



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2022
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Williams presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:17 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

Gregg Lemberg, of Westfield, inquired about when the review of the Union County's Park Recreation and Open Space Master Plan would be completed and disclosed to the public. He noted the importance of the Master Plan as it related to Tamaques Park in Westfield and the inclusion of additional youth playing fields. He added that it was important for Westfield Town Council to review the County's respective findings, noting mounting pressure on the Town Council to act without delay and consequently, without considering the findings of the County's Master

Plan. He respectfully urged the Board to prioritize the review and approval of the U.C. Park and Recreation Open Space Master Plan so that municipalities could make well-informed decisions.

Chair Williams advised that she believed the Master Plan review would be completed by the fall and referred to County Manager Oatman to confirm.

County Manager Oatman advised that the review of the Union County Park and Recreation Open Space Master Plan was slated to be completed by the fall.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, noted the upcoming election ballot drawing for the November election, adding that as a means to avoid suspicion and promote fairness and transparency, he was of the opinion that the Union County Clerk's Office should have the County Clerk in a county controlled by Republicans to conduct the drawing. Relative to Reso No. 2022-658, he asked about the services being rendered. Relative to Reso No. 2022-659 & Reso No. 2022-660, he inquired about the sudden increase in cost. Relative to Reso No. 2022-672, he asked if Union County taxpayers would be making any money from the State for use of the cited space. Relative to Reso No. 2022-673, Mr. Paterson asked why the vendor was being awarded the cited monies for on-call services for the remainder of the year. He also asked if there were any plans underway that would require this service. Relative to Reso No. 2022-682, he inquired about the work that would be done under this item. Relative to Reso No. 684 & Reso No. 2022-685, he asked why these funds were not being taken from the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund. Relative to Reso No. 2022-709, he asked about the services being provided by the cited law firm. Relative to Reso No. 2022-711, he made comments about the appointment of Finance Director Bibi Taylor to the position of County Treasurer. Relative to Reso No. 2022-695, he inquired about the Anti-Nepotism Policy being adopted.

Relative to Reso No. 2022-658, Director Anderson advised that this related to a GAP One-Time Spending Plan to be used to fund various initiatives including after-school programs for homeless youth, emergency sheltering, and home-delivered meals for persons with disabilities as well as case management and legal services for residents in need.

Relative to Reso Nos. 2022-659 & 2022-660, Director Anderson advised that these items were of no cost to County residents, as they were entirely funded through the State's Department of Labor. She further advised that the cited resolutions would provide comprehensive career services for in-school and out-of-school youth as well as case management and other wrap-around services to ensure access to resources and tools that will promote self-sufficiency and success in the future.

Relative to Reso No. 2022-672, Counsel Bergen advised that due to historical reasons, the courts were responsible for paying the County for space occupied and used by the Chancery Division. He confirmed that the space was located in the New Annex Building of the Courthouse Complex. He further advised that the cited resolution reflected a ten-year lease renewal. He noted that the State was increasing the space being used and fees being collected had been raised accordingly. He confirmed that the County would be paid \$701,865.24 over the course of the ten-year lease as cited in the caption of the resolution.

Relative to Reso No. 2022-673, Director Graziano confirmed that the monies cited on the resolution reflected a not-to-exceed amount and that the on-call architectural services would only be used as need. He added that while the Department currently had a contract with a vendor providing on-call architectural services, funding for that contract was low and he thought it best to secure additional monies for this service to address any potential issues that could arise unexpectedly during the remainder of the year.

Relative to Reso No. 2022-682, Director Graziano advised that this Resolution related to the Department's recycling advertising and promotional services. He added that the item was 100% grant funded and would cover the remaining four months of 2022 and four months in 2023.

Relative to Reso Nos. 2022-684 & 2022-685, Director Durbin-Drake advised that this item was only meant to revise account numbers relative to grant monies that had been approved and were now available to the County.

Relative to Reso No. 2022-709, Counsel Bergen advised that this item related to additional funding for legal services to ensure that funding received by the County through the America Rescue Plan Act and Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds were used appropriately and in accordance with regulatory guidance and compliance requirements. He added that similar to other outside counsel, the firm was entitled to an hourly rate that would be charged to the County through monthly invoices.

