



## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Williams presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:55 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, and Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and Commissioner 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 called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Leon roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

### **ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION**

**836-2022 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND "THE LAWS OF UNION COUNTY: ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION" BY ADOPTING THE 2022 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FEES FOR RECREATION FACILITIES AND THE UNION COUNTY OFFICE OF HEALTH MANAGEMENT FOOD AND BEVERAGE FEE SCHEDULE.**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Union as follows:

1. That the schedule of fees attached hereto, hereby amends the official fees for the Department of Parks and Recreation Facilities for 2022. All fees not included herein will remain as previously adopted.

2. That the schedule of fees attached hereto, hereby amends the official fees for the Union County Office of Health Management Food and Beverage for 2022. All fees not included herein will remain as previously adopted.
3. That this Ordinance shall take effect at the time and manner provided by law.
4. That the Clerk of the Board be and is hereby authorized and directed to publish the required notice in the appropriate newspaper of such introduction and of a public hearing on March 3, 2022 and shall forward one certified copy, upon final passage, to each Clerk of all Municipalities located within the County of Union.
5. That the fee schedules pertinent to this Ordinance are on file in the Clerk of the Board's Office.

#### **FIRST READING STATEMENT**

Vice Chair Christopher Hudak, Policy Committee Chair, moved Ordinance Number 836-2022 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The public hearing was scheduled to be held on March 3, 2022.

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

#### **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.

John Bury, of Kenilworth, made comments relative to Reso Nos. 2022-163, 2022-164, and 2022-166 on behalf of Bruce Paterson of Garwood. Relative to Reso No. 2022-181, he asked for additional information on this resolution. Relative to Reso No. 2022-191, he asked for an overview of the matter. On a different note, he inquired about the purpose of fencing between Nomahegan Park and Black Brook Park.

Relative to Reso No. 2022-181, Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that approximately six years ago the Office of the Investigator General Audit launched an audit of the County's HOME Investment Partnership, adding that the initial project predated her. She noted that upon conclusion of the audit, the County was asked to return \$6 million. She added that the County had been working on negotiating that figure for the last six years and had settled on cited amount. She advised that County procedures had since been revised to prevent this from reoccurring. She added that HUD allowed the voluntary grant reduction and while the County had forfeited these funds and agreed to pay back the cited monies, the funds would technically be kept and repurposed to fund additional, related projects.

Relative to Reso No. 2022-191, Counsel Bergen advised that this resolution related to litigation involving a former employee of the Prosecutor's Office. He added that although the litigation was cumbersome, the County believed the suit had no merit. He noted that since it was still an ongoing process, the County

needed these monies to defend their position. He advised that the County was also attempting to get a partial reimbursement from the State Attorney General's Office for the expense.

Regarding the fencing, Director Graziano advised that the location was the site of the Lenape Park Rehabilitation Project. He noted that the fencing had been installed at the request of the previous County Engineer to restrict access to that portion of the dam. He added that the older fencing on site would also be replaced.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments relative to the Union County Government Complex and Finance Director Taylor.

Counsel Bergen advised that he could not make specific comments on the legal issues, but disputed the speaker's opinion that the vendor had been secured through an illegal bid process. He advised that once the bid process had been completed, the courts in NJ changed the law, adding that during the initial bidding process several trial courts, including the Assignment Judge of Union County had ruled on the legality of the process used, noting it as correct. He added that Union County had proceeded in accordance with the existing law that was subsequently changed by New Jersey's Superior Court, Appellate Division. He advised that under the request of Union County and the Union County Utilities Authority, the NJ Supreme Court was pursuing an appeal of the decision made by the appellate division, noting that the outcome of that appeal was still unknown. He reiterated that he disagreed with the speaker's position that an illegal bid process was utilized for this project.

Chair Williams added that it was premature to draw conclusions on a matter that was still being litigated.

#### RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

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The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

**2022-146 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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).

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-147 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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).

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-148 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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).

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-149 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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).

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-150 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-151 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-152 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-153 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2022-154 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2022-155 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2022-156 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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).

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2022-157 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-158 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-159 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-160 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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).

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-161 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-162 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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).

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-163 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-164 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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).

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-165 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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).

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-166 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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).

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-167 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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).

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-168 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-169 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-170 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-171 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-172 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-173 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Moudeed roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-174 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Moudeed roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-175 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Moudeed roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-176 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Moudeed roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-177 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Moudeed roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-178 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Moudeed roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-179 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-180 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-181 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-182 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-183 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-184 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-185 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-186 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-187 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-189 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2022-190 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2022-191 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2022-192 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2022-193 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Amending Resolution 2022-5, a resolution establishing Commissioner appointments to Advisory Boards, to include a second Commissioner Liaison to the LGBTQ Ad Hoc Committee.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2022-194 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

#### COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2022-195 COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2022-196 COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Loretta Johnson, of Hillside, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2022-197 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2022-198 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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 .

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2022-199 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Edith Coogan, founder of Raphael's Life House, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2022-200 VICE CHAIR CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution congratulating Andrew Gerard Gasper, of Troop 83 in Kenilworth, on obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2022-201 VICE CHAIR CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution congratulating Joseph Anthony Grimaldi, of Troop 83 in Kenilworth, on obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2022-202 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Proclaiming the week of February 19, 2022 - February 26, 2022 as "National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Week" throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2022-203 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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

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Commissioner Garretson spoke relative to the many great events that had taken place throughout the County in honor of Black History Month, adding the importance of observing the cause throughout the year. She spoke relative to an incident that took place in Somerset County, adding that the video footage of the event was horrific and troubling and should serve as a reminder that one must remain vigilant as people do not always behave as they should. She closed by encouraging people to pursue the truth and not be misguided by mistruths.

Commissioner Leon provided updates related to COVID-19 testing and vaccinations throughout Union County. She advised that the Plainfield Performing Arts Center would be providing COVID-19 testing Tuesday through Friday between 2pm-6pm as well as on Saturdays from 9am-1pm. She added that testing at the Gerald B. Green building in Plainfield would continue operations on Wednesdays between 11am-1pm. She also advised that testing at Kean University would be held on Mondays between 7am-12pm and Thursdays 7-12pm as well as 3pm-7pm, adding that the facility would also be open on Presidents' Day, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Relative to COVID-19 vaccinations, Commissioner Leon advised that starting Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, the Warinanco Sports Center would be offering Pfizer vaccinations for ages 5 and up on Tuesday and Thursdays between 3pm-7pm, noting that booster shots were also available. She added that Kean University would be offering Pfizer, Moderna, and J&J COVID-19 vaccinations to ages 12 and up on Fridays between 5pm-7pm. She noted that residents could book appointments for testing or vaccinations at the cited locations on the County website, noting that walk-ins were welcome at the County immunization clinics Monday-Friday between 8:30am-4pm. She confirmed that the Department of Public Safety would continue these efforts to provide easy access to testing and vaccinations as well as pursue mobile testing resources.

Commissioner Granados spoke relative to his recent attendance of a joint law enforcement recruiting session, joined by County Manager Oatman, Deputy County Manager Wagner, Director Moran, and Sheriff Corvelli. He noted that more than 200 in attendance had registered for a career in law enforcement at the event which included Union County Sheriff and Police, Elizabeth Police Department, and NJ Transit and Port Authority Police. He advised that the County would be partnering with the Union County Prosecutor's Office and Kean University for a recruitment fair on February 28<sup>th</sup> at Liberty Hall Academic Center and would feature 24 federal, state, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies. He encouraged interested residents to attend the informative event.

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded thanked all the residents that had made donations to the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Moms Helping Moms Foundation Diaper Drive during MLK Service Day last month. She advised that they were able to collect over 15,000 items, including diapers, wipes, and feminine products for residents in need. She noted the issue of diaper insecurity as it related to child care and thanked everyone for their generous donations.

Commissioner Kowalski advised that funding had been restored to complete a study of flood control options at Rahway River, adding that the completion of this study was the first step in developing an effective plan to safeguard the communities within Union County and the surrounding areas against flood-related issues. She noted that federal funding for this project had been received in 2015, but had since been discontinued before the study could be completed. On behalf of the Board, she thanked Senators Cory Booker and Bob Menendez as well as House Representative Tom Malinowski and Congressman Donald Payne Jr. for their efforts relative to restoring funding. She reaffirmed the Board's commitment to continue working alongside the Rahway River Mayor's Council, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to complete this project. On another note, she spoke about her recent attendance of the first class at the Fire Academy in Linden, alongside Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded. She recognized and thanked the new recruits, adding that she looked forward to seeing them achieve their career goals and join local fire departments throughout the County. She also thanked Director Tomich and Dean Ruhl for allowing them to tour the facility.

Commissioner Baker had no comments.

Commissioner Mirabella recognized Deputy County Manager Wagner for filling in for County Manager Oatman during the evening's meetings. On another note, he spoke relative to UCPAC's production of Fences the following evening, noting that he was looking forward to the performance as well as the presentation of the Chester Holmes Humanitarian Award that same evening. He recognized former Freeholder Chester Holmes for his many contributions and years of dedicated public service, adding that he was happy to see his legacy live on through the presentation of this award. To close, he congratulated County employees Armando Sanchez and Deana Mesaros on their recent nuptials.

Vice Chair Hudak spoke relative to the County's plan to add an additional parcel of open space to a county-owned persevered greenway, along the Passaic River running through Berkeley Heights, New Providence, and Summit. He advised that the County had entered into an agreement last year to purchase a vacant property at 735-737 Springfield Avenue in Berkeley Heights that was formerly occupied by a catering venue. He advised that the Board had voted to pass a Resolution during the last Commissioner's meeting to finalize the purchase of that property. He added that this was another step in the County's efforts to provide interconnected greenways which would link with the various park systems throughout Union County. He thanked Berkeley Heights Mayor Angie Devanney for her assistance in these efforts to create more open space for use by residents throughout the County. He added that demolition work at the cited location had commenced last month. Alongside the \$4 million grant received for the Clark Reservoir, Vice Chair Hudak noted that it was a good night for the acquisition and improvement of open space.

Chair Williams advised that the Department of Parks and Recreation was looking for lifeguards for the upcoming 2022 Summer at Ulrich Pool in Rahway. She encouraged interested residents to visit the County website for more information related to scheduling, compensation, and the requirements of the position. She also spoke relative to the upcoming production of Fences tomorrow evening as well as the presentation of the Chester Holmes Humanitarian Award. On another note, she spoke relative to an upcoming virtual lecture on February 24th by Keith Wolcott of Union County College through the County's Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs entitled African American Survival: From Jim Crow to Civil Rights and Beyond.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Williams asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.



**UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
2022 MEETING SCHEDULE  
REORGANIZATION MEETING - THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021 at 6:00 pm  
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**2022 MEETING SCHEDULE**

**AGENDA SETTING SESSION**

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James E. Pellettiere, RMC, QPA  
Clerk of the Board

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