



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:25 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 M. Leon, and Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded were present; with Commissioner Andrea Staten absent.

Also present were County Manager Edward T. Oatman, County Counsel Bruce H. Bergen, Esq., and Clerk of the Board James E. Pellettiere.

## PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The prayer and salute to the flag were led by Clerk of the Board Pellettiere.

## STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

The statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by Clerk of the Board Pellettiere.

## APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

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Note and File

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

## SUSPENSION OF RULES

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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 Vice Chairman Williams and seconded by Commissioner Leon, roll called showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Commissioner Staten absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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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, made comments and asked questions relative to several resolutions. Relative to Reso 2021-701, he asked what types of vehicles were being purchased and what services would be provided. Relative to Reso 2021-707, Mr. Paterson asked why type of financial services would be provided. Relative to Reso No. 2021-714, he asked for additional information relative to the cited engineering project. Relative to Reso No. 2021-715, Mr. Paterson asked when this project would be completed. Relative to Reso No. 2021-725, he asked if this item was related to the ransomware attack suffered by the County in 2019. Regarding general comments, he spoke about the Union County Improvement Authority.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-701, Director Anderson advised that these custom vehicles would serve as on-the-go offices for the Department of Human Services, equipped with computers and internet access to provide residents with resources in a more convenient fashion.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-707, Director Taylor advised that this request was made on behalf of the Administration in order to study subsidies associated with the psychiatric facility at Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital. She added that there were several sources of funding relative to Medicaid as well as other back date payments, state aid and private insurance providers. She advised that consequently there was need for outside assistance from the cited vendor to quantify subsidies associated with various sources of revenue.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-714, Director Graziano advised that Engineering Project Number 2020-014 was the assigned name of the project requiring the on-call services. He noted that this particular change related to certain environmental issues involving asbestos and mold remediation in the County Surrogate office.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-715, Director Graziano advised that he expected to complete the close out of this project in January or February of next year. He added that ten floors of the stairwell had been completed thus far and expected the remaining floors to be complete by December. He added that this project was needed to ensure the safety of those accessing the building. He noted that this project had come in under 20% relative to change orders.

Relative to Reso No. 2021-725, Deputy County Manager Wagner confirmed that the County had fallen victim to a ransomware attack in November of 2019, but a forensic investigation had concluded that no systems had been breached. She added that this item would allow the county to conduct vulnerability and risk assessment for its entire data network as well as look for additional security and protective measures.

Carolyn Brink, of Fanwood, spoke relative to her husband, a former employee of the UCIA, receiving a termination notice on September 9<sup>th</sup> via County messenger.

Counsel Bergen advised that the County had followed all appropriate and required procedures relative to this matter. He noted that because this was a private personnel matter, he could not offer additional comments in public because it was unlawful.

John Bury, of Kenilworth, cited state statutes regarding contributions from business entities doing business with the County.

Counsel Bergen assured Mr. Bury that both the Purchasing Division and County Counsel Office were familiar with the rules and regulations he cited and were careful to ensure compliance as prescribed by law.

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### **RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION**

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The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

**2021-700 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute the FY2022 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) contract in the amount of \$318,910.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) for the grant period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 for the purpose of providing community programming for low income residents of Union County, and to recognize and accept that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from NJDCA, does further authorize the execution of any such agreement.

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

**2021-701 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding (BA #41-2021) in accordance with Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to First Priority Emergency Vehicles, Manchester, NJ for the purchase of two Cares Act Vans for an amount not to exceed \$310,304.88.

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

**2021-702 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Sub-grant Agreement with HMH Hospitals Corporation, JFK Medical Center, Edison, NJ, to provide nurse case management of lead poisoned children through the County Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program from July 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021 in an amount of not to exceed \$22,373.00.

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

**2021-703 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with National Medical Services Inc. dba NMS Laboratories, Willow Grove, PA, for post-mortem toxicology lab services for basic and expanded testing services, for a contract term of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.

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

**2021-704 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Spec Rescue International, Virginia Beach, Virginia, to provide specialized training to members of the Metro Urban Search and Rescue (MUSAR) Task Force from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Region, through the 2019 and 2020 UASI grants, in an amount not to exceed \$158,665.00.

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

**2021-705 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Re-appointing the following members to the Workforce Development Advisory Board with a term ending June 30, 2023: Gwen Ryan, Richard Capac, Debbie Ann Anderson, Juanito Chialuisa; and re-appointing the following members with a term ending June 30, 2024: Krystal Canady, Salvador Garcia, Theresa Soto-Vega, Ed Faver, Stan Robinson, Jr., Glenn Nacion, Paul Belardo, and Edwin Gomez. Further appointing the following to serve as members to the Workforce Development Board for a term ending June 30, 2023: Morgan Thompson, Kelly Laudette, Hilary McCarron, and Daryl Palmieri.

