

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2022
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Williams presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:09 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 Lourdes M. Leon, Commissioner Alexander Mirabella and Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded were present, with Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski, absent.

Also present were County Manager Edward T. Oatman, County Counsel Bruce H. Bergen Esq., and Clerk of the Board James E. Pellettiere.

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The prayer and salute to the flag were led by Clerk of the Board Pellettiere.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

The statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by Clerk of the Board Pellettiere.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Chair Williams advised that the Communications would be approved later during the Regular Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following minutes will be offered for adoption during the September 15, 2022 Regular Meeting:

1. Thursday, July 14, 2022 - Agenda Setting Session
2. Thursday, July 14, 2022 - Regular Meeting
3. Thursday, August 11, 2022 - Agenda Setting Session
4. Thursday, August 11, 2022 - Regular Meeting

Chair Williams advised that the Minutes would be approved later during the Regular Meeting.

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

839-2022 BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW ADDITIONAL FURNISHINGS, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$62,381,711 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE STATE GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Chair Williams advised that Ordinance No. 839-2022 would be presented for adoption later during the Regular Meeting.

PRESENTATIONS BY THE BOARD

A video presentation was made by the Board relative to the 2022 Open Space, Recreation & Historical Preservation Trust Fund Grant Programs: 2022 Kids Recreation Trust Grant and 2022 Greening Union County Grants.

2022 Kids Recreation Trust Grant

Berkeley Heights received \$40,000 to replace tennis and pickleball court lights and poles with LED lights and create a walking/biking path to connect Robbins and Lawrence Avenues.

Clark received \$45,000 to repurpose a basketball court into three pickleball fields and upgrade a jungle gym area.

Cranford received \$60,000 to renovate the Hillside Avenue Tennis Courts, beautify Lincoln Park, and resurface various playground areas with rubber surfaces.

Elizabeth received \$150,000 for upgrades at Lynch Memorial Playground with the incorporation of new ADA equipment and a new spray park.

Fanwood received \$50,000 for new playground equipment for LaGrande Park.

Garwood received \$35,000 for improvements to the Recreation Sport Complex, including a new video security system, a shuffleboard court, and a picnic pavilion.

Kenilworth received \$50,000 for various improvements to the Borough's parks and facilities.

Linden received \$65,000 for upgrades and to make Milkosky Park ADA compliant.

Mountainside received \$35,000 to develop a new park on Mountain Ave and New Providence Road and for updates of the baseball and softball fields at Deerfield School.

New Providence received \$35,000 to create a more accessible playground structure as well as a bathroom building and picnic patio at Lions Park.

Plainfield received \$65,000 to rehabilitate and resurface five tennis courts at Berzinec Park.

Roselle received \$50,000 to repair and resurface Pine Street Park and Chandler Street Park.

Roselle Park received \$45,000 to renovate Acker Park and include new playground structures with ADA accessible features.

Scotch Plains received \$60,000 for equipment and new signage for various park locations.

Summit received \$45,000 to rehabilitate Mabie Playground and make it ADA compliant and sensory friendly.

Union received \$55,000 for playground equipment and improvements for Jerome Petti Park.

Westfield received \$36,477.23 for the replacement of fencing and new equipment for the basketball courts at Windsor Park.

2022 Greening Union County Grants

Berkeley Heights received \$4,000 to plant 22 trees.

Clark received \$5,000 to plant 20 trees.

Cranford received \$5,000 to plant 25 trees.

Elizabeth received \$18,000 to plant 150 trees.

Garwood received \$5,000 to plant 20 trees.

Hillside received \$2,800 to plant 16 trees.

Kenilworth received \$3,000 to plant 30 trees.

Linden received \$8,000 to plant 60 trees.

New Providence received \$2,255 to plant 12 trees.

Plainfield received \$5,725 to plant 55 trees.

Rahway received \$5,000 to plant 35 trees.

Roselle received \$5,000 to plant 70 trees.

