



## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Williams presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:27 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 Alexander Mirabella, and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded were present, with Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon absent.

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

### **PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

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

### **STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

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

### **APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS**

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Note and File

Chair Williams called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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1. Thursday, January 20, 2022 - Agenda Setting Session
2. Thursday, January 20, 2022 - Regular Meeting
3. Thursday, February 3, 2022 - Agenda Setting Session
4. Thursday, February 3, 2022 - Regular Meeting
5. Thursday, February 3, 2022 - Executive Session
6. Thursday, February 17, 2022 - Agenda Setting Session
7. Thursday, February 17, 2022 - Regular Meeting

Chair Williams called for a motion to approve the Minutes. On a motion made by Commissioner Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chair Hudak, roll call showed six votes in the affirmative for the January 20<sup>th</sup> Agenda Setting and Regular Meeting Minutes, with

Commissioner Granados and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded abstaining and Commissioner Leon absent; roll call showed eight votes in the affirmative for the Agenda Setting, Regular, and Executive Meeting Minutes of February 3<sup>rd</sup> with Commissioner Leon absent; and eight votes in the affirmative for the Agenda Setting and Regular Meeting Minutes of February 17<sup>th</sup>, with Commissioner Leon absent.

#### **ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION**

**837-2022 REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF \$35,375,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING A SUM NOT EXCEEDING \$35,000,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$35,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF REFUNDING BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The County of Union (the "County"), State of New Jersey is hereby authorized to refund \$35,375,000 aggregate principal amount of outstanding bonds (subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities) dated June 15, 2012 and maturing on or after March 1, 2023 (the "Outstanding Bonds").

The Outstanding Bonds consist of the following three issues of bonds, bearing interest at the rates per annum, payable on March 1 and September 1 of each year until maturity or prior redemption, and maturing in annual installments on March 1 in each year, as follows:

**\$13,800,000 General Improvement Bonds of 2012**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2023	\$6,900,000	3.00%
2024	6,900,000	3.00

**\$14,920,000 County Vocational-Technical School Bonds of 2012  
(New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act)**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2023	\$ 900,000	3.00%
2024	900,000	3.00
2025	1,640,000	3.00
2026	1,640,000	3.00
2027	1,640,000	3.00
2028	1,640,000	3.25
2029	1,640,000	3.25
2030	1,640,000	3.50
2031	1,640,000	3.50
2032	1,640,000	3.50

**\$6,655,000 Redevelopment Bonds of 2012**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2023	\$370,000	3.00%
2024	370,000	3.00
2025	740,000	3.00
2026	740,000	3.00
2027	740,000	3.00
2028	740,000	3.25
2029	740,000	3.25
2030	740,000	3.50
2031	740,000	3.50
2032	735,000	3.50

The Outstanding Bonds are subject to optional redemption on or after March 1, 2022 at a redemption price of 100%.

The Board of County Commissioners may determine by subsequent resolution not to refund a portion of the Outstanding Bonds.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners of the County has ascertained and hereby determines that the Outstanding Bonds set forth in Section 1 of this ordinance have not been paid or discharged

and that the County is authorized by Section 51(a) of the Local Bond Law of New Jersey (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law") to issue its refunding bonds as hereinafter provided to refund the Outstanding Bonds. The object of the refunding is to effect debt service savings for the County.

Section 3. A sum not exceeding \$35,000,000 is hereby appropriated (a) to refund the Outstanding Bonds set forth in Section 1 of this ordinance in the aggregate principal amount of \$35,375,000 and (b) to pay an amount not exceeding \$350,000 for the cost of the issuance of the refunding bonds, including underwriter's compensation, printing, advertising, financial and legal expenses therefor, as permitted by Section 51(b) of the Local Bond Law (collectively, the "Purpose").

Section 4. To finance the Purpose, refunding bonds of said County in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$35,000,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law (the "Refunding Bonds"). The Refunding Bonds shall be sold at private sale by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners and shall be in registered form and shall contain the word "refunding" in their title and shall recite that they are issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law and shall bear such date or dates, mature at such time or times not exceeding 40 years from their date, bear interest at such rate or rates per annum, be payable at such time or times, be in such denominations, carry such registration privileges, be executed in such manner consistent with the provisions of the Local Bond Law for

bonds of a county, be payable at such place or places, and be subject to such terms of redemption, with or without premium, as may be hereafter determined by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners within the limitations prescribed by law.

