

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2022
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Williams presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:41 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 called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Garretson, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

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.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The County of Union (the "County"), State of New Jersey is hereby authorized to make various public improvements and to acquire 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 said County, as more particularly described in Section 4 hereof. The cost of the improvements and acquisitions includes all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements and acquisitions described in Sections 1 and 4 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purposes"), the respective amounts of money hereinafter stated as the appropriation for said respective purposes. Said

appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized, and the State grants and the down payment appropriated, by this ordinance. Said improvements and acquisitions shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefitted.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the making of such improvements and acquisitions is not a current expense of said County.

Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and Amounts" which schedule also shows (1) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the State grants hereinafter appropriated, and (3) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes, and (4) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (5) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Department of Administrative Services, Division of Motor Vehicles and Telecommunication - Removal and replacement of underground and aboveground storage tanks at various locations.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$	757,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$	37,875
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$	719,625
Period of Usefulness		15 years

B. Department of Economic Development, Bureau of Information Technologies - Acquisition of new information technology and telecommunications equipment for the use of various County departments, offices and agencies, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$	303,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$	15,150
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$	287,850
Period of Usefulness		5 years

C. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering - Undertaking of road, intersection, bridge and culvert improvement projects at various locations, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$12,625,000
State Grants Appropriated	\$ 9,081,850
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 177,158
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 3,365,992
Period of Usefulness	10 years

D. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering - Improvements to various dams and dikes.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$	101,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$	5,050
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$	95,950
Period of Usefulness		15 years

E. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering - Undertaking of various engineering, architectural and other services in connection with various infrastructure and building projects.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$	500,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$	25,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$	475,000
Period of Usefulness		15 years

F. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering - Acquisition of new information technology and telecommunications equipment consisting of computer and technology equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$	15,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$	750
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$	14,250
Period of Usefulness		5 years

G. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering - Undertaking of (i) environmental monitoring and remediation (including permit applications) at various underground storage tank sites, former landfill sites and other County facilities, (ii) removal of underground storage tanks and (iii) inspection of underground storage tanks.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$	101,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$	5,050
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$	95,950
Period of Usefulness		15 years

H. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of an amphibious excavator grapple loader.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$	2,261,242
State Grant Appropriated	\$	2,238,853
Down Payment Appropriated	\$	1,119
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$	21,270
Period of Usefulness		15 years

I. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Facilities

Management - Undertaking of various engineering, architectural and other services in connection with various building and infrastructure projects.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 200,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 10,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 190,000
Period of Usefulness	15 years

J. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management - Undertaking of various improvements to public buildings consisting of (i) installation of an emergency generator at the Ruotolo Justice Center and (ii) installation of a new septic system and disposal field at the K9 Search and Rescue Facility. It is hereby determined and stated that said public buildings being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 1,010,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 50,500
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 959,500
Period of Usefulness	15 years

K. Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Park Maintenance - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 585,800
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 29,290
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 556,510
Period of Usefulness	10 years

L. Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Park Maintenance - Undertaking of paving and curbing improvements at various locations.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 202,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 10,100
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 191,900
Period of Usefulness	10 years

M. Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Park Maintenance - Undertaking of various

park and recreation improvements consisting of (i) resurfacing and construction of tennis courts at various locations, (ii) installation of benches, tables, bike racks, water fountains, trash/recycle cans and other park amenities at various locations, (iii) improvements to walking paths at various locations, (iv) refurbishing of basketball courts (including installation of lighting) at Cedar Brook Park, (v) relocation of the basketball court at Conant Park, (vi) refurbishing of the basketball court at Sperry Park, (vii) installation of lighting at Meisel Field, (viii) construction of playgrounds at various locations, (ix) rehabilitation of the Echo Lake Pavilion, (x) installation of disc golf tee boxes at Oak Ridge Park and (xi) replacement of fitness stations at Bryant Park.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 7,019,200
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 350,961
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 6,668,239
Period of Usefulness	15 years

