



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Williams presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

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.

PRESENTATION FROM THE BOARD

A resolution presentation was made by the Board to Westfield Councilwoman Emily Root recognizing October as Stuttering Awareness Month, in an effort to raise awareness and to bring hope and empowerment to children and adults who stutter.

Chair Williams noted that the Board had a special presentation to be made in recognition of October being Stuttering Awareness Month, noting that the condition was close to her heart since her father suffered from a stutter as a child. She called upon Westfield Councilwoman Emily Root to join her for the resolution presentation.

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded noted the County's commitment to finding new matters to bring awareness to, noting the many amazing people throughout Union County that work tirelessly to ensure everyone is given an opportunity to be successful. She spoke relative to Westfield Councilwoman Emily Root, noting that in addition to her seventeen-year practice in Berkeley Heights, Ms. Root was also a speech therapist, dedicating her time to help children and adults contending with speech impediments, including stutters. She noted that the Board was pleased to be able to present her with a resolution in recognition of her efforts in honor of

International Stuttering Awareness Day on October 22nd and the County's Stuttering Awareness Month this month.

Emily Root thanked the Board and Union County for the honor. She noted that she had dedicated her career to working with individuals that stutter, adding that her mother stuttered and served as an inspiration relative to her career choice. She encouraged everyone to take an extra moment to listen to individuals with speech impediments as everyone's voice is important.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications would be offered for adoption at the October 20, 2022 Regular Meeting:

Note and File

Chair Williams advised that the Communications would be presented for adoption later during the Regular Meeting.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

William Daniel, Prosecutor

Commissioner Mirabella recognized Prosecutor Daniel for his efforts relative to the new initiative Safe Places in conjunction with the Board, County of Union, and the Sheriff's Department. He noted that the program had been modeled after a pilot-program in Seattle, and would encourage people to seek these Safe Places to report incidents of bias and discrimination. He noted that this initiative would ensure people have the rights they deserve. He recognized Chair Williams, Prosecutor Daniel, and Sheriff Corvelli for their efforts relative to this program.

Prosecutor Daniel noted the initiative's roll-out at Kean University last week and recognized Chair Williams, Vice Chair Hudak and Commissioner Mirabella for their attendance. He advised that this program was now in the United States, Canada, and Europe, adding that Union County would be the first County worldwide to have all 25 law enforcement agencies participating in the program. He thanked the Board and Sheriff Corvelli and his Department for their support of these efforts.

Chair Williams echoed Commissioner Mirabella sentiments relative to the County's Safe Places initiative. She added that it was a great resource and that it was nice to see the willingness of law enforcement professionals to participate in this initiative.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding for the purpose described in the application from the State of New Jersey, Division of Administration, Department of Law and Public Safety for FFY19 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Program for the project titled County Sexual Assault Response Team/Forensic Nurse Examiner Program to reflect a total project cost of \$293,018.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Professional Service Agreement with Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners to serve as independent contractors as part of

the Union County Sexual Assault Response Team for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$53,388.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Catherine Vulcano, Berkeley Heights, NJ to serve as the Acting SART/FNE Coordinator for the Union County Prosecutor's Office for the period of October 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$19,497.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding for the purpose described in the application from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the 2022 BJA FY21 DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program (Formula) in the amount of \$573,907.00 for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2024. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

Commissioner Baker asked Prosecutor Daniel to elaborate on this item.

Prosecutor Daniel advised that the Union County Forensic Laboratory was utilizing more DNA analysis efforts to assist with criminal investigations, including cold cases. He added that this item reflected bi-yearly grant funding at no cost to the County that would allow for the Department to continue funding a forensic scientist as well as a lab administrator.

Commissioner Baker asked if funding would be used exclusively to address the DNA backlog.

Prosecutor Daniel advised that the funding would be used to test DNA samples more quickly and subsequently solve cases more quickly. He further advised that the funding would be used primarily to process backlog samples, adding that the backlog was due mainly to the COVID-19 pandemic.

5. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding for the purpose described in the application from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the 2022 BJA FY22 Prosecuting Cold Cases Using DNA in the amount of \$500,000.00 for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety for FFY 2022 Overdose Data to Action - Operation Helping Hand Grant Program for the purpose described in the application in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the period of September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023 (Subaward Number FFYOHH-20-2022). **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Prevention Links, Roselle, NJ for the Operation Helping Hand program for the period of September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$57,144.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

Vice Chair Hudak expressed his support for Operation Helping Hand program over the years and asked Prosecutor Daniel to advise on how the beneficial initiative had been progressing over the last several years.

