



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. March 3, 2022 - Agenda Setting Session
2. March 3, 2022 - Regular Meeting
3. March 24, 2022 - Agenda Setting Session
4. March 24, 2022 - Regular Meeting

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

838-2022 REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF \$35,375,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING A SUM NOT EXCEEDING \$35,000,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$35,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF REFUNDING BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is now open for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance Number 838-2022 only.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Commissioner Sergio Granados, Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman, will move Ordinance Number 838-2022 for Final Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The following resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2022-322 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR:** Authorizing the County Manager to endorse the Union County FY2023 DMHAS Youth Leadership Spending Plan and to apply for and to accept FY2023 DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant funding and execute the State of New Jersey, Governor's Council on Substance Abuse (GCADA) sub-contracts in the amount of not to exceed \$51,044.00 for the period of July 1, 2022 to March 14, 2023; and to further authorize the County Manager to transfer funds among the municipalities listed during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the listed municipality/agencies fail to meet contractual obligation.
- 2022-323 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept funding and enter into a contract with the State of New Jersey, Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA), FY2023 DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant in the amount of \$53,720.00 for the period of July 1, 2022 through March 14, 2023.
- 2022-324 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter contract with ADANI Systems, Inc., Conroe, TX for the purchase of a CLEARPASS-FULL BODY SECURITY SCREENING for use in the Jail under State Contract # 17-FLEET-00779, in an amount not to exceed \$131,000.00.
- 2022-325 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2021-861 to de-obligate \$250,000.00 from the 2022 United Way of Greater Union County Family Support and Prevention (FSP) Program.
- 2022-326 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2021-0157, a contract with the United Way of Greater Union County for the 2021 Union County Family Support and Prevention (FSP) Program to reflect a six (6) month extension to the contract through June 30, 2022 and to increase the contract amount by \$125,000.00 for a new total contract not to exceed \$375,000.00
- 2022-327 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-884 to reflect a two (2) month extension for the 2020 Community Services Block Grant CARES (CSBG-CV) Spending Plan through September 30, 2022; with no increase to the overall spending plan.

- 2022-328 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.: Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Public Works to Underground Utilities Corp, Linden, New Jersey for the Stream Stabilization Route 22 Park Project, Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$356,180.00 (BA# 4-2022; Union County Engineering Project # 2016-002).
- 2022-329 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award 2022 History Grants as received by the Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs to the below listing of sixteen (16) applicants in the amount of not to exceed \$55,500.00.
- 2022-330 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Mainline Commercial Pools, King of Prussia, PA, to provide BECs System 5 pool controller for Wheeler Spray Park in an amount not to exceed \$6,077.00.
- 2022-331 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing County Manager to execute an Agreement with the American Water Company Allowing it to renovate their existing Pump Station (per Easement) in the Mountainside section of the Watchung Reservation.
- 2022-332 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to execute a License Agreement with DEWLAX, Inc. to hold a Girl's Lacrosse Tournament at Oak Ridge Park on April 30, 2022 through May 1, 2022.
- 2022-333 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing County Manager to enter into a Temporary Work Area Agreement with the N.J. Department of Transportation for the replacement of the adjacent bridge on Rt. 22 at Echo Lake Park.
- 2022-334 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing County Manager to enter into an Agreement with the City of Linden for the installation of a police camera in Warinanco Park.
- 2022-335 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to execute an Agreement with the Borough of North Plainfield to have its Community Day Firework Display at Green Brook Park on Saturday, July 9, 2022, with a proposed rain date of Sunday, July 10, 2022.
- 2022-336 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Netta Architects, Mountainside, New Jersey to provide Architectural Services for the New Annex Courthouse Roof Replacement, City of Elizabeth, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$54,300.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2022-003).

