



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Williams presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:37 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Chair Williams called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Commissioner Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chair Hudak, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere read Ordinance No. 840-2022 by title.

840-2022 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND "THE LAWS OF UNION COUNTY: ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION" BY AMENDING, PART I -ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, CHAPTER 1, UNION COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE: ARTICLE XVI-DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, ARTICLE XVII- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, ARTICLE XXI- DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, ARTICLE XXIII-OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL, ARTICLE XXIV-DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; AND PART II-POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION: CHAPTER 6-AFFIRMATIVE ACTION,

**CHAPTER 115 SAFETY CODE, CHAPTER 132 TOWING, AND
CHAPTER 140 CONTRACTED OFF-DUTY EMPLOYMENT OF LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.**

BE IT ORDAINED. by the Union County Board of County Commissioners that the "Laws of Union County" are hereby amended, to be as follows:

PART I - ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

Chapter 1, UNION COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

ARTICLE XVI, Departments of Human Services

§ 1-92. Division of Children and Youth Services.

A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of Human Services, the functions and responsibilities of the Division of Children and Youth Services shall include:

- (1) Coordinating, integrating, modifying and developing services for children and youth and administering select service programs, including but not limited to those mandated by law and rules and regulations appertaining thereto, including the Youth Service Bureau and temporary shelter services.
- (2) Providing information and referral services for the children and youth of Union County.
- (3) Identifying and assessing the needs of the children and youth in order to plan for and stimulate, in cooperation with governmental and voluntary agencies and citizens groups, solutions for present or potential problems of children and youth.
- (4) Striving to minimize children and youth involvement with the juvenile justice system.
- (5) Facilitating the development, extension, expansion and coordination of programs for children and youth, including but not limited to those children and youth that have been, are or have a high probability for becoming involved with the juvenile justice system.
- (6) Providing select services for children and youth, including but not limited to maintenance of crisis intervention capabilities, advocacy, and narcotics and drug abuse prevention and education.
- (7) Providing temporary shelter services for the care (shelter), without physical restriction, of juveniles who are homeless or abandoned awaiting court disposition, in accordance with state law and rules and regulations appertaining thereto.

- (8) Actively engaging in the Children's Interagency Coordinating Counsel and serving as the liaison with the New Jersey Department of Children and Families, Children's System of Care.
 - (9) Conducting community based planning, including updating needs assessment for the New Jersey Department of Children and Families.
 - (10) Performing such other duties as may be required by the Director of Human Services.
- A. Division head. The Director of the Division of Children and Youth Services shall be the head of the Division and shall be responsible to the Director of Human Services for its operation.
- B. Subdivisions. Within the Division of Children and Youth Services shall be the following subdivisions:
- (1) Family Crisis Intervention Union (FCIU)
 - (2) Client Services & Community Outreach
 - (3) Youth Services Commission
 - (4) Union County Juvenile Expediting Team (UCJET)
 - (5) Children's Mental Health Unit

ARTICLE XVII, Department of Administrative Services

§ 1-98. General purpose; departmental organization.

There shall be a Department of Administrative Services for the purpose of conducting personnel management and labor relations, purchasing, coordinating and monitoring the administration of all County insurance programs, motor vehicle fleet management, mailroom & messenger services and telecommunication services. The Director of Administrative Services shall be the head of the Department and shall be responsible to the County Manager for its operation. There may be a Deputy Director of the Department of Administrative Services who shall under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Department of Administrative Services assist in the orderly and efficient administration of the Department, performing whatever supervisory or administrative duties the Director deems necessary and proper.

A. The Department of Administrative Services shall include the following:

- (1) The Division of Personnel Management and Labor Relations.
- (2) The Office of Affirmative Action.
- (3) The Division of Purchasing.
- (4) The Division of Motor Vehicles and Telecommunications.
- (5) The Bureau of Asset Management and Labor Compliance.

§ 1-99. UNCHANGED.

§ 1-99.1 The Office of Affirmative Action.