Prosecutor Daniel advised that during his term as Prosecutor, the Operation Helping Hand program had been extended to allow for greater participation to address substance abuse and mental health issues. He further advised the Office would be introducing a program in partnership with Prevention Links through the Elizabeth Public Library to assign counselors at the library to provide resources and services to individuals that congregate in public buildings. He noted that by expanding the program it would widen the umbrella of people being served.

8. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Qiagen, Inc, Germantown, MD, through State Contract #T0115 for the purpose of providing laboratory equipment for the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$48,835.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
9. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with The Activity Group, Inc., Garden City, ID for the purchase of Rifle Plates in an amount not to exceed \$21,080.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
10. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with VirTra, Chandler, AZ, for the renewal of an annual service agreement for the period of October 3, 2022 to October 2, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$19,149.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
11. Amending Resolution Number 2021-345, a contract with West Publishing Corporation, a Thomson Reuters Business (Clear), Eagan, MN, to increase the annual budgetary allocation for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, by an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 for a new total amount not to exceed a total of \$35,000.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

Commissioner Baker asked Prosecutor Daniel to elaborate on the services being provided by the cited vendor.

Prosecutor Daniel advised that this item related to software used by the department as an investigative tool to conduct background investigations on suspected criminals as well as potential County employees. He added that the vendor provided a thorough software package that yielded results relative to credit checks, similar names, and prior residences among other criteria.

12. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Newark for the utilization of the Union County Forensic Laboratory by a City of Newark Forensic Scientist and Clerical Support Person for a period of three (3) years upon full execution. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

Vice Chair Hudak asked for additional information relative to Newark using the UC Forensic Laboratory.

Prosecutor Daniel advised that the cited three-year agreement with the City of Newark would allow Newark's forensic scientist to utilize the UC Forensic Laboratory. He added

that they would be required to devote 40% of their efforts to processing samples for Union County cases, with the remaining 60% of their time dedicated to Newark cases. He further advised that the City of Newark would be funding the salary of a chemist.

Vice Chair Hudak noted that this Shared Services Agreement would prove beneficial to both the County of Union and the City of Newark and would assist with helping the UC Prosecutor's Office address DNA backlogs and manage costs associated with this operation.

Chair Williams echoed Vice Chair Hudak's comments relative to the continuation and expansion of Shared Services Agreements with various entities throughout the state as a means to provide cost savings to Union County.

13. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Accurate Language Services, Asbury Park, New Jersey, to provide professional translation and interpretation services, for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$39,999.99. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

Commissioner Leon asked about the languages being provided through this translation service.

Prosecutor Daniel advised that the Office had a shortage of French Creole interpreters available and thus would use the cited service to provide translation services for that respective population. He added that interpreters were needed for statements given at the office and or the execution of transcripts of these statements. He noted that the vendor was able to provide translation resources for a variety of other languages.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF

Peter Corvelli, Sheriff

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") between the County of Morris Juvenile Detention Center and Union County Division of Corrections to provide custody of juvenile placements in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Laura Scutari, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution number 2022-33, a contract with Mark J. Nelson, Summit, NJ to serve as Personnel Counsel, to reflect an increase to the contract by an additional amount of \$14,000.00 for a new total amount not to exceed \$34,000.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
2. Rescinding Resolution Number 2022-572 to exercise the option to extend a contract pursuant to Resolution 2020-476 with Union County Collision LLC, Roselle Park, NJ, obtained through advertised public bidding (BA 16-2020) for the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Motor Vehicles. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement between the County of Union and Union College to establish shared services to administer the health and prescription benefits to Union College for an initial term commencing January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024, with an option to extend for an additional twenty-four (24) months. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amy Crisp Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2021-930, a contract with Development Directions, LLC for consulting services and administration of the Union County Housing Assistance Payments Program (Section 8), to reflect an increase in the amount not to exceed \$50,000 for a new total amount not to exceed \$450,000, with no others change to contract date or terms and conditions. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Joseph Graziano, Director

1. Amending Resolution 2020-392, a contract with T & M Associates, Middletown, New Jersey to provide additional services for LSRP Environmental Services for Meisel Park, Township of Springfield for an additional amount of \$13,850.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$86,250.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-030). **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

Commissioner Mirabella asked Director Graziano to elaborate on this item.

