



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2022
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Hudak presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:14 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed, Vice Chair Christopher Hudak, Commissioner James E. Baker Jr., Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded were present, with Chair Rebecca Williams, Commissioner Angela R. Garretson, Commissioner Sergio Granados and Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski 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

Vice Chair Hudak called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Leon roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Chair Williams, Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Granados and Commissioner Kowalski absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Thursday, June 9 2022 - Agenda Setting Session
2. Thursday, June 9, 2022 - Regular Meeting
3. Thursday, June 23, 2022 - Agenda Setting Session
4. Thursday, June 23, 2022 - Regular Meeting

Vice Chair Hudak called for a motion to approve the June Minutes. On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed five votes in the affirmative for the June 9th Agenda Setting and Regular Meeting Minutes, with Chair Williams, Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Granados and Commissioner Kowalski absent; and four votes in the affirmative for the June 23rd Agenda Setting and

Regular Meeting Minutes, with Vice Chair Hudak abstaining and Chair Williams, Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Granados, and Commissioner Kowalski 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 for additional information relative to Reso No. 2022-365. He also made comments relative to the vendor MV Strategies, the Union County Improvement Authority and the UC Government Complex slated for 61-99 West Grand St. in Elizabeth.

Relative to Reso No. 2022-365, Counsel Bergen advised that this item related to an OPRA case that has been on-going for several years. He added that at the time, the County had followed the Attorney General's guidelines on the release of police investigation records, but that the law had changed during the 2 ½ years of litigation and the County had been caught in the middle. He further advised that from a legal standpoint, even though the County had followed the law at the time, County Counsel was of the opinion that a settlement would be the best course of action.

Relative to the comments about the UC Government Complex, Vice Chair Hudak added that since 1992 when the local redevelopment housing law was passed by the legislature, there was an interpretation of the law that the UCIA had the ability to do a project of this type. He noted that a few years later an Appellate Judge had interpreted the law differently and Union County had been caught in the crosshairs. He added that he had the utmost confidence in Counsel Bergen and Director Taylor relative to this matter.

Danny O'Sullivan asked for an update relative to a new permanent dog park at the Municipal Transfer Station. He also inquired about Reso Nos. 2022-596 – 2022-604, and asked if these monies could be used to maintain a 0% tax levy in 2023.

Relative to the dog park, County Manager Oatman advised that he would look into the matter and discuss with the respective Directors.

Relative to the tax levy, Vice Chair Hudak noted the County's aim to keep the levy as low as possible, resources permitting.

Director Taylor advised that these items were not CARES ACT related, adding that these items supported ongoing programs. Relative to the tax levy, she confirmed the County's commitment to providing a levy within reasonable costs that would also maintain the financial conditions in the County.

Vice Chair Hudak thanked Director Taylor for her leadership.

There were no additional questions or comments from the public.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

- 2022-596 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$609,475.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Community Service Block Grant (CSBG).

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

- 2022-597 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$469,800.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environment Protection for a program entitled: Recycling Enhancement Act Grant.

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

- 2022-598 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$1,260,961.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult Grant.

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

- 2022-599 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$1,224,800.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Grant.

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

- 2022-600 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$1,461,731.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a

program entitled: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Dislocated Worker Grant.

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

2022-601 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$84,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: Workforce Learning Link Program Grant.

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

2022-602 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$2,408,436.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: WorkFirst New Jersey (WFNJ) Grant.

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

2022-603 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$15,000.00 as a result of notification received from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Association for a program entitled: Subregional Support Program Grant.

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

2022-604 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$137,822.00 as a result of notification received from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Association for a program entitled: Subregional Transportation Program (STP) Grant.

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

2022-605 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution 2022-13, a resolution authorizing departmental signatories for Calendar Year 2022.

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

- 2022-606 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Amending Resolution Number 2022-428, a resolution supporting various events of the City of Rahway in the total amount of not to exceed \$10,000.00, to remove the Hot Rod's & Harleys event on May 14, 2022 and replace said event with the City of Rahway's Celebration events on June 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2022. (No change in total amount.)

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

- 2022-607 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2022-207 to extend the 2021-2022 HEARTH Emergency Solutions Grant (HES) term by five (5) months through December 31, 2022; with no changes to the overall spending plan.

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

- 2022-608 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2022-2023 HEARTH Emergency Solutions (HES) Grant Program Spending Plan, pursuant to a Request for Proposal (RFP) procurement process, in the total amount not to exceed \$368,878.00 for subcontracted services to be provided during the period of August 1, 2022 to July 31, 2023.

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

- 2022-609 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2022-206, a contract with Geneva Worldwide Interpretation Services, New York, NY for the purpose of providing interpretation services to clients of the Union County Department of Human Services, in an additional amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 for a new total amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the period of March 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

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

- 2022-610 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute the FY2023 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) contract in the

amount of \$318,912.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) for the grant period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2024 for the purpose of providing community programming for low income residents of Union County.

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

2022-611 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Clarke Moynihan Landscaping & Construction, LLC, Andover, New Jersey for the Azalea Garden in Warinanco Park for an amount not to exceed \$419,996.75 (BA# 19-2022).