N. Department of Parks and Recreation - Undertaking of various park and recreation improvements consisting of (i) renovations to the Ash Brook Golf Course Clubhouse and (ii) improvements to the kitchen and concession area at the Oak Ridge Park Field House. It is hereby determined and stated that said public buildings being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 3,105,750
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 155,288
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 2,950,462
Period of Usefulness	15 years

O. Department of Parks and Recreation - Renovation of the historic Homestead Farm House at Oak Ridge Park.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 2,020,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 101,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 1,919,000
Period of Usefulness	10 years

P. Office of the Prosecutor - Acquisition of new information technology equipment and a new automotive vehicle, including original apparatus and equipment, consisting of (i) computer equipment and (ii) a mobile forensics vehicle.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 208,490
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 10,425
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 198,065
Period of Usefulness	5 years

Q. Various Departments, Offices and Agencies - Acquisition of new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, and new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 5,250,950
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 262,548
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 4,988,402
Period of Usefulness	5 years

R. Department of Public Safety, Division of Police - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new information technology and telecommunications equipment consisting of (i) emergency service and rescue equipment, (ii) in-vehicle camera and mobile data computer equipment and (iii) computer equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 520,150
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 26,008
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 494,142
Period of Usefulness	5 years

S. Department of Public Safety, Division of Police - Acquisition of new information technology and telecommunications equipment consisting of computer network storage and disaster recovery systems equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 303,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 15,150
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 287,850
Period of Usefulness	7 years

T. Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Services - Undertaking of the Radio System Enhancement Project.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 505,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 25,250
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 479,750
Period of Usefulness	10 years

U. Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Services - Undertaking of interior renovations and improvements, including the acquisition of original furnishings and equipment, at the Fire/EMS Academy. It is hereby determined and stated that said public building being improved is of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 1,010,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 50,500
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 959,500
Period of Usefulness	15 years

V. Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Services - Acquisition of new additional furnishings and new information technology and telecommunications equipment for Fire/EMS Academy classrooms consisting of (i) furniture and (ii) computer equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 85,850
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 4,293
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 81,557
Period of Usefulness	5 years

W. Department of Public Safety, Division of Health - Acquisition of various information technology and telecommunications equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 30,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,500
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 28,500
Period of Usefulness	5 years

X. Sheriff's Office - Undertaking of security upgrades at various facilities.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 4,810,178
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 240,509
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 4,569,669

Period of Usefulness

15 years

Y. Union County Vocational-Technical Schools - Undertaking of the following improvements: (i) upgrading of fitness centers (district-wide) and (ii) various renovations and improvements to facilities (district-wide). It is hereby determined and stated that (A) all resolutions to be filed by the Board of Education of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools and the Board of School Estimate of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in order to request the Board of County Commissioners to raise funds for the aforesaid purposes have been filed, (B) no down payment is required for such purposes pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:54-31 and (C) such public buildings being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 378,500.
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 378,500
Period of Usefulness	15 years

Z. Union County Vocational-Technical Schools - (i) Undertaking of various safety and security upgrades (district-wide) and (ii) acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of (a) instructional equipment and machinery for various educational programs and (b) non-instructional equipment. It is hereby determined and stated that (A) all resolutions to be filed by the Board of Education of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools and the Board of School Estimate of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in order to request the Board of County Commissioners to raise funds for the aforesaid purposes have been filed and (B) no down payment is required for such purposes pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:54-31.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 934,250
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 934,250
Period of Usefulness	10 years

AA. Union County Vocational-Technical Schools - Acquisition of new additional furnishings consisting of classroom furniture (district-wide). It is hereby determined and stated that (A) all

resolutions to be filed by the Board of Education of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools and the Board of School Estimate of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in order to request the Board of County Commissioners to raise funds for the aforesaid purpose have been filed and (B) no down payment is required for such purpose pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:54-31.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$	101,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$	101,000
Period of Usefulness		5 years