Relative to Reso No. 2022-711, Chair Williams disputed the negative characterizations made against Finance Director Taylor by Mr. Paterson.

County Manager Oatman noted the County's AAA bond rating and strong financial history, including a 0% tax increase three years in a row. He added that as a result of the County's strong financial standing and sitting surplus, Union County had been able to establish the first county-operated COVID-19 testing operation, which included the ability to test samples on-site. He confirmed the County and Board's confidence in Director Taylor's abilities to successfully oversee the County's finances.

Relative to Reso No. 2022-695, Director Scutari referred to outside counsel, Kathryn Hatfield to elaborate on the policy.

Counsel Kathryn Hatfield advised that these policies were developed in conjunction with legislation that was passed last year that eliminated the civil-service requirement for entry-level law enforcement officers. She added that this would ideally provide opportunities for otherwise, disadvantaged individuals who were unable to pass the civil-service exam for entry-level law enforcement officers. She also noted the development of a Conflict of Interest Policy as reflected in Reso No. 2022-694.

Ray Sbon, Volunteer Coordinator for the County's Deer Management Program thanked the Board on behalf of his team present for their approval of the deer management plan last year alone. He advised that through their efforts, 26,000

people were fed last year. He added that their efforts, done safely and efficiently, also yielded a significant reduction in deer-related issues throughout Union County. He extended his gratitude to the Board and the County of Union for their continued support of the initiative.

Wendy Estevez, President of HPAE Union Cornerstone 5012, spoke relative to the many challenges faced by the staff at Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital during the COVID-19 pandemic, including staffing shortages that she claimed, still persisted. She urged the Board to look into these staffing shortages and address the vacancies in a timely fashion to alleviate some of the additional strain on existing personnel. Additionally, she spoke relative to HPAE's collective bargaining negotiations and asked the Board to consider a fair contract, with adequate compensation in light of growing inflation.

Chair Williams thanked Wendy and the other nurses in attendance for all their efforts and hard work throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. She noted that while the Board could not comment on collective bargaining negotiations, the Board was infinitely grateful and appreciative of these efforts.

Valerie Hamer, of Plainfield, and Grievance Chair for HPA 5112, also spoke relative to the many challenges faced by the staff at Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital during the COVID-19 pandemic, including additional challenges stemming from staff shortages. She asked the Board for their assistance in securing a fair contract for HPAE personnel.

Elaine Blake, a registered nurse at Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital, and Secretary Treasurer of HPAE, also spoke relative to the challenges faced by staff at Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital and asked that the staff not be forgotten, especially after all their efforts relative to the COVID-19 pandemic.

There were no additional questions or comments from the public.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

- 2022-647 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the 2022 Homeless Trust Fund (HTF) Spending Plan in the total amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 for subcontracted services to be provided during the period of September 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 and authorizing the County Manager to transfer funds among the agencies listed during the contract period should service needs change.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

- 2022-648 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Visual Computer Solutions, Inc. (VCS, Inc.) Freehold, New

Jersey for SaaS renewal services for the Union County Sheriff's Office for the period of September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$28,453.75.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-649 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$723,072.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: Local Information Network Communications (LINCS) Grant.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-650 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$299,990.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a program entitled: SNAP American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-651 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$450,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: Covid-19 Vaccination Supplemental Funding Grant.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-652 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$123,809.50 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Operation Helping Hand (OHH) Grant.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-653 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$9,660.72 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of State for a program entitled: UCBOE - Ballot Drop Box 2022 Grant.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-654 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$12,971.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: DOL WIOA Data Reporting and Analysis Allocation Grant.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-655 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$36,114.80 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for a program entitled: FFY19 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-656 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$30,000,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: FY23 Legislative Grant (Capital Projects).