- A. The Affirmative Action Officer shall head the Office, under the supervision of the Director of Administrative Services.
- B. The Office of Affirmative Action shall:
 - (1) Develop and monitor a productive affirmative action/equal employment opportunity program to meet requirements under federal and state law and regulations.
 - (2) Interpret and monitor the County's performance and compliance with equal employment opportunity laws and regulations and implementation of the County's AA/EEO Program.
 - (3) Prepare and submit the County's equal employment opportunity forms to federal authorities on a biennial basis (every odd-numbered year).
 - (4) Perform all other duties as required under Chapter 6 hereof, Affirmative Action.
 - (5) Perform such other duties as may be required by the Director of Administrative Services.

[This Article shall be effective January 1, 2023.]

ARTICLE XXI, Department of Public Safety

§ 1-127. Division of Emergency Services.

A., B. UNCHANGED.

C. Division organization. Within the Division there shall be the following Bureaus:

- (1) The Bureau of Operations.
- (2) The Bureau of Logistics.
- (3) The Bureau of Communications.
- (4) The Bureau of Fire Marshall.

D. - G. UNCHANGED.

H. The Bureau of Communications shall maintain the radio communication capabilities for the County of Union.

I. The Bureau of Fire Marshall

- (1) The County Fire Marshall shall be the head of the Bureau and shall report to the Director of Public Safety.
- (2) The Bureau of Fire Marshall, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-2, shall:
 - (a.) Enforce the provisions of the “Uniform Fire Safety Act” (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-192 et seq.).
 - (b.) Provide for the appropriate training of fire personnel from the municipalities of the County of Union, continuing education in the field of fire science and such other assistance in fire-science-related matters that may be deemed appropriate through the Fire Service Training Academy.
 - (c.) Assist units of government including law enforcement, mental health agencies and families and individuals, with intervention in juvenile fire setting incidents.
 - (d.) Provide for the prevention of fire hazards and initiate programs for public awareness.
 - (e.) Perform such other duties as may be required by the Director of Public Safety.
- J. Coordinator of Emergency Management. There shall be a Coordinator of Emergency Management appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, subject to the approval of the State Director of Emergency Management and subject to his orders, as required by law.
- K. Deputy Coordinator of Emergency Management. There shall be a Deputy Coordinator of Emergency Management appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, subject to the approval of the State Director of Emergency Management and subject to his orders, as required by law.
- L. State Director to exercise supervision and control. The State Director of Emergency Management shall exercise supervision and control of the Coordinator of Emergency Management and Deputy, who may be removed by the State Director for cause. The Coordinator of Emergency Management and Deputy shall perform their duties in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. App. A: Ch. 9, and rules and regulations promulgated by the Governor.

ARTICLE XXIII, Office of the County Counsel

§ 1-146 The Office of Affirmative Action, shall be deleted in its entirety.

[This Article shall be effective January 1, 2023.]

ARTICLE XXIV, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

§ 1-153. The Division of Strategic Planning

- A. UNCHANGED.
- B. UNCHANGED.
- C. Subdivisions. Within the Division of Strategic Planning shall be the following subdivisions:
 - (1) Office of Community Engagement and Diversity.
 - (2) Office of LGBTQ Affairs.
 - (3) Union County Office on Women.
 - (4) Office of Business Development.
 - (5) Bureau of Transportation Planning.
 - (6) Bureau of Planning and Land Use.
 - (7) Office of Veteran's Services.

§ 1-156. The Division of Community Services

- A. UNCHANGED.
- B. UNCHANGED.
- C. Subdivisions. Within the Division of Community Services shall be the following subdivisions:
 - (1) Bureau of Community Development.
 - (2) Bureau of Housing.
 - (3) DELETED.

PART II - POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION

Chapter 6, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

§ 6-4. Affirmative Action Officer.

- A. UNCHANGED.

B. DELETED.

Chapter 115, SAFETY CODE

ARTICLE VIII- Encroachment of County Property

§ 115-46 to § 115-50. UNCHANGED.

