

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Williams presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:37 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 were present, with Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded 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 called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

838-2022

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION FACILITY AT THE CRANFORD CAMPUS FOR UNION COUNTY COLLEGE IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$5,635,800 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Union County College (the "Board of Trustees") has heretofore determined by resolution that it is necessary to sell bonds or notes in order to raise money for the renovation and expansion of the physical education facility at the Cranford Campus and has delivered a statement of the estimated cost of such project and the amount of money presently needed for such project to the Board of School Estimate of Union County College (the "Board of School Estimate"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Estimate has heretofore determined by resolution that funds are necessary for the project specified in the statement of the Board of Trustees and has determined the sum of money presently needed for such project and the amount thereof to be raised by the County of Union by the issuance of bonds or notes and has delivered a certificate to that effect together with the statement of the Board of Trustees to the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Union, New Jersey; NOW, THEREFORE,

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 undertake the renovation and expansion of the physical education facility at the Cranford Campus for Union County College, including expansion of the existing gym, addition of locker rooms, renovation of existing classrooms and administrative offices and acquisition of furnishings and equipment therefore. It is hereby determined and stated that (A) no down payment required for such purpose pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-19(2)(b); (B) Union County College has applied for debt service aid from the State of New Jersey pursuant to Chapter 12 of the Laws of 1971 of New Jersey (N.J.S. 18A:64A-22.1 et seq. ("Chapter 12")) for the improvement described in the preceding sentence; (C) if such Chapter 12 State Aid is received, it shall be applied to the payment of principal and interest on bonds or notes issued by the County for such project; and (D) such public building being improved is of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Section 2. The sum of \$5,635,800 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of

making the improvements described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized by this ordinance. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said purpose is not a current expense of said County, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of said County pursuant to the Local Bond Law and Chapter 12, and (3) the total estimated cost of said purpose is \$5,635,800, and (4) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$5,635,800, and (5) the cost of such purpose, hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$55,800 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purpose, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 4. To finance said purpose, bonds of said County of an aggregate principal amount

not exceeding \$5,635,800 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law and Chapter 12. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

To finance said purpose, bond Section 5. anticipation notes of said County of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$5,635,800 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law and Chapter 12 in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 6. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable

not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, by the County Manager and by the County Treasurer and shall be under the seal of said County and attested by the Clerk or Deputy Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the County Treasurer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 7. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of fifteen years computed from the date of said bonds.

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 \$5,635,800 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 9. Any funds received from the State of New Jersey or any of its agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purpose shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purposes shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 10. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on

file with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and is available for public inspection.

Section 11. The County intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Section 1 of this bond ordinance. If the County incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the County expects to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 12. The full faith and credit of the County are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the County, and the County shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property

within the County for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 13. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Counsel Bergen advised that on April 28th, the Board had previously held a public hearing on the adoption of Ordinance No. 838-2022 but the title printed on that evening's agenda was incorrect. He further advised that the Board decided to have a 2nd hearing on Ordinance No. 838-2022 to ensure that the public had a full opportunity to comment on the item before it's adoption.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere read Ordinance 838-2022 by title.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting was opened for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance Number 838-2022 only.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, asked for additional details related to the project and whether professional fees were reflected in the cited cost.

Director Taylor confirmed that the final reading for Ordinance No. 838-2022 had been held on April 28th. She advised that the cited ordinance reflected installments towards the total funding for the renovation and expansion of UCC's gymnasium. She added that the County had costs associated with the issuance of bonds as well as ongoing arbitrage rebate calculation, with 1% Section 20 factored in. She noted that the state paid 50% of these bonds. She further advised that even though the authorization was for \$5,635,800, the County was incurring a debt of \$2.7 million in order to assist UCC and support their initiatives. She confirmed that the cited costs were all inclusive.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Commissioner Sergio Granados, Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 837-2022 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

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 Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2022 BUDGET TITLE & COLA/CAP BANK RESOLUTION

The meeting was opened to the public for the purpose of commenting on Resolution Numbers 2022-376 and 2022-377 Resolution Number 2022-376 allows governments to adopt the budget by title, rather than reading each line item of the budget into the record; and further declares that the public hearing conditions set forth in N.J.S.A.:40A:4-8(1a)(1b) have been satisfied. Resolution Number 2022-377 authorizes the County to exceed the County tax levy limit and to establish a CAP Bank as allowed by state statute.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments relative to COLA and the CAP Bank and asked for an explanation relative to the COLA increase. He also asked how much money was in the CAP Bank currently and how much would be added.

