



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2022
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Williams presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Chair Rebecca Williams, Commissioner James E. Baker Jr., Commissioner Angela R. Garretson, Commissioner Sergio Granados, Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski, Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded were present, with Vice Chair Christopher Hudak 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 Granados and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Vice Chair Hudak absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Thursday, May 12, 2022 - Agenda Setting Session
2. Thursday, May 12, 2022 - Regular Meeting
3. Thursday, May 26, 2022 - Agenda Setting Session
4. Thursday, May 26, 2022 - Regular Meeting

Chair Williams called for a motion to approve the May Minutes. On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven votes in the affirmative for the May 12th Agenda Setting and Regular Meeting Minutes, with Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded abstaining and Vice Chair Hudak absent; and seven votes in the affirmative for the May 26th Agenda Setting and Regular Meeting Minutes, with Commissioner Mirabella abstaining and Vice Chair Hudak absent.

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.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, asked questions relative to several Resolutions. Relative to Reso Nos. 2022-515 and 2022-535, he asked what organizations would be receiving these monies and what the County share would be. Relative to Reso Nos. 2022-529, he asked how much UCVTS would be paying the County for this shared service. Relative to Reso No. 2022-550, he asked about the scope of work as well as costs and impact. Relative to Reso Nos. 2022-557 through 2022-560, he asked for more information relative to the information being shared. Relative to Reso No. 2022-569, Mr. Paterson asked if this contract was new and if it wasn't, what had changed from previous years. Relative to Reso No. 2022-570, he made comments relative to BGIA/Acrisure and asked how much they would be getting paid for the cited work. Relative to Reso No. 2022-571, he noted that this was a good idea, but asked why the County could not hire the contractor. Relative to Reso No. 2022-574, he asked how many Correction Officers were involved in this item and what changes were being made to salaries and benefits. Relative to Reso Nos. 2022-584 and 2022-585, he asked for an overview of the matters. Relative to general comments, he asked for additional information regarding the matter to be discussed during Executive Session.

Relative to Reso Nos. 2022-515 and 2022- 535, Director Taylor advised that these items were tied together, adding that Reso No. 2022-535 reflected the acceptance of the grant, while Reso No. 2022-515 allowed the County to modify the budget to utilize these funds and bring them into the general ledger.

Relative to Reso No. 2022-529, Director Taylor advised that this Resolution was linked to Reso Nos. 2022-570, 575, 576, and 577 and related to the UCVTS benefits plan coming under the County's self-insured plan. She noted that various Resolutions were needed as they covered different periods of coverage. She added that these Resolutions allowed for the modification of previous resolutions to authorize services.

Relative to Reso No. 2022-550, Director Graziano advised that this Resolution was the final change order for the cited project, adding that the change order was a result of changes to DEP guidelines made in the last few years. He advised that said changes would require counties to remove more fill and the change order would fund additional excavation as well as fill removal. He noted that the change order would also allow for credit change orders relative to winter concrete that was not needed due to a light winter. He confirmed that there was no construction management on this publicly bid project.

Relative to Reso No. 2022-569, Chief Debbie advised that this Resolution related to an agreement for an RMS Management System for police reporting among municipal partners in the County's dispatch center. He added that municipalities would have access to the record management system for their respective records, adding that the info-sharing portion included an info-dump query server that would be used for public safety purposes.

Relative to Reso No. 2022-569, Administrator DiRado advised that this Resolution related to the renewal of a three year contract for a T1 line that was installed in 2019, following the initial transition into the new vote tabulation system. She added that this item was in place ahead of the 2019 General Election.

Relative to Reso Nos. 2022-570 & 2022-571, Director Scutari advised that these items were broker recommended, confirming that the County did not pay the broker, but rather Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield for stop/loss insurance. She noted that the SSDC Services Corp. would only be paid a set fee if they found someone who transitioned to Medicare and or disability insurance.

Relative to Reso No. 2022-574, Director Scutari advised that this Resolution involved 36 employees and would include a 2% increase across the Board. She added that health insurance would be effective as of January 2023 and premium contributions would be paid under the July 2021 agreement.

Relative to Reso No. 2022-584, Counsel Bergen advised that this item related to litigation involving an inmate in the Union County Jail that was placed in the hospital ward and alleged he was unable to practice his religion. Counsel Bergen noted that while the County believed they had done everything in their power to allow the inmate to practice his religion, the matter would have been handled in federal court and the judge-appointed mediator recommended a settlement rather than risk trial. He added that a portion of the settlement would be paid by the company overseeing the hospital ward, with the remaining monies furnished by the County.

Relative to Reso No. 2022-585, Counsel Bergen advised that this item related to new litigation between Watchung and a developer concerning a traffic light on Bonnie Burn Road in Watchung. He added that since the County had maintained the road since 1927, they had also been included in the matter. He noted that as a result, counsel had to be secured to litigate the matter on behalf of the County.

Relative to Executive Session, Counsel Bergen advised that he was unable to comment, as litigation was still ongoing, adding that it related to an open public records act case. He confirmed that the public would be made aware of the matter once it was settled.

There were no additional questions or comments from the public.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

- 2022-514 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Clearview Data Systems, Greenville, South Carolina to renew a maintenance contract for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$26,793.00.

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

- 2022-515 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$4,780,402.00 as a result of notification received from the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development for a program entitled: SuperNofa Continuum of Care Grant.

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

- 2022-516 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$63,419.69 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a program entitled: Clean Communities Grant.

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

- 2022-517 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$337,459.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: Childhood Lead Exposure Grant.

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

- 2022-518 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$367,800.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services for a program entitled: Jail MAT Initiative Grant.

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

- 2022-519 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$65,295,900.50 as a result of notification received from the United States Department of Treasury for a program entitled: American Rescue Plan Act- Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (Second Tranche).

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

- 2022-520 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$46,782.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a program entitled: Personal Attendant Services Program (PASP) Grant.

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

- 2022-521 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$18,594.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Grant.

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

- 2022-522 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$314,285.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families for a program entitled: Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) Grant.

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

- 2022-523 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$74,538.60 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of State for a program entitled: UCBOE HAVA Physical Security - Window Films Grant.

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

- 2022-524 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$200,000.00 as a result of notification received from New Jersey Transit for a program entitled: FTE Section 5310-Mobility Management Grant.

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

- 2022-525 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$145,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate Program (VOCA) Supplemental.

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

- 2022-526 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$35,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities (ROID).

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

- 2022-527 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$287,088.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families for a program entitled: Sexual Assault, Abuse & Rape Care (SAARC) Grant.

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

- 2022-528 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$16,401.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: Right to Know (RTK) Grant.

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

- 2022-529 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$9,220,446.78 as a result of notification received from the Union County Vocational Schools for a shared service agreement entitled: UCVTS Shared Service Agreement for Health and Prescription Benefits - Administrative Services.

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

- 2022-530 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2021-121 to further extend the contract to Geographic Solutions, Palm Harbor, FL for continuation of Workforce Information Management Data Exchange System, for a period of six (6) months from July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, and to increase the contract amount by \$29,550.00, for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$88,650.00.

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

- 2022-531 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Plainfield Action Services-Mayor's Task Force, Plainfield, NJ, to provide Supportive Services for clients of the American Job Center who need intensive job seeking services, for the period of July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in the total amount not to exceed \$17,500.00.

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

- 2022-532 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, NJ, to provide Supportive Services for clients of the American Job Center who need intensive job seeking services, for the period of July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in the total amount not to exceed \$17,500.00.

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

- 2022-533 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountainside, New Jersey, for the provision of the Special Child Case Management and Early Intervention Program, for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in the amount not to exceed \$50,000.00; funds represent the match as stipulated by Statute requiring the County to match the Special Child Case Management and Early Intervention grant from the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services.

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

- 2022-534 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2022-326, a contract with the United Way of Greater Union County for the 2021 Union County Family Support and Prevention (FSP) Program, to reflect a three (3) month extension to the contract through September 30, 2022 and to increase the contract amount by \$62,499.00 for a new total contract not to exceed \$437,499.00

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

- 2022-535 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to accept FY2021 SuperNOFA Continuum of Care (CoC) program competitive grant award funds in the amount not to exceed \$4,480,261.00 from U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) and to enter into subcontracts with various agencies

as specified in the Spending Plan; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the awarded agencies as needed.

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

- 2022-536 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2021-648 to extend the contract with Community Access Unlimited Elizabeth, NJ for the provision of comprehensive career services for youth ages 14-24 (Out-of-School) for an additional six (6) months from June 30, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

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

- 2022-537 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2021-649 to extend the contract with Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, NJ for the provision of comprehensive career services for youths ages 14-24 (In- School) for an additional six (6) months from June 30, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

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

- 2022-538 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Restore Ministries, Inc. Elizabeth, NJ for the 2022 Arts Community Enrichment Summer Youth Program for the period of July 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00.

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

- 2022-539 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-649, authorizing the 2020-22 HEARTH Emergency Solutions - CARES ACT (HESC) Spending Plan, to reflect five (5) month grant extension for a new grant period through December 31, 2022.

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

- 2022-540 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Loving Arms Foundation's Hillside Outdoor Music Festival being held on August 13, 2022 in the amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.

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

- 2022-541 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Township of Union's 4th of July Spectacular being held on July 4, 2022 in the amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.

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

- 2022-542 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the NAACP of Hillside's Jazz Festival being held on July 13, 2022 in the amount not to exceed \$1,800.00.

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

- 2022-543 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Frank O. Mazza Civic Association Cultural Festival being held on July 28, 2022 through July 31, 2022 in the amount not to exceed \$1,500.00.

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

- 2022-544 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Independent Authors Book Experience's 9th Annual Book Expo being held on August 6, 2022 in the amount not to exceed \$500.00.

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

- 2022-545 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Chrysalis Project, Inc.'s Community Book Fair being held on August 14, 2022 in the amount not to exceed \$500.00.

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

- 2022-546 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Township of Hillside's Juneteenth Celebration held on June 18, 2022 in the amount not to exceed \$3,500.00.

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

- 2022-547 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing County Manager to execute a License Agreement and Sponsorship with the Borough of Roselle for its Music

Festival at Warinanco Park on July 9, 2022; and further authorizing the funding in the amount of \$15,000.00.

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

- 2022-548 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Colliers Engineering & Design, Red Bank, NJ, to provide engineering design services, construction administration and inspection services for the Ponderosa Parking Lot Improvements in Scotch Plains, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$77,052.00 (Union County Engineering Project# 2022-014).

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

- 2022-549 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Requesting the County Manager to support the City of Rahway's dedication of a roadway sign in honor of former Rahway Police Officer, Rahway Councilman and Union County Freeholder Chester Holmes, Sr. on East Hazelwood Avenue (CR 621) between Lawrence Street and Hart Street. Union County will design, furnish and install the sign. City of Rahway will reimburse Union County.

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

- 2022-550 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Amending Resolution Number 2022-95 a contract awarded through advertised public bidding (BA#11-2015) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Ritacco Construction Company of Belleville, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 3 for the Replacement of Short Hills Avenue Culvert, SP-39, Township of Scotch Plains for an increase to the original contract amount by \$187,711.28 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$814,323.61 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-006c).

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

- 2022-551 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-604 a contract awarded through advertised public bidding (BA# 18-2020) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Sparwick Contracting Inc of Lafayette, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Replacement of Stelle Avenue Bridge over Cedar Brook Bridge, City of Plainfield, County of Union, New Jersey for a reduction to the original contract amount by (\$17,800.06) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$945,511.94. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-028)

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

- 2022-552 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Resolution granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights to hang a banner across Plainfield Avenue from June 17, 2022 to July 29, 2022 advertising the Berkeley Heights Recreation Commission's Summer Concert Series Schedule.

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

- 2022-553 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Resolution granting permission to the City of Linden to close Wood Avenue between Blancke Street and Elm Street from 3:30 pm to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 to host its annual National Night Out.

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

- 2022-554 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Resolution granting permission to the Township of Springfield/Springfield Unity Project to hang a banner across Mountain Avenue at North Trivette Avenue from May 13, 2022 to June 13, 2022 advertising the Springfield Community Day to be held on Sunday, June 12, 2022.

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

- 2022-555 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract to Gateway Outdoor Advertising, Long Valley, NJ, to provide vehicle advertisements promoting vaccine and booster awareness throughout Union County, for the period of April 15, 2022 through August 15, 2022 in the amount of \$17,655.00.

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

- 2022-556 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Enforsys, Inc., Millburn, NJ, to provide maintenance and support for a cloud hosted information sharing and Records Management System (RMS) for the Union County Dispatch Center and affiliated agencies for the contract period of May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$60,625.00. (UASI Grant Funded)

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

2022-557 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Roselle for a UASI funded, cloud-hosted, information sharing records management system (RMS), commencing July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, with the option to extend the contract term up to an additional 24 months.

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

2022-558 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Berkeley Heights for a UASI funded cloud-hosted information sharing records management system (RMS), commencing July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, with the option to extend the contract term up to an additional 24 months.

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

2022-559 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Fanwood for a UASI funded cloud-hosted information sharing records management system (RMS), commencing July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, with the option to extend the contract term up to an additional 24 months.

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

2022-560 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Scotch Plains for a UASI funded cloud-hosted information sharing records management system (RMS), commencing July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, with the option to extend contract term up to an additional 24 months.

On a motion made by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Moued roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Mirabella abstaining and Vice Chair Hudak absent.

2022-561 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Medical Priority Consultants Inc. dba Priority Dispatch Corp., Salt Lake City, Utah, for quality assurance dispatch software for the period of June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2025 in the amount not to exceed \$34,080.00.

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

2022-562 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOURED: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement for Tuberculosis Services with the New Jersey Medical School Global Tuberculosis Institute for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$100,663.20.

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

2022-563 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOURED: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept, and expend the New Jersey Department of Health, Division of HIV, STD and TB Services (DHSTS) COVID-19 Vaccination (Supplement 2022) Grant, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Division of HIV, STD, and TB Services, in the amount of \$200,000.00, commencing March 1, 2022 and ending February 28, 2023.

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

2022-564 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOURED: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept, and expend the New Jersey Department of Health Grant Award for the Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention (CLEP Grant) in the amount of \$337,459.00 for a contract period commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

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

2022-565 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOURED: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept, and expend the New Jersey Department of Health Grant Award for the Right to Know grant for the period commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 in the amount of not to exceed \$16,401.00.

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

2022-566 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Business Automation Technologies Inc, dba Data Network Solutions, Little Silver, NJ, to provide internet service and maintenance on equipment in the Union County Clerk's offices for the period from September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025 in the amount of \$96,888.00.

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

- 2022-567 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into an agreement with Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc., (Life Technologies), Waltham, MA to purchase proprietary reagents supplies, equipment, and service agreements for instrument maintenance for the period of June 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$349,586.00.

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

- 2022-568 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Amending Resolution Number 2022-221, a contract with Catherine Vulcano to serve as an Acting SART/FNE Coordinator for the period of March 4, 2022 through June 30, 2022, to increase the contract in an additional amount not to exceed \$10,500.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$23,250.00. All other terms and conditions remain the same.

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

- 2022-569 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Momentum Telecom, Kennesaw, Georgia for the purpose of providing maintenance for a private network solution for programming elections and tallying election results between the Union County Board of Elections and the County Clerk's office for the contract period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025 in the amount of not to exceed \$50,040.00.

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

- 2022-570 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a stop-loss insurance contract to Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, Newark, NJ through BGIA/Acrisure, Woodbridge, NJ, as the County's Health Insurance Consultant/Broker of Record for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$3,250,000.00.

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

- 2022-571 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to SSDC Services Corp., Novi, MI, through BGIA/Acrisure, Woodbridge, NJ, as the County's Health Insurance Consultant/Broker of Record for Medicare and Disability Monitoring Services, for twenty-eight months from September 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$345,000.00.

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

- 2022-572 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the option to extend a contract pursuant to Resolution 2020-476 with Union County Collision LLC, Roselle Park, NJ, obtained through advertised public bidding (BA 16-2020) for the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Motor Vehicles for the purpose of providing the County with automobile and light truck collision repair for the period of 24 months from August 13, 2022 to August 12, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$233,960.00.

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

- 2022-573 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the renewal of the County's membership with the New Jersey Counties Excess Joint Insurance Fund (NJCE JIF) for a three (3) year period from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025.

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

- 2022-574 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the PBA 199--Correction Officers, effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

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

- 2022-575 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Amending Resolution Number 2021-517, to allow for an increase of funding for Medical and Prescription claims incurred by Union County Vocational/ Technical Schools in an amount not to exceed \$8,212,195.40 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

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

- 2022-576 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Amending Resolution Number 2021-516, to allow for an increase of funding for Administration fees to CVS CAREMARK due to the increase in members from Union County Vocational/ Technical Schools in an amount not to exceed \$75,240.00 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

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

- 2022-577 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Amending Resolution Number 2021-515, to allow for an increase of funding for Administration fees to Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey due to the increase in members from Union County Vocational/ Technical Schools in an amount not to exceed \$273,871.12 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

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

- 2022-578 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Amending Resolution Number 2021-583, approving the 2021-2022 (Year 47) Consolidated Action Plan, to increase funding from the contingency account to cover the cost of unexpected high costs of labor and materials in order to finish four (4) projects, in an amount not to exceed \$73,800.00.

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

- 2022-579 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Resolution concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board's action of awarding a performance-based contract extension to the Union County Department of Human Services for the provision of American Job Center Services Operator for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.

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

- 2022-580 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Resolution concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board's action to approve the Revised Program Year 2020 Union County Workforce Development Area Budget, through Resolution No. 2022-20, for the purpose of assigning the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act grant the requisite indirect cost rate allowable under the approved Center Service Cost Allocation Plan.

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

- 2022-581 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Resolution concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board's action to approve the Revised Program Year 2021 Union County Workforce Development Area Budget, through Resolution No. 2022-21, for the purpose of assigning the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, the WorkFirst New Jersey, and the Workforce Learning Link grants the requisite indirect cost rate allowable under the approved Center Service Cost Allocation Plan.

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

- 2022-582 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Resolution concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board action, through Resolution No. 2022-22, to employ First-In, First-Out (FIFO) accounting practices to transfer WIOA expenses in the amount of \$899,594.54 from Program Year 2021 to Program Year 2020 and thereby free-up the commensurate amount of available funds in Program Year 2021.

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

- 2022-583 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Resolution concurring with Resolution No. 2022-19 of the Union County Workforce Development Board to amend its agreement with Union County College, as adopted through Commissioners' Resolution No. 2022-254, by revising the budget allocation of the award for a total amount not to exceed \$485,221.91 and to revise the contract period to January 1, 2022 through April 28, 2023.

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

- 2022-584 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to execute a Settlement Agreement in the matter entitled Reginald Curry v. County of Union et als, in the amount not to exceed \$95,000.00.
- 2022-585 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to appoint Weiner Law Group, LLP, Parsippany, NJ, to represent the County of Union in the matter entitled Weldon Materials, Inc. v. County of Union, et als. in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

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

- 2022-586 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Resolution authorizing the placement of a traffic signal on Bonnie Burn Road, a public road maintained by the County of Union, in conformity with the April 7, 2022, traffic engineering review and report by Neglia Engineering Associates, to provide a safe access point to the proposed residential project situated thereupon and authorizing the County Manager to execute a Redeveloper's Agreement with Bonnie Burn Redevelopers Urban Renewal, LLC, for construction and maintenance of a traffic signal.

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

- 2022-587 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Authorizing the County Manager to appropriate funds to the Union County Performing Arts Center, Rahway, NJ, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for the purposes of developing support for the arts in Union County and creating cultural and educational opportunities for Union County residents for calendar year 2022.

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

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2022-588 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing and commending the following Union County Judges who were honored by the Union County Bar Association and the Bar Foundation of Union County at their Portrait Dedication Ceremony on June 16, 2022: the Honorable Karen M Cassidy, A.J.S.C., the Honorable Edwin R. Alley, J.A.D., the Honorable Roberto Alcazar, J.S.C., the Honorable Kathryn A. Brock, J.S.C., the Honorable Joseph P. Donohue, J.S.C., the Honorable Kenneth J. Grispin, J.S.C., and the Honorable Frederic R. McDaniel, J.S.C.

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

- 2022-589 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing the impact of food insecurity that is expected to rise with the expiration of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) on July 15th, 2022 to the approximately 43,379 Union County residents participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) who would be adversely affected; and further calling upon the United States Congress to extend the PHE Program and/or make changes to the SNAP guidelines.

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

- 2022-590 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON, COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating Roberto and Ana Maria Madan, and Alfonso Perez, on their honored recognition by the Elizabeth Cubanos Lions Club at their Baile de la Guayabera held on June 18, 2022; and further commending them for all their service to the greater Union County community.

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

- 2022-591 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing Anthony Terrezza, former Mayor of Union, as the Township of Union renames Bicentennial Park to Anthony Terrezza Park on June 20, 2022.

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

- 2022-592 VICE CHAIR CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing the Linden Chamber of Commerce and congratulating the following honorees at their 21st Annual Scholarship & Business of the Year Awards Dinner on Thursday, June 9, 2022: Columbia Bank; Linden Housing Authority; Pinho's Bakery; and Mary Philips for the "Person of the Year Award."

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

- 2022-593 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution acknowledging the tremendous year-long efforts of the Salvation Army Plainfield Corps as they celebrate their Annual Advisory Board Appreciation Dinner on June 24, 2022; and further recognizing and commending each of the Advisory Board Members and Corp Leaders on their contributions to the Salvation Army Plainfield Corps.

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

- 2022-594 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution congratulating Plainfield's Celine-Jada Brown on winning her second straight long jump title at the 2022 NJSIAA Track and Field Meet of Champions on June 18, 2022; and further congratulating Celine-Jada Brown on joining Olympians Carol Lewis of Willingboro and Keturah Orji of Mount Olive as the only jumpers who have jumped 20 feet at the Meet of Champions.

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

- 2022-595 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing Mrs. Laurel Edwards-Clark, an employee of the City of Plainfield, who will be retiring after 29 years of service to the community; and further wishes her health and happiness in her retirement.

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Garretson spoke relative to the many Juneteenth events and activities that had taken place throughout the County to commemorate the occasion. She recognized the Urban League of Union County for putting together posters that incorporated all the individuals that participated in these events. She thanked the organization for their efforts relative to inclusivity as well as ensuring that residents were informed of the scheduled activities.

Commissioner Leon noted her attendance of the graduation ceremonies for UCVTS and Simon Youth Academy, adding that it was wonderful and inspiring to see so many young people within Union County embarking on a new chapter of their lives. She recognized their efforts and hard work and wished them well in their future endeavors. On another note, she reminded residents with small children that the County's COVID-19 vaccination, in accordance with recent guidance, was now offering the Pfizer vaccine to children 6 mos. to 4 years of age as well as the Moderna vaccine for children 6 mos. to 5 years old. She encouraged families to have their small children inoculated against COVID-19 as a means to protect them and loved ones. To close, she reminded residents facing food insecurity that the County would be having their next walk-up food distribution drive on June 25th at the Gerald B. Green Plaza in Plainfield.

Commissioner Granados noted his recent attendance of the Simon Youth Academy Graduation, alongside Commissioner Leon, Deputy County Manager Wagner, and Commissioner Anderson. He spoke relative to the partnership between Union County and the Simon Mall Systems in creating non-traditional high schools throughout local properties to provide students with an alternative avenue to obtain an accredited high school diploma. He noted the struggles of many students who would have otherwise not had the opportunity to achieve this tremendous education feat. He congratulated the graduates on their accomplishment, adding that anything was possible with hard work and discipline, and wished them success in the future.

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded noted her attendance of the Lesniak Institute for Recovery High School Graduation, joined by Commissioner Mirabella, adding that this resource provided students with an invaluable opportunity to complete their high school education while also receiving treatment and resources to assist with recovery from drug and alcohol addiction. She added that in spite of the difficulties they face, it was inspiring to see these students achieve this tremendous goal and commit to recovery. On another note, she spoke relative to UCPAC's upcoming performance of Head over Heels on June 30th in honor of Pride Month, adding that while tickets were free, reservations were required.

Commissioner Kowalski noted her recent attendance of several events throughout the County in observance of Juneteenth, including the County's flag raising event at the UC Courthouse. She added that these events were very moving and thanked Chair Williams for her efforts in providing historical context relative to the holiday. She also echoed the sentiments of her colleagues in congratulating the many graduates throughout the County and wished them well on their future endeavors. On another note, she confirmed that the County had recently finalized the purchase of 735 Springfield Ave in Berkeley Heights, adding that this property was now part of the Passaic River Parkway, and that parcel would connect greenway between

Berkeley Heights, New Providence, Summit, and beyond. She thanked everyone involved in the acquisition of this property, including the Open Space, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund for facilitating the purchase. She confirmed the County's commitment to enhancing open space and improving access to parklands within the community. To close, she encouraged residents to take advantage of Union County Parks, recognizing the Parks and Recreation Department for their continued efforts.

Commissioner Baker offered his congratulates to all the 2022 Union County graduates and wished them well in their future pursuits. On another note, he spoke relative to upcoming Scrap Metal Events, adding that these events would take place twice a month between April and November in Cranford and Rahway. He also noted an upcoming paper-shredding event on June 25th at UCVTs in Scotch Plains and Rahway River Park. He encouraged interested residents to visit the County website for additional information relative to these events.

Commissioner Mirabella noted his recent attendance to the Lesniak's Recovery High School graduation ceremony, recognizing Simon Youth Academy and Prevention Links for their partnership relative to these efforts. He noted former State Senator Raymond Lesniak's commitment to giving back to the community and offering resources in areas he found of significant interest, particularly recovery resources for drug and alcohol addiction. He added that he was proud to participate in the event alongside Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and see students receive their diplomas. He also recognized UVCTS and the Board of Education and all members in attendance for their efforts and hard work. On another note, he spoke relative to his attendance of the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Temike Park, adding that he was proud to participate in the unveiling of this welcoming and inclusive park space. Commissioner Mirabella also spoke relative to an earlier press conference he attended alongside Commissioner Garretson during which time Union County College announced its new name of Union College. He recognized UCC President Margaret McMenamin, Chair of the Board Victor Richel, and Dr. Jaime Segal for the decision in an effort to attract additional students, noting the Board was supportive of the change. He also noted his recent tour of the Sharing Network in New Providence alongside Chair Williams, in addition to his participation in their recent fundraiser that garnered approximately \$1 million dollars. He recognized the invaluable resources provided by this non-profit organization and their work with hospitals and transplant centers relative to organ and tissue donations. He commended Scotch Plains Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Stamler, also on the Board of Directors for the Sharing Network, for her efforts to this end. He noted the growing need for such donations and encouraged residents to talk to their families about becoming donors.

Chair Williams spoke relative to her attendance of several Juneteenth events throughout the County, including a celebration at Warinanco Park by the Legacy Foundation in partnership with the Township of Hillside as well as the Juneteenth flag raising event in front of the Union County Courthouse. She also noted a Juneteenth celebration at Cedar Brook Park with special guest The Purple Madness, adding that it was a wonderful event enjoyed by all that attended. On another note, she spoke relative to the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Temike Park, noting that that the park had been designed with the idea to make all residents feel included and

accepted. She spoke relative to the many features in the park, including an ADA-compliant playground, a meditation maze, and a rainbow garden, among other features. She noted the struggles of the LGBTQ community relative to oppression and discrimination and how these factors negatively impacted mental health, adding that it was important to provide a space that would be safe and inclusive for all. She recognized Commissioner Granados for his Chairman Initiative in 2018 that prioritized inclusion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- 1.) Attorney-Client privileged discussion concerning litigation strategy in the matter of Rivera v. UCPO.

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 discussion concerning litigation strategy in the matter of Rivera v. UCPO.

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 Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Hudak absent.

Chair Williams called for a motion to return from Executive Session. 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 Vice Chair Hudak 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 Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Vice Chair Hudak absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 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

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REGULAR MEETINGS

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

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

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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