§ 115-51. Enforcement.

The Director of Park and Recreation, or a designee, is hereby charged with the responsibility for the enforcement of this ordinance and may serve notice to any person in violation thereof, however, such notice shall not be a prerequisite for an issuance of a summons. The Union County Police or other enforcement agency, may be notified of any violations and shall investigate said violations. The Union County Police Department is independently authorized to issue any appropriate summonses for violations of this ordinance. The County Counsel and/or municipal prosecutors are hereby authorized to prosecute any legal proceedings as may be required.

§ 115-52 to § 115-54. UNCHANGED.

ARTICLE XI, BAN ON CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS

[NEW SECTION]

§ 115-56. Findings.

In New York Rifle & Pistol Assn. Inc. v. Bruen, the United States Supreme Court invalidated New York's "proper cause" requirement for obtaining a permit to carry a handgun in public, thereby impacting New Jersey's "justifiable need" requirement, an important part of New Jersey's common-sense firearms safety laws. These laws have resulted in New Jersey having one of the lowest firearm mortality rates in the country. Nonetheless, gun violence remains a public health crisis in Union County, throughout New Jersey and across the nation.

The vast majority of New Jersey residents do not support the relaxing of restrictions on who may carry a gun in public. Protecting the residents and visitors of Union County from gun violence continues to be of paramount importance to the Union County Board of County Commissioners and is a compelling government interest.

This law is written with the intent to enact restrictions to the full extent allowed by the U.S. Constitution and case law thereunder.

§ 115-57. Restrictions; penalties.

- (A.) No person shall be permitted to carry any firearm concealed or otherwise, in any Sensitive Area within Union County, New Jersey.
- (B.) This restriction shall not apply to law enforcement officers, on or off duty, in the course of their lawful and official duties.
- (C.) A person who violates or causes to be violated a provision of this article shall be subject to a penalty of imprisonment for a term not exceeding 90 days, or to a fine, or both, of \$500.00, for the first offense and \$1,000.00 for each subsequent offense.

§ 115-58. Sensitive Area.

“Sensitive Area” shall be defined as:

- (A.) All buildings or portion thereof, owned, controlled, leased or otherwise under the jurisdiction of the County, whether open to the public or not;
- (B.) Any Courthouse or building containing judicial functions of the state or County;
- (C.) Any building or portion thereof, which is the location of any program operated or funded by the County; including but not limited to Union County Vocational-Technical Schools and Union College;
- (D.) All recreational facilities and parks owned or operated by the County (excluding anyone driving a motor vehicle through a park on a public thoroughfare);
- (E.) Any vehicle owned or operated by or on behalf of the County while used for public transportation;
- (F.) Any polling place or location while open and operating for purposes of voting; and
- (G.) Any location, building or function of a similar nature to the above, owned or occupied by the County.

Chapter 132, TOWING

Sets forth standards, regulations and rates for police-requested and nonpreference towing and storage services. A complete copy of this ordinance, all rules and

regulations, and any future amendments, are on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Board and the headquarters of the County Police.

[The attached amendment to this ordinance is incorporated as if fully set forth herein.]

Chapter 140, CONTRACTED OFF-DUTY EMPLOYMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

§ 140-1. OFF-DUTY WORK BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

The County establishes the following policy and procedures relating to the performance of services by off-duty law enforcement officers.

A. UNCHANGED.

B. **Costs and Fees**

1. - 3. UNCHANGED.

4. For services performed on County property or otherwise requested for directly with the County, officers shall be paid, at a rate of \$65.00 per hour. Payment to officers for such work shall be made through the County's payroll process in accordance with its regular practices. No officer shall be paid directly by any applicant. Any job that requires more than 4 officers shall include an assigned Officer in Charge, who shall be paid at a rate of \$75.00 per hour.

5. UNCHANGED.

6. The County shall charge an additional 10% administrative fee payable to the County for such work performed by its employees; and the TPA may thereafter charge an additional fee on a percentage basis, as authorized by the County.