Section 5. The Refunding Bonds shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the County and the County shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all taxable real property within the County for the payment of the principal of and the interest on the Refunding Bonds without limitation as to rate or amount. The full faith and credit of the County are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the Refunding Bonds. Each Refunding Bond issued pursuant to this ordinance shall recite that all conditions, acts and things required by the Constitution or statutes of the State of New Jersey to exist, to have happened and to have been performed precedent to and in the issuance of the Refunding Bond exist, have happened and have been performed, and that the Refunding Bond, together with all other indebtedness of the County, is within every debt and other limit prescribed by the Constitution or statutes of said State.

Section 6. The Director of Finance is hereby authorized to execute a certificate addressed to the underwriters of the Refunding Bonds stating that the preliminary official statement to be prepared by the County with respect to the Refunding Bonds is "deemed final" as of its date within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The distribution of such preliminary

official statement to potential purchasers of the Refunding Bonds is hereby approved.

Section 7. All matters with respect to the Refunding Bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by subsequent resolution or resolutions to be hereafter adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County, or the performance or determination thereof delegated by resolution or resolutions, to the Director of Finance.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of said County, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said County, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$35,000,000, but \$35,375,000 (the principal amount of the Outstanding Bonds being paid from the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds) shall be deducted from gross debt pursuant to Section 52 of the Local Bond Law, and that the issuance of the bonds authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 9. It is hereby determined and stated that no sum need be appropriated hereby as a down payment.

Section 10. The County is hereby authorized to enter into any agreements that may be necessary to effect the purchase of securities, as permitted by Sections 53(c) and 60 of the Local Bond Law, to accomplish the refunding.

Section 11. This refunding bond ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage as provided by the Local Bond Law.

**FIRST READING STATEMENT**

Commissioner Sergio Granados, Fiscal Committee Chair, moved Ordinance Number 837-2022 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 April 7, 2022.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made general comments related to the Clark Reservoir, the UCIA, and the County solar project as well as the County Budget hearings. Relative to Ordinance No. 837-2022, he asked for an overview of the Ordinance. He also asked about the status of the U.C. Government Complex. Relative to Cares Act funding, he inquired about vendor MV Strategies and asked if the Commissioners had personally received direct Cares Act funding monies through the vendor.

Chair Williams advised that the public hearing for Ordinance No. 837-2022 would be held during the Commissioners next scheduled meeting on April 7th and asked the constituent to reserve his question until then.

County Manager Oatman advised that the County Government Complex project was tied up in court. Relative to MV Strategies, he advised that the vendor was part of the County's COVID-19 response, adding that no Commissioner had personally received the alleged \$83,000 claimed by the constituent.

There were no additional questions or comments from the public.

**RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION**

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The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

**2022-236 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending the 2022 Temporary Budget Ch. 96 P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20).

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

**2022-237 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Agreement of Understanding between the Union County Division of Social Services and Robert Wood Johnson 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 Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

**2022-238 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Agreement of Understanding between the Union County Division of Social Services and Robert Wood Johnson 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 Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

**2022-239 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2021-867 a contract with Foveonics Document Solutions, Clinton, NJ to include an additional amount of \$5,880.34 to cover excess cost of scanning all medical records for 2021, for a new total amount not to exceed \$86,857.78.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

**2022-240 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution Authorizing the County Manager to execute an access agreement with Rutgers University to Study Pollinating Bees in Watchung Reservation through June 30, 2022.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

**2022-241 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute a grant from the New Jersey Historic Trust, Preserve New Jersey Historic Preservation Fund, 2022 Capital Preservation Grant Program for rehabilitation work at House #4 at The Deserted Village of Feltsville, Berkeley Heights, NJ in an amount of \$191,248.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

**2022-242 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with This Is It! Productions, Jersey City, NJ for the planning,



production, promotion and management of the 2022 Rhythm and Blues by the Brook Concert to be held on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at Cedar Brook Park, Plainfield, NJ, in an amount not to exceed \$148,950.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