BB. Union County Vocational-Technical Schools - Funding the County's portion of the cost of leasehold improvements to the Union County College-University Center Building (located on the Vocational-Technical Schools Campus) to support the Vocational-Technical Schools' Global Logistics and Supply Chain Management Program. It is hereby determined and stated that (A) all resolutions to be filed by the Board of Education of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools and the Board of School Estimate of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in order to request the Board of County Commissioners to raise funds for the aforesaid purpose have been filed, (B) no down payment is required for such purpose pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:54-31 and (C) such public building being improved is of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$	1,331,211
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$	1,331,211
Period of Usefulness		15 years

CC. Union County College - Renovation and expansion of the physical education facility at the Cranford Campus, including expansion of the existing gym, addition of locker rooms, renovation of existing classrooms and administrative offices and acquisition of original furnishings and equipment therefor. It is hereby determined and stated that (A) all resolutions to be filed by the Board of Trustees of Union County College and the Board of School Estimate of Union County College in order to request the Board of County Commissioners to raise funds for the aforesaid purpose have been filed, (B) no down payment is required for such purpose pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-19(2)(b), (C) Union County College may apply

for debt service aid from the State of New Jersey pursuant to Chapter 12 of the Laws of 1971 of New Jersey (N.J.S. 18A:64A-22.1 et seq.) for the improvement described in the preceding sentence, (D) if such Chapter 12 State Aid is received, it shall be applied to the payment of principal and interest on bonds or notes issued by the County for such project and (E) such public building being improved is of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 4,306,640
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 4,306,640
Period of Usefulness	15 years

DD. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management - Supplemental funding for the demolition of the existing County Parking Deck on Elizabethtown Plaza and the construction of a new Parking Deck on such site. It is hereby determined and stated that the County has heretofore appropriated the sum of \$13,500,000 for such improvement pursuant to Ord. No. 817-2020 adopted on September 3, 2020.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$11,800,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 590,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$11,210,000
Period of Usefulness	30 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$62,381,711
Aggregate State Grants Appropriated	\$11,320,703
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,200,474
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$48,860,534

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$1,491,775 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purposes, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses,

including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 6. The aggregate sum of \$9,081,850 received or to be received as grants from the New Jersey Department of Transportation ("NJDOT") is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the infrastructure improvements authorized in Section 4.C above.

Section 7. The sum of \$2,238,853 received or to be received as a grant from the NJDOT is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the equipment acquisition authorized in Section 4.H above.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$2,200,474, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said County, are now available to finance said purposes. The sum of \$2,200,474 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes.

Section 9. To finance said purposes, bonds of said County of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$48,860,534 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds

shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 10. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said County of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$48,860,534 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 11. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter

determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, by the County Manager and by the County Treasurer and shall be under the seal of said County and attested by the Clerk or Deputy Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the County Treasurer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 12. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of said purposes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 16.36 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 13. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required

by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of said County, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said County, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$48,860,534 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 14. Any funds received from private parties, the State of New Jersey or any of its agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purposes (other than the State grants hereinbefore appropriated which shall be applied to the cost of such purposes, but shall not be applied to the payment of outstanding bond anticipation notes and the reduction of the amount of bonds authorized), shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purposes, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purposes shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 15. The County intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the

improvements and acquisitions described in Sections 1 and 4 of this bond ordinance. If the County incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the County hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 16. The full faith and credit of the County are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the County, and the County shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the County for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 17. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on

file with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and is available for public inspection.

Section 18. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after fi

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting was opened for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance Number 839-2022 only.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, asked for additional information relative to the monies being spent. He also asked how much money was being applied as a down-payment as well as how much monies were available through grant funding to offset costs.

Director Taylor advised that Ordinance 839-2022 would fund maintenance of County's infrastructure including: underground storage tank and above-ground storage tank upgrades for the entire County fleet; emergency generators at the Ruotolo Center as well as a mobile forensic laboratory; and would continue to fund roadway and bridge projects annually, as needed. She further advised that the \$62.3 million would be offset by \$11.3 million in grant funding. She added that the County had appropriated the amount required by law and had put down a 5% down-payment, totaling approximately \$2.2 million. She noted that the total aggregate debt to be issued under the Ordinance would be \$48.8 million. She also noted that the County's net debt as of year's end was the lowest it had been in five years and that the County would continue to pay this debt down in accordance with principle and interest schedules.