7. UNCHANGED.

AND, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, in case any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order or judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance, and to this end, the provisions of each section,

paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable;

AND, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that each section of this ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law, unless otherwise indicated.

FIRST READING STATEMENT

Vice Chair Christopher Hudak, Policy Subcommittee Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 840-2022 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The Public Hearing and Final Reading will be held on November 10, 2022.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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.

Summit Councilman Danny O'Sullivan noted his support of several Resolutions presented by the Board that aimed to help families dealing with a variety of issues including addiction and shelter insecurity, adding that these Resolutions underscored the fact that families throughout the County were struggling. He applauded the County's investment in these initiatives, noting that more affordable housing resources were desperately needed throughout the state to combat homelessness. On another note, he recognized the County's Parks and Recreation Department, in particular Director Ronald Zuber and Division of Park Maintenance Director Michael Brennan, and thanked them for their efforts relative to Briant Park in Summit. He closed by thanking the County of Union and the Board for the great work they continue to do.

Michael Breunig, President of Union Council 8 I.F.P.T.E., noted his concerns relative to the process and pace of the collective bargaining agreement negotiations currently underway, adding that members have been without a contract since the end of 2020. He noted the financial challenges faced and sacrifices made by members in Council 8, adding that the union had always made reasonable financial proposals related to contract negotiations.

Chair Williams confirmed that the Board could not comment on on-going collective bargaining agreement negotiations.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, congratulated Commissioner Garretson on being honored by the NAACP Hillside Branch at their upcoming Inaugural Freedom Fund Awards Gala. Mr. Paterson inquired about Reso No. 2022-916. He also refuted

comments and accusations made against him during the Commissioners' October 6, 2022. To close, he noted his concerns relative to Vice Chair Hudak serving as UC Surrogate.

There were no additional questions or comments from the public.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

2022-873 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-874 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-875 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-876 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-877 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-878 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-879 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-880 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-881 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-882 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-883 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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)

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-884 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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).

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-885 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: 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).

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-886 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-887 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-888 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-889 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-890 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDE: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-891 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDE: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-892 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDE: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-893 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-894 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-895 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-896 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-897 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-898 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-899 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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 FFYOH-20-2022).

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-900 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-901 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-902 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-903 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-904 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-905 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-906 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-907 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-908 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-909 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-910 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-911 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-912 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-913 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-914 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-915 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-916 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Amending Resolution Number 2022-456, a contract to Kingston 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-917 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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, et al. in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-918 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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, et al. in the amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for a total contract not to exceed \$35,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-919 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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, et al. in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-920 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-921 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.*

*A motion to reconsider the initial vote on this Resolution was made by Vice Chair Hudak during the Commissioner Reports and Comments Section of the Meeting.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Leon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Mirabella abstaining, to reconsider the vote on Reso No. 2022-921.

Vice Chair Hudak made the motion to re-vote on Reso No. 2022-921.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Reso No. 2022-921, with Commissioner Mirabella abstaining.

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2022-922 COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Offering this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Mary Jane Pohero, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-923 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-924 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Congratulating the Cranford Police Department as they celebrate their 125th anniversary on Sunday, October 23, 2022.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-925 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-926 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-927 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-928 VICE CHAIR CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-929 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-930 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Recognizing the Summit/New Providence Rotary Club as they celebrate their 100th anniversary on October 22, 2022.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2022-931 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Garretson congratulated former Freeholder Angel Estrada for being honored with the inaugural Angel Estrada Community Leadership Award during the County's Hispanic Heritage celebration, Family Fun Day, at Rahway River Park. She noted his 40 years of public serve, adding that he had left an indelible mark on Union County. On another note, she thanked all the event organizers for their efforts during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, noting her participation at a Breast Cancer Awareness Walk in Newark on Sunday. She also congratulated Union College on their 89th Founders Day as well as their 30th Annual Scholarship Gala that took place the previous week, adding that Union College became the first county college in NJ in 1933. She also thanked her colleagues for their kind words relative to her being recognized by the NAACP Hillside Branch at their Inaugural Freedom Funds Award Gala. To close, she offered her condolences to the family of Mary Jane Pohero relative to their recent loss, adding that Ms. Pohero was one of the first people she met when she started working at NJIT.