**2022-243 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manger to enter in to a contract with Athletic Fields of America, Montville, NJ (under Shaw Sports Turf ESCNJ 18/19-55 contract), for the installation of Synthetic Turf at the John Russell Wheeler Spray Park, Linden NJ in the total amount of not to exceed \$288,510.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

**2022-244 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding (BA# 10-2022) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks and Recreation: Johnny on the Spot, LLC, Old Bridge, NJ for the purpose of providing Portable Toilet Rental & Septic Pumping Services, for a period of 24 consecutive months upon execution of the contract, in the amount of not to exceed \$104,372.48, with an option to extend for an additional 24 months.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

**2022-245 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with This Is It! Productions, Jersey City, NJ, for the planning, production, promotion and management of the 2022 Summer Arts Festival Concert Series for the County of Union for the period commencing with contract execution through September 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$121,050.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

**2022-246 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Imwoth LLC dba IDSAutoshred, Toms River, NJ to provide Paper Shredding Services for County Paper Shredding Events from March 26, 2022 through October 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 (grant funded, at no cost to the County).

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

- 2022-247 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for the 2021 NJDEP Recycling Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$469,800.00 and to execute all necessary documents and adopt the proposed spending plan. The Grant will fully and partially fund recycling-related positions, recycling events and programs and associated advertising costs.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

- 2022-248 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to TAPinto, New Providence, NJ for advertising and promotion of the Union County Recycling and Clean Communities Initiatives and promotion of the Union County Recycling events in an amount not to exceed \$23,800.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

- 2022-249 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Authorizing the County Manager to designate a 1997 Ford E-350 (Braun Ambulance) vehicle as surplus, no longer needed for County purposes, and further authorizing transfer of title to the City of Plainfield Rescue Squad.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

- 2022-250 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Foster and Freeman USA Inc., Sterling, VA for the purchase of equipment and providing related training for the period of March 24, 2022 through September 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$28,115.13.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

- 2022-251 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Amending Resolution Number 2022-124 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.)

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

- 2022-252 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Resolution renewing the Union County Commodity Resale System, ID 99016-UCCRS offering cooperative purchasing opportunities for Union County municipalities to participate in the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

**2022-253 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Amending Resolution Number 2022-131, a contract with Edmunds Gov Tec, Northfield NJ for the provision of maintenance and technical support for the County's financial accounting and electronic requisition system, to increase the contract award in an amount not to exceed \$636.15, for a new total amount not to exceed \$21,841.15 with no other changes to contract date or terms and conditions.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

**2022-254 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Resolution of the Union County Board of County Commissioners to concur with Resolution No. 2022-11 of the Union County Workforce Development Board's Executive Committee to award a contract to Union County College, for the provision of Affiliated American Job Center Operator for Career Services to WIOA Adult and Dislocated Workers Services in the total amount not to exceed \$650,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

**2022-255 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Resolution appointing Kologi Simitz, Linden, NJ to represent Captain Richard Cederquist of the Union County Sheriff's Office in the matter entitled Beverly D. Figueroa v. County of Union, et als, in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

**2022-256 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Resolution appointing Renaud & DeAppolonio, LLC, Cranford, NJ to represent the County of Union and Sheriff Peter Corvelli in the matter entitled Beverly D. Figueroa v. County of Union, et als, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

**2022-257 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Resolution appointing Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt, Cappelli, Tipton & Taylor, LLC, New Providence, NJ, to represent Lt. Gaetano Bracciale in the matter entitled Beverly D. Figueroa v. County of Union, et als, in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

**2022-258 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Resolution appointing Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri & Jacobs, LLC, Oakland, NJ, to represent Undersheriff Jonathan Parham, Undersheriff Dennis Burke and Lt. Frank Miller in the matter entitled Beverly D. Figueroa v. County of Union, et als, in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

**2022-259 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Resolution appointing Gluck Walrath, LLP, Freehold NJ, to represent Undersheriff Amilcar Colon in the matter entitled Beverly D. Figueroa v. County of Union, et als, in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

**2022-260 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Amending Resolution 2021-1004 authorizing the County Manager to effectuate payment of the remainder of the settlement amount of not to exceed \$242,604.71 in the Settlement of Litigation entitled Monique Hall v. County of Union, et al.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