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

2022-612 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to award the 2022 Union County Public Art/Mural Grants as received by the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs in the amount not to exceed \$58,750.00.

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

2022-613 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Remington and Vernick Engineers, Secaucus, NJ to provide engineering design services to improve storm water and stream conditions at Galloping Hill and Ash Brook Golf courses in an amount not to exceed \$262,265.00.

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

2022-614 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to conduct the 2022-2023 Deer Management Program for Union County, relative to the reduction of the white-tailed deer population within certain areas of the County, and to restrict areas when conditions necessitate in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00.

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

- 2022-615 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract, to Colliers Engineering & Design, Red Bank, New Jersey to provide Engineering Services for the Lightning Brook Park Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$254,943.00.

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

- 2022-616 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution Number 2020-916, a contract with USA Architects, Somerville, New Jersey for continued design services and construction administration for work at the Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway, New Jersey, in an additional amount of \$20,250.00 for a total contract not to exceed amount of \$64,550.00.

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

- 2022-617 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Colliers Engineering and Design, Red Bank, New Jersey for a Park Concept plan for county parkland located at 175 Glenside Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$11,500.00.

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

- 2022-618 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Remington Vernick Engineering, Secaucus, New Jersey to develop a Park Concept plan for county parkland located at 735 Springfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$25,050.00.

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

- 2022-619 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept State of New Jersey, Juvenile Justice Commission, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) 2023 Innovations Funding in the amount of \$120,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 to serve youth in the Union County Juvenile Justice System.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Chair

Williams, Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Granados and Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-620 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with ESI Equipment Inc., Montgomeryville, PA, through State Contract #17-FLEET-00820 for the purpose of purchasing Holmatro Extrication Equipment for the UASI Metro Strike Team through the Urban Area Security Initiative grant in an amount not to exceed \$124,889.24.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Moueded roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Chair Williams, Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Granados and Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-621 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Indentisys Inc., Eden Prairie, MN, for the purpose of purchasing computer hardware and software for the Union County Credential/ID Card System using FY2020 and FY2021 UASI funds in an amount not to exceed \$18,184.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Moueded roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Chair Williams, Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Granados and Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-622 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Amending Resolution 2022-563, an agreement with the New Jersey Department of Health, DHSTS COVID-19 Vaccination (Supplement 2022) Grant, to reflect a new project and budget period change of April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023. (All other agreement terms remain unchanged.)

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Moueded roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Chair Williams, Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Granados and Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-623 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Authorizing the County Manager to utilize the competitive contracting procurement method for laboratory services for Covid-19 testing.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Moueded roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Chair Williams, Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Granados and Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-624 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Tecan US Inc., Morrisville, NC, to purchase service agreements for instrument maintenance necessary to perform DNA testing for the period of 12 months in an amount not to exceed \$19,874.00.

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

2022-625 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Division of Administration, Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General for FFY21 STOP Violence Against Woman Act (VAWA) Grant Program in the amount of \$37,223.00 in federal funds with a required match not to exceed \$12,408.00 for a total project cost not to exceed \$49,631.00 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 (Subaward number VAWA 50-21).

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

2022-626 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Amending Resolution Number 2021-915, a contract for the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners/Forensic Nurse Examiners who serve as Independent Contractors as part of the Union County Sexual Assault Response Team, to update grant account numbers. (All other terms and conditions remain the same.)

2022-627 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Nichevision Forensics, LLC, Akron, OH for the purchase of software upgrades in an amount not to exceed \$16,400.00.

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

2022-628 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Affiliation Agreement with Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Child and Adolescent Outpatient Unit, Department of Psychiatry and The Friends of the Child Advocacy Center of Union County for licensed clinician / therapist services for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

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

2022-629 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Window Film Depot, Freehold, NJ through State Contract #65MCESCCPS for the purpose of providing safety enhancements for the Union County Board of Elections in an amount not to exceed \$74,538.60.

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

2022-630 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Lighthouse Collaborative LLC, Hillside, NJ to pilot Gender and Sexuality Alliances (GSAs) in four (4) middle schools in Union County beginning with the 2022/2023 school year in an amount not to exceed \$34,500.00.

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

2022-631 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with NACo Professional Development Academy, Clackamas, OR for the purchase of two High Performance Leadership courses in an amount not to exceed \$3,090.00.

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

2022-632 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to approve the Revised Program Year 2021 Union County Workforce Development Area Budget—through Resolution No. 2022-29—for the purpose of allocating carry-over funds, in an amount not to exceed \$888,000.00.

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

2022-633 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board's (UCWDB) adoption of the Program Year 2022 Union County Workforce Development Area Budget, as per UCWDB Resolution No. 2022-30, in accordance with Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Final Rules.

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

2022-634 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Assigning budget account numbers, in accordance with Resolution Number 2022-579, and authorizing the use of budget account numbers by the Union County Department of Human Services to continue

to function as an American Job Center Services Operator for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

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

2022-635 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to execute a Settlement Agreement in the matter entitled Richard Riviera v. Union County Prosecutor's Office, et als, in the amount not to exceed \$140,000.00.

