



## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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 Sergio Granados, Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski, Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, and Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded were present, with Commissioner Angela R. Garretson and Commissioner Alexander Mirabella absent.

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

### PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

### STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

### APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

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Note and File

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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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.

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**ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION**

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The following Ordinance will be offered for introduction during the September 15, 2022 Regular Meeting:

- 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 introduced later during the Regular Meeting.

**OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY CLERK**

Joanne Rajoppi, County Clerk

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Chair Williams congratulated Clerk Rajoppi on behalf of the Board for recently being named by the Boy Scouts of America as one of the recipients of Union County's 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Clerk Rajoppi thanked Chair Williams and the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2021-906, a contract with B & B Press Inc., Lebanon, New Jersey, to reflect an additional charge of \$8,165.70 to provide printing services for Mail-in-Ballots and Provisional Ballots for the 2022, General Election, due to the new law, P.L. 2022, Chapter 70, requiring all Vote by Mail Ballots to be tallied by District, increasing the 67 condensed versions of the ballots to 432, for a total contract not to exceed \$653,250.40. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

Vice Chair Hudak asked how many individuals had requested mail-in ballots for the upcoming General Election.

Clerk Rajoppi advised that as of today, approximately 50,000 mail-in ballots had been request, noting a large increase in the past two years.

Vice Chair Hudak asked how many mail-in ballots had been requested for the previous General Election.

Clerk Rajoppi advised that approximately 42,000 had been requested.

Vice Chair Hudak noted that mail-in ballots provided residents with a convenient method to vote.

Commissioner Baker asked Clerk Rajoppi to elaborate on the increase from 67 ballot-versions to 432.

Clerk Rajoppi advised that back in July, the NJ Legislator had enacted a new law that required voting tallies to be tabulated by district. She added that in order to comply with the new law, her Elections Division would have to do 432 separate ballots, coded by district for each of the 432 districts in Union County. She further advised that this change would allow her Department to quantify how many individuals voted in a particular district. She noted that for the 2023 Primary Election, the number of different ballots would increase to 864, adding that all collating was done in-house.

Commissioner Baker noted the tremendous effort of the County Clerk's Election Division and thanked her for a job well done.

Vice Chair Hudak asked Clerk Rajoppi to confirm that these changes were being done to comply with new legislation and that the various counties throughout New Jersey would have to assume the increased costs associated with the new law.

Clerk Rajoppi confirmed this to be the case, adding that all counties in NJ would have to comply with the new law at their expense.

Vice Chair Hudak noted the additional administrative challenges associated with the change in legislation.

Clerk Rajoppi added that these additional costs were unexpected at the time her Office presented its budget as they were unaware of forthcoming legislation changes.

#### OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

William Daniel, Prosecutor

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First Assistant Prosecutor James O. Tansey represented the Office.

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Magnet Forensics USA, Inc., Herndon VA for the purchase of a Forensics Training Annual Pass in an amount not to exceed \$17,499.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Scientifix LLC., Mount Laurel, NJ to replace a Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) Fume Hood for the Union County Forensic Laboratory in an amount not to exceed \$22,652.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Grayshift, LLC, Atlanta, Georgia, for the renewal of Digital Forensics Software for the period of October 18, 2022 to October 17, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$27,995.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into contracts with various vendors, experts, court reporters, expert witnesses, examining physicians and other specialists, for litigation support and transcription services for the period of January 1, 2022

through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

#### DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Laura Scutari, Director

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1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with CWA-Local 1080 for a Labor Agreement commencing July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2024. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

County Manager Oatman thanked the members and leadership of CWA for coming to the table to negotiate the cited contract. He recognized the difficulties often associated with collective-bargaining negotiations, adding that he thought they had ultimately settled on a good contract for both the members and the County.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Sisbarro Towing & Recovery, LLC, Union, NJ for towing services for the period of September 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$15,500.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
3. Amending Resolution 2022-577, Third Party Administrator Services with Horizon Blue Cross Shield of New Jersey, to reflect a change in account numbers only, with no other changes to the terms or conditions of the contract. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
4. Amending Resolution 2022-575, a contract with Third Party Administrators for Self-Insured Healthcare and Prescription Claims, to reflect a change in account number only, with no other changes to the terms or conditions to the contract. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
5. Amending Resolution 2022-576, Third Party Administrator Services with CVS CAREMARK, to reflect a change in account number only, with no other changes to the terms or conditions of the contract. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
6. Amending Resolution 2022-570, Stop Loss Insurance with Horizon Blue Cross Shield of New Jersey, to reflect a change in account number only, with no other changes to the terms or conditions of the contract. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