Roselle Park received \$5,000 to plant 50 trees.

Scotch Plains received \$3,750 to plant 25 trees.

Springfield received \$4,000 to plant 45 trees.

Summit received \$5,500 to plant 100 trees.

Union received \$2,970 to plant 11 trees.

Westfield received \$10,000 to plant 100 trees.

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 an agreement with State Drug Stores Inc DBA West Hudson Industries, Rahway, New Jersey to provide badges, plaques, etc. for the Union County Sheriff's Office in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Laura Scutari, Director

County Manager Edward T. Oatman represented the Department.

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local 469-Primary Supervisors effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Supervisors Association, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Master Service Agreement and Addendum No. 1 thereto, with the State of New Jersey, Administrative Office of the Courts for Mailroom Services for a five-year period retroactive to July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2026, (revenue generating). **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amy Crisp Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

Commissioner Garretson asked Deputy County Manager Wagner about forthcoming changes to fringe benefits.

County Manager Oatman advised that since the County of Union was self-insured, employees would not be affected by the slated increases. He added that Union County had its own rates and had been budgeting accordingly and would not face the same increase as state employees.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to accept funding from the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services for the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) County Coordinator Fellowship Grant in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 to support the County hiring a full-time Shared Services County Coordinator Fellow for a period of one-year. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the second and final option to extend a contract with Development Directions, LLC, Rahway, NJ for consulting services for the administration of the Union County Home Improvement and Senior Home Grants for the period of September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$340,000.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

Commissioner Baker asked Deputy County Manager Wagner to elaborate on this item.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that this item would award another contract-extension to the cited vendor to manage the County's Home Improvement and Senior Home Grant programs. She advised that income-eligible seniors could receive up to \$5,000 in Senior Home Grant funding as well potentially qualify for the Home Improvement grant for a maximum of \$24,999 in aid, adding that no interest or payments would be due on the grant funding until the homeowner sold the property.

Commissioner Baker asked if this program was exclusively for seniors.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that the Home Improvement program was open to all income-eligible residents with the exception of residents living in Linden, Plainfield, and Rahway, adding that those municipalities offered their own program. She further advised that Elizabeth and Union also received their own allocations of CDBG monies directly, which funded this program on the county-level.

3. Concurring with Resolution No. 2022-34 of the Union County Workforce Development Board to insert additional funding as pass-through funding in an amount of \$12,971.00, to support FutureWork Systems, LLC, for WIOA Data Reporting and Analysis services to the Union County American Job Center. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
4. Concurring with Resolution No. 2022-32 of the Union County Workforce Development Board to award a contract to the Plainfield Public Library in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

Commissioner Granados asked Deputy County Manager Wagner to elaborate on this item

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that this item related to a literacy program run through Plainfield Public Library. She noted the benefits of said resource, adding that the cited monies would be used to fund training for 60 individuals.

5. Amending Resolution Number 2021-348, entering into an agreement with and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, under the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) Challenge Grant to support the Union County Emergency Services

Regional Dispatch Center, to reflect a change in scope reducing the grant participants from four (4) to two (2): the Borough of Fanwood and the Borough of Roselle and reimburse the County for high tech communications allocated to the two (2) grant participants for \$126,405.35. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

Commissioner Baker asked Deputy County Manager Wagner to elaborate on the cited change in scope.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that when the County originally applied for the grant there were four communities included. She added that Garwood and Kenilworth decided not to participate and as a result, the grant award was decreased by approximately \$24,000

6. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the NJ Department of Transportation, Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program for a project to convert sections of the Rahway Valley Railroad Right-of-Way that traverses the Borough of Kenilworth and the Borough of Roselle Park into a Rails-to-Trails off-road pedestrian and bicycle greenway. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