Director Taylor confirmed that there was indeed a distinction between the COLA and CAP Bank. She advised that there were two CAPS that counties had to utilize,

which included the 1977 and 2010 CAP. She further advised that the 1977 CAP had several unique exclusions including debt, capital improvement, benefits, emergency authorizations, and pension bills, among others. She added that there was a limit of 4% on health benefits and no pension exclusion. Director Taylor advised that the 2010 CAP had a cap exclusion, adding that emergency capital appropriations and pension bills were also an exclusion as well as health benefits over 2%. She added that the COLA established the 1977 CAP maximum of 3 ½%. She further advised that the state dictated what the County was allowed to use on an annual basis, adding that this year they were allowed 2.5%. She advised that the COLA resolution allowed the excess of 1% to be applied and banked, equaling \$2.4 million, adding that the County would be banking \$1.6 million this year. She confirmed that under 2021, the bank was \$4.2 million.

Chair Williams called for a motion to approve Reso Nos. 2022-376 and 2022-377.

2022-376 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Resolution determining that the 2022 Union County Budget shall be read by title and declaring that the public hearing conditions set forth pursuant to N.J.S.A.:40A: 4-8(1a)(1b) have been satisfied.

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

2022-377 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Resolution to exceed the County tax levy limit and to establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.14).

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

OFFICIAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2022 UNION COUNTY BUDGET

Chair Williams welcomed everyone to the official public hearing on Union County's 2022 Budget. She announced that once again, the Board would be delivering a Budget with a 0% tax increase for the third year in a row while also maintaining all the essential services and programs furnished through the County. She also noted the County's triple A bond rating. She thanked Finance Director Taylor, County Manager Oatman, Deputy County Manager Wagner, and the entire Fiscal Committee for their outstanding efforts.

2022 Fiscal Committee Chairman Granados addressed the public:

As the 2022 Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, our committee has helped lead the review of this year's budget over the past few months and we are ready for a final vote tonight after the hearing.

As the Chair mentioned, this is the third year in a row that we will be passing a zero percent tax increase.

The COVID-19 pandemic recovery and the rising inflation have put a strain on many households throughout Union County, so every little bit helps. We knew as Commissioners, we needed to ensure there was no increase in taxes and that is what we have done.

We worked hard with our County Manager Ed Oatman and our Finance Director, Bibi Taylor to build a budget that would not only fund the recovery, but to keep the essential services and programs we already have, needed by our residents.

And even though it was not easy, we were able to do this again for the third year, all while maintaining our Aaa credit rating – the highest obtainable.

I would like to thank my colleagues on the Fiscal Committee for their work in crafting the budget, including Commissioners Lourdes Leon, Alexander Mirabella and Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded and all of those on the finance staff for their effort in bringing the budget together from start to finish.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone involved for this collaborative effort and their hard work in the budget process.

Thank you.

The meeting was opened to the public for the purpose of commenting on the 2022 Union County Budget resolution only. This public comment portion was the official Public Hearing on the 2022 Union County Budget.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments relative to the budget and inquired about why the budget had remained relatively consistent over the last ten years despite a reduced workforce and the extinguishing of certain Departments within the County. He also asked about the increase in insurance costs. He also made comments relative to the CAP Bank, adding that surplus monies should be used to offset taxes.

County Manager Oatman advised that no services had been lost, despite the closure of certain departments, noting that the County was slated to save \$20 million as a result of the Union County Jail.

