



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Williams presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Chair Rebecca Williams, Vice Chair Christopher Hudak, Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr., Commissioner Angela R. Garretson, Commissioner Sergio Granados, Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski, Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded were present.

Also present were Deputy County Manager Amy C. Wagner, 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

Chair Williams advised that the Communications would be approved later during the Regular Meeting.

PRESENTATIONS BY THE BOARD

A resolution presentation was made by Union County Vocational-Technical Schools Superintendent Gwendolyn Ryan, joined by students from the various Academies of the Vocational-Technical School, in recognition of National Career and Technical (CTE) Month and National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Week.

Superintendent Ryan spoke relative to National Career and Technical Month and National Future Farmers of America week, noting that UCVTS was observing the weeks with several activities including, guest speakers, special announcements, and panel discussions, among other activities. She noted that UCVTS continued to receive state and national recognition, being ranked amongst the top schools in publications such as NJ.com and Newsweek, among other publications. She added that five of their full time career academies were recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as Blue Ribbon Schools, among other accolades. She thanked the

Board of Commissioners for their unyielding support that continues to afford the students at UCVTS an environment in which they can thrive and succeed. She went on to introduce the students from UCVTS in attendance and share a few of their educational feats.

Kasey Blunt, a junior from Linden and student of U.C. Vocational Technical High School, is a member of the Health Occupational Student Association (HOSA) and the Red Cross Club. She also enjoys humanitarian work and hopes to become a physician's assistant.

Vanya Funez, a senior from Rahway and student of the Academy for Information Technologies, is the Vice-President of the Business Achievement Award for Future Business Leaders of America and is working towards completing a business management and administration program as an AP Capstone Diploma Candidate. She has been previously recognized as a Rahway Rising Star.

Jadaia Loco, a senior from Hillside and student of the Academy for Allied Health Sciences, is a dedicated member of HOSA and a leader in the Allied Health National Honor Society chapter. She is currently working towards becoming EMT certified and her future goals consist of working in healthcare with a focus in pediatrics.

Joyce Nagib, a junior from Elizabeth and student of the Academy for Allied Health Sciences is a member of HOSA and Relay for Life. She has participated recently in a regional medical terminology event and was a recent inductee of the Honor Society. Additionally, she swims for her home high school and is involved in a local youth group. She hopes to pursue a major in biomedical engineering and attend medical school.

Vincent Felici, a senior from Cranford and student of the U.C. Magnet High School for Science, Math, and Technology, has been a dedicated member of the robotics club for the last four years, serving as the build lead. He also serves as a UCVTS technology intern and plans to major in computer engineering in college.

Benjamin Jyras, a senior from Fanwood and student of the U.C. Magnet High School for Science, Math, and Technology, is the Vice-President of the UCVTS technology student association and placed 4th last spring in a state software development competition as well as 2nd in a trans-option hydro-car competition for two consecutive years. He plans to major in computer science in college.

Arden Maschwitz, a junior from Westfield and student of the Academy for Performing Arts, helped create the original choreography for APA's Art of Creation for the last three years. Additionally, she is the dance captain for APA's production of Legally Blonde, scheduled to premier at UCPAC in March. She hopes to pursue a career in the performing arts following high school.

Zoe Oliver, a senior from Plainfield and student of the Academy for Information Technologies, is a UCVTS technology intern as well as an AP Capstone Diploma Candidate, focusing her project on promoting healthier, and more positive social media experiences and interactions.

Priscilla Zerelli, a senior from Cranford, enrolled in the cosmetology program at the U.C. Career and Technical Institute, has worked at Roxanne's at Robert Wood Johnson in Rahway for approximately two years.

Andrea Fehlauer, a junior from Union and student of the School of Sustainable Sciences, serves at the President of UCVTS's FFA Chapter as well as Chair of the Career Success Committee. Over the last three years, she has competed in several leadership and career development events, placing 1st in a statewide speaking event in 2021. In that same year, she was also the recipient of the U.C. Chapter Degree.

To close, Superintendent Ryan advised that the students had brought succulent plants for each Commissioner from the Sustainable Science Program as well as tickets to APA's upcoming performance of Legally Blonde.

