



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 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 Angela R. Garretson, Commissioner Sergio Granados, Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski, Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded were present with Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr. and 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

Note and File

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

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Nicole DiRado, Administrator

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2021-989, a contract with Liberty Transportation and Storage Company, Inc., dba The Liberty Group, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey to add an account number only. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
2. Amending Resolution 2021-988, a contract with University Van Lines, Rahway, New Jersey to add an account number only. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

3. Amending Resolution 2021-991, a contract with Royal Printing Services, West New York, New Jersey for the purpose of increasing the contract by the amount of \$5,000.00 for Early Voting printing expenses for a total contract amount of not to exceed \$135,000 and adding an account number. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
4. Amending Resolution 2021-993, a contract with Election Systems & Software, Omaha, Nebraska for election consumables to add an account number only. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
5. Amending Resolution 2021-994, a contract with Election Systems & Software, Omaha, Nebraska, to add an account number only. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
6. Amending Resolution 2021-990, a contract award to Remington and Vernick Engineers, Secaucus, New Jersey to perform rewarding services for the Union County Board of Elections, to reflect a change of account numbers. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Laura Scutari, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to affirm the County of Union's compliance with the Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964" in accordance with State law, when submitting the budget for approval, the County certifies that our hiring practices comply with the EEOC requirements. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amy Crisp Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with French & Parrello Associates, Wall, NJ to conduct the "Union County Electric Vehicles Infrastructure Study" for the period of April 11, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$176,000.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

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

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that this grant would allow the County to conduct a study relative to the use of electric vehicles to determine future needs related to this transition, including identifying charging station locations and funding sources.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Joseph Graziano, Director

1. Concurring with Township of Union Ordinance No. 5708 dated September 28, 2021 reducing the Speed Limit on Burnet Avenue (C.R. 633) from 35 MPH to 25 MPH from the Maplewood line to Morris Avenue. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Colliers Engineering and Design, Red Bank, NJ to provide Engineering Services for the Union County Dam Maintenance and Repair Project, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$70,165.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2022-002). **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to amend previous agreements for the Irving Street Bridge, City of Rahway, County of Union, New Jersey, to reflect an extension to the deadline of May 21, 2023 for the full replacement of the Irving Street Bridge, City of Rahway, application LBFN 2016-Union County in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 and application LBFN 2019-Union County in the amount of \$2,027,588.00. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

Vice Chair Hudak asked if these repairs were related to Tropical Storm Ida.

Director Graziano confirmed this to be the case, adding that the original plans for the bridge were delayed due to design concerns and then Tropical Storm Ida, adding that the original design had included one barrel and the design was revised to include three barrels. He noted that at the time of Tropical Storm Ida the design plans had been submitted to the State and the County was awaiting approval. He advised that he did not anticipate plans for the bridge to be ready prior to a year's time, noting that the most current design would incorporate two barrels.

4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Lindenmeyr Munroe, King of Prussia, PA, to provide specialty paper and envelopes for the Bureau of Print Services, coordinated through the Division of Facilities Management, in an amount not to exceed \$31,999.00. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40:A11-1 et seq to: Maffey's Security Group, Elizabeth, NJ for the purpose of providing Locksmith Services & Locking Hardware for the Division of Facilities Management, Division of Public Works, Union County Prosecutor's Office and the Division of Motor Vehicles for twenty-four (24) consecutive months with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month optional extension not to exceed \$217,150.00 (BA#13-2022). **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
6. Resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with R.J. Sherman and Associates Inc. dba Vermeer North Atlantic Sales and Service, Lumberton, NJ for the purchasing and repairs of various Vermeer Parts for the Vermeer Compost Turner in an amount not to exceed \$44,000.00. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
7. Authorizing aerial dispensing operation county-wide by the Bureau of Mosquito Control with a certified true copy of the Resolution be sent to the Federal Aviation Administration Teterboro District Office, the New Jersey State Mosquito Control Commission and the Union County Division of Public Works, Bureau of Mosquito Control. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
8. Granting permission to the Township of Springfield to close Mountain Avenue from the intersection of Shunpike Road to North Trivett Avenue and Shunpike Road

from the intersection of South Springfield Avenue to the intersection of Mountain Avenue on May 30, 2022 between 9:00 am to 12:00 pm for the annual Memorial Day Parade. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

9. Resolution granting permission to the Township of Scotch Plains to close Park Avenue from Westfield Avenue/East 2nd Street to Front Street on May 27, 2022 from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm for a Memorial Day Event with a rain date of May 29, 2022. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
10. Granting permission to the Town of Westfield's Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce to close Central Avenue from E. Broad Street to North Avenue on May 1, 2022 from 6am to 7pm to conduct the 2022 Spring Fling Street Fair. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
11. Granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights to hang a banner across Plainfield Avenue from April 15, 2022 until May 6, 2022 advertising the 2022 Berkeley Heights PAL Golf outing. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Bibi Taylor, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Resolution to exceed the County tax levy limit and to establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.14). **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
2. Authorizing the Office of the County Prosecutor to exceed the County Entity Budget CAP (P.L., 2015, c.249) **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
3. Authorizing the Office of the Sheriff to exceed the County Entity Budget CAP (P.L., 2015, c.249). **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
4. Resolution Introducing and Approving the Annual Budget of the County of Union for the Fiscal Year 2022. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
5. Amending Resolution 2022-13, a resolution authorizing departmental signatories for Calendar Year 2022. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
6. Amending Resolution 2022-10, a resolution authorizing various County Change Funds for Year 2022. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2020-881 for the addition of The Jasani Group LLC, - Days Inn Woodbridge, NJ to the list of Code Blue Shelters and motels for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

