term entered into with Prevention Links, Inc., of Roselle, NJ for one (1) additional month for a new contract term of January 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 and to reflect additional dollars in the amount of \$9,148.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$74,190.00.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-602 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to accept FY2020 SuperNOFA Continuum of Care (CoC) program competitive grant award funds in the amount not to exceed \$4,773,317.00 from U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) and to enter into subcontracts with the agencies on the attached list for varied one year contract timeframes as specified in the Spending Plan attached; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the awarded agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any fails to meet its contractual obligation.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-603 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution Number 2021-369, to change vendor name from Revenue Guard Medical Claims Mangement LLC, to Coronis Health RCM, LLC, for the continued provision of providing medical billing and collection through May 21, 2023.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-604 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with GCJC. LLC, doing business as John's Caffè, for food services at Covid response testing sites in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

- 2021-605 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$43,680.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Stop Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

- 2021-606 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$170,574.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addition Services for a program entitled: Alcohol/Drug Abuse (A/DA) Innovative Grant.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

- 2021-607 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$3,378,685.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of State for a program entitled: UCBOE Early Voting - EV Equipment and Warehouse Rental Grant.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

- 2021-608 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$100,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation for a program entitled: Local Aid Infrastructure Fund Grant.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

- 2021-609 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$3,500,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Corrections for a program entitled: Department of Corrections State Aid Grant.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-610 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Sponsoring RZ the Flags for their celebration of Juneteenth which was held on June 19, 2021 in Warinanco Park in the amount of \$1,000.00.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-611 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution sponsoring the City of Plainfield's House Music Festival for Prostate Cancer Awareness to be held at Cedar Brook Park on September 18, 2021 in the amount of \$1,000.00.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-612 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution sponsoring the Portuguese Instructive Social Club's Centennial Celebration Festival dos Ranchos to be held on September 18, 2021 and their Centennial Celebration Night at the Musuem to be held on November 20, 2021 in the total amount of \$4,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Kowalski and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Commissioner Granados abstaining and Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-613 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution sponsoring the Township of Cranford's 150h Anniversary River Carnival to be held on September 18, 2021 in the amount of \$3,000.00.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-614 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County of Union to support the New Jersey Department of Transportation's proposed replacement of the I-78 Westbound Bridge over Quarry Road, Township of Springfield, Union County, New Jersey.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-615 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Approving Change Order # 9, Amending Resolution Number 2020-546, an Architectural Service contract with Netta Architects, LLC, of Mountainside for additional architectural/engineering services associated with the Union County Courthouse Complex, New Tower

Stairwell Modernization project, in an amount not to exceed \$94,601.51 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$4,919,531.51 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-033C).

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-616 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to award an open ended contract, obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq, to Morton Salt, Inc., of Chicago, Ill, to provide Rock Salt for a twelve (12) month period commencing upon execution of the contract in an amount not to exceed \$615,300.00 with one option to extend for twelve (12) additional months (BA# UCCP 34-2021)

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-617 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Remington & Vernick Engineers, Secaucus, New Jersey to provide Engineering Services for the Rails to Trails on Conrail Out of Service Tracks Feasibility Study for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2021-005).

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-618 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Resolution granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights to hang a banner on Springfield Avenue and Plainfield Avenue from November 1, 2021 until December 6, 2021 for the Berkeley Heights Winter Walk; Also granting permission to close Springfield Avenue from the intersection of Snyder Avenue to Plainfield Avenue on Saturday, December 4, 2021 from 1:00 pm until 8:00 pm on for the Winter Walk.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-619 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Resolution granting permission to the Township of Scotch Plains to close a portion of Park Avenue between Front Street and Westfield Avenue/East 2nd Street on Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm for a Columbus Day Event.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-620 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Resolution granting permission to the Township of Springfield to hang a banner across Meisel Avenue and Mountain Avenue from August 25, 2021 to October 19, 2021 for the Fall Festival Car Show; Also granting permission to close Mountain Avenue between Morris and Caldwell Avenues on Saturday, October 16, 2021 from 6:00 am until 7:00 pm for the Fall Festival Car Show.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-621 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to utilize the County's option to extend a contract for an additional 24 months pursuant to BA# 13-2019 and Resolution 2019-507 with Radiac Research Corp., Brooklyn, NY for the purpose of collecting packaging, transportation and proper disposal of all wastes collected at Union County household hazardous waste programs, commencing July 3, 2021 to July 6, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$182,392.20.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-622 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept State of New Jersey, Juvenile Justice Commission, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) 2022 Innovations Funding in the amount of \$120,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 to serve youth in the Union County Juvenile Justice System.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-623 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to SAGE Eldercare, Inc., Summit, NJ, to provide information and assistance to seniors (age 60 years and older and/or their caregivers) regarding health insurance benefits for the period of October 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 which represents year one of a total potential three year contract, in the amount not to exceed \$16,000.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-624 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Temporary Site Agreement with AT&T Corp., Dallas, TX granting permission to install testing wells in the Clark Reservoir.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-625 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN: Resolution appointing Mary Claire Gilvelber as a member of the Union County Mental Health Board (Mental Health Professional) for a term ending December 31, 2023.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-626 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN: Resolution appointing Mariel S. Hufnagel as a member of the Union County Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACADA) (Voluntary Alcohol/Drug Abuse Sector) for a term ending December 31, 2023.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-627 VICE CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the Use of the Competitive Contract procurement process for an Operator of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-628 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2021-108, a contract with West Publishing Corporation, a Thomson Reuters Business, Eagan, MN, to include an additional account number and increase the not to exceed amount by \$1,254.00 to provide statute books for the Union County Board of Elections.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-629 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into contract with ES&S, Omaha, Nebraska, to provide voting equipment, including electronic poll books and voting machines, project management and onsite services for early voting and election day pursuant to PL 2021 Ch. 40 in an amount not to exceed \$3,060,085.00.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-630 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a lease agreement with the Liberty Group, Berkeley Heights, for the purpose of leasing warehouse space for the Union County Board of Elections new early voting and election day equipment for a period of 24 months for an amount not to exceed \$318,600.00.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-631 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2021-204, a contract with Royal Printing Services, West New York, New Jersey, for an additional amount of \$82,350.00, due to printing of new early voting law opt-out letters, and larger sample ballots to accommodate early voting polling places, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,148,647.00.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-632 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with Essex County for the utilization of the Union County Forensic Laboratory by an Essex County Forensic Scientist for a period of three (3) years commencing upon execution of the Agreement.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-633 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2020-704, to increase the rate for the on-call exam fee (adult cases performed) of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners/Forensic Nurse Examiners who serve as Independent Contractors as part of the Union County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 (no change in contract amount).