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-657 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and enter into agreement with the NJ Department of Community Affairs (NJDCOA) to secure Recreation Opportunities for People with Disabilities (ROID) Program grant funding in the amount of \$35,000.00 with a required County Match of not to exceed \$7,000.00 for a total program amount of not to exceed \$42,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-658 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2022 Union County GAP One-Time Spending Plan in the total amount not to exceed \$381,570.00 for subcontracted services to be provided during the period of August 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 and authorizing the transfer of funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-659 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution Number 2022-537, a contract with Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, NJ for the provision of comprehensive career services for youths ages 14-24 (In- School), to expand work experience services provided in the contract and increasing the contract in the amount of \$183,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$258,000. (All other terms remain the same.)

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-660 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution 2022-536, a contract with Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, NJ to increase the contract award to expand work experience services provided in the contract and to continue the provision of comprehensive career services for youth ages 14-24 (Out-of-School), in the amount of \$77,000, for a total contract not to exceed \$152,000. (All other terms remain the same.)

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-661 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Sponsoring the Puerto Rican Alliance of Elizabeth's Puerto Rican Parade & Festival being held on September 25, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-662 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Sponsoring the City of Plainfield's House Music Festival for a Cause being held on September 17, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-663 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Sponsoring the Winfield Fire Department & Ambulance Squad's Annual Carnival held on July 27, 2022 through July 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-664 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to enter in to a contract with Aquatic Analysts Inc, Middleville NJ, for the purchase of an Aerator for the Nomahegan Park Pond in the amount not to exceed \$8,371.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-665 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: Amending resolution 2017-136, awarding a contract to Remington & Vernick Engineers, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, to provide additional services for Stelle Avenue Bridge Replacement, City of Plainfield, New Jersey for an additional amount of \$1,567.55 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$145,751.55.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-666 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: Concurring with the Township of Springfield's Resolution No. 2022-177 adopted on June 28, 2022 designating South Springfield Avenue between Mountain Avenue and Shunpike Road as "Saint James Way."

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-667 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: Amending Resolution Number 2019-1106 (BA# 41-2019), a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Centralpack Engineering Corporation of Hibernia, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the HVAC Equipment replacement at the Administration Building, City of Elizabeth, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$29,977.79) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$416,872.21.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-668 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: Amending Resolution Number 2020-811 (BA# 15-2020), a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Foggia Trinity Electric, LLC of Scotch Plains, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for Intersection Improvement at River Road (CR649), Chatham Road and Miele Place, City of Summit, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$14,180.15) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$346,008.21. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-007)

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-669 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: Authorizing the County Manager to continue a rental agreement with Williams Scotsman, Inc., Woodbridge, NJ for two office trailers at Houdaille Quarry, Springfield NJ for the Divisions of Motor Vehicles and Parks Maintenance through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$29,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-670 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract obtained through advertised public bidding (B.A. # 24-2022) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Continental Hardware Inc., Newark, NJ, for the purpose of providing Lumber and Associated Materials for a period of twenty-four (24) months in the amount not to exceed \$289,083.65.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-671 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: Amending Resolution Number 2020-692, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJ.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to DavEd Fire Systems, Inc., Hackensack, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 for Fire Alarm Services. This change order will increase the original contract amount by \$250,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$785,360.00 (B.A. # 51-2018).

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-672 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a lease agreement with the State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury, Division of Property Management and Construction for occupancy of two thousand six hundred and nineteen (2,619) square feet of office space on the first floor of the County of Union New Annex Courthouse, Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, NJ, for use by the Judiciary, Chancery Division over a ten-year period in the total amount of \$701,865.24. This ten-year lease shall be effective retroactive to October 1, 2020 and will expire on September 30, 2030 and is Revenue Generating.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-673 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to USA Architects, Somerville, New Jersey to provide On-Call Architectural