Chair Williams asked Deputy County Manager to elaborate on this item.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that this item related to a new, competitive grant that the County was interested in pursuing. She noted several Rails-to-Trails programs the County was currently working on, noting certain issues that had arisen from the potential Conrail Line project. She further advised that the County would be pursuing the Rails-to-Trails project through the Rahway Valley Line, adding that communications were already underway with the Mayors of Kenilworth and Roselle Park relative to the project. She noted that the project through the Rahway Valley Railroad would travel through Kenilworth and Roselle Park, connecting to certain portions of the Conrail Line, adding that the project had the potential to provide a path of interconnectivity throughout various communities in Union County.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Joseph Graziano, Director

1. Concurring with the Township of Springfield Resolution #2022-217, Township of Union Resolution # 2022-273 both adopted on August 23, 2022 and the City of Elizabeth Resolution adopted on September 13, 2022 supporting an adaptive signal network along County Route 629 and State Route 82 from Springfield Avenue in Springfield to the intersection of Morris Avenue and Julian Place in Elizabeth. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
2. Amending Resolution 2019-155, a contract with Colonnelli Brothers Inc., Hackensack, NJ for the Pemberton Avenue Culvert, City of Plainfield, NJ to reflect a change of account numbers only. (Union County Project Number 2010-006A Pemberton Ave Culvert). **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
3. Amending Resolution 2018-688, a contract to Dewberry Engineers, Inc., for the West 7th Street Intersection Improvements, City of Plainfield, to reflect a change of

account numbers only. (Union County Project Number 2014-044 West Seventh Street.) **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

4. Authorizing the County Manager to utilize the County's option to extend a contract with Ronlee Realty, Inc., pursuant to Resolution 2012-547, and to execute Amendment Number 1 to Lease Agreement, to lease increased space at 40 Parker Road, Elizabeth, for the purpose of providing necessary office space for various departments; for the period of an additional five (5) years, two (2) months, from November 1, 2022 through December 31, 2027, in a base rent amount not to exceed \$3,248,684.08. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq: Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, to Louis Barbato Landscaping, Holbrook, New York, for the purpose of purchasing and planting trees throughout Union County parks and roadways for the period of September, 2022 through September, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$27,975.00 (BA# UCCP 28-2022). **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
6. Granting permission to the Township of Springfield to hang a banner across Mountain Avenue from October 19, 2022 to November 28, 2022 advertising the Saint James Church 5 K Turkey Trot on November 24, 2022 and to close parts of Mountain Avenue and Meisel Avenue on November 24, 2022 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am for the 5 K Turkey Trot. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
7. Granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights to hang a banner from November 1, 2022 through December 4, 2022 advertising the Winter Walk and to close Springfield Avenue from Snyder Avenue to Plainfield Avenue from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Saturday, December 3, 2022 for the Winter Walk. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
8. Amending Resolution 2021-621, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding (BA#13-2019) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; to Radiac Research Corporation, Brooklyn, New York, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the operation of a Household Hazardous Waste Program for Union County residents. This change order will increase the original contract amount by \$140,000.00 for a new amount not to exceed \$322,392.20. (Grant Funded) **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

Commissioner Baker asked Director Graziano to elaborate on this item.

Director Graziano advised that this item related to a recycling contract with the cited vendor that was erroneously renewed last year for a one-year term instead of a two-year term. As a result, he advised that a changed order was necessary to add the additional year. He noted that the cited \$140,000 reflected the charges for the remaining year, adding that the total two-year contract total was approximately \$323,000 and was covered by REA grant funding.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Bibi Taylor, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$1,709,825.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for a program entitled: Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
2. Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$307,623.94 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for a program entitled: State Homeland Security Program (SHSP). **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
3. Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$110,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of State Police for a program entitled: Emergency Management Agency Assistance (EMAA) Grant. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
4. Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$11,495.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for a program entitled: Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
5. Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$3,500,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Corrections for a program entitled: Department of Corrections State Aid. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
6. Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$34,845.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health and Middlesex County for a program entitled: Comprehensive Cancer Control Grant. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
7. Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$252,272.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a program entitled: County Environmental Health Act (CEHA) Grant. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
8. Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$7,365,527.70 as a result of notification received from the United States Department of Treasury for a program entitled: Emergency Rental Assistance Program-Round 2. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to extend the contract with Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, NJ, pursuant to competitive contracting law (RCCP #8-2021) for the operation of the Union County Children's Shelter at a per diem amount of \$361.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$528,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 representing Year two, with three (3) one-year options to extend the contract at the prices quoted in the agency's competitive contract proposal. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