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-634 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the extension option pursuant to Resolution Number 2019-833 with Dietz & Hammer Risk Solution, Newton, NJ for Third Party Claims Administration contract for Workers' Compensation and Managed Care Services, General and Auto Liability, Property and Auto Physical Damage for the period of November 1, 2021 to October 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$492,450.00 per year for a total amount not to exceed \$984,900.00.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-635 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter in to a contract with Clear Law Institute, Arlington VA to provide mandatory online Workplace Discrimination Training for County employees, for the period of November 1, 2021 through October 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$53,383.00 with the option to extend for one additional 24 month period.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-636 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2021-48, a contract with International Healthcare Services/Healthplex to provide dental insurance, to increase the contract period by 12 months at the same annual rate of \$325,000.00 per year for a total amount not to exceed \$975,000.00 for 36 months.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-637 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2021-35, a resolution authorizing the use of cooperative contracts, to increase the annual budgetary allocation for Samuels, Inc., to the Cooperative Purchasing vendor list, for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, by an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for a new total amount not to exceed a total of \$200,000.00.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-638 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution Number 2021-49, a contract with Specialty Underwriters, Oak Creek, WI, for the provision of insurance to cover and manage repair costs for the electronic office equipment, to increase the contract by \$15,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$230,000.00.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-639 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Altice Media Solutions, LLC, d/b/a A4 Media, LLC, Piscataway, NJ for the purpose of providing television advertising for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-640 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Teamsters Local 469-Secondary Supervisors Collective Bargaining Agreement effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-641 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution re-appointing the following members to the Union County Utilities Authority: Laura Scutari (Commissioner) with a term ending January 31, 2024; Ronald Scott Bey (Alternate Commissioner #2) with a term ending January 31, 2026; and Roy Eastman (City of Rahway Delegate) with a term ending January 31, 2026.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-642 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution re-appointing Ahmed Shehata as a member to the Union County Improvement Authority (UCIA) for a five (5) year term ending January 31, 2026; and appointing Ricardo Sosa as a member to the Union County Improvement Authority (UCIA) to fill an unexpired term ending January 31, 2025.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-643 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Superior Correction Officers Local 199A Collective Bargaining Agreement effective July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

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 Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2021-644 COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution recognizing Cathryn Cistaro Coppa, of Elizabeth, upon the occasion of her 91st birthday on August 31st, 2021.

On a motion made by Commissioner Kowalski and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Moude roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-645 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDE, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:

Resolution recognizing August 31, 2021 as International Overdose Awareness Day in Union County; the world's largest annual campaign to end overdose, remember without stigma those who have died and acknowledge the grief of the family and friends left behind.

On a motion made by Commissioner Kowalski and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Moude roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

2021-646 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution offering this Board's support of H.R. 4615 "Passport Emergency Act of 2021" of the 117th United States Congress which would permit a State Department extension to expiring passports until the delays are resolved.

On a motion made by Commissioner Kowalski and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Moude roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Chairman Mirabella and Commissioner Hudak absent.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Leon had no comments.

Commissioner Staten had no comments.

Commissioner Garretson had no comments.

Commissioner Granados noted that it was a pleasure to participate in this evening's meetings alongside all the female Commissioners (with Chairman Alexander Mirabella and Commissioner Christopher Huda absent).

Commissioner Kowalski reminded residents about the dangers relative to the Spotted Lantern Flies and encouraged residents to eliminate them on site. She added that sightings should also be reported to the State of NJ's Agricultural Department and or submit a sighting through the County of Union website.

Commissioner Palmieri-Moude expressed her appreciation at having Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg and Congressman Tom Malinowski visit Westfield that week to discuss infrastructure around Union County and the Rails to Trails project. She noted that it was nice to see some progress after so many years of efforts from local elected officials, including Commissioner Kowalski. She thanked Kenilworth Mayor Linda Karlovitch and Roselle Park Mayor Joseph Signorello for their efforts an advocacy relative to the Rails for Trails project that would transform an unused and overgrown railway into a recreation and transportation opportunity for residents. She closed by noting her recent virtual attendance of a graduation ceremony for seven students of the

Boxwood Learning Center in Roselle. She added that it was nice to see this resource help so many continue their education.

Vice Chair Williams reminded residents to take advantage of the various cooling-stations throughout the County.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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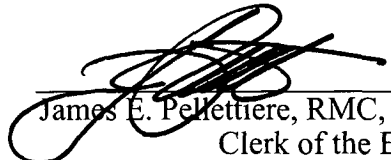
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