Services commencing August 15, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-674 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with GT Mid Atlantic, (Groff Tractor Mid Atlantic LLC) Folcroft, PA for the purchase of parts and repairs to the road tech milling machine for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$44,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-675 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Henderson Products, Inc., Kenvil, NJ to purchase snow plow parts for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$44,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-676 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: Granting permission to the City of Linden to close Wood Avenue between Blancke Street and Elm Street on October 7, 2022 from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm to host the annual Fire Prevention Night.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-677 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: Granting permission to the City of Linden to close Wood Avenue between Blancke Street and Elm Street on September 17, 2022 from 8:00 am to 11:00 pm for the Annual Polish Festival.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-678 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: Granting permission to the Township of Springfield to hang a banner across Mountain Avenue and North Trivett Avenue from August 15, 2022 to September 19, 2022 advertising the Springfield Community Day to be held on September 18, 2022.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-679 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: Granting permission to the Township of Scotch Plains to hang a banner across Park Avenue from August 1, 2022 to September 6, 2022 to promote St. Bartholomew/UNICO's Italian Festival.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-680 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: Granting permission to the Town of Westfield/Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce to close the Central Avenue parking lot and Lenox Avenue on Sunday, September 18, 2022 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm for the FestiFall.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-681 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: Granting permission to the Township of Springfield through Saint James Church to close South Springfield Avenue between Mountain Avenue and Shunpike Road on Sunday, September 11, 2022 from 12:45 pm to 2:00 pm for the unveiling of the commemorative naming of "Saint James Way."

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-682 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to TAPinto, New Providence, NJ for advertising and promotion of the Union County Recycling and Clean Communities Initiatives and promotion of the Union County Recycling events for the period of September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$50,400.00. Grant funded, No cost to the County.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-683 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2022 Aging GAPA Spending Plan in the total amount not to exceed \$508,000.00 for subcontracted services to be provided during Year One period of May 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 of an anticipated three (3) year period including two one-year extensions, and authorizing the transfer funds among the agencies during the contract period should services needs change.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-684 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution Number 2022-618, a contract with Remington & Vernick

Engineers, Secaucus, New Jersey to revise the account number only in the amount not to exceed \$25,050.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-685 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution Number 2022-617, a contract with Colliers Engineering and Design, Red Bank, New Jersey to revise the account number only in the amount not to exceed \$11,500.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-686 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into contract, on behalf of the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, with Appraisal Associates, Inc., Cranford, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing general appraisal services related to matters before the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund committee for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-687 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract, on behalf of the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, with Sterling DiSanto & Associates, Somerville, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing general appraisal services related to matters before the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund committee, for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-688 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Komplete Ballistics LLC, Toms River, NJ, for Ballistics Firearm Examination services for the period of August 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-689 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend the New Jersey Department of Health Grant Award for Local Core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness (LINCS Grant) in the amount of \$723,072.00 for the contract period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-690 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend New Jersey Department of Health grant funds to support Vaccination Supplemental Funding in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-691 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding (BA# 22-2022) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Public Safety: Airpower International Inc., Pennsauken, New Jersey for the purpose of upgrading the (5) UASI Air Trucks, in an amount not to exceed \$397,500.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-692 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with POWER DMS, Orlando, Florida, for electronic document management services for the period of May 12, 2022 to May 11, 2023 in the amount of not to exceed \$3,778.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-693 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Kean University, Union, NJ, to use Kean University for Covid-19 testing and laboratory services for the contract period of August 1, 2022 through Jan 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$425,00.00 with the option to extend for two additional 12-month terms.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed four members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Vice Chair Hudak abstaining and Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

- 2022-694 VICE CHAIR CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the adoption of The County of Union, Conflict of Interest Policy.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

- 2022-695 VICE CHAIR CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the adoption of The County of Union, Anti-Nepotism Policy.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

- 2022-696 VICE CHAIR CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the adoption of The County of Union, Information Technology Policies.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

- 2022-697 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Mesa Laboratories Inc., Lakewood, CO, to implement a continuous temperature monitoring system for a period of 12 months in an amount of not to exceed \$14,145.20 (Grant funded).

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

- 2022-698 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with SHI International Corp., Somerset, NJ for the purchase of maintenance support in an amount not to exceed \$3,777.60.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

- 2022-699 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Amending Resolution Number 2022-568, a contract with Catherine Vulcano to serve as an Acting SART/FNE Coordinator, to reflect a three (3) month extension through September 30, 2022. (All other contract terms remain the same.)