Deputy County Manager Wagner represented the Department.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary for the use of contracts entered into by the State of New Jersey, Somerset County, Educational Services Commission of NJ and Cranford Police cooperatives, to include and enter into a contract with Main Line Commercial Pools, Inc., King of Prussia, PA through ESCNJ State Approved COOP (ESCNJ 21/22-39) for pool chemicals and equipment in an amount not to exceed \$14,098.88. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Commissioner Granados asked Deputy County Manager Wagner to elaborate on pool operations over the course of the summer.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that this item would allow the County to include the cited vendor in the existing Co-Op, adding that they were used to open and close both pools as well as the County spray park this past summer. She further advised that these resources had been quite profitable this summer, noting that the spray park had seen approximately 48,000 visitors, with another 46,000 visiting the pool. She added that in addition to the completed upgrades, Director Zuber and his staff were inspecting the facilities to address any potential issues before the next summer season.

Commissioner Granados noted his approval of the spray parks, including the activities hosted on Wednesday nights for children with special needs through the Department for Persons with Disabilities and Special Needs.

2. Amending Resolution 2022-749, a contract with Colliers Engineering and Design Inc., Red Bank, NJ for engineering services for the Zimmerman Parking Lot Improvements, to reflect an account number change only. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with PowerDMS, Orlando, Florida, for Field Training Operation Software for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 in an amount of not to exceed \$5,300.00. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend an amount not to exceed \$307,623.94 from the Fiscal Year 2022 New Jersey Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) in order to enhance the County's ability to prepare for, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend the FY 2022 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant funds from the NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness to provide equipment and training to the UASI region to prepare for, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism in an amount not to exceed \$1,709,825.00. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

Vice Chair Hudak asked Director Moran to elaborate on this item.

Director Moran advised that these monies would fund the salary for a risk-mitigation planner that would be working out of the County's Prosecutor's Office as well as cover costs for hazmat training, decon training, and the purchase of regional urban search and rescue equipment. He noted that the training would also incorporate urban search and rescue using boats in preparation for future emergency situations similar to those evoked by Hurricane Ida.

Vice Chair Hudak noted the importance of this resource in assisting Union County residents and supporting the region during emergency situations.

Director Moran agreed, adding that this resource allowed for the standardization of response, training, and equipment amongst the different UASI regions.

4. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and execute a Sub-Grant Agreement with Middlesex County for inclusion in the New Jersey Department of Health, Comprehensive Cancer Control Grant in an amount of \$34,845.00 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, County Environmental Health Act (CEHA) Grant Funds to support CEHA activities for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 in an amount of approximately \$252,272.00. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Bruce H. Bergen, County Counsel

1. Amending Resolution 2020-864 to increase the appropriation to Hatfield Schwartz, LLC to represent the County of Union, Union County Prosecutor's Office and former Acting Prosecutor Lyndsay V. Ruotolo in the matter entitled Susan J. Gleason v. New Jersey Office of the Attorney General et al, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

Commissioner Baker asked Counsel Bergen to elaborate on this item.

Counsel Bergen advised that this item related to ongoing litigation from 2020 relative to a lawsuit brought against former Acting Prosecutor Lyndsay V. Ruotolo by an employee. He added that this item secured additional monies to cover ongoing legal fees.

1. Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Maria Patrocinio Anchelia, during their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados, Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, & The Entire Board)**
2. Recognizing Christina Carey Dunleavy, Anthony Sa, and Dr. Micheal James upon receiving the 2022 Kean University Distinguished Alumna Award. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**
3. Recognizing the Elizabeth Development Company as they host their Economic Recovery Luncheon & Awards Presentation on October 11, 2022; and further congratulating the following honorees: Community Agency Partners: Elizabeth

Mayor J. Christian Bollwage, County Manager Oatman, Deputy County Manager Wagner; Community Health Organization: Nadine Brechner, Trinitas Regional Medical Center; Workforce Development Partners (Labor Unions): Thomas Hurley, Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters - Local 253; Neighborhood Revitalization Developers: Alberto Goncalves; Lifetime Achievement Urban Redeveloper: Omar Boraie. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**

4. Congratulating Krystal R. Canady on her retirement after 37 years of dedicated service to the YMCA movement and 14 outstanding years as Chief Executive Officer of The Gateway Family YMCA. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski, & The Entire Board)**
5. Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Paul Vaiana, during their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, Commissioner Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, to award Kids Recreation Trust 2022 grants to nineteen (19) municipalities in the County of Union, in accordance with the Kids Recreation Trust grant criteria in an amount not to exceed \$1,003,327.23. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund to award 2022 Greening Union County grants to eighteen (18) municipalities in the County of Union in accordance with the grant criteria in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella)**
8. Congratulating Union College as they celebrate their 89th birthday and unveil their new logo for the college on Union College Founders Day, October 18, 2022. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, & The Entire Board)**
9. Congratulating Bristol Myers Squibb and the members of their Veterans Community Network (VCN) on receiving the 2022 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award; the highest U.S. government honor to employers for support of National Guard and Reserve employees. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, & The Entire Board)**
10. Celebrating Christopher Columbus Day throughout the County of Union and the many contributions made by Italian Americans; and further recognizing each of the local Italian American Organizations participating in the Union County's 14th Annual Christopher Columbus Flag Raising Ceremony on Friday, October 7, 2022, with distinct appreciation to the 2022 Columbus Day Flag Raising Keynote Speaker, Colleen DeTrollo Gialanella. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, & The Entire Board)**
11. Congratulating John L. Del Sordi, winner of the Italian Tribune of NJ2022 Italian American Heritage Award. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, & The Entire Board)**

12. Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Xavier McClain, Linden High School sophomore and football player, during their time of sorrow. **(Vice Chair Christopher Hudak, & The Entire Board)**
13. Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to Rahway Mayor Raymond Giacobbe and his family, on the passing of his daughter, Anabella Marie Giacobbe, during their time of sorrow. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams, & The Entire Board)**
14. Recognizing Sergio Granados upon receiving the 2022 Kean University Distinguished Alumna Award. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams, & The Entire Board)**

Chair Williams congratulated Commissioner Granados on being presented with a 2022 Distinguished Alumna Award by Kean University.

15. Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Jean Bradshaw Curry, during their time of sorrow. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams, & The Entire Board)**
16. Recognizing Estelle Nelson on the celebration of her 107th birthday on October 31, 2022. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams, & The Entire Board)**
17. Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Grace Nelson-Williams, during their time of sorrow. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams, & The Entire Board)**
18. Offering this Board's most sincere gratitude to former Union County employee and former Union County Status of Women Commissioner Jane O'Hara-Klein for her 20+ years of dedicated service to the Union County Commission on the Status of Women; and further wishing her success and happiness in her future endeavors. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, & The Entire Board)**
19. Supporting NJ Senate Bill 2946, establishing a minimum Medicaid reimbursement rate of \$200 for basic life support emergency ambulance transportation services. **(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 Granados a voice vote showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 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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February 17, 2022

March 3, 2022
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REGULAR MEETINGS

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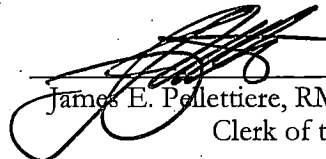
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December 15, 2022



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

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

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

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

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