There were no additional questions or comments from the public relative to Ordinance No. 839-2022.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Commissioner Sergio Granados, Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 839-2022 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting was opened for the purpose of commenting on resolutions being offered for adoption and on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments and asked questions relative to several resolutions. Relative to Reso Nos. 2022-811-2022-813, he asked if these items would modify the previously-approved budget. Relative to Reso No. 2022-824, he made comments relative to the increase and asked for additional information on the item. Relative to Reso No. 2022-829, Mr. Paterson made comments relative to the cited vendor and their contracts with the County and Scotch Plains. Relative to Reso No. 2022-833, he asked for clarification on who owned the property. Relative to Reso No. 2022-839, he suggested the County eliminate the 100% match from the various municipalities receiving grant monies from the Kids Recreation Trust. Relative to Reso Nos. 2022-846 & 200-847, Mr. Paterson asked for details regarding the terms of the collective bargaining agreements. Relative to Reso No. 2022-850, he asked for a detailed explanation of the services being provided. Relative to Reso No. 2022-855, Mr. Paterson made comments about former Acting Prosecutor Lyndsay Ruotolo and Finance Director Taylor. He closed by congratulating Commissioner Granados on being recognized by Kean University with the 2022 Kean University Distinguished Alumna Award.

Relative to Reso No. 2022-818, Director Taylor advised that grant revenues did increase the overall budget, adding that both the revenue and appropriations had to be increased as a result. She noted that these increases did not off-set any of the tax levy.

Relative to Reso No. 2022-824, Director Anderson advised that Community Access provided wraparound resources to over 300 youths between the ages of 14-24, adding that an increase in funding would allow for more people to benefit from this service. She thanked the Board for their continued support of this resource.

Relative to Reso No. 2022-829, County Manager Oatman confirmed that Zimmerman Parking Lot was located in Union Township, not Scotch Plains as noted by Mr. Paterson.

Relative to Reso No. 2022-833, County Manager Oatman confirmed that the County did not own 40 Parker Rd.

Relative to Reso Nos. 2022-846 & 847, County Manager Oatman advised that the agreements included 2% raises. He added that the 469-Primary Supervisors contract was for a five-year term and the Supervisors Association was for two years.

Relative to Reso No. 2022-850, Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that Development Directions was always listed as a consultant as they handled the logistics of this program on behalf of the County. She noted that the vendor was responsible for processing applications, establishing applicant-eligibility, securing contractors, inspect work being done, and maintain all related paperwork for said. She added that the total would fund administrative and repair costs, noting that grant funding was included in the \$340,000.

Relative to Reso No. 2022-855, County Manager Oatman advised that the Board had no control over Acting Prosecutor/Prosecutor appointments as they were done by the Governor.

Jean Linbergh, of Westfield, made comments relative to artificial turf fields. She asked the Board to consider a moratorium on new turf fields in favor of natural grass.

Jonathan Yurnise, of Westfield, expressed his concerns regarding the proposed development at the former site of William's Nursery, specifically as it relates to flooding. He also thanked Commissioner Kowalski and Palmieri-Mouded for listening to his concerns on the matter previously.

County Manager Oatman advised that Mr. Yurnise's concerns had been brought to his attention by Commissioners Kowalski and Palmieri-Mouded earlier in the year. He further advised that the County and Board's powers were limited given that Westfield had approved this plan through the town zoning board. He added that Westfield would appear before the UC Planning Board next Wednesday.

There were no additional questions or comments from the public.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

2022-809 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Bridgeway Behavioral Health Services, Union, NJ for the provision of wraparound services to eligible Union County residents experiencing homelessness in conjunction with the Continuum of Care program for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$99,004.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-810 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-811 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-812 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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).