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

- 2022-700 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Division Administration, Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General for FFY21

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Program for project titled County Office of Victim Witness Advocacy in the amount of \$451,631.00 in federal funds with a required match of not to exceed \$112,908.00 for a project total cost of \$564,539.00 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-701 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022 for the project titled Operation Helping Hand Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$123,809.50 for the period of September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-702 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Flock Group, Inc. Atlanta, GA, to purchase surveillance equipment in an amount not to exceed \$31,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-703 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Amending Resolution Number 2022-306, a contract with Liberty Transportation and Storage Company, Berkeley Heights, NJ for the purpose of providing additional transportation services for early voting and delivery of the Electronic Poll Books to increase the contract amount by \$6,834.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$136,450.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-704 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to award the Short-Term Disability Insurance policy with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for the period of September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00 with one option to renew for up to four (4) months.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-705 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the United States Department of Transit (US DOT) for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program for the development of an Action Plan for roadway fatalities and serious injuries prevention.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-706 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Amending Resolution Number 2022-630, a contract with Lighthouse Collaborative LLC, Hillside, NJ, to reflect a change in the account number. (All other contract terms remain the same.)

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-707 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Amending Resolution Number 2022-486, approving the 2022-2023 Annual Consolidated Action Plan, to include the additional projects funded with Community Development Program Income Funds received from the City of Rahway and City of Plainfield.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-708 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Foveonics Document Solutions, Clinton, NJ, through the Educational Services Commission of NJ #65MCESCCPS, to provide Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital scanning and document management for patient medical records for patients discharged during the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$21,500.40.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-709 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Amending Resolution 2022-262 to increase funds to Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt, Cappelli, Tipton and Taylor, LLC to assist the County in procuring funds and obtaining regulatory guidance and compliance with the requirements of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021/Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA) for an additional amount not to exceed \$70,000. For a new contract total amount not to exceed \$140,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-710 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Amending Resolution 2022-585 to increase funds to Weiner Law Group, LLP, Parsippany, NJ, to represent the County of Union in the matter entitled Weldon Materials, Inc. v. County of Union, et al. in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a total contract not to exceed \$20,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-711 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Re-Appointing Bibi Taylor as County Treasurer for a three (3) year term commencing August 1, 2022 to July 31, 2025.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2022-712 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Recognizing the Peruvians for Progress, Inc and further recognizing and celebrating the Bicentenary of Peru's Independence as they held the Peruvian flag raising at Elizabeth City Hall on July 28, 2022.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-713 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Congratulating Jay Boxwell, of Cranford, upon the honored distinction of his election as State Commander for the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-714 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Recognizing August 26, 2022 as Women's Equality Day; celebrating the 120th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment which secured for women the fundamental right to vote.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-715 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Union County Captain Thomas Zub during this time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-716 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Recognizing July 22, 2022 as "Fragile X Awareness Day" throughout the County of Union and encourage all Union County residents to work together to raise awareness of the

need for early diagnosis and treatment for the disorder as well as continued research to find a cure.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2022-717 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Congratulating Jamaica in celebration of its 60th year of independence; and further recognizing the Jamaica Organization of New Jersey (JONJ) as they host the Jamaica Independence Day Flag Raising at Plainfield City Hall.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Garretson thanked all the speakers that had participated in the evening's meeting, in particular the employees from Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital, adding that it was great to see them representing their colleagues and sharing their stories and concerns. She noted the difficulties of their respective duties and thanked them for their service during the pandemic as well as their continued service. She closed by also recognizing the volunteers present from the Deer Management Program and thanked them for their efforts.

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded echoed the sentiments of colleague, Commissioner Garretson, adding that although the Board could not comment on contract negotiations, they were infinitely grateful for the critical role played by medical personnel during the COVID-19 pandemic as well as their continued efforts. She noted the many challenges faced by medical professionals during the pandemic and thanked those present for the risks they took and sacrifices they made to ensure the safety of their patients and the safety of Union County residents during such a precarious situation. Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded also thanked the volunteers that were present from the County's Deer Management Team. She remarked on the 26,000 people that were fed through these efforts, adding that this was incredibly important especially during a pandemic during which time so many faced food insecurities. On another note, she reminded residents about several upcoming recycling events. She noted a paper shredding event on August 13th at Kean University as well as a scrap metal recycling on Saturday August 20th in Cranford and Rahway and a household hazardous waste collection on September 10th at Union College's Cranford Campus. She encouraged interested residents to visit the County's website for more information.