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

**2021-706 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution appointing Adela S. Caceres (Domestic Violence) to the Union County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) for a term ending December 31, 2022.

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

**2021-707 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 Cornerstone Behavior Health Hospital in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00.

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

**2021-708 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$2,760.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Grant.

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

**2021-709 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$86,427.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: VOCA-Sexual Assault Response Team/Forensic Nurse Examiner (SANE).

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

**2021-710 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$147,126.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of State for a program entitled: UCBOE Drop Box Pickups Grant.

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

**2021-711 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$26,880.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of State for a program entitled: UCBOE Early Voting Reimbursement Phase II Grant.

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

**2021-712 COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution modifying the 2021 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$11,458.96 as a result of notification received from the Rahway Board of Education, Rahway, New Jersey for a program entitled: UCBOE Rahway 2021 Special School Election Reimbursement.

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

**2021-713 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement between the County of Union and the City of Linden for the installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Pedestrian Crosswalk Systems at the intersections of South Wood Avenue (CR-617), and Pennsylvania Railroad Avenue, North Stiles Street (CR-615) and Amon Terrace and South Stiles Street (CR-615) and West Munsell Avenue in Linden, New Jersey. The Systems will be purchased, installed, operated and maintained by the City of Linden.

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

**2021-714 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2021-559, a contract with CME Associates, Parlin, NJ to provide additional On-Call Environmental Engineering Services for an additional amount of \$30,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$85,000.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2020-014).

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

**2021-715 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2019-1104, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding (BA#56-2017) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to GPC, Inc., of Millburn, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 4 for the Union County Courthouse Fire Code Upgrades, City of Elizabeth. This change order will increase the original contract amount by \$350,006.88 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$21,878,223.53 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-033C).

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

**2021-716 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights Volunteer Rescue Squad to hang banners over Springfield Avenue and Plainfield Avenue from October 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021 for their Membership Drive.

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

**2021-717 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution granting permission to the City of Linden to close Wood Avenue between Elizabeth Avenue and Curtis Street on Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm for the First Annual October to Never Forget event.

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

**2021-718 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 for the purpose of transporting veterans of Union County to veteran's medical facilities in the amount of not to exceed \$12,000.00.

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

**2021-719 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept and the Board to endorse and approve the 2022 Comprehensive County Youth Services Plan and Application Update, to include Award numbers listing each funding source as required by the State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission and Attorney General's Office: The State Community Partnership Program Management Funds in the amount of \$55,550.00; State Community Partnership Program Service Funds in the amount of \$384,876.00; and Family Court Services in the amount of \$248,737.00.

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

**2021-720 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the County of Hudson for the provision of Comprehensive Inmate Substance Abuse Treatment and Reentry Services Program for an initial period October 1, 2021 Through June 30, 2022 in the amount not to exceed \$2,625,000.00.

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

**2021-721 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2021-35, adopted January 3, 2021, authorizing the use of cooperative contracts, to increase the annual budgetary allocation for Insight Public Sector, for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, by an amount not to exceed \$8,413.39 for a new total amount not to exceed a total of \$58,413.39.

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

**2021-722 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-533, an Affiliation Agreement with Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Child and Adolescent Outpatient Unit, Department of Psychiatry and The Friends of the Child Advocacy Center of Union County for licensed clinician / therapist services, to reflect Affiliation Agreement period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022. (All other aspects of the contract will remain the same).

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

**2021-723 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2021-503, an agreement with Thermo Scientific Portable Analytical Instruments Inc. (Lifetech), Carlsbad, CA to purchase proprietary reagent supplies and service agreements for instrument maintenance, to reflect a change/addition of account number only. (All other aspects of the agreement remain the same).

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

**2021-724 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award an open-ended contract to MTE Turf Equipment Solutions, Inc. (Municipal Turf Equipment), West Henrietta, NY for the purchase of Jacobsen lawn mower parts in an amount not to exceed \$26,500.00.

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

**2021-725 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Resolute Guard, Sea Girt, NJ, to provide Cybersecurity and Risk Management services to the County of Union for a twelve-month (12) period in an amount not to exceed \$24,950.00.

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

**2021-726 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution of the Union County Board of County Commissioners concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board Resolution No. 2021-28 to award contracts to Union County College and also to Workforce Advantage to provide WorkFirst New Jersey services to clients enrolled in the Program Year 2021 (July 1, 2021 through June



30, 2022) in the amount not to exceed \$476,737.00 to each vendor, for a total amount not to exceed \$953,474.00.

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

#### COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

**2021-727 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing Ada Morell for her 10 years of service to Kean University as the University's Board of Trustees Chair.

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

**2021-728 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating Bernie Wagenblast, Dr. Nancy DiLiegro, Steven Edwards, Sister Percylee Hart and Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski on being honored by the Boy Scouts of America, Patriots' Path Council at their 2021 Union County Lifetime Achievement Awards Dinner.