Commissioner Kowalski asked Director Scutari if she was aware of any changes and or increases being faced by the County, noting changes to state-employee insurance coverage costs. She added that NJ Senate President Scutari and Speaker Coughlin were advocating for equal benefits amongst municipal, county, and state employees.

Director Scutari advised that she was not currently aware of any changes affecting Union County.

7. Declaring various goods as surplus and no longer needed for use by the County, and further authorizing the County Manager to advertise and hold a public auction for said surplus goods. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Amy Crisp Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

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1. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract, through a fair and open Request for Competitive Contract process (RCCP #6-2022), for the Administration of the Union County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (UCERAP) to Curry Davis Consulting Group, Fairburn, GA to administer the Union County Emergency Rental Assistance Program Round 2 for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$8,177,075.17. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Kemper Sports Inc., Kenilworth NJ for catering services in an amount not to exceed \$375.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

Vice Chair Hudak inquired about the amount cited and asked if this related to an event of some kind.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that Kemper Sports Inc. was subject to the same pay-to-play rules as other vendors that conducted business with the County. She noted that this item related to a Veterans Ad Hoc Committee meeting that would have caused the vendor to exceed the pay-to-play threshold, adding that the necessary paperwork was executed to comply with said purchasing regulations.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

Joseph Graziano, Director

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There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Concurring with the Township of Springfield Ordinance #2022-20 passed on July 19, 2022 eliminating a NJ Transit existing bus stop on South Springfield Avenue at Essex Road, and, eliminating the NJ Transit bus stop on South Springfield Avenue, Northbound at Hillside Avenue far side (29622) and extending said stop 105 feet southerly therefrom. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
2. 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., to Kyle Conti Construction, LLC., Hillsborough, New Jersey for the Hamilton Street Bridge over Robinson's Branch of the Rahway River Scour Protection, City of Rahway, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$655,595.00, subject to the approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (BA# 20-2022; Union County Engineering Project # 2018-008). **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement between the County of Union and the Township of Cranford for the installation of a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Pedestrian Crosswalk System on Penn Road and Springfield Avenue (CR. 615) in Township of Cranford, New Jersey. System will be purchased and maintained by the Township of Cranford. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

4. Amending Resolution Number 2021-272 adopted April 8, 2021, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Railroad Construction Company, Inc., Paterson, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 for the Gordon Street Bridge over "Out of Service" Conrail structure 2050150, Boroughs of Roselle and Roselle Park, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will increase the original contract amount by \$250,035.90 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$7,633,473.77. (BA# 1-2021; Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-051) subject to the approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement between the County of Union and the City of Summit for the installation of multiple Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Pedestrian Crosswalk Systems on Mountain Avenue & Lerner Road, Druid Hill Road, Magnolia Place, Springfield Avenue & Pine Grove Avenue, Baltusrol Road & Ashwood Avenue, Morris Avenue & Morris Court, Orchard Street & Briant Parkway, Broad Street & Orchard Street, and Summit Avenue & Euclid Avenue. RRFBs will be purchased, installed and maintained by the City of Summit. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Neglia Engineering Associates, Lyndhurst, New Jersey to provide Engineering Services for the John H. Stamler Police Academy Running Track, Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$28,440.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2022-017). **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to USA Architects, Somerville, New Jersey to provide Architectural Services for a Space Study for 921 Elizabeth Avenue & 40 Parker Road, City of Elizabeth, County of Union, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2022-020). **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
8. Granting permission to the Borough of New Providence to close Springfield Avenue from South Street to Livingston Avenue on Sunday, October 30, 2022 from 7:30 am to 7:00 pm for the Annual Street Fair and to close South Street from Gales Drive to Springfield Avenue on Friday, November 25, 2022 from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm for the Holiday Festival. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
9. Granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights' Volunteer Rescue Squad to hang a banner over Springfield Avenue and Plainfield Avenue from October 3, 2022 to October 31, 2022 advertising the Volunteer Rescue Squad Membership Drive. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
10. Granting permission to the Township of Springfield's Saint James Church to hang a banner and close South Springfield Avenue between Mountain Avenue and Shunpike Road on October 11, 12, 13, 14, 2022 between 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm and October 15, 2022 between 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm for their Church Festival. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
11. Granting permission to the Township of Scotch Plains to hang a banner on Park Avenue from September 19, 2022 through October 3, 2022 to promote "Scotch