Director Graziano advised that back in 2017 contamination had been found at Meisel Park and T&M was hired thereafter to serve at the licensed site-remediation professional on-site. He further advised that the DEP required the County to regularly monitor contamination. He noted that the County would continue these monitoring efforts until instructed otherwise by the DEP. He added that the length of monitoring would be dependent on contamination levels.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to execute a Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Department of Interior, U.S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Division, West Trenton, New Jersey for a Joint Funding Agreement (Agreement Number 23LJJFA16) for the period of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$18,465.00. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

Commissioner Baker asked Director Graziano to elaborate on this item.

Director Graziano advised that the Department had an annual agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey Water Resources Division that required the County to conduct testing and take measurements related to streams at Rahway River Park, adding that four monitors were currently installed to assist with these efforts. He noted that the Department of Interior was responsible for a 1/3 of the cost and the County of Union assumed the remaining cost.

3. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract obtained through advertised public bidding (B.A. # 30-2022) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Direct Waste Services, Inc. Newark , NJ, for the purpose of providing Waste Disposal Services for twenty-four (24) months commencing on November 1, 2022 or upon execution of the contract, with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month optional extension, in the amount not to exceed \$631,322.30. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

Chair Williams asked Director Graziano to elaborate on this item.

Director Graziano advised that this item related to regular waste/disposal removal and cardboard recycling for all County facilities. He further advised that this item had gone out to bid and only one response had been received. He noted that the cost for this contract had substantially increased, adding that the prior contract cost was approximately \$340,000 for equivalent services.

4. Granting permission to the Borough of Roselle Park to hang a banner advertising the Borough's Mischief Night Concert from October 10, 2022 until November 1, 2022 and to close Chestnut Street from Grant Avenue to Charles Street on Sunday, October 30, 2022 from 3:00 pm to 11:00 pm to hold the 2022 Mischief Night Concert. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Salina Support Services LLC, dba SOS Corporation, Pinehurst, NC, to provide computer software license, maintenance and support for Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County for the contract period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the total amount not to exceed \$14,159.05. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to certify to the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health Services that there have been no changes to the plan for delivery of mental health services and that the County of Union will continue to operate a psychiatric facility during the 2023 calendar year. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the County's third option to extend the contract awarded to Center for Family Guidance, PC, Marlton, NJ, for the provision of Medical and Psychiatric services at Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital, for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, representing Year 4 of the total five (5) year contract with one (1) one-year extension option remaining, at the County's sole discretion, in an amount not to exceed \$1,509,718.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Pharma-Care Inc., Clark, NJ to provide pharmacy consulting services for the patients at Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, Elizabeth, NJ for the 2023 Homeless Outreach and Shelter Program for the period of January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023 in the amount of not to exceed \$40,000.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded asked Director Anderson to elaborate on this item.

Director Anderson advised that these services were for transient residents that may not qualify for other social service benefits, including Veterans that may be banned from other shelter providers. She added that this item would allow the Department to shelter these individuals during the winter months as well as offer homeless outreach services. She noted that the initiative had been successful last year and she hoped to continue it into 2023.

6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with BFI dba Business Furniture, Inc., Elizabeth, New Jersey for the purpose of relocating framery Pods for the Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services from the Elizabeth Office to the Plainfield Office for the period of October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$19,150.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded asked Director Anderson to elaborate on the relocation of the cited pods.

Director Anderson advised that five pods would be permanently relocated from Elizabeth's Social Services building to the Plainfield location to more conveniently address the needs of residents on that side of the County, noting them as a great resource.

7. Authorizing the County Manager to utilize Year Two of the option to extend the contract obtained through competitive contracting process RCCP #10-2021 to the YWCA of Eastern Union County, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the provision of coordination services associated with the Family Justice Center for the contract period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the total amount not to exceed \$328,537.00 with the option to extend the contract for three (3) one-year periods. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
8. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with New Hope Integrated Behavioral Health Care, Marlboro, NJ to provide 12-hour education program, clinical Substance Abuse evaluation, and Substance Abuse treatment referral for the Union County Intoxicated Driver Resource Center (IDRC) through professional services in the form of licensed and certified clinical alcohol and drug counselors (LCADC, CADC) for the period of November 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$10,800.00. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**

Commissioner Leon asked Director Anderson to elaborate on this item.

Director Anderson advised that New Hope had been contracted to administer classes in both English and Spanish for the County's Intoxicated Driver Resource Center, adding that a language voice system was also available to translate for alternative languages. She further advised that due to COVID-19, the Department had a backlog of approximately 200-250 people that were mandated to take this program in order for their driver's license to be reinstated. She noted that she expected the program to commence the following month.

9. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Family Promise, Inc., Summit, NJ, for the 2023 Shelter Diversion program for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
10. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Prevention Links, Inc., Roselle, NJ for the 2023 Union County Helping Hands 365 Program for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

Commissioner Baker asked Director Anderson to elaborate on this item.

Director Anderson advised that in partnership with the County's Prosecutor, Sheriff, and Public Safety Offices, this resource would facilitate peer-to-peer recovery and offer clients an alternative to incarceration. She added that substance abuse was a huge issue in Union County and Operation Helping Hands offered a gateway to resources aimed at addressing such issues 365 days a year. She further advised that the program had been on-going for many years, originally under a different name, and thanked Vice Chair Hudak for his leadership relative to this initiative.

Vice Chair Hudak noted that the program had been started in 2015 under the guidance of former Sheriff and now State Senator Joseph Cryan. He noted that with the expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, the initial program had evolved into what was now known as Operation Helping Hands. He recognized Director Anderson for her efforts in expanding this resource to assist residents in need.

11. Amending Resolution Number 2022-769 to reflect an increase in the original Area Plan Contract Spending Plan in the amount of \$27,000.00 for a new total amount not to exceed \$8,336,154.00, with no other changes to the terms or conditions. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
12. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Blatner Associates Inc. dba Janus Solutions, Inc., Ewing, NJ for a consultant project assisting the American Job Center in the development of enhanced operational strategies for the period of November 15, 2022 through May 15, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

Commissioner Williams asked Director Anderson to elaborate on this item.

Director Anderson advised that the cited vendor would work with the American Jobs Center in creating strategies to incentivize employment in clients as a means to promote self-sufficiency and curb reliance on government benefits and aid. She noted that there were over 1,000 people on TANF that qualified for Work First NJ benefits, but due to COVID-19 their required work-activities had been waived by the State and Federal government.

13. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Sicora Consulting, Inc., St. Louis Park, Minnesota, for the purpose of implementing a Leadership Program for the Union County Department of Human Services, for an amount not to exceed \$27,475.00 for the period of July 01, 2022 through December 31, 2022. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

14. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept and execute the CY2023 Alcoholism/Drug Abuse (A/DA) Grant funding from the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), for the provision of prevention education/early intervention and treatment program for medically indigent residents of Union County in the amount of \$838,211.00 with a County Cash Match requirement not to exceed \$111,827.00 for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**
15. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Rahway Business Machines, Avenel, NJ for the purpose of repairing HP LaserJet printers for the Union County Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Ron Zuber, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the County's option to extend the contract awarded to Dellano's Food, Long Valley, NJ for an additional 24 months (2 seasons of approximately six months each), as per BA#28-2021, for concession services at Ulrich Pool & Rahway Snack Stand. (Revenue Generating) **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2019-1126, a contract awarded through ESCNJ #65 MCESCCPS, Contract No. ESCNJ 16/17-55EL1 to Signal Electric Corporation, of South Plainfield, New Jersey for the electrical work at Walter E. Ulrich Memorial Pool Project, City of Rahway, County of Union, New Jersey approving Change Order 1 (final) increasing the amount by \$3,552.25 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$149,236.81 (Union County Engineering Project # 2017-002). **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Safe-T, Riverdale, NJ, through State Contract #17-FLEET-00810 for the purpose of purchasing Turnout Gear for Union County Emergency Services HazMat Responders and Fire Academy Instructors in an amount not to exceed \$96,484.77. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Trigyn Technologies, Inc., Edison, New Jersey for a vaccination management system for the contract period of July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSELBruce H. Bergen, County Counsel

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2020-102 to increase the appropriation to Kologi Simitz of Linden, NJ in the matter entitled Emmanuel Mervilus v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for a total contract not to exceed \$85,000.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2022-456, a contract to Kingtson Coventry, LLC of Parsippany-Troy Hills, NJ., to provide General Counsel and potential litigation services to the County of Union, to reflect an additional amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$45,000. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Weiner Law Group, LLP, Parsippany, NJ, to represent the County of Union in the matter of Susan Tamburri v. County of Union, el als. in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
4. Amending Resolution 2022-710 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, el als. in the amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for a total contract not to exceed \$35,000.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Renaud & DeAppolonio, LLC, Cranford, NJ, to represent the County of Union in the matter of Matthew Ballister v. County of Union, el als. in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Offering this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Mary Jane Pohero, during their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner Angela R. Garretson, & The Entire Board)**
2. Congratulating the following honorees recognized by the NAACP Hillside Branch at their Inaugural Freedom Fund Awards Gala on November 4, 2022: Nicole Graves-Watson, Founder and President Hillside NAACP; Shawn McClain, President Elizabeth NAACP; Richard T. Smith, President NAACP New Jersey State Conference; Rev. Dr. Christopher Michael Jones, Senior Pastor First Baptist Church of Hillside; Richard I. Smith, Chief Executive Officer, RLS Media Solutions Broadcasting; Sakina Smith, Proprietor, Legacy Growney Funeral Home; Monique Fletcher, Founding Member, Hillside NAACP; Crystal Page, Founding Member Hillside NAACP; Tarajee Russell, Founding Member Hillside NAACP; and Dr. Angela R. Garretson, Union County Commissioner. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**