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

**2021-729 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating Anthony Russo who is being honored by the Italian Tribune on October 8, 2021 upon receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award.

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

**2021-730 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating the 2020 Unity Award recipients upon being honored by the Union County Human Relations Commission.

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

**2021-731 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing Melanie Wilson, Summit Interfaith Council, Antonietta LaVecchia, Jesse Butler, Rick Proctor and John Detweiler on being honored by the Boy Scouts of America, Patriots' Path Council at their 21st Annual Summit Good Scout Award Dinner.

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

**2021-732 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution honoring the life and legacy of Damarys Vazquez, an Elizabeth resident who inspired many young women within her community through her locally renowned Damarys Dance Studio in Elizabeth.

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

**2021-733 COMMISSIONER ANDREA STATEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing September 2021 as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month to remember those affected by suicide, to raise awareness, and to focus efforts on directing treatment to those who need it most.

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

#### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

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Commissioner Leon noted that she had recently participated in the County's first Hispanic Heritage Month flag raising event alongside her colleague, Commissioner Granados. She added that it was a lovely event and hoped the celebration would continue annually. She thanked City of Rahway Mayor Giacobbe for the invitation to the celebration. She also thanked the United Way of Union County for honoring her with a Certificate of Recognition. On another note, she offered her deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Ms. Damarys Vazquez, of Elizabeth, that died tragically in a house fire. Commissioner Leon noted that Ms. Damarys Vazquez was a prominent figure in the community, having taught ballet for over 30 years at her studio Damarys Dance Studio in Elizabeth.

Commissioner Kowalski thanked the County's administrative body and all of the Union County family for their efforts relative to Hurricane Ida. She also thanked Chairman Mirabella, County Manager Oatman and Deputy County Manager Wagner for facilitating meetings with the various Mayors throughout the area to keep communities informed about these efforts. She noted the efforts of the Departments of Public Safety, Parks and Recreation, and Human Resources for their continued efforts in providing County residents with essential resources during this time.

Commissioner Hudak referenced Bruce Paterson's comments, noting the speaker was very familiar with the stairwell project and the essential nature of this project as a means to ensure the safety of employees and the public alike. He added that he was pleased with the direction the County was going in, noting that the County was in a much better financial position now than it had been previously. He also recognized Finance Director Taylor for her efforts related to these financial improvements. On another note, he spoke

about his recent attendance of the Polish Flag Raising ceremony that took place at the UC Courthouse in Elizabeth.

Commissioner Garretson noted that she had the pleasure of visiting her hometown of Hillside, alongside many state officials, including Governor Murphy, to participate in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Hillside Innovation Academy. On another note, she highlighted the need for additional educational resources relative to the spotted lantern flies.

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded advised residents about an upcoming mobile paper shredding event in Westfield, tomorrow September 24<sup>th</sup>. She also reminded residents about an upcoming diaper drive collection event on Saturday in New Providence to assist families throughout the community by providing diapers. On another note, she welcomed the new Executive Director of the UC Performing Arts Center in Rahway, Mr. Craig Sumberg noting his many years of experience at the helm of the South Orange Performing Arts Center. She added that the UC Performing Arts Center would be reopening on September 25<sup>th</sup> with a performance by Bowling for Soup. To close, she reminded residents about a job fair in Westfield on September 29<sup>th</sup> and encouraged those interested to attend the event.

Vice Chair Williams echoed the sentiments of her colleague, Commissioner Hudak, and recognized Finance Director Taylor for her leadership and efforts. On another note, she spoke relative to the Plainfield House Music Festival sponsored by the County and the City of Plainfield to raise awareness for prostate cancer. She noted that the event was a success and hoped to continue this partnership in the future. She also spoke relative to a Hispanic Heritage Celebration she attended alongside Commissioner Leon, adding that it was a wonderful celebration. To close, she reminded residents that October was Arts and Humanities Month.

Chairman Mirabella recognized County Manager Oatman, Deputy County Manager Wagner, as well as, all the Directors throughout the County, including Directors Moran and Anderson for their efforts relative to Hurricane Ida and its aftermath, including establishing a helpline for residents affected by the storm. He also recognized Director Graziano, County Police and the local fire departments for their efforts. He noted that he had the opportunity to attend a recent help fair in Cranford, offering services and resources to residents in need through FEMA, The American Red Cross, and United Way. On another note, he spoke relative to his sister-in-law being honored with Summit's Good Scout Award, adding that Commissioner Kowalski has also been recognized by a separate scout organization. He also spoke relative to Anthony Russo for being honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Italian Tribune. To close, Chairman Mirabella spoke about the UC Performing Arts Center and several upcoming shows, thanking County Manager Oatman and Victoria Durbin-Drake for their efforts relative to serving as Board Member and President of UCPAC respectively.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

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**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**

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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.

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