Plains Weekend" and to close Park Avenue from East 2nd Street to Front Street and Bartle Avenue on Sunday, October 2, 2022 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm for Scotch Plains Day. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

12. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq to Morton Salt, Inc. of Chicago, IL to provide Rock Salt for a twelve-month (12) period in an amount not to exceed \$769,400.00 (BA# UCCP 21-2022). **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

#### DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Bibi Taylor, Director

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There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2022-13, authorizing departmental signatories for Calendar Year 2022. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
2. Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$115,263.00 as a result of notification received from New Jersey Transit for a program entitled: FTA Section 5310- Mobility Management Grant. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
3. Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$375,000.00 as a result of notification received from New Jersey Transit for a program entitled: New Jersey Job Access Reverse Commute (NJ-JARC) Grant. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
4. Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$23,361.07 as a result of notification received from Kenilworth Public Schools for a program entitled: Kenilworth 2022 Special School Election Reimbursement Grant. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
5. Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$1,376,196.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division on Aging for a program entitled: Area Plan Contract. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
6. Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$120,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a program entitled: Social Services for the Homeless (SSH) Grant. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
7. Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$170,399.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: VOCA Sexual Assault Response Team/Forensic Nurse Examiner (SANE) Grant. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
8. Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$12,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Military and Veteran Affairs for a program entitled: Paratransit Veterans Grant. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

9. Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$73,950.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Highway Traffic Safety for a program entitled: Drug Recognition Expert Callout Program (DRE) Grant. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
10. Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$65,800.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Highway Traffic Safety for a program entitled: Special Enforcement Grant. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
11. Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$78,600.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Highway Traffic Safety for a program entitled: Comprehensive Traffic Safety Program (CTSP) Grant. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
12. Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$1,860,287.46 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

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Deputy County Manager Amy C. Wagner represented the Department.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the County's final option to extend the contract awarded to Mutual of America, Parsippany, New Jersey, pursuant to Resolutions 2020-513 and 2021-674 for the implementation of an employee 401(a) benefits plan for county employees not covered under the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) in an amount not to exceed \$64,714.00 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the County's final option to extend the contract awarded to Mutual of America, Parsippany, New Jersey, pursuant to Resolutions 2020-514 and 2021-675 for the provision of Group Life Insurance with Group Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan for employees not covered under the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS), in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 2021-767 for the addition of Visions and Pathways, Somerset Home for Temporarily Displaced Children to the list of Code Blue Shelters and motels for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

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

Deputy County Manager Wagner noted that Director Anderson had advised that the Department was seeing an increase in teen homelessness. She added that the cited vendor



was being added to the existing list of Code Blue Shelters and motels to serve that specific population.

4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 for the purpose of transporting Union County veterans to veteran's medical facilities in the amount not to exceed \$12,000.00. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
5. Amending Resolution 2022-348, an agreement with NJ Transit to secure grant funding under New Jersey Transit's Consolidated NJ Job Access and Reverse Commute (NJ-JARC Round 9) Grant Program for SY2023 to increase the grant award by \$75,000.00 for a new total grant of \$375,000.00, and to increase the cash match amount by \$75,000.00, for a new total cash match not to exceed \$375,000.00 for a total contract not to exceed \$750,000.00; for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
6. Amending Resolution 2022-499, a contract awarded to MPC Bus Corporation, Garden City, NY to reflect adjustment to the appropriation accounts. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
7. Amending Resolution 2021-135 an agreement with NJ Transit to secure grant funding for inclusion in NJ Transit's 5310 Mobility Management grant application, to increase grant funds in the amount of \$15,263.00 for a new grant total of \$315,263.00; for the time period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 and to further amend Resolution 2021-135 to remove the cash match requirement of \$60,000.00; with no other changes to the terms or conditions of the agreement. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
8. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for funding and enter into an agreement with New Jersey Transit to secure SFY23 grant funding for the Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents Transportation Assistance Program (SCDRTAP) for the provision of curb-to-curb transportation for seniors age sixty and older, persons with disabilities and/or economically disadvantaged residents of Union County for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the amount of \$1,474,806.00. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
9. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with The Mount Olive Baptist Church, Plainfield, New Jersey to provide warming center services for homeless individuals of Union County designated Code Blue Nights for the period of January 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$33,000.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded asked if the cited vendor was a new warming center.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that The Mount Olive Baptist Church had served as an invaluable partner to the County for several years, noting their efforts during last year's annual Point-In-Time Count of the Homeless. She added that the facility ran an impressive operation, managing to temporarily shelter and feed many individuals on very limited resources.