Commissioner Leon advised that residents 5 years and older could now receive the COVID-19 Bivalent Booster from Pfizer or Moderna in accordance with advisement from the CDC and FDA. She noted that the new Pfizer pediatric booster was available for children between the ages of 5-11, with the Moderna being available to children 6-17 years of age. She added that these vaccinations were available at any of the County's vaccination centers. She noted that walk-ins were welcome at these sites, but appointments were recommended. She advised that only children that had received the original COVID-19 injection series would be able to receive the Bivalent Booster. On another note, she thanked the Union County staff for their efforts related to Hispanic Heritage Month.

Commissioner Granados echoed the sentiments of Commissioner Leon in thanking everyone for their efforts relative to Hispanic Heritage Month. On another note, he spoke relative to his recent attendance of the Maritime Transportation Logistics and Development Job Fair, in partnership with the American Job Center, noting that over 300 job seekers attended the job fair. He noted the County's commitment to working with job resources and local businesses to ensure County residents had access to much needed job opportunities. He also noted that he recently had an opportunity to meet Dr. Sequeira, the new Consul General of Portugal on his first official visit to Union County.

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded reminded residents about upcoming ASK events focused on providing senior citizens and their caregivers with expert guidance and assistance relative to available senior programs and resources. She advised that ASK staff would be available to help seniors and care givers connect with a variety of services including home-delivered meals, respite care, home care, adult day care and other support services. She noted the schedule of upcoming events in November and advised that no appointment or pre-registration was required to attend.

Commissioner Kowalski noted the many inspiring events that took place during Hispanic Heritage Month, including an opportunity to honor former colleague Freeholder Angel Estrada at the Family Fun Day in Rahway River Park. On another note, she spoke relative to the recent check presentation made to Union County by NJ Senate President Nicholas Scutari on behalf of the State of New Jersey for a new indoor ice skating rink at the Warinanco Sports Center. She noted that the County and Board were incredibly appreciative for the funding that would allow for the expansion of indoor recreational opportunities. She also spoke relative to her recent attendance of Four Centuries in a Weekend and thanked the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs for their efforts related to the tour. On another note, Commissioner Kowalski spoke relative to the Army Corps of Engineers' study on the New York and New Jersey Harbor & Tributaries Focus Area Feasibility Study (HATS). She advised that this projected was slated to be the largest project the Army Corps of Engineers had ever undertaken and would aim to address coastal flooding issues in the area. To close, she spoke relative to the County's Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Study, advising that tomorrow would be the last day for public submissions on the matter.

Commissioner Baker spoke relative to the upcoming General Election on Tuesday, November 8th and encouraged eligible residents to vote. He also announced on behalf of County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi that due to the congressional redistricting, certain municipalities within Union County had their congressional districts changed for the 2022 elections. He noted that these changes were reflected on the sample ballots mailed to all registered voters, adding that the changes were determined by the NJ Redistricting Commission. He advised that residents of Fanwood, Rahway, and Scotch Plains now fell under the 7th Congressional District. He further advised that residents of Cranford, Garwood, Kenilworth, and Union would fall under the 10 Congressional District. He noted Linden was also affected by redistricting, but would be split, noting the wards and districts that now fell under the 7th and 10th Congressional Districts respectively. He encouraged residents with additional questions or concerns to contact the County Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Mirabella echoed the sentiments of his Commissioner colleagues, noting that he too was pleased with the various events and activities that took place in Union County in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. He thanked Commissioner Granados and Commissioner Leon for their efforts, noting that he was pleased to see former Freeholder Angel Estrada and his family at the Family Fun Day event at Rahway River Park and honor him with a Community Leadership Award. On another note, he invited residents with children with autism and other sensory sensitivities to attend the County's sensory-friendly theater presentations at Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway. He added that performances included Jeff Boyer's Big Bubble Bonanza on November 13th and the NJ Ballet's The Nutcracker on November 30th. He noted that the County's