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-813 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-814 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-815 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-816 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-817 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-818 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-819 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-820 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to The Gateway Family YMCA, Elizabeth NJ to operate the Dudley House Veterans Transitional Housing facility for homeless veterans and eligible homeless males during the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-821 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to establish funds for all burial costs for the indigent, unidentified or unclaimed deceased persons of Union County at a burial rate not to exceed \$1,550.00 in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-822 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Lease Agreement between the County of Union and Sharma Realty Investments, LLC, for the rental of 30 parking spaces at \$75.00 per parking spot located at 432 Westminster Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$2,250.00 per month for a total annual amount not to exceed \$27,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-823 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into contract with Geneva Worldwide Interpretation Service, New York, NY to provide interpretation services for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-824 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, New Jersey to promote youth, teen, and community development through prevention programs including self-empowerment and youth leadership, interfaith initiatives and collaboration among community programs for youth and families for the period of June 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-825 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending resolution # 2022-151, a contract with the Mount Olive Baptist Church, Plainfield, NJ for the 2022 Code Blue Warming Center Program, to reflect a change in account numbers only.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-826 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the Mount Olive Baptist Church, Plainfield, NJ to provide warming center services for homeless individuals of Union County on designated Code Blue Nights for the period of November 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$22,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-827 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, Elizabeth, NJ to provide the Homeless Outreach and Shelter Program for the period of November 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$13,400.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-828 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-829 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-830 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-831 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: 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).

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-832 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: 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.)

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-833 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-834 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 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).

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-835 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-836 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-837 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: 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)

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-838 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: Amending Resolution Number 2022-683, awarding contracts to various agencies for the purpose of providing a variety of social services to County residents in need aged 60 years and older, to reflect an increase in the original GAPA spending plan in an amount of \$10,000.00 for a new total of not to exceed \$518,000.00, with no other changes to the terms or conditions.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-839 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-840 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-841 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDE: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-842 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDE: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-843 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-844 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-845 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-846 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-847 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-848 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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).

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-849 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-850 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-851 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-852 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-853 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-854 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-855 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2022-856 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Maria Patrocinio Anchelia, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-857 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Recognizing Christina Carey Dunleavy, Anthony Sa, and Dr. Micheal James upon receiving the 2022 Kean University Distinguished Alumna Award.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-858 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-859 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-860 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON, COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Paul Vaiana, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-861 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-862 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-863 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-864 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Congratulating John L. Del Sordi, winner of the Italian Tribune of NJ2022 Italian American Heritage Award.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-865 VICE CHAIR CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Xavier McClain, Linden High School sophomore and football player, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-866 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-867 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Recognizing Sergio Granados upon receiving the 2022 Kean University Distinguished Alumna Award.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-868 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Jean Bradshaw Curry, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-869 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Recognizing Estelle Nelson on the celebration of her 107th birthday on October 31, 2022.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-870 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Grace Nelson-Williams, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-871 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2022-872 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Supporting NJ Senate Bill 2946, establishing a minimum Medicaid reimbursement rate of \$200 for basic life support emergency ambulance transportation services.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Vice Chair Hudak reminded residents about several upcoming seasonal recreation activities including the County's Haunted Hayride and Campfire series at the Deserted Village, noting that tickets were still available for this activity. He also noted the upcoming Four Centuries in a Weekend Tour on Saturday, October 15th and Sunday, October 16th, adding that the tour would be packed with special exhibits and activities at

more than 30 house museums and historic sites throughout Union County. He also reminded residents about the County's annual Great Pumpkin Sail on November 1st at Echo Lake Park and two events for special needs families, including Rahway's Halloween Bash on October 21st and a Country Barn Dance at the Deserted Village on November 5th. On another note, he refuted Mr. Paterson's claims and comments relative to County personnel, noting that the County's financial health continued to improve thanks in part to Director Taylor's leadership. He added that the County continued to maintain its AAA bond rating and managed to reduce its capital budget by approximately \$15 million from previously funded projects. He also advised that former Acting Prosecutor Ruotolo had left the County to assume the role of First Assistant Attorney General for the State of NJ.