10. Amending Resolution 2022-120, a contract with The Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, Elizabeth, NJ for the 2022 Homeless Outreach and Shelter Program, to reflect an account number change only. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
11. Authorizing the County Manager to designate the Union County Intoxicated Driver Resource Center (IDRC), under the Union County Department of Human Services, Division of Individual & Family Support Services, located at the Union County Administration Building, Elizabeth, NJ 07207 for the purpose of providing State-mandated 12 -Hour education, alcohol/drug substance abuse evaluation, and treatment referral for persons charged and/or convicted of Driving While Intoxicated/Driving Under the Influence as required by the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Intoxicated Driving Program for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024 at no cost to the County. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
12. Amending Resolution Number 2022-555 a contract with Gateway Outdoor Advertising, Long Valley, NJ, to provide vehicle advertisements promoting vaccine and booster awareness throughout Union County, to reflect a two (2) month extension through October 15, 2022 in an additional amount not to exceed \$8,250.00 for a new amount not to exceed \$25,905.00. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

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

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that this item related to mass-transit vehicle advertisements, specifically for trains and buses. She added that this advertising resource would be used to encourage vaccinations and booster shots.

13. Amending Resolution 2021-678, a contract with Trinitas Regional Medical Center for the FY2022 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Innovative (ADAI) Program, to reflect a one (1) month extension to the contract through September 30, 2022; with no increase to the overall award. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**
14. Amending Resolution Number 2021-534, a contract with the United Way of Greater Union County for the 2021 Union County Family Support and Prevention (FSP) Program, to reflect a three (3) month extension to the contract term through December 31, 2022 and to increase the award amount by \$65,744.01 for a new total award not to exceed \$503,243.01. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
15. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept and the Board to endorse and approve the 2023 Comprehensive County Youth Services Plan and Application Update, to include Award numbers listing each funding source as required by the State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission and Attorney General's Office during the grant period January 1, 2023-December 31, 2023: The State Community Partnership Program Management Funds in the amount of \$90,000.00; State Community Partnership Program Service Funds in the amount of \$646,143.00; and Family Court Services in the amount of \$248,737.00 for a total grant award amount of not to exceed \$984,880.00. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
16. Amending Resolution Number 2022-500 to reflect an increase in the original Area Plan Contract Spending Plan in the amount of \$1,377,680.00 for a new total contract

of not to exceed \$8,309,154.00 with no other changes to the terms or conditions.  
**(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

17. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with McKesson, Henrico, VA, for vaccination services for the 2021-2022 flu season beginning August 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$25,807.24.  
**(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

#### DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Ron Zuber, Director

Commissioner Leon thanked Director Zuber and his staff for their efforts in facilitating Women's Archery Day at Oakridge Park to raise funds for Josephine's Place in Elizabeth.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract, to Colliers Engineering & Design Inc, Red Bank, New Jersey to provide Engineering Services for Hydro-Raking of multiple ponds in Union County, County of Union, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$42,702.50 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2021-012). **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Amending Resolution 2022-287 adopted on April 7, 2022, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to PM Construction Corp., Hillside, New Jersey for the Rahway River Park Path Resurfacing Project, City of Rahway, County of Union, New Jersey approving Change Order 1 (final) increasing the amount by \$24,532.75 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$146,632.75 (BA# 11-2022; Union County Engineering Project # 2022-001). **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract, to Colliers Engineering & Design, Red Bank, New Jersey to provide Engineering Services for the Zimmerman Park Parking Lot Improvements, Township of Union, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$60,529.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2022-018). **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Access and Use Agreement with the City of Summit to authorize them to operate a dog park at the County's Summit Transfer Station parkland for a five (5) year term. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Commissioner Granados asked Director Zuber to elaborate on this item.