sensory-friendly theater was created to provide entertainment opportunities to individuals with sensory sensitivities and other related conditions. On another note, he spoke relative to the upcoming election, noting that he looked forward to voting for Vice Chair Hudak for the position of UC Surrogate as well as voting for his colleagues Chair Williams, Commissioner Granados and Commissioner Kowalski for another term as UC Commissioners. Commissioner Mirabella noted Reso No. 2022-925, adding that this item served to illustrate the Board's appreciation of and commitment to supporting Veterans throughout the County and the nation. He also spoke of his recent attendance to Union College's Founders Day event, joined by Commissioner Leon, and thanked her for her comments in Spanish at the event. To close, Commissioner Mirabella noted his participation in a zoom call alongside Commissioner Kowalski relative to the Rails to Trails initiative. He recognized County Manager Oatman and Deputy County Manager Wagner for their efforts to this end, noting that he believed this initiative would be a great asset and resource for Union County.

Prior to his comments, Vice Chair Hudak requested a motion to reconsider the Board's vote on Reso No. 2022-921.

Counsel Bergen advised that it would now be appropriate for the Board to vote on a motion to reconsider the aforementioned resolution. He added that should the motion to reconsider pass, a member of the Board would have to move Reso No. 2022-921 again so that a second vote could cast.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Leon, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Mirabella abstaining, to reconsider the vote on Reso No. 2022-921.

Counsel Bergen advised that a Member of the Board could now move for a new vote on Reso No. 2022-921.

Vice Chair Hudak made the motion to re-vote on Reso No. 2022-921. On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative on Reso No. 2022-921, with Commissioner Mirabella abstaining.

Vice Chair Hudak recognized and thanked all the sites that participated in the County's Four Centuries in a Weekend, noting that he and his family enjoyed the tour. He also recognized former Freeholder Estrada and congratulated him on being honored during Hispanic Heritage Month's Family Fun Day celebration at Rahway River Park. On another note, he advised that the Division on Aging would be offering a new program called Social 60+ for County residents 60 and older where qualifying residents could receive a warm meal and an opportunity to socialize with other older adults. He further advised that qualifying residents could now exchange a voucher, provided through the Division on Aging, at The Garden Restaurant in Union for a meal option designated by the restaurant. He advised that in order to qualify for the meal voucher for The Garden, residents had to be 60 years of age or older and reside within Union County as well as participate in a mandatory Nutrition and Education Program offered through the Division of Aging at least once quarterly. To close, Vice Chair Hudak reminded everyone about Election Day on November 8th, and wished his colleagues well on their respective runs.

Chair Williams spoke relative to the recent 8 million check presentation made to the County of Union by NJ Senate President Nicholas Scutari on behalf of the State of New Jersey to be used towards a new indoor skating rink at Warinanco Sports Center. She thanked the State and NJ Senate President Scutari for providing Union County with the monies to fund this project. She advised that the new facility would lend itself to year-round use, in comparison to the current facility which could only be used seasonally. Chair Williams noted several features to be incorporated in the upcoming state-of-the-art facility, noting that these features allowed for increased capacity and would likely attract more visitors to the sports center year-round. She advised that construction was slated to begin by the end of 2023, adding that the County expected the facility to be completed by 2025. She recognized the County's partnership with The Cranford Hockey Club and the State of NJ in getting the project underway, adding that in addition to being a good resource, the new facility would result in cost savings for families involved in hockey. On another note, she reminded residents of the upcoming Women Mean Business Summit on Tuesday, October 25th at Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth. She noted that the event would feature a series of workshops geared towards career women, adding that NJ's Commissioner of Health, Judith M. Persichilli, would be the keynote speaker for the event. To close, she echoed the sentiments of her colleagues, noting that she too enjoyed the recent Four Centuries in a Weekend tour as well as the Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Williams asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chair Hudak, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 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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James E. Pelletiere, 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.

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