- 2022-337 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.,: Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Public Works to Smith-Sondy Asphalt Construction Co. Inc, Wallington, NJ for the 2022 Road Resurfacing Project, Various municipalities, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$9,532,207.98 subject to the approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (BA# 1-2022; Union County Engineering Project # 2020-010).
- 2022-338 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Authorizing the County Manager to grant permission to the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and/or its contractors to enter upon certain property at Cedar Brook Park, known as Block 732, Lot 1 in the City of Plainfield, County of Union for the purpose to install, operate and maintain 3 piezometers. Meters need to be installed due to the changes in the ground water levels related to pumping water from the nearby Middlesex Water Company site facility.
- 2022-339 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertising public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management: Traffic Safety Service, South Plainfield, NJ to provide traffic paint for a contract period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months in the amount of not to exceed \$135,060.40. (UCCP# 12-2022)
- 2022-340 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Resolution authorizing the Township of Berkeley Heights to hang a banner across Plainfield Avenue from May 7, 2022 until June 10, 2022 advertising the Rescue Squad Recruitment / EMS.
- 2022-341 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Resolution granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights to hang a banner across Springfield Avenue from August 15, 2022 to September 20, 2022 to advertise the Berkeley Heights 5K Charity Road Race & Fitness Walk.
- 2022-342 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Resolution granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights to close Springfield Avenue between Plainfield Avenue and Snyder Avenue on June 5, 2022 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm for the annual Block Party.
- 2022-343 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Resolution granting permission to the City of Linden to close Wood Avenue between Routes 1 & 9 and Gibbons Street on October 23, 2022 from 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm to host the Annual Halloween Parade, with a rain date of October 30, 2022.
- 2022-344 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Resolution granting permission to the Borough of Roselle Park to close Chestnut Street from Westfield Avenue to Webster Avenue on September 24, 2022 from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm for the 2022 Arts Festival, with a rain date of September 25, 2022.

- 2022-345 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Resolution granting permission to the Township of Scotch Plains to close Park Avenue from Westfield Avenue/East 2nd Street to Mountain Avenue on May 30, 2022 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm for a Memorial Day Parade.
- 2022-346 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Amending Resolution Number 2022-99, a contract awarded to NJ Advanced Media to revise account numbers only in the amount not to exceed \$21,550.00 with no other changes to the terms and conditions of the agreement.
- 2022-347 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Amending Resolution Number 2022-123 to reflect an increase in the original Area Plan Contract Spending Plan in the amount of \$828,960.00 for a new total not to exceed \$5,544,076.00 for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.
- 2022-348 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and enter into an agreement with New Jersey Transit to secure grant funding for NJ Transit's Consolidated NJ- Job Access and Reverse Commute (NJ-JARC round 9) Grant Program for SY2023 in the amount of \$300,000.00 with a 100% County match in the amount of not to exceed \$300,000.00 for a total contract of not to exceed \$600,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
- 2022-349 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution 2022-219, a contract with Colliers Engineering and Design, Red Bank, New Jersey, to conduct additional required NJDEP-compliant Preliminary Assessment work at the property located at 735-737 Springfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey in the additional amount not to exceed \$59,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$75,000.00.
- 2022-350 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Groundwork Elizabeth, Elizabeth, New Jersey for the administration and implementation of UC Kids Dig In!: Rebuild, Replenish, Regrow to sustain previously awarded school garden grants for post-pandemic improvement in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.
- 2022-351 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Amending resolution number 2022-127, a contract to Deborah A. White Consulting, LLC, for the provision of Crisis Intervention Team Training to law enforcement and mental health personnel for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, to reflect a change in the accounts only with no changes to the contract amount or other terms and conditions.
- 2022-352 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a license agreement allowing Hudson County's Public Safety Training Academy to use the Emergency Vehicle Operating Course Track at the Stamler Police Academy.
- 2022-353 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award funding for the 2022 Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 to the twenty-one (21) municipalities in the County of Union.

- 2022-354 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to sponsor the Union County Educational Services Commission and Overlook Hospital, by providing monetary assistance for the Union County Project SEARCH Program to cover Two Year License/Bodyswaps VR Software, One Year License Virtual Job Shadow.com, and Travel Training (via NJTIP at Rutgers) in an amount not to exceed \$29,638.73.
- 2022-355 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to concur with the Union County Workforce Development Board's action to approve the Revised Program Year 2021 Union County Workforce Development Area Budget—through Resolution No. 2022-13—for the purpose of assigning the Work First New Jersey grants the requisite indirect cost rate allowable under the approved Center Service Cost Allocation Plan.
- 2022-356 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Resolution appointing Laura Scutari, Amy Wagner and Claudia Martins as Commissioners to the Union County Insurance Fund Commission for a term commencing January 15, 2022 and ending on January 14, 2024 or for the remainder of their service in office as officials, whichever is less.