Director Zuber advised that this item related to an Access and Use Agreement between the County and the City of Summit, which would allow the City to utilize a 50ft x 500ft parcel within the County's Transfer Station parkland in Summit for a dog park. He confirmed that the City of Summit would be solely responsible for the maintenance and oversight of the dog park.

Chair Williams asked Director Zuber to confirm that this item related to a Use Agreement between the County and the City of Summit and inquired if any monies would be transferred relative to this agreement.

Director Zuber confirmed that this item was related to an Access and Use Agreement and that the City of Summit would be responsible for oversight of the dog park.

Chair Williams inquired about the possibility of introducing a similar resource in other municipalities. She inquired about the space being used in the City of Summit and whether or not there was something unique about the area that lent itself to this purpose.

County Manager Oatman confirmed that the parcel in Summit was unique because it was County-owned and was ideal for a dog park as it had no other current, feasible use. He added that the City of Summit would be paying the County \$1.00 for use of the area over the course of the five-year agreement.

Commissioner Granados noted that this was a good resource for pet owners. He recognized the County and the City of Summit for establishing this resource.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Andrew Moran, Director

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1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with McKesson, Henrico, VA, for vaccination services for the 2022-2023 flu season beginning August 31, 2022 through November 1, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$22,400.00. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded asked Director Moran how many flu vaccinations the County generally administered annually.

Director Moran advised that this resource was a collaborative program between the Departments of Human Services and Public Safety, adding that between the two Departments, 951 flu vaccinations were administered last year. He noted that approximately 1,700 were given the previous year.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Training Specialties Inc, Exton, PA for the testing of and training on the UASI Foam Tenders/Tankers using FY20 and FY21 UASI funds in the amount of not to exceed \$35,800.00. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept and expend funds awarded through the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM) Preparedness Bureau via NJEM Grants funded through the 2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant - EMPG/ Emergency Management Agency Assistance- EMAA Grant (FY22-EMPG-EMAA-2000) in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.00; consisting of up to a \$55,000.00 Federal Award (with a County in-kind match of up to and in an amount of not to exceed \$55,000.00), for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

#### **OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL**

Bruce H. Bergen, County Counsel

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There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2022-313, to increase the appropriation to DeCotiis Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin LLP, Paramus, NJ for Special Legal Counsel in the matter entitled H.C. Equities v. UC, et als, in the amount not to exceed \$50,000.0 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$330,000.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter in to a contract with Kologi Simitz, Linden, NJ to represent the County of Union in the matter entitled Sgt. Homero Almanazar v. County of Union, et al., in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

#### **OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER**

Edward T. Oatman, County Manager

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1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Vollers Excavating & Construction, Inc., North Branch, NJ for the operation and maintenance of the Union County Conservation Facility, Springfield, NJ for a three (3) year period commencing October 15, 2022 through October 14, 2025 with one option to extend for an additional two (2) year period. (Revenue Generating) **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

County Manager Oatman recognized Directors Taylor and Graziano as well as Counsel Bergen for their efforts in facilitating this item. He advised that the County had a leaf-operation at the Quarry that typically cost \$400,000 a year. He noted that by privatizing this item, the County could generate thousands of dollars in profit. He confirmed that there would be no lay-offs as a result of this action and that affected Quarry County-personnel would be reassigned to other areas of need.