Chair Williams presented Reso No. 2022-202 & Reso No. 2022-203 to Superintendent Ryan and the staff and students of UCVTS.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amy Crisp Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the cancellation of HOME Investment Partnership grant balance accounts to reconcile a Voluntary Grant Reduction repayment (VGR) in the amount of \$861,000 in response to an Office of the Investigator General Audit. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with National Flag & Display Co., Inc., d/b/a Metro Flag Co. for the purchase of American Flags to be placed on the graves of Veterans buried in Union County cemeteries during the Memorial Day Weekend 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$26,208.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 2022-21, a contract with Manuel R. Grova, Esq. as Special Counsel to the Union County Planning Board, to correct the budget account number to be charged with no other changes to the terms or conditions. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
4. Resolution of the Union County Board of County Commissioners to concur with the Union County Workforce Development Board's Resolution Nos. 2022-05 and 2022-08 to amend its agreement with Union County College by revising the budget allocation of the contract amount of not to exceed \$270,000.00; and, to modify the PY 2020 WIOA Dislocated Worker Class-Size Budget. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
5. Resolution of the Union County Board of County Commissioners to concur with Resolution No. 2022-06 of the Union County Workforce Development Board award of a contract to Union County Vocational Technical Schools under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Out-of-School Youth Grant for the period of September 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022. Funding will be utilized to operate the

- Simon Youth Academy to provide Out-of-School Youth an alternative educational program leading to a high-school diploma. Total funding for the eighteen (18) month period will not exceed \$333,000.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
6. Resolution of the Union County Board of County Commissioners to concur with the with Resolution No. 2022-04 of the Union County Workforce Development Board to amend its agreement with the International Rescue Committee by revising the contract start-and-end period as follows: from beginning on February 14, 2020 and ending on December 31, 2021 to the new contract period beginning on February 14, 2020 and ending on May 20, 2022. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
 7. Resolution of the Union County Board of County Commissioners to concur with Resolution No. 2022-07 of the Union County Workforce Development Board awarding a contract to Shain Schaffer, PC for professional legal services for the period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 in the total amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. This resolution would allow Shain Schaffer, PC, to provide legal services in connection with the Union County Workforce Development Board's implementation of the Local Strategic Plan and related legal services. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
 8. Resolution of the Union County Board of County Commissioners 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. 2022-09—for the purpose of assigning the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act grants the requisite indirect cost rate allowable under the approved Center Service Cost Allocation Plan, as specified in the forms attached hereto and made a part hereof. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
 9. Resolution of the Union County Board of County Commissioners to concur with the Union County Workforce Development Board's action to approve the Revised Program Year 2020 Union County Workforce Development Area Budget—through Resolution No. 2022-10—for the purpose of assigning the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act grants the requisite indirect cost rate allowable under the approved Center Service Cost Allocation Plan, as specified in the forms attached hereto and made a part hereof. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Joseph Graziano, Director

1. Amending Resolution Number 2021-076, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding (BA# 20-2020) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Fai Gon Electric Inc., Piscataway, NJ, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Intersection Improvements of South Michigan Avenue and Quinton Avenue Hawk Signal, Borough of Kenilworth, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$20,648.48) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$99,799.21(Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-012). **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to ESRI Environmental Systems Research Inc., Redlands, CA for maintenance and technical support as

needed of the ArcGIS Desktop License for GIS Databases for the period of March 20, 2022 through March 19, 2023 in the amount of not to exceed \$20,600.00. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), FY 2016-2017 Local Safety Program for the following project: East Front Street Intersection Improvement, City of Plainfield, Union County in the amount not to exceed \$1,631,319.26 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-018). **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

Commissioner Leon asked Director Graziano to elaborate on this item.

Director Graziano advised that this item related to a safety grant through the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority to facilitate improvements to four intersections in the City of Plainfield. He added that grant monies would be used to make necessary improvements to Watchung Avenue, Roosevelt Avenue, Sanford Avenue, and Norwood Avenue at the intersection of East Front Street.

4. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract, to T&M Associates, Middletown, New Jersey, to provide Construction Administration and Inspection services for the East Front Street Intersection Improvements, City of Plainfield, County of Union, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$420,298.72 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-018), subject to the approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

Commissioner Leon asked Director Graziano to elaborate on this item.