Commissioner Kowalski recognized and thanked the nurses in attendance from Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital as well as the volunteers of the County's Deer Management Program, adding that their efforts were greatly appreciated. On another note, she announced upcoming training for residents interested in becoming Master Tree Steward volunteers, noting that training was offered every fall. She added that Master Tree Stewards played an instrumental role in educating the public relative to nature as a means to promote environmental conservation to mitigate climate change. She

recognized Master Tree Steward Dean Talcott for his efforts over the last 19 years and thanked him for volunteering his time. Commissioner Kowalski also spoke relative to Commander Jay Boxwell, a commander of Cranford's VFW Post 335, who had been recognized with a Resolution from the Board previously, adding that he had recently been elected Commander of NJ's Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars. She noted Commander Boxwell's pride in the advocacy done for legislation recently passed that would provide health benefits for Veterans exposed to environmental toxins during their service. She congratulated Commander Boxwell on his new role and thanked all Veterans for their service to our country.

Vice Chair Hudak echoed the comments of his colleagues, noting his appreciation for the efforts of the nurses from Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. He reiterated that the Board could not comment on collective-bargaining agreements, but he thanked the nurses for participating in the evening's meeting and addressing their concerns with the Board. He also recognized the many County employees that worked throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. He also thanked the volunteers present from the County's Deer Management Program for their efforts. He noted his consistent support of these efforts, adding that although this program did garner certain criticisms, it also kept Union County safe by managing the over-population of deer in heavily developed areas. He recognized Linden's 7th Ward Councilman, Ralph Strano, who was in the audience, and noted a herd of deer in the area of Hawk Rise Reservation in Linden, which he added, could prove perilous to motorists and residents near Linden Airport and Route 1 & 9. He noted the Board's continued support of the Deer Management Program as a way to mitigate such hazards and thanked everyone that had volunteered over the years. On another note, Vice Chair Hudak spoke relative to Mark Fedorchak, a well-known coach and little league administrator for youth baseball leagues in Rahway and Clark and a valued volunteer of the County's Department of Recreation. He added that Mr. Fedorchak had taken very ill recently, noting that the Board would be dedicating a plaque in honor of his efforts and commitment to the youth in the area and for his efforts in maintaining the beauty of Union County Parks.

Chair Williams echoed the comments of her Commissioner colleagues in recognizing the efforts of the Deer Management Program volunteers in making Union County communities safer by managing the local deer population. Additionally, she thanked the nurses from Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital for participating in the evening's meetings and expressing their concerns to the Board. She noted that the Board was appreciative of their efforts relative to the COVID-19 pandemic and their continued efforts. She advised that the County was committed to fair negotiations with all collective-bargaining units. On another note, she advised that History Grant, Local Art Grant, and Heart Grant applications were now available through the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. She added that these County-administered grants nurtured culture and the arts throughout Union County by helping local organizations fund various special events and programs, including the upcoming Four Centuries in a Weekend tour in October.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

**UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 2022
MEETING SCHEDULE**

REORGANIZATION MEETING - THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022 at

**6:30 pm Administration Building, 6th Floor
Commissioner Meeting Room**

AGENDA SETTING SESSION

January 20, 2022

February 3, 2022

February 17, 2022

March 3, 2022

March 24, 2022

April 7, 2022

April 28, 2022*

May 12, 2022

May 26, 2022

June 9, 2022

June 23, 2022

July 14, 2022

August 11, 2022

September 15, 2022

October 6, 2022

October 20, 2022

November 10, 2022

December 1, 2022

December 15, 2022

REGULAR MEETINGS

January 20, 2022

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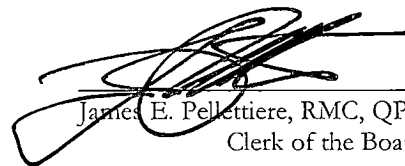
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December 15, 2022


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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