Director Taylor advised that the CAP Bank and surplus monies were two separate issues being conflated by the public speaker. She noted CAP base adjustments, adding that the surplus monies were not incorporated into the budget, but rather on a balance sheet. She added that the budget showed every line item of appropriation and was consistent with the established state formula. She further advised that through Vice Chair Hudak's prior Chairmanship and the sale of Runnells Hospital, the County was able to reinvest monies into the various municipalities, reiterating that these monies did not appear in the budget, but rather on a balance sheet and were not part of the County's spending plan. Relative to rising insurance costs, Director Taylor advised that the COVID-19 pandemic was a driving factor, but because of the County surplus and conservative financing, the County was able to accommodate these rising costs.

Chair Williams called for a motion to approve Reso No. 2022-378.

2022-378 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Resolution Adopting the 2022 County of Union Budget.

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

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

A presentation was made to the Board by Public Works, Engineering & Facilities Director Joseph Graziano relative to the newly enacted "Bag Ban" law.

Stuart Newman of the Bureau of Recycling and Planning made a presentation relative to the Bag Ban that had been instituted earlier that month to inform residents about the change and advise on resources the County was providing to assist residents in the transition.

Copy of presentation had been attached.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Dennis Elako, of Summit, expressed concerns relative to the conditions of the road at the intersection of Glenside Ave and Morris Avenue. He also made comments relative to the Loop Playground and requested greater upkeep of the area. He also made comments relative to Ashbrook Golf Course.

Chair Williams confirmed that County Manager Oatman would discuss these issues with the respective Directors to establish a resolution.

Commissioner Garretson left the meeting.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments relative to MV Strategies, the company employed by the County to provide COVID-19 response services, once again suggesting that the Board Members had inappropriately accepted monies from the vendor. He also claimed that his OPRA requests did not yield the information he desired relative to MV Strategies.

Chair Williams dismissed Mr. Paterson's unfounded comments as irresponsible.

County Manager Oatman referenced an article from June 7th, 2021 that stated that MV Strategies had been hired by other counties throughout NJ. He advised that the article noted that Camden, Gloucester, Hudson, Burlington, and Middlesex County as well as the city of West New York had employed MV Strategies to provide related services. Relative to his OPRA requests, County Manager Oatman advised that he

had a copy of daily reports supplied by the vendor, noting the work they continued to do relative to COVID-19, adding that this information was available upon request.

Vice Chair Hudak warned the speaker against making allegations relative to money laundering without being able to substantiate his claims.

Commissioner Granados also warned the speaker against making unfounded allegations related to MV Strategies and the Board.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

2022-379 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Resolution combining several authorizations of Bonds into a single Issue and prescribing the details and Bond Form thereof for \$49,970,000 General Improvement Bonds of 2022 dated June 15, 2022.

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

2022-380 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Resolution combining several authorizations of Bonds into a single Issue and prescribing the details and Bond Form thereof for \$1,900,000 County Vocational-Technical School Bonds of 2022 (New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act) dated June 15, 2022.

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

2022-381 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Resolution combining two authorizations of Bonds into a single Issue and prescribing the details and Bond Form thereof for \$11,158,000 County College Bonds of 2022 (Series A) (Chapter 12 State Aid) dated June 15, 2022.

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

2022-382 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Resolution combining several authorizations of Bonds into a single Issue and prescribing the details and Bond Form thereof for \$8,050,000 County College Bonds of 2022 (Series B) dated June 15, 2022.

2022-383 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Resolution authorizing the publication, printing and distribution of a Notice of Sale and the publication of a Summary Notice of Sale and prescribing the forms thereof for \$71,078,000 Bonds consisting of \$49,970,000 General Improvement Bonds of 2022, \$1,900,000 County Vocational-Technical School Bonds of 2022 (New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act), \$11,158,000 County College Bonds of 2022 (Series A) (Chapter 12 State Aid) and \$8,050,000 County College Bonds of 2022 (Series B), each issue dated June 15, 2022, approving the preparation, distribution and execution of a Preliminary and a Final Official Statement for such Bonds, undertaking to provide continuing disclosure of financial information, covenanting to comply with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and authorizing various matters in connection with electronic bidding for the Bonds.

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

2022-384 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Landscape Solutions LLC., Union, NJ, for the purpose of providing supplemental lawn maintenance and landscaping services to small park areas throughout Union County, for the period of nine (9) months from April 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

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

2022-385 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Colliers Engineering and Design, Red Bank, New Jersey to provide Engineering Services for the Cedar Brook Tennis Courts Improvement, Cedar Brook Park, City of Plainfield, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$54,975.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2022-006).

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

2022-386 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2017- 884, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N,J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Billy Contracting & Restoration Inc., Pine Brook, New Jersey approving Change Order Number 1 for the Wheeler Park Pool House and new Construction Project, Linden, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will increase the original contract amount by not to exceed \$49,500.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$2,020,500.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2014-029; BA# 63-2017).

2022-387 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Universal Vending Management, Westfield, NJ, to provide vending machine products sales and services to various locations within the County in accordance with the NJ State Contract (18-GNSV2-00440/T0644) for the period of 36 months upon contract execution with two (2) twelve (12) month extension options. This is a revenue generating contract with a commission of 34.1% Year 1, 33.5% Year 2, and 33.2 Year 3.

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

2022-388 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: Amending resolution #2021-832, awarding a contract to Colliers Engineering & Design DBA Maser Consulting PA of Red Bank, New Jersey to provide additional services for Three Culverts, Plainfield, Scotch Plains, and Springfield for an additional amount of \$62,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$570,680.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-006C).

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

2022-389 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: Amending Resolution Number 2020-589, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJ.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to New Jersey Overhead Door, Bayville, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 for Overhead Door and Gate System Services. This change order will increase the original contract amount by \$20,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$144,700.00 (BA# 32-2018).

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

2022-390 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: Amending Resolution Number 2022-347 to reflect an increase in the original Area Plan Contract Spending Plan in the amount of \$149,222.00 for a new total not to exceed \$5,693,298.00 for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

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

2022-391 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution reaffirming the County of Union's support for the diversion of a quarter-acre of Green Acres Protected Parkland in the Passaic River Park in Berkeley Heights, New Jersey.

2022-392 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with CME Associates, Parlin, New Jersey for the purpose of conducting a Wetlands Delineation of a potential acquisition of property for and through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund in an amount not to exceed \$5,500.00.

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

2022-393 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept grant funding from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program to support the Multi-Jurisdictional Gang, Gun, and Narcotics Task Forces for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$167,878.00.

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

2022-394 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to purchase software, equipment, and related training from Cellebrite Inc., Parsippany, New Jersey, for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$22,510.99.

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

2022-395 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Amending Resolution Number 2021-909, a contract with Kristen Balsamo-Kleinbach, to increase the contract in an additional amount not to exceed \$13,560.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$25,196.00 during the period of January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022. All other terms and conditions remain the same.

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

2022-396 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Amending Resolution 2021-992, a contract with ES&S, Omaha, Nebraska, to include onsite services for Early Voting in the Primary and General Elections in the additional amount not to exceed \$175,000.00 for a total contract amount of not to exceed \$221,750.00.

2022-397 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement between the County of Union and Union County Vocational Technical Schools to establish shared services to administer the health and prescription benefits to Union County Vocational Technical Schools for an initial term of 24 months, July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024 at no cost to the County and there will be a shared savings.

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

2022-398 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Superior Correction Officers Local 199A Collective Bargaining Agreement effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026.

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

2022-399 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with PBA 108--Sheriff Officers effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022.

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

2022-400 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a collective bargaining agreement with Local 68
Operating Engineers effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025.

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

2022-401 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with International Association of EMTs and Paramedics Local R2-119 effective October 19, 2018 through December 31, 2023.

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

2022-402 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to approve the City of Plainfield's request to use Program Income from their account to help offset the cost of demolition of two properties destroyed by fire. These funds are

associated with the successful administration of the Community Development Block Grant Program by the City, in an amount not to exceed \$88,000.00.

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

2022-403 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution 2021-583 approving the 2021-2022 (Year 47) Consolidated Action Plan to increase CDBG funding to (3) three projects, as follows: The ARC of Union County Project an increase from \$22,000.00 to \$31,569.70; Toddler Learning Center Project from \$40,000.00 to \$49,700.00 and Plainfield Roadway Rehabilitation from \$352,000.00 to \$575,498.15.

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

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2022-404 COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of James Ballentine during their time of sorrow.

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

2022-405 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution recognizing May as Older American's Month throughout the County of Union; and further urging every citizen to take the time this month to advocate for and support the needs of all older adults in Union County.

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

2022-406 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution offering this Board's sincere condolences to the family of Deborah Gervase-Kirk, during their time of sorrow.

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

2022-407 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution acknowledging and congratulating Larry Burns upon the upcoming celebration of his 100th birthday on July 31, 2022.

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

2022-408 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Proclaiming the week of May 15 - May 21, 2022 as National Police Week throughout the County of Union.

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

2022-409 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:
Resolution recognizing and proclaiming the week of May 6, 2022 through May 12,
2022 as Nurses Appreciation Week to shine a spotlight on the incredible nurses across
the County that have devoted their lives to the betterment of the lives of others,
especially in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic

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

2022-410 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:
Resolution recognizing and proclaiming the week of May 15,2022 through May 22,
2022 as Emergency Medical Services Week throughout Union County, and further
commending all Emergency Services Personnel who serve this County for their
dedication to the safety, health, and well-being of all County citizens.

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

2022-411 VICE CHAIR CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution commending Thomas Cutro, of Boy Scout Troop 75, upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout at their Court of Honor held on June 5, 2022.

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

2022-412 VICE CHAIR CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution commending Max Kapetanakis, of Boy Scout Troop 75, upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout at their Court of Honor held on June 5, 2022.

2022-413 VICE CHAIR CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution commending Joshua Schwartz, of Boy Scout Troop 75, upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout at their Court of Honor held on June 5, 2022.

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

2022-414 VICE CHAIR CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution commending Jack Gard, of Boy Scout Troop 75, upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout at their Court of Honor held on June 5, 2022.

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

2022-415 VICE CHAIR CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution commending Logan Gard, of Boy Scout Troop 75, upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout at their Court of Honor held on June 5, 2022.

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

2022-416 VICE CHAIR CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution commending Harrison Brown, of Boy Scout Troop 75, upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout at their Court of Honor held on June 5, 2022.

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

2022-417 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution recognizing the month of May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (AAPI) awareness month throughout the County of Union; and further recognizing the generations of Asian American and Pacific Islanders who have enriched America's history and are instrumental in its future success; and further denouncing the recent trend of bigotry, intolerance and prejudice against the Asian American and Pacific Island community.

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

2022-418 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution recognizing and congratulating the 200 Club of Union County Valor Award

recipients for their distinguished heroic acts above and beyond the call of duty at their Annual Valor Awards ceremony held on May 13, 2022.

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

2022-419 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON, COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution opposing the potential overturn of Roe v. Wade.

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

2022-420 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to Governor Jim McGreevey, and the McGreevey family, on the passing of his father, Jack McGreevey.

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

2022-421 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of former Union County Freeholder Anthony Amalfe, during their time of sorrow.

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Leon advised that in honor of Public Service Recognition Week, the County would be observing Employee Appreciation week in recognition of all Union County employees. She expressed her appreciation for the hard work and dedication consistently demonstrated by the employees of Union County, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. She noted that the last two years had been very trying but County employees remained committed to providing essential services to residents despite the dangers and many challenges. She also noted the inclusion of additional services including food distribution drives and testing and vaccination services relative to COVID-19. She added that none of this would have been possible without the unwavering support of County employees and thanked them for their continued work and commitment towards making Union County a better place.

Commissioner Garretson returned to the meeting.

Commissioner Granados advised that May was National Mental Health Awareness month, noting the County's continued commitment to mental health. He noted that

the Department of Human Services and Office of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse in partnership with Atlantic Health Systems would be hosting a free webinar on May 14th entitled *Mental Health 101: How Do We Talk About Mental Health*. He recognized the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on mental health, adding that this webinar would feature important discussions related to the basics of mental health and its effect on overall health. He encouraged all interested residents to register, noting that pre-registration was required for the webinar.

Commissioner Kowalski echoed the sentiments of Commissioner Leon and thanked all the Union County employees for their continued efforts. She referenced the comments made by Mr. Paterson, confirming that contrary to his claims, the County's Engineering Department was still operation and an integral part of County operations. On another note, she noted that she joined Chair Williams at the Trailside Nature Center for the Senior Art Show, adding that it was lovely to see the work of so many talent seniors throughout the County on display. She thanked the Office of Cultural and Heritage as well as the Parks Department for their efforts relative to this event. She also noted an upcoming Spring Garden Fair & Plant Sale in Watchung on May 15th, hosted by the Master Gardeners of Union County. To close, she reminded residents about the upcoming Rhythm and Blues by the Brook Outdoor Musical Festival at Cedar Brook Park in Plainfield on June 4th.

Commissioner Baker also expressed his appreciation for the employees of Union County, noting that he hoped everyone was taking advantage of the activities scheduled in honor of Employee Appreciation Week. On another note, he reminded residents about an upcoming drive-up food distribution event on May 14th at Kean University, adding that relative to the COVID-19 pandemic and rising inflation, many County residents were still struggling with food insecurity. He thanked Village Supermarket and Gargiulo Produce for their continued partnership in these efforts.

Commissioner Garretson thanked the Department of Engineering, Bureau of Recycling and Planning for their earlier, informative presentation related to NJ's Bag Ban. She also echoed the sentiments of her colleagues relative to the employees of Union County, adding that she hoped they were enjoying Employee Appreciation Week. On another note, she spoke relative to all of the upcoming graduations, adding that she wished all the students well on their future endeavors. She also congratulated the Fiscal Committee for the presentation and adoption of the 2022 County Budget. Commissioner Garretson also spoke relative to May being Community Action Awareness Month, noting that the County would be partnering with local community action agencies to host events and activities throughout the month of May in an attempt to provide life-changing and essential services to residents in need. She also recognized and thanked colleague, Commissioner Mirabella, for representing her and the Board at the recent NJAC conference, noting that she looked forward to the upcoming NACO conference in July, during which time the County would be recognized for their efforts in public service.

Commissioner Mirabella spoke relative to the upcoming AIDS Walk in NYC on May 15th, adding that Union County was proud to support the event and remained committed to taking the necessary steps to make continued progress in this area. He noted that Union County would be participating in the AIDS Walk through the Office of LGBTQ Affairs and the LGBTQI Ad Hoc committee in support of the

Hyacinth AIDS Foundation. On another note, he spoke relative to his attendance of the NJAC Conference where he was joined by Chair Williams, Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, County Manager Oatman, Deputy County Manager Wagner, Director Graziano, Director Anderson, and Director Zuber as well Clerk of the Board James E. Pellettiere. He thanked NJAC Director John Dinadio for his efforts relative to the conference. He also thanked colleague, Commissioner Garretson, for her efforts throughout the year as delegate of NJAC. On another note, he expressed his appreciation for the employees of Union County, noting that he was proud of their efforts, in particular, as it related to volunteering during the COVID-19 pandemic. He also recognized Fiscal Chairman Commissioner Granados and the Fiscal Committee as well as County Manager Oatman, Deputy County Manager Wagner, and Director Taylor for presenting another successful County Budget with a 0 tax increase. He noted the difficulties related to achieving such a tremendous feat, while also maintaining the County's triple A bond rating.

Vice Chair Hudak advised that the County continued to provide essential services related to COVID-19, adding that the County continued to emphasis vaccination as the most effective means to prevent serious illness and curb long-lasting health impacts related to natural infection. He confirmed that the County's testing and vaccination centers were still operation as well as the County's Rental Assistance Program and Food Distribution Drives. On another note, he advised that this week was National Nurse Week, adding that is was important to recognize the efforts of nurses, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic and thanked them for their sacrifice and life-saving efforts. Vice Chair Hudak congratulated Fiscal Committee Chairman Commissioner Granados and the Fiscal Committee as well as County Manager Oatman and all the other employees involved in the presentation of the County's 2022 Budget. He commended them for achieving a level tax rate for three years in a row will still maintaining the many essential services provided by the County. He also recognized the County employees in honor of Employee Appreciation Week and thanked them for their continued efforts and dedication to the residents of Union County. To close, he offered his condolences to the family of former NJ Governor McGreevey on the loss of his father, Jack McGreevey, as well as the family of former Freeholder Anthony Amalfe relative to his passing.

Chair Williams spoke relative to Nurses Appreciation Week, adding that she had attended a recognition ceremony yesterday, alongside Commissioners Kowalski and Palmieri-Mouded, in honor of nurses, many of which came out of retirement to assist with efforts relative to the COVID-19 pandemic. She noted that Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded's mother, Pamela Mouded, a retired school nurse, had also been honored at the event. She also referenced Reso No. 2022-419 and confirmed the Board's commitment to women's reproductive health and rights and their support of Roe v. Wade, adding that NJ had passed legislation to protect women in the event the ruling was overturned. On another note, she advised that NACO had awarded the County of Union three grants for the Departments of Public Safety, Parks and Recreation, and Human Services, noting that she looked forward to receiving this recognition at the NACO conference in July. She noted a pop-up parks exhibit to celebrate 100 years of U.C. Parks. She also spoke relative to the County's COVID-19 vaccination and testing center in partnership with Kean University, noting it as the first county and academic run laboratory in the nation. She added that testing protocols were expanded to include detection of the Omicron variant as well as mobile clinic services throughout the County. Relative to Human Services, she noted the Fresh-Start Initiative, spearheaded by former Commissioner Chairman Mirabella, adding that this service as the first of its kind in NJ. She advised that in addition to restroom, shower, and laundry services, the County would advise residents in need of additional services that could foster greater self-sufficiency. She noted that she was proud of Union County in partnership with community partners for collaborating on this effort. She congratulated the cited departments for the recognition on behalf of the Board.

Commissioner Granados advised that Commissioner Leon would serve as the Grand Marshall for the upcoming Cuban Day Parade.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To the extent known, the following item will be discussed in Executive Session:

1) Attorney Client privileged communications and discussions relative to potential litigation regarding the Ash Brook Golf Course.

County Counsel Bergen stated that pursuant to provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, a public body may enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing certain enumerated subjects.

He stated that the Board wished to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Attorney Client privileged communications and discussions relative to Attorney Client privileged communications and discussions relative to potential litigation regarding the Ash Brook Golf Course.

He stated that the minutes of the Executive Session shall be separated from the minutes of the Open Public Session and that the minutes of the Executive Session, redacted as appropriate and necessary, shall be available in approximately 30 days. He stated that the Clerk of the Board shall retain the original minutes until such time as the confidential limitations have been removed, at which time they shall be made available.

He stated that upon affirmative vote of the majority of the members present, the Board may enter Executive Session and upon the Board's return may or may not take formal action on the matters discussed.

Chair Williams called for a motion to enter into Executive Session. On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Granados, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

Chair Williams called for a motion to return from Executive Session. On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call

showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

County Counsel Bergen advised that he had nothing to report following Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

REORGANIZATION MEETING - THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022 at 6:30 pm Administration Building, 6th Floor Commissioner Meeting Room

AGENDA SETTING SESSION January 20, 2022	REGULAR MEETINGS January 20, 2022
February 3, 2022	February 3, 2022
February 17, 2022	February 17, 2022
March 3, 2022	March 3, 2022
March 24, 2022	March 24, 2022
April 7, 2022	April 7, 2022
April 28, 2022*	April 28, 2022*
May 12, 2022	May 12, 2022
May 26, 2022	May 26, 2022
June 9, 2022	June 9, 2022
June 23, 2022	June 23, 2022
July 14, 2022	July 14, 2022
August 11, 2022	August 11, 2022
September 15, 2022	September 15, 2022
October 6, 2022	October 6, 2022
October 20, 2022	October 20, 2022
November 10, 2022	November 10, 2022
December 1, 2022	December 1, 2022
December 15, 2022	December 15, 2022
	James E. Pellettiere, RMC, QPA

^{*} April 21, 2022 Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting have been rescheduled for April 28, 2022.

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.

Persons requiring a sign language interpreter should contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 908-527-4140.

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