Commissioner Granados congratulated Vice Chair Hudak on being nominated by Governor Murphy for the position of UC Surrogate.

Commissioner Garretson reminded residents that the voter registration deadline was on October 18th, adding that the November General Election would be held on Tuesday, November 8th. She encouraged voters to contact the Board of Elections and or County Clerk's Office for additional information.

Commissioner Leon spoke relative to Hispanic Heritage Month, noting that the celebration would conclude with Family Fun Day on October 15th at Rahway River Park. She advised that the event was free and the celebration would include food trucks, dancing, music, and other activities. She added that the Board would also be presenting its Hispanic Heritage Awards during the event in honor of the contributions and achievements of Hispanics throughout Union County. She thanked the Office of Community Engagement and Diversity for their efforts relative to the event.

Commissioner Granados also spoke relative to Hispanic Heritage Month, noting an upcoming informative panel discussion in collaboration with Telemundo 47 in reference to Hispanic media connections that would be taking place on October 12th at Kean University. He added that the event would include a discussion on Spanish-language media and provide information to Kean students on how to apply for internships.

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded thanked Vicki Durbin and Angelica Cedeño from Open Space for their efforts relative to the 2022 Kids Recreation Trust Grant awards. She noted that as a mother of five she often frequented the County parks and playgrounds and was looking forward to the prospective upgrades facilitated by this funding. On another note, she reminded residents that October was Breast Cancer Awareness month and she encouraged women to get regular check-ups and mammograms as a means to maintain their health.

Commissioner Baker reminded residents that the Board of Elections was still looking for poll workers for the General Election on Tuesday, November 8th. He advised that poll workers would receive \$300 to work from 5:15AM -8:15PM when the polls close. He advised that UC residents 18 years of age and older that were registered to vote could apply through the Board of Elections. He added that new poll workers would be required to attend a mandatory, in-person training prior to working on Election Day. He advised that the application could be completed online or through the Board of Elections.

Commissioner Mirabella invited residents to Union County's 14th Annual Columbus Day Flag Raising. He noted that the event provided an opportunity to recognize the contributions, achievements and hard-work of Italian Americans throughout Union County and across the nation. He invited everyone to come and join the celebration of Italian-American pride. He also advised that on October 7th – October 9th Clark UNICO would be hosting its Annual Feast at Clark's Municipal Building. He also noted that John Del Sordi would be honored as Man of the Year tomorrow night at a Gala hosted by the Italian Tribune.

Chair Williams advised that the County was co-sponsoring the 5th annual Queen City Film Festival on October 21 – October 23rd. On another note, she advised that the Board would be hosting a Women Mean Business Summit on Tuesday, October 25th at Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth. She noted that this initiative by the Board and the County's Office on Women through the Department of Economic Development was in collaboration with various community partners and would provide attendees with an immersive experience with workshops and discussions aimed at women in business, adding that Judith Persichilli, Acting Commissioner of Health for the State of New Jersey, would be the Keynote Speaker for the event. She further advised that paid registration was required for the event, adding that early-bird specials were also available. Chair Williams noted her attendance to a Union County Means Business event earlier in the week which featured a strategic resilience panel discussion for small business owners focused on bouncing back from the economic challenges evoked by the COVID-19 pandemic. She thanked Jeff Brooks, Brandon Givens, and Phil Kandl for their efforts to this effect. To close, she expressed her distaste for Mr. Paterson's comments about former Acting Prosecutor Ruotolo and Finance Director Taylor, noting that Director Taylor's work spoke for itself as the County's financial outlook was bright thanks in part to her efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 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
March 24, 2022

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April 28, 2022*

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May 26, 2022

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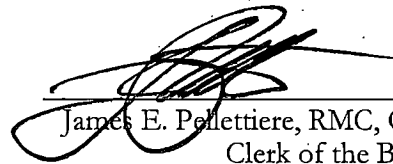
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Clerk of the Board

* 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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