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

2022-636 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Amending Resolution Number 2021-587 to increase the appropriation to Kologi Simitz, Linden, NJ as Special Counsel to the Union County Prosecutor's Office in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

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

2022-637 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter in to a contract with A&B Promotions, Cranford, NJ for the purchase of various items marketing the County of Union, its programs and special events in an amount not to exceed \$2,463.05.

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

2022-638 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement with 921 Elizabeth Avenue, LLC. for the acquisition of property designated on the tax map of the City of Elizabeth as Block 7, Lot 376 for the sum of \$6,367,549.24.

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

2022-639 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Re-appointing Maggie Petino (Criminal Justice) and appointing Rebecca Bobrowski (Unfunded Agency) to the Union

County Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACADA) to fill a three-year term ending December 31, 2024.

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

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2022-640 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Recognizing Ms. Sonja A. Ash for her dedicated service as a 30+ year Member and former Chair of the County Alliance Steering Subcommittee (CASS) and longtime Member/Vice-Chair of the Union County Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACADA), and Mental Health Board (MHB).

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

2022-641 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Recognizing Jose Rodriguez, Daumielle Adelman, Alexsandra Jarquin, Travis Bowens, Mauricio Viecco, Alvin Romero, and Michelle Pais for donating to The Latino Chamber of Commerce fundraiser for New Horizons in Autism.

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

2022-642 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Recognizing Dean Talcott, former Union County employee and Tree Steward, for his many years of dedicated public service.

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

2022-643 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Recognizing the month of July as "Park and Recreation Month" throughout Union County; and further acknowledging Union County's 36 parks encompassing more than 6,200 acres providing opportunities for all residents and non-residents to enjoy both passive and active recreation; including programming at the Trailside Nature & Science Center, Watchung Stables, the County's two public golf courses, the Walter Ulrich Memorial Swimming Pool, the John Russell Wheeler Spray Park, the Warinanco Sports Center and the Watchung Reservation.

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

- 2022-644 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution honoring the life of Donald A. Carrelli, as the Kenilworth Chess Club hosted the Donald A. Carrelli Memorial Chess Tournament at the Westfield YMCA on July 3, 2022.

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

- 2022-645 VICE CHAIR CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Thanking Mark Fedorczyk, as the Board recognizes his hard work and dedication to the maintenance of Union County's Madison Avenue Baseball Field.

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

- 2022-646 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Ella Mae Kurtz Casset during their time of sorrow.

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Baker invited residents to attend the County's upcoming National Night Out event on August 2nd at Meisel Avenue Park in Springfield, noting that the Union County's Prosecutor's Office, Sheriff's Office, and Police Department would be present along with other local law enforcement agencies with police and emergency vehicles on display. He added that immediately following the National Night Out activities, the County would be screening Disney and Pixar's Luca.

Commissioner Mirabella spoke relative to the County's 2022 Summer Arts Festival, noting performances by Pure McCartney on July 6th and Rhyme & Reason on July 13th. He also noted upcoming performances by Rob Paparozzi's Juke Joint and Black Dog on July 20th and 27th respectively starting at 7:30 PM, following a pre-show yoga activity. He advised that in the event of inclement weather, performances would be held at Crossroads in Garwood. He also spoke relative to the County's Family Fun & Flix series, noting a screening of Space Jam: A New Legacy on July 19th and Soul on July 26th.

Commissioner Leon encouraged Union County homeowners to sign up for the property fraud alert notification system through the County Clerk's Office. She advised that this notification system would alert residents to potentially unauthorized and potentially fraudulent activity involving real estate. She added that residents could register for this free service online or by contacting the property fraud alert call center at 1-800-728-3858 and could opt to receive notifications either by phone or mail. She noted that any suspicious activity should be reported to local police departments.

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded noted her recent attendance to the Paint by the Pond event at Mindowaskin Park in Westfield hosted by the Office for Persons with Disabilities & Special Needs. She noted that the event was well received, with over 200 people in attendance. She encouraged interested residents to attend the next Paint by the Pond event on Saturday, August 6th, adding that people of all abilities and all ages were welcomed to participate.

Vice Chair Hudak invited residents to attend Union County's 2nd Annual Car, Truck, & Bike Show on July 16th at Oak Ridge Park in Clark in honor of first responders and front-line heroes, adding that the event was free and open to all ages. He noted that the County's Public Safety and EMS fleet and other unique cars and show vehicles would be on display. He advised that the County's COVID-19 vaccination unit would also be on site to provide saliva-testing and vaccines.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 P.M.

**UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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REORGANIZATION MEETING - THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021 at 6:00 pm
Courthouse Plaza, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ**

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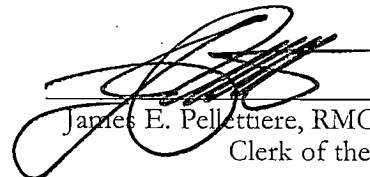
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* April 21, 2022 Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting have been rescheduled for April 28, 2022.

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