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2022-357 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing Jill Hall upon being named the 2022 Union County Municipal Alliance Volunteer of the Year.
- 2022-358 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing May as Mental Health Awareness Month in an effort to increase outreach and education regarding mental health and reduce the stigma often associated with mental illness.
- 2022-359 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing the month of May 2022 as National Community Action Month, created by the Community Action Partnership to highlight Community Action Agencies' role in helping low-income individuals and families to move out of poverty and achieve economic security.
- 2022-360 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution to congratulate and commend Donna Lowe Alexander, interim President/Chief Executive Officer of Urban League of Union County, upon her retirement.
- 2022-361 VICE CHAIR CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution designating the month of May as “Bag Up NJ” month in Union County in an effort to recognize the State of New Jersey's new law phasing out single use plastic and paper bags and encouraging the use of reusable bags throughout New Jersey; and further committing the County of Union to work in concert with the New Jersey Clean Communities Council, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Department of State, policymakers, environmental and business groups, as well as other stakeholders, to educate consumers, businesses, and communities within the County of Union of the new law and encouraging residents to "Bag Up" before the ban goes into effect on May 4, 2022.

- 2022-362 VICE CHAIR CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating John Glander, of Boy Scout Troop 104 in Scotch Plains, on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.
- 2022-363 VICE CHAIR CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating Luke Checchio, of Boy Scout Troop 104 in Scotch Plains, on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.
- 2022-364 VICE CHAIR CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating Aidan Mooney, of TROOP 104, on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.
- 2022-365 VICE CHAIR CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating Max Mercurio, of Boy Scout Troop 104 of Scotch Plains, on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.
- 2022-366 VICE CHAIR CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating Terence M. Downey, of Boy Scout Troop 104, upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout.
- 2022-367 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing May 2022 as Older Americans Month to advocate for and support the needs of all older adults in Union County.
- 2022-368 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution proclaiming May 2-6, 2022 as Public Service Recognition Week in Union County; and further joining other local governments and states throughout the nation by extending appreciation to all of our employees for their professionalism, integrity and dedication.
- 2022-369 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating Daphne Frances Willard, of Plainfield, upon the celebration of her 100th birthday on May 24, 2022.
- 2022-370 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing Bobby Valentine, former Mets manager and guest speaker at the 85th Annual Union County Baseball Association Hot Stove Dinner, on Sunday, May 1st 2022.
- 2022-371 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating Carlos Diaz, Steve Williams and Mike Virgilio upon being inducted into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame at the Annual Union County Baseball Association Hot Stove Dinner on May 1, 2022.
- 2022-372 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating Jon Sot upon receiving the Outstanding Male Athlete Award at the Union County Baseball Association Hot Stove Dinner on May 1, 2022.

- 2022-373 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating Faith Dobosiewicz upon receiving the Outstanding Female Athlete Award at the Union County Baseball Association Hot Stove Dinner on May 1, 2022.
- 2022-374 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution honoring Tyler Kane upon receiving the Union County Baseball Association Scholarship at the Annual Union County Baseball Association Hot Stove Dinner on May 1, 2022.
- 2022-375 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution honoring Coach Dennis McCaffery and the players of the Cranford Cougars Baseball team for their victory of the Last Dance World Series Championship at the Annual Union County Baseball Association Hot Stove Dinner on May 1, 2022.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- 1) Attorney Client privileged communications and discussions relative to litigation concerning the matter entitled Jiminez vs. Union County Improvement Authority and the County of Union.

ADJOURNMENT

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

REORGANIZATION MEETING - THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022 at 6:30 pm
Administration Building, 6th Floor
Commissioner Meeting Room

AGENDA SETTING SESSION

January 20, 2022

February 3, 2022
February 17, 2022

March 3, 2022
March 24, 2022

April 7, 2022
April 28, 2022*

May 12, 2022
May 26, 2022

June 9, 2022
June 23, 2022

July 14, 2022

August 11, 2022

September 15, 2022

October 6, 2022
October 20, 2022

November 10, 2022

December 1, 2022
December 15, 2022

REGULAR MEETINGS

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December 15, 2022

* April 21, 2022 Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting have been rescheduled for April 28, 2022.

Please note that the County of Union's 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 6:00pm and the Regular Meeting to commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session, unless otherwise noted.

All meetings are to be held in the Commissioner Meeting Room within the Administration Building, 6th floor located at 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth New Jersey, 07207. Due to the Covid-19 coronavirus concerns, County Commissioner meetings may be held remotely via Zoom webinar under the procedures conducted, as published, in 2021. If said procedures are deemed necessary, the Clerk of the Board will revise said Public Notice according to law.

Persons requiring a sign language interpreter should contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 908-527-4140.