Director Graziano advised that the cited monies were part of the \$1,631,319.26 noted in Item No. 3. He added that the vendor was secured through a federal request for proposal process and the County only served as the middleman for the project. He noted that no County funds were involved in this project and would be funded solely with grant monies.

5. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Neglia Engineering Associates, Mountainside, NJ, to provide engineering design services, construction administration and inspection services for the 2023 Road Resurfacing Project for the County of Union, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$209,784.00 (Union County Engineering Project# 2021-011). **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
6. Amending Resolution Number 2020-658, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding (BA# 47-2019) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Smith Soudy Asphalt Construction Company, Wallington, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 2 (final) for the 2020 Road Resurfacing Project, various municipalities, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$164,079.77) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$7,182,838.28 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-020). **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

Vice Chair Hudak asked Director Graziano to elaborate on the reduction of cost.

Director Graziano advised that the County had arranged with the utility company doing unrelated work on-site to repave the road, resulting in the reduction.

7. Amending Resolution Number 2021-492 a contract with Mast Construction Services, Little Falls, NJ for the purpose of providing construction management and inspection services for the Union County Courthouse Fire Code Renovations, City of Elizabeth, New Jersey, for additional services not to exceed \$70,000.00, for a new contract amount not to exceed \$2,355,519.00 (UC Engineering Project # 2010-033C). **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

Vice Chair Hudak asked if this item also related to a reduction.

Director Graziano noted that this was for an increase, adding that he expected the project to be substantially completed by the middle to the end of March. He advised that the cited increase would cover the concluding phase of the project as well as an additional month for the completion of the close-out documentation.

8. Amending Resolution Number 2021-904, authorizing the submission of a grant application on behalf of the County of Union, and if awarded, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for Fiscal Year 2022 Local Transportation Project Funds LTPF-2022-Amphibious Excavator Grapple Loader – 00074, to reflect changes in language as per New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT). **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

Commissioner Kowalski asked Director Graziano to elaborate on this item.

Director Graziano advised that with the help of County Manager Oatman and Deputy County Manager Wagner, the County had applied for grant monies through the State for the purchase of an Amphibious Excavator Grapple Loader with a Tub Grinder. He added that the floating equipment would be used to navigate County streams and rivers as a means to identify and eliminate possible obstructions and debris. He added that once cleared, the tub grinder would be used to grind the debris into smaller, more manageable fragments.

Vice Chair Hudak asked how big the equipment was and whether or not it could be used to navigate smaller waterways.

Director Graziano advised that while he did not know the approximate size of the equipment, it would cost approximately \$2 million dollars. He added that the Amphibious Excavator Grapple Loader was not ideal for smaller waterways, but the Department was also looking into a long-stick excavator that would be able to reach smaller, more cumbersome areas.

Vice Chair Hudak added that he thought the equipment was a good purchase and hoped to use it to address and potentially mitigate some of the areas that proved problematic during Tropical Storm Ida.

Director Graziano added that he hoped to start using the equipment by the end of next year, noting the rise in water tables throughout the County, particularly in Clark.

Commissioner Baker asked for additional information related to the use of this equipment in waterways.

Director Graziano advised that the equipment was placed on a floating steel bed and could be used to access trees and other debris blocking waterways. He added that the grapple

would then be used to remove the blockage and the debris would then be ground in the tub grinder and hauled out.

Commissioner Baker asked about the byproduct of the tub grinder.

Director Graziano advised that the tub grinder would grind the debris into a mulch-like material, the size of wood chips.

Commissioner Mirabella inquired about potentially offering the Amphibious Excavator Grapple Loader for the municipalities through a shared services agreement.

Director Graziano advised that once purchased, the Department would look into sharing the resources with various municipalities, particularly those with larger waterways.

Commissioner Mirabella noted that the various Public Works Departments throughout the County were appreciative of the County's willingness to share importance resources.