2. Amending Resolution Number 2021-767 for the addition of The Jasani Group LLC, - Days Inn Woodbridge, NJ to the list of Code Blue Shelters and motels to provide shelter during overnight temperatures at 32 degrees Fahrenheit and below with or without precipitation during the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. And furthermore to correct the names of the following vendors: Agape House to Volunteers of America Delaware Valley, Inc and Project Protect (YMCA) to YWCA of Eastern Union County. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
3. Amending resolution Number 2021-862, a resolution awarding a contract to the United Way of Greater Union County to provide services under the 2022 Union County Family Success Center (FSC) Program, to de-obligate \$40,000 from the 2022 Union County Family Success Center (FSC) Program in the new total amount not to exceed \$246,000 for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to SAGE Eldercare, Inc., Summit, NJ, to provide information and assistance to seniors (age 60 years and older and/or their caregivers) regarding health insurance benefits for the period of April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 which represents year two of a three-year contract, in the amount not to exceed \$34,000.00 **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Ron Zuber, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to: P.M. Construction Corp., Hillside, New Jersey for the Rahway River Park Path Resurfacing Project, City of Rahway, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$122,100.00 (BA# 11-2022; Union County Engineering Project # 2022-001). **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Commissioner Mirabella asked Director Zuber to elaborate on this item.

Director Zuber advised that this item would fund the repaving of walking paths in Rahway River Park.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to utilize the County's only option to extend the contract obtained through advertised public bidding (BA# 9-2020) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Parks & Recreation: Space Farms Inc., Wantage, NJ, for the purpose of providing deer carcass removal and disposal for a twenty-four (24) month period of April 8, 2022 through April 7, 2024, in the amount not to exceed \$64,000.00. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Authorizing the County Manger to amend Resolution 2019-1005, a contract with Professional Farrier Services, Green Brook NJ, to exercise the County's first option to extend the contract for a period of twenty-four (24) months from December 1, 2021 through November 30, 2023 in the amount of not to exceed \$172,000.00 with one final twelve (12) month option to extend remaining. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETYAndrew Moran, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County of Union, through the Union County Police Department to apply, accept, and expend the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Office of the Attorney General SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program, award number 21-BWC-442 in the amount of \$152,850.00, for grant period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSELBruce H. Bergen, County Counsel

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2021-755, to increase the appropriation to DeCotiis Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin LLP of Paramus, NJ for Special Legal Counsel in the matter entitled H.C. Equities v. UC, et als, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$240,000.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Recognizing April as Alcohol Awareness month in an effort to raise awareness and call attention to the dangers about Alcoholism; and further recognizing the Office on Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse's efforts in calling attention to the dangers and facts about Alcoholism, and sharing resources to find support and treatment. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr & The Entire Board)**
2. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Elnardo Webster Sr, former Roselle Superintendent, during their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner Angela R. Garretson & The Entire Board)**
3. Recognizing the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) in order to draw attention to the issue of sexual violence, to increase the ability of all community members to work together to change social norms that either promote or condone it, and communicate support for survivors. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados & The Entire Board)**
4. Resolution recognizing the month of April as National Poetry Month throughout Union County. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski & The Entire Board)**
5. Resolution recognizing the month of April as National Donate Life Month in Union County; and further encouraging Union County residents to register as organ, eye and tissue donors and to honor those that have saved lives through the gift of donation. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**
6. Resolution recognizing the NJ Sharing Network as they host their Annual 5K Celebration of Life on June 5th, 2022 in New Providence. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella & The Entire Board)**

7. Resolution appointing Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded (Commissioner); Amy Wagner (Deputy County Manager); Kelly Martins (Public Information Officer); Andrea Alvare (Health Officer); Debbie-Ann Anderson (Human Services Director); Ronald Zuber (Parks & Recreation Director); Michael Scanio (County Fire Coordinator); Michael Tharaldsen (Emergency Services Captain); and Kristen Von St Paul to the Emergency Management Council for a term ending December 31, 2022; re- appointing the following: Edward T. Oatman (County Manager); Andrew Moran (Public Safety Director/County Coordinator); Joseph Graziano (Public Works Director); Christopher Scaturo (Emergency Services Director); Gareth Williams (Chief PST/EMS Coordinator); and Chris Debbie (County Police Chief) for terms ending December 31, 2022. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
8. Resolution recognizing the month of April as Autism Acceptance Month throughout Union County in an effort to help raise awareness and acceptance for those with autism; and to further invite Union County residents to participate in the numerous inclusive events and programming the Board is hosting during Autism Acceptance Month. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, Commissioner Sergio Granados & The Entire Board)**
9. Resolution offering this Board's condolences to Commissioner Lourdes Leon, along to her family and friends, on the passing of her father Jose Leon, 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 seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Leon absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 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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December 15, 2022


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

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

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

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