Chair Williams congratulated Commissioner Garretson for being honored by the NAACP at their upcoming Inaugural Freedom Awards Gala on November 4th.

3. Congratulating the Cranford Police Department as they celebrate their 125th anniversary on Sunday, October 23, 2022. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski, & The Entire Board)**
4. Appointing the following members to the Advisory Board on the Disabled (ABD): Priscilla Garces and Sherri Heskeyahu for a three-year term ending on December 31, 2024 and Rolando Zorrilla (Agency Representative) for a two-year term ending on December 31, 2023; and re-appointing Aaron Cohen, Sean P. Dineen, Alfredo Gonzalez, Edward Heaton, and Courtney Washington for a three-year term ending on December 31, 2024. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, & The Entire Board)**
5. Recognizing Saturday, October 22, 2022 International Stuttering Awareness Day in an effort to raise awareness and to bring hope and empowerment to children and adults who stutter; further recognizing that despite scientific breakthroughs the precise causes of stuttering are still unknown and there is no reliable cure that works consistently, across time, and for all people who stutter; and further recognizing that people who stutter achieved success in all areas of personal achievement as well as in every profession imaginable; most notably the Office of the President in President Joe Biden. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, & The Entire Board)**
6. Joining the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers (NACVSO) and encourage all 21 Union County municipalities to participate in Operation Green Light in an effort to show support for veterans by lighting our buildings green from November 7 to November 13 as a reminder and commitment in ensuring that veterans know they are seen, appreciated and supported by their government. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, & The Entire Board)**
7. Resolution proclaiming the week of October 23, 2022 to October 31, 2022 as Red Ribbon Week in the County of Union and encourages its citizens to participate in our many drug prevention education and recovery support activities, during Red Ribbon Week. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, & The Entire Board)**
8. Congratulating the following honorees being recognized by the Patriot's Path Council of the Boy Scouts of America at their 2022 Linden Good Scout Awards Dinner on November 2, 2022: Ingrid Andrade, Commander Boyd Decker, USN (Retired); Fire Chief William Hasko, Jr., John La Placa; Joseph La Placa; Dr. Joseph Schulman, and Council President Michele Yamakaitis. **(Vice Chair Christopher Hudak, & The Entire Board)**
9. Sponsoring the Union County Baseball Association in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the purposes of providing assistance with the operation of the 2022 youth baseball programs. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams, & The Entire Board)**
10. Congratulating the following honorees recognized by the Union County College Foundation at their 30th Annual Scholarship Gala on October 13, 2022: NJ Senate President Nicholas P. Scutari, 2022 Man of the Year Award; Phillips 66, 2022

Corporate Partner of the Year Award; and Amazon, 2022 Fiat Lux Award. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams, & The Entire Board)**

11. Recognizing the Summit/New Providence Rotary Club as they celebrate their 100th anniversary on October 22, 2022. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams, & The Entire Board)**
12. Appointing Phyllis Mirabella, of Fanwood, (Democrat) to the Union County Vocational-Technical School Board of Education for a term beginning November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2026. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams, & The Entire Board)**
13. Recognizing the celebration of Diwali, the Festival of lights that symbolizes the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance," which begins October 24, 2022; and further announcing the County of Union's inaugural Diwali Celebration to be held at the steps of the Union County Courthouse on October 25, 2022. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams, & The Entire Board)**

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Williams asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded a voice vote showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 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

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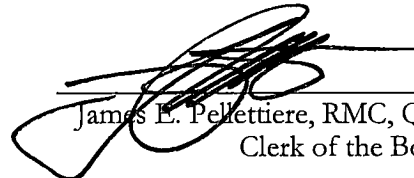
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James E. Pellettiere, RMC, QPA
Clerk of the Board

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

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

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

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