9. Resolution granting permission to the Borough of Roselle Park to hang banners over Chestnut Street advertising the following events: Spring 2022 Wide Garage Sale from June 1, 2022 until June 13, 2022; the 2022 Independence Day Celebration from June 13, 2022 until July 6, 2022; the 2022 Arts Festival from September 1, 2022 until September 26, 2022; and the 2022 Winter Market from November 7, 2022 until December 5, 2022. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
10. Granting permission to the Borough of Kenilworth to close the Boulevard from 24th Street to 14th Street on Sunday, May 15, 2022 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm for the Kenilworth Street Fair. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
11. Resolution authorizing the Borough of Roselle Park to hang a banner advertising the Borough's 2022 Memorial Day Parade and Summer Kick-Off Picnic from May 2, 2022 until June 1, 2022 and to close Chestnut Street from Grant Avenue to Webster Avenue on Monday, May 30, 2022 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm to hold its 2022 Memorial Day Parade. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
12. Authorizing the Township of Berkeley Heights to hang a banner across Springfield Avenue and Plainfield Avenue advertising the Berkeley Heights Volunteer Rescue Squad Membership Drive from February 28, 2022 until April 15, 2022. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Agreement of Understanding between the Union County Division of Social Services and Overlook Hospital for the out-stationing of County Welfare Agency staff (one part-time employee) to process YR 2022 Medicaid applications for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 at no cost to the County of Union (State and Hospital funded in full). **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Agreement of Understanding between the Union County Division of Social Services and Trinitas Medical Center

for the out-stationing of County Welfare Agency staff (four full-time employees) to process YR 2022 Medicaid applications for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 at no cost to the County of Union (State and Hospital funded in full). **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

3. Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Agreement of Understanding between the Union County Division of Social Services and Overlook Hospital for the out-stationing of County Welfare Agency staff (one part-time employee) to process YR 2021 Medicaid applications for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at no cost to the County of Union (State and Hospital funded in full). **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Agreement of Understanding between the Union County Division of Social Services and Trinitas Medical Center for the out-stationing of County Welfare Agency staff (four full-time employees) to process YR 2021 Medicaid applications for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at no cost to the County of Union (State and Hospital funded in full). **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded asked Director Anderson to elaborate on the partnership between the County and the cited hospitals in Item Nos. 1-4.

Director Anderson advised that these items related to out-patient services in which the County would send Social Services employees to the cited hospitals to assist with applying for Medicaid. She noted that case workers and social workers would explain the process to patients and assist them with the application process, adding that once released, the patient would be set to receive Medicaid benefits. She advised that this would be the second year the County partnered with the cited facilities to provide said services.

5. Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2022 Statewide Respite Care Spending Plan and enter into agreements with various agencies to deliver respite services to unpaid caregiver's under the Statewide Respite Care Grant for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, representing contract year one of a three year cycle with the option to renew contracts for two additional years in the total amount not to exceed \$280,048.00; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the funded agencies during the contract period should services needs change and/or if any of the agencies should fail to meet its contractual obligation. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded asked Director Anderson to elaborate on this item.

Director Anderson advised that this item would provide occasional relief and resources to unpaid caregivers providing respite care to elderly or disabled family members.

6. Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2022 Coordinated Community Care Spending Plan and enter into agreements with various agencies to deliver services to Union County residents 60 years of age or older and/or their caregivers under the 2022-2024 Coordinated Community Care Program for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, representing contract year one of a three year cycle with the option to renew contracts for two additional years in the total amount not to exceed \$100,000.00; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the funded

agencies during the contract period should services needs change and/or if any of the agencies should fail to meet its contractual obligation. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded asked Director Anderson to elaborate on this item.

Director Anderson advised that this item would provide in-home care and nursing services to elderly patients.

Commissioner Garretson asked Director Anderson how many community agencies were engaged in providing the cited services in Item Nos. 5 & 6.

Director Anderson advised that she would provide that information shortly. She added that all the agencies had been secured through a Request for Proposal based on the monies received from the government.

7. Amending Resolution Number 2021-767 for the addition of Circle Motor Lodge, South Amboy, NJ to the list of Code Blue shelters and motels for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 with no changes to the total contract amount or other terms. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

Chair Williams asked Director Anderson to elaborate on this item.