**2022-261 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Resolution appointing Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt, Cappelli, Tipton & Taylor, LLC, New Providence, NJ, to serve as Special Counsel in all matters related to the Clark Reservoir, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

**2022-262 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Amending Resolution 2021-407 to increase funds to Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt, Cappelli, Tipton and Taylor, LLC to assist the County in procuring funds and obtaining regulatory guidance and compliance with the requirements of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021/Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA) by an additional amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$70,000.00

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

**2022-263 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with PBA 108A-Sheriff Superior Officers effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

- 2022-264 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the Union County Performing Arts Center, Rahway, NJ to produce a theatrical play on June 30, 2022 in recognition of Pride Month in an amount not to exceed \$28,045.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

#### **COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

- 2022-265 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing the month of April, 2022 as Alcohol Awareness Month (AAM); and declaring April 22, 2022, as "Wear Purple Day" throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

- 2022-266 COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating Al-Nisa Tucker, Fatima Rodrigues, Reverend Tyrese Wooten - Outlaw, Councilwoman Patricia Perkins Auguste, Dee Perez, Evelyn Harris, and Stacey Rembrandt for being honored as recipients of Councilwoman Andrea Hyatt's 2022 Women of Excellence, at the 4th Annual Her Story Month Celebration in Hillside on March 31, 2022.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

- 2022-267 COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing the 2nd Annual Panhellenic Sunday at Union Chapel AMEC Virtual Panhellenic Sunday on March 20, 2022, Honoring Divine Nine Public Servants including, Acting Essex County Prosecutor, Ted H. Stephens, Newark Mayor, Ras J. Baraka, Newark Councilman, Larry Crump, Former Newark Council President Mildred Crump, East Orange Mayor Ted Green Jr., East Orange Councilman, Vernon Pullins Jr., Orange Mayor, Dwayne D. Warren, Union County Commissioner, Dr. Angela R. Garretson, Hillside Mayor, Dahlia Vertreese, Hillside Council President, Craig Epps, Hillside Councilwoman, Andrea L. Hyatt, and Hillside Councilman, Christopher D. Mobley.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

- 2022-268 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Silvio Salerno of Elizabeth, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

- 2022-269 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating Elizabeth High School senior Greg McQueen who secured the NJSIAA meet of champions title on March 5, 2022, which tied for the fourth-fastest time in meet of champions' history.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

- 2022-270 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing the Portuguese Instructive Social Club (PISC) as they celebrate their centennial Anniversary on March 19th, 2022.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

- 2022-271 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Proclaiming the month of April 2022 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

- 2022-272 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Dorothy A. Baniewicz "Dottie," mother of County employee Megan McGowan (Personnel), during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

- 2022-273 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing Union Fire Chief Mike Scanio upon his retirement after 32 years of dedicated service.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

- 2022-274 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing the month of April, 2022 as "Autism Acceptance Month"

throughout Union County; and further recognizing and emphasizing the shift from "Awareness" to "Acceptance".

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

**2022-275 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing the month of March as National Multiple Sclerosis Awareness and Education Month throughout Union County.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

**2022-276 VICE CHAIR CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating Terence M. Downey of Boy Scout Troop 104 on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout and commending him on his Eagle Scout Project dedicated to the Kohler Academy in Mountainside, NJ which is a school that provides services to students with developmental disabilities.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

**2022-277 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Theodore J. Bassman, Jr., during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

**2022-278 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating the following recipients of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick's 2022 Union County Distinguishes Service Award: Mike McCabe and Michael Glackin; Charlie Douglas, Union County Military Service Award; Sean Flannery, Irishman of the Year and Andrew Moran, Director of Public Safety, Distinguished Service/Public Service Award; Charles Dino and Philip Brennan, recipient of the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick 2022 Scholarship at their annual St. Patrick's Dinner on March 10, 2022.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Leon absent.

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

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Commissioner Garretson spoke relative to March being Women's History Month and the many upcoming programs scheduled throughout the County to commemorate the occasion and celebrate the achievement of women from all walks of life. She encouraged

residents to attend an event sponsored by the County the following evening as the celebration of Women's History Month continued.