#### **COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

1. Recognizing the distinguished career of New Jersey Senator Ronald L. Rice upon his retirement. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr, & The Entire Board)**
2. Extending this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Ali Muhammad, Rahway High School Student, who tragically passed away on September 8, 2022. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr, & The Entire Board)**
3. Recognizing September as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and September 10th as World Suicide Prevention Day in an effort to further remember those affected by suicide, to raise awareness, and to focus efforts on directing treatment to those who need it most; and further encourage all community members to use their voices to spread hope and to take part in giving out vital information to people, affected by suicide. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr, & The Entire Board)**
4. Recognizing the month of September as National Recovery Month in order to raise awareness that recovery is possible and to strengthen the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, prevention works, treatment is effective and strides can be made by those in recovery. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr, & The Entire Board)**

5. Offering this Board's most sincere condolences to the family of former Rahway Councilman Girolamo "Jerry" Scaturro during their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr, & The Entire Board)**
6. Sponsoring the City of Plainfield's Love Plainfield Day of Fun being held on October 1, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$750. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**
7. Sponsoring the Brothers & Sisters of the Community's Rahway Ol' Skool Day being held on October 1, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$750. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**
8. Sponsoring the Greater Westfield UNICO/Westfield Italian American Club's Columbus Day event being held on October 9, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$500. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**
9. Sponsoring the City of Linden's Halloween Parade being held on October 23, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$4,000. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**
10. Sponsoring the Town of Westfield's AddamsFest being held on October 22, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$2,000. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**
11. Sponsoring the New Providence Downtown Improvement District's Street Fair being held on October 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$3,000. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**
12. Sponsoring the New Providence Downtown Improvement District's Holiday Festival being held on November 25, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$3,000. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**
13. Sponsoring the Borough of Roselle Park's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting & Winter Market being held on December 2, 2022 through December 4, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$2,000. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**
14. Congratulating four Hispanic-American entrepreneurs: George A. Canciobello, Jorge E. Casalins, Christopher Delgado, and Maurice Negron of Lifestyle International Realty on the opening of their newest branch, located in downtown Rahway, on September 15, 2022, the first day of Hispanic Heritage Month. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**
15. Offering this Board's most sincere condolences to the family of Robert Cagnassola during their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski, Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, & The Entire Board)**
16. Recognizing August 31, 2022, as International Overdose Awareness Day in Union County; the world's largest annual campaign to end overdose, remember without stigma those who have died, and acknowledge the grief of the family and friends left behind. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, & The Entire Board)**

17. Congratulating the seven honorees that were recognized by the Boy Scouts of America, Patriots' Path Council at their 2022 Union County Lifetime Achievement Awards Dinner on September 13, 2022. **(Vice Chair Christopher Hudak, Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski, & The Entire Board)**
18. Congratulating Max Ho, of Boy Scouts of America Troop 104 in Scotch Plains, upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout. **(Vice Chair Christopher Hudak, Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski, & The Entire Board)**
19. Appointing Jonathan R. Boguchwal to serve as a Commissioner of the Union County Improvement Authority to fill an unexpired term ending January 31, 2023. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
20. Re-establishing and reconstituting the Motion Picture and Television Advisory Committee; and further establishing the Motion Picture and Television Advisory Committee's membership to seven (7) public members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners; and charging the Motion Picture and Television Advisory Committee to establish its by-laws. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams, & The Entire Board)**
21. Appointing the following members to the newly reconstituted Motion Picture and Television Advisory Board: Lamar Mackson, of Plainfield, and Edwin Gomez, of Elizabeth, for terms ending December 31, 2022; J.P. Varady, of Cranford, and Pamela Morgan, of Roselle, for terms ending December 31, 2023; Kelly Martins, of the Union County Office of Public Information, Ellen Chase, of the Union County Parks Department, and Amy Wagner, of the Department of Economic Development, for terms ending December 31, 2024. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams, & The Entire Board)**
22. Authorizing Governing Body Certification of the 2021 Audit. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
23. Congratulating Phillip Cababe on being honored by the Union Knights of Columbus Council #4504 at their Past Grand Knights' Dinner on October 14, 2022, as their Grand Knight for 2021-2022. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams, & The Entire Board)**
24. Proclaiming Friday, September 16, 2022 as POW/MIA Remembrance Day throughout the County of Union. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams, Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, & The Entire Board)**
25. Recognizing October as Fire Prevention Month as a means to raising awareness of efforts taken to prevent losses due to fire and other life safety concerns; and further commending the City of Plainfield for hosting its annual Plainfield Fire Department's Fire Prevention Fair