Director Anderson advised that this item was meant to add a lodging location to the Code Blue shelter and motel list, noting that the cited location was out-of-county due to the increased demand for accommodations as a result of increased homelessness.

Commissioner Baker noted the vendor's location and asked whether or not transportation was provided to the individuals sheltered out-of-county.

Director Anderson confirmed that the County did provide transportation for individuals being accommodated in out-of-county shelters. She added that the County also partnered with County Law Enforcement to provide transportation as well as provide reimbursements for cab fares. She noted that the State's Department of Family Development reimbursed the County for transportation fees.

Commissioner Baker asked how many Union County residents were currently sheltered at the Circle Motor Lodge. He also asked if the vendor has been used on prior occasions.

Director Anderson confirmed that the vendor has been used previously, adding that shelters have been secured as far as Bergen County on occasion. She noted that hotel/motel accommodations proved challenging because the County paid a flat rate of \$50/\$55 per night. She advised that the State was involved in discussions to potentially reimburse the County for such accommodations at higher rates. Director Anderson noted the importance of funding the Code Blue initiative to ensure shelter resources were available when needed. She added that the Board of Commissioners and Department were committed to continuing to fund this initiative even in the absence of State funding.

Commissioner Baker advised that he was aware of the discussion at the state-level related to hotel/motel rates, noting it as an on-going debate. He commended Director Anderson and her Department for the work they continue to do to this end.

8. Amending Resolution Number 2021-855, a contract with Mount Olive Baptist Church, Plainfield, New Jersey, for the provision of warming center services for homeless individuals to increase the contract award in the amount of \$7,500.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$33,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022 with no other changes to the terms or conditions. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

Chair Williams asked Director Anderson to elaborate on this item.

Director Anderson advised that Mount Olive Baptist Church in Plainfield would serve as a warming center on Code Blue nights and agencies like Prevention Links could provide on-site information related to resources that may assist these individuals. She noted that there was an increased need for shelter resources in Plainfield as determined by the Point In Time Count. She added that in Plainfield there were approximately 40 homeless individuals per night in need of shelter, compared to roughly 20 individuals last year.

Commissioner Baker asked for additional information related to this item.

Director Anderson advised that Mount Olive Baptist Church did not serve as a traditional shelter, but rather a warming center and safe haven for homeless individuals. She noted that it was a place for these individuals to shelter from the cold and receive a warm meal, adding that it was one of the few places within that community that was willing and able to provide such a resource. She advised that the County was grateful for the resource and the invaluable service they provide, as there had been 69 Code Blue nights called during this winter season thus far. She noted that this would be the 2nd year that Mount Olive Baptist Church would be providing this service.

9. Amending Resolution Number 2022-100, an amendment of contract with MPC Bus Corporation, Garden City, NY, for the provision of Transportation Services for the Paratransit System, to reflect a change in appropriation accounts only. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Ron Zuber, Director

1. Amending Resolution Number 2020-751, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding (BA# 24-2020) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Landtek Group Inc., Bay Shore, New York, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Snyder Avenue Field Turf, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$258,913.73) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$1,584,629.27 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2019-006). **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Vice Chair Hudak asked Director Zuber to elaborate on the cited, significant reduction.

Director Zuber advised that extra monies had been allocated for the project in the event that remediation efforts were required. He added that soil results had come back favorable and the additional monies were not needed.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to extend a concession contract pursuant to Resolution 2019-264 (NBA# 3-2019) to Ray's Food & Ice Cream Concessions, Inc., Woodland Park, NJ, to provide Food & Boating Services at Echo Lake Park & Food Services at Watchung Loop Snack stand for one (1) additional season of 6 months for the period of April 1, 2022 through September 30th, 2022. This is a revenue generating contract \$200.00 per month for a total of \$1,200.00 for the season. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for a grant and if accepted execute documents to effectuate the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for a project to rehabilitate the Clark Reservoir by means of sedimentation removal in the amount of approximately \$4,000,000.00. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Commissioner Granados asked Director Zuber to elaborate on this item.

Director Zuber advised that this item related to a rehabilitation project at the Clark Reservoir. He added that the Department was looking to apply for a third grant which would fund the process of removing or bio-augmenting everything in the reservoir. He noted that the initial two grants totaling \$250,000 each had been used for the initial phases of the project which included checking depths and metrics to determine the next course of action based on conditions.

Commissioner Granados added that many municipalities and their respective residents strongly supported the County's efforts to address and rehabilitate the Clark Reservoir.

Commissioner Mirabella echoed the sentiments of Commissioner Granados, noting that New Jersey Senate President Nicholas P. Scutari continued to play an instrumental role in channeling funds from the State to have this area addressed. He added that funding would be used to make improvements to the area and hopefully open it up for recreational purposes. He noted that improvements to the Clark Reservoir could also potentially assist with flood control efforts.

4. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract obtained through competitive contracting law, (RCCP #2-2022) in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 et seq. to Town and Country Veterinary House Calls PC dba Town & Country Veterinary Service, Denville, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Equestrian Veterinary Services for the Watchung Stables for the period of five (5) years commencing March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2027, in the amount of not to exceed \$250,000.00. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Spec Rescue International, Virginia Beach, Virginia, to provide exercise support and training to members of the Metro Urban Search and Rescue (MUSAR) Task Force from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Region, through the 2019, 2020 and 2021 UASI grants, in an amount not to exceed \$281,600.00. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Training Specialties Inc., Exton, PA for the purchase of Twinstar Coupling Adapters for the UASI Neptune Hoses using FY20 UASI funds in an amount not to exceed \$18,748.00. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Municipal Emergency Services (MES) dba Lawmen Supply Company, Pennsauken, NJ, for the purpose of purchasing Rope Rescue Safety Equipment for the UASI Metro Strike Team using FY2019 UASI funds in an amount not to exceed \$32,861.72. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Sea Box Inc., Cinnaminson, NJ, for the purchase of a modified container for training exercises for the UASI Metro Urban Search & Rescue (MUSAR) Team, utilizing the 2020 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Funds in an amount not to exceed \$43,895.00. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

Commissioner Baker asked Director Moran to elaborate on the cited training.

Director Moran advised that this related to a regional UASI project between 7 counties and 2 core cities, including Newark and Jersey City. He added that this item would allow the Department to purchase a modified shipping container for rescue training in confined spaces. He added that since the purchase was portable, it could be used by other regional agencies.

Vice Chair Hudak asked Director Moran to provide an overview of UASI.

Director Moran advised that UASI had been in existence for several years and involved receipt of federal funding to assist in emergency preparedness, response, and recovery efforts from terrorist attacks. He noted that other regional agencies also made purchases that could be shared amongst the other agencies, allowing for unified training. He added that UASI also enhanced the ability to provide mutual aid in the event of an emergency, including natural disasters.

5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement through the Union County Office of Health Management with the Borough of Roselle Board of Health to provide public health and nursing services for a ten (10) year period commencing January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2031, in the amount of \$154,000.00 for the first year with a 2% annual increase for the remainder of contract term. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

Commissioner Granados inquired about the expanding of health services in the Borough of Roselle.

Director Moran advised that the item expanded current health services in the Borough of Roselle to include nursing services.

Chair Williams asked Director Moran to elaborate on the current services provided.

Director Moran advised that the County currently offered immunization clinics. He noted that with the inclusion of nursing services, the County would be able to monitor a state

database of communicable diseases to mitigate the spread. He added that this would involved health education and case management services.

6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with MES/Lawmen Supply Company of NJ, Pennsauken, NJ for the purchase of a Collapsible Defense System for the Union County UCERT Team using FY19 Homeland Security (SHSP) funds in the amount of not to exceed \$28,479.70. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Bruce H. Bergen, County Counsel

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter in to agreements with Gann Law Books, Newark, NJ for the purchase of law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional offices and agencies within the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$51,875.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2020-859 to increase the appropriation amount to Chasan, Lamparello, Mallon & Campuzzo, P.C. of Secaucus, NJ in the matter entitled Maria Reynolds-Jerussi v. NJ Office of the Attorney General, et als. by an additional amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$45,000.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 2022-112, a contract with West Publishing Corporation d/b/a West, a Thomson Reuters business to increase the contract amount for expenses/ purchases made by the UC Department of Corrections and Board of Elections during the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in the amount of not to exceed \$17,000.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$59,825.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution offering this Board deepest sympathies to Mary Dawkins and the entire Dawkins family as they celebrate and mourn the life of Mac Benjamin Dawkins who made his transition on January 30, 2022. **(Commissioner Angela R. Garretson & The Entire Board)**
2. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Loretta Johnson, of Hillside, during their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner Angela R. Garretson & The Entire Board)**
3. Authorizing the sponsorship of the Township of Springfield's Independence Day Celebration on July 4, 2022 in an amount of not to exceed \$2,500.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados & The Entire Board)**
4. Resolution sponsoring the Citizens Going Forward Goodwill Festival 2022 being held on June 4, 2022 in Mattano Park, Elizabeth in the amount of not to exceed \$1,500.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados & The Entire Board)**

5. Authorizing the sponsorship of the Borough of Roselle Park's Fourth of July festivities being held on July 1, 2022 in the amount of \$4,000.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados & The Entire Board)**
6. Resolution appointing the following members to the Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) for terms ending December 31, 2024: Sean Benoit (Community Health Law Project - Developmentally Disabled); Leah Dade (Service Sector); and Kamili Williams (County Welfare Agency Designee); re-appointing the following members for terms ending December 31, 2023: Anthony Camelli (Youth at Risk); Rashara Fuller (Major City/ Plainfield); Bernadette Griswold (Community at Large); Molly Fagan (Families in Crisis); Manuela Garica (Community at Large); Karla Spivey (Family & Children Services); Srabanti Starkar (Target Pop-Hispanic); Morgan Thompson (PACMHADA Representative); re-appointing the following member for terms ending December 31, 2024: Tom Beck (Community at Large); Diana Granada (Advisory Board on the Disabled); Susan Luckman (Community at Large) Alison Millan (Community at Large); Audria Russell (HIV/AIDS); Erica Carter-Wood (Major City-Elizabeth); Marge Zarkowski (Child Care Services); and appointing Crystal Orr (Target Pop-African American) to serve an unexpired term ending December 31, 2022. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
7. Resolution offering this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Joseph McTernan, former HSAC Chair and former Vice President for Special Operations at Trinitas Regional Medical Center, during their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados & The Entire Board)**
8. Resolution recognizing the City of Elizabeth as they host their City-Wide African American History Month Proclamation Signing at the Elizabeth City Hall Council Chambers on February 7th, 2022 **(Commissioner Sergio Granados & The Entire Board)**
9. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Edith Coogan, founder of Raphael's Life House, during their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski & The Entire Board)**
10. Resolution congratulating Andrew Gerard Gasper, of Troop 83 in Kenilworth, on obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout. **(Vice Chair Christopher Hudak & Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
11. Resolution congratulating Joseph Anthony Grimaldi, of Troop 83 in Kenilworth, on obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout. **(Vice Chair Christopher Hudak & Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
12. Proclaiming the week of February 19, 2022 - February 26, 2022 as "National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Week" throughout the County of Union. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams & The Entire Board)**
13. Resolution recognizing the month of February, 2022, as "National Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month," as designated by the National Association for Career and Technical Education, throughout County of Union. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams & The Entire Board)**

14. Amending Resolution 2022-5, a resolution establishing Commissioner appointments to Advisory Boards, to include a second Commissioner Liaison to the LGBTQ Ad Hoc Committee. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
15. Resolution appointing the following as members of the Union County College Board of Trustees: Anjali Mehrotra to fill an unexpired term ending June 30, 2023, and Miguel Figueredo to fill an unexpired term ending June 30, 2025. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Williams asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded a voice vote showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

**UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
2022 MEETING SCHEDULE
REORGANIZATION MEETING - THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021 at 6:00 pm
Courthouse Plaza, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ**

2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

AGENDA SETTING SESSION

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May 26, 2022

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June 23, 2022

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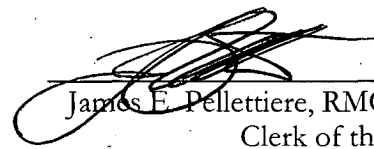
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Clerk of the Board

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