Commissioner Granados spoke relative to Ukraine, noting 6.5 million refugees had been displaced by the conflict. He advised that the Commissioner Board and County Prosecutor's Office had organized a county-wide donation drive with 24 drop boxes scattered throughout the County to facilitate donations of essential items. He thanked local law enforcement agencies throughout the County for their partnership in these efforts as well as various Ukrainian and Polish organizations. He noted the County's continued support of the Ukrainian people during this conflict and encouraged residents to offer their support as well through essential donations.

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded advised that on March 26 & 27 the County would be having a paper shredding events at UCVTs in Scotch Plains. She further advised that the County's next household hazardous waste disposal event would be held on April 9<sup>th</sup> at Union County College's Cranford Campus. Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded also noted the County's upcoming scrap metal recycling program scheduled for every first Thursday and third Saturday of the month, adding that the first two respective events would take place on April 7<sup>th</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup> with locations in Cranford and Rahway. She closed by reminded residents about the looming bag ban in NJ slated to begin May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Kowalski spoke relative to the students from UCC that had been present earlier in the day for the Board of School Estimates meeting, adding that it was wonderful to see so many students continuing their studies and excelling in their academic endeavors. She thanked Dr. Margaret M. McMenamin and Dr. Jaime Siegel for their efforts. On another note, she spoke relative to the Senior Art Show through the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, advising that the deadline for submissions was April 31<sup>st</sup>. She added that she looked forward to seeing the art produced by the many talented seniors throughout Union County.

Commissioner Baker reminded residents about the County's upcoming job fair in partnership with Walgreens Pharmacy, scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup> at the Warinanco Sports Center and encouraged job seekers to attend the event.

Commissioner Mirabella spoke relative to the St. Patrick's Day Parade, advising that the parade would take place on March 26<sup>th</sup> after the initial date has been postponed. He added that this was one of his favorite community events. He further advised that donations for refugees in Ukraine could be dropped off also be collected during the parade in addition to collection bins scattered throughout various law enforcement agencies within the County. He also echoed the sentiments of Commissioner Kowalski regarding UCC's Board of School Estimates meeting earlier that day, noting that it was wonderful to interact with the students and learn more about their educational pursuits. He thanked Dr. Jaime Siegel for his efforts. On another note, he spoke relative to the County's LGBTQ Queer Empowerment Hour, hosted by his daughter Micayla, adding that he was proud of his daughter for leading these meetings that offer a platform for important discussions related to acceptance and inclusion. He noted that he was proud of Union County for being at the forefront of these efforts.

Vice Chair Hudak spoke relative to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, noting that the County and the Board was committed to continuing to provide the necessary tools to residents to combat the virus, adding that the County had three permanent vaccination



sites in Plainfield as well as Kean University and Warinanco Sports Center. He added that mobile saliva-testing clinics were also continuing operations in Elizabeth and Roselle Park. On another note, he spoke relative to the County-organized food distribution drives that would continue as long as food insecurity persisted, adding that over 14 million meals had been furnished through the program. He reminded residents of an upcoming walk-up food distribution drive taking place on March 26<sup>th</sup> at Cedarbrook Park in Plainfield. To close, he spoke relative to the County budget and commended Fiscal Committee Chairman Granados, County Manager Oatman, Deputy County Manager Wagner, Finance Director Taylor and all of the Directors for their participation and efforts relative to the process and for successfully presenting a budget with a flat tax levy.

Chair Williams disputed the claims made earlier by the public speaker relative to the Commissioner receiving unauthorized Cares Act monies, noting the comments as slanderous. She confirmed that no County Commissioner had received any monies apart from their designated salaries for serving on the Board. On another note, she spoke relative to Women's History Month and the Women of Excellence Awards taking place virtually the following evening. To close, she spoke relative to the confirmation of Kentanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court, noting her appointment as a milestone for being the first black woman appointed to the Court and only one of five women ever appointed to serve.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Williams asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chair Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Commissioner Leon absent

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 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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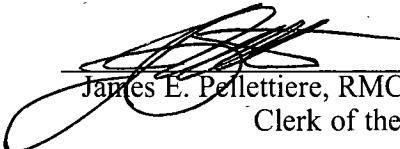
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James E. Pellettiere, RMC, QPA  
Clerk of the Board

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