

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 03, 2022
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Williams presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 County Manager Edward T. Oatman, County Counsel Bruce H. Bergen Esq., and Clerk of the Board James E. Pellettiere.

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

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

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

William Daniel, Prosecutor

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2021-723 a contract with Thermo Scientific Portable Analytical Instruments Inc., Tewksbury, MA, for the purchase of proprietary reagent, supplies and service agreements for instrument maintenance, to reflect a change/addition of account numbers only. (All other aspects of the agreement remain the same.) **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Robert Santilli, Middletown, NJ to serve as IT Manager for the Union County Prosecutor's Office

for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement for the renewal of CDC connectivity services and maintenance from SyTech Corporation for 2021 and 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$69,897.04. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into a contract with Deborah A. White Consulting, LLC, Cranford, NJ to provide Crisis Intervention Team Training to law enforcement and mental health personnel for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$19,900.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Professional Services contract with Catherine Vulcano, Berkeley Heights, NJ to serve as the Acting SART/FNE Coordinator for the Union County Prosecutor's Office for the period of February 3, 2022 through March 3, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amy Crisp Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

1. Authorizing Change Order #1 for a contract awarded to Johnston Communications, through advertised public bidding BA# UCCP 23-2021, Resolution 2021-207 in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., for electronic network equipment, security and cabling to various County Departments, to increase the contract amount by \$1,642,640.88 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$2,258,840.88. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

Commissioner Baker asked Deputy County Manager Wagner to elaborate on this item.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that this item was meant to add additional funds to an existing co-op that was established four years ago. She added that using the co-op for the cited equipment and respective labor would save the County approximately \$40,000 in labor costs. She noted that the purchase allowed for the modernization of cyber security throughout the County, increasing overall security, network capacity, and back-up upgrades, among other improvements.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with 4Connections, LLC for maintenance and lease of existing fiber optic cable previously installed throughout the City of Elizabeth connecting various County and City buildings for the period of December 1, 2021 through November 30, 2026 in amount not to exceed \$509,258.40. The City of Elizabeth will reimburse the County of Union in the amount of \$267,159.60 for the City's share of usage and maintenance costs during the contract period. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Edmunds GovTech, Northfield, NJ, to provide maintenance and technical support for the County's Financial Accounting and Electronic Requisition System for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$21,205.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

4. Amending Yr 47 allocation to accept and allocate funds originally awarded in Resolution #2021-583 from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for HOME-American Rescue Plan (ARP), in an amount not to exceed \$222,816.60. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award year one contracts in accordance with the Three Year 2022-2024 Area Plan for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in the total amount not to exceed \$4,715,116.00, and further authorizing the transfer of funds among the listed agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any should fail to meet its contractual obligation. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

Commissioner Leon asked Director Anderson to elaborate on this item.

Director Anderson advised that this item related to a Three Year Area Plan for adults 60 years of age and older and their caregivers, adding that this plan would provide meals and transport, among other resources and services intended to preserve independence in the older population.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter in an agreement with Jaqueline Napper, PsyD, PsyPharm, Plainfield, NJ, to provide psychological services to the patients at Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital including weekend psychological care and group sessions, for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with The Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, Elizabeth, NJ for the 2022 Homeless Outreach and Shelter Program for the period of January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022 in the amount of not to exceed \$40,000.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

Commissioner Granados asked Director Anderson to elaborate on this item.

Director Anderson advised that this item would assist with homeless outreach, primarily in Elizabeth, and resources would be used to provide rapid rehousing and emergency shelter through various agencies in instances where shelters are overcrowded, among other services.

4. Amending Resolution Number 2021-982 to extend the contract with Center for Family Guidance, PC, Marlton, NJ for five (5) months through June 30, 2022 to provide Administrator services at Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital in the amount not to exceed \$68,750.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
5. Amending Resolution Number 2021-860 and preceding Resolution 2021-476, contract with Geographic Solutions, Palm Harbor, FL for provision of a Workforce Information Management Data System, to change appropriation accounts only. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Ron Zuber, Director

1. Amending Resolution Number 2020-689 awarding a contract to Michael Calafati, LLP for additional Architectural Services for Rehabilitation of Two Houses at Historic Deserted Feltville Village in the additional amount not to exceed \$11,000.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$103,500.00. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Commissioner Mirabella asked for additional information related to this item.

Director Zuber advised that the requested monies would be used to rehabilitate two properties at the Deserted Feltville Village. He noted that safety was of the utmost importance and the repairs would be done in portions to mitigate disruptions.

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 into agreements with LexisNexis, a division of RELX Inc., 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 \$57,875.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement for acquisition of property from the Borough of Roselle Park, designated on the tax map of Roselle Park as Block 424, Lot 1.02 for the sum of \$760,000.00 as per Bond Ordinance. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement for acquisition of property from 735 Springfield Avenue, LLC., designated on the tax map of Berkeley Heights as Block 501, Lots 1 and 3 and for the sum of \$2,585,000.00 as per Bond Ordinance. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution offering this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Antonio "Tony" Garay, during their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr & The Entire Board)**
2. Resolution re-appointing John B. Nicholas (Delegate) and Joseph Gallegos (Alternate) to the UC Air Traffic & Noise Advisory Board to represent the City of Summit for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022. **(Commissioner Angela R. Garretson)**
3. Resolution offering this Board's sincerest condolences to the family of Elide Sertil, during their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados & The Entire Board)**
4. Resolution recognizing the American Heart Association's Go Red campaign observed on Friday, February 4, 2022; and further supporting all endeavors that raise awareness that heart disease remains the leading cause of death for women in the

United States, causing 1 in 4 female deaths and more female deaths than all forms of cancer combined. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded & The Entire Board)**

5. Resolution offering this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Virginia M. McKenney, former Mayor of Roselle Park, during their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Naviant (formerly Continuum Voice and Data Systems, Inc.), Verona, WI for the purpose of providing software maintenance services for the OnBase Records Management proprietary software system of the County, for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$36,352.20. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
7. Resolution congratulating Reverend Dr. Danielle L. Brown on her official installation as the new Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Plainfield. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams & The Entire Board)**
8. Resolution offering this Board's most sincere condolences to the family of, Union County employee Susan Hurley Snodgrass, during their time of sorrow. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams & The Entire Board)**
9. Resolution offering this Board's sincerest condolences to the family of Suzanne Lynn Anderson, of Plainfield, during their time of sorrow. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams & The Entire Board)**

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 6:14 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

January 20, 2022

February 3, 2022
February 17, 2022

March 3, 2022
March 24, 2022

April 7, 2022
April 21, 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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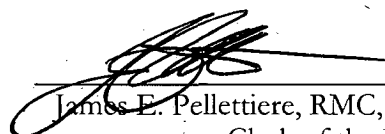
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December 15, 2022


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

Please note that the County Commissioners' meetings are to be regularly held on Thursday evenings and are scheduled to be held on the same evening, with the Agenda Setting Session to commence at 6:00pm and the Regular Meeting to commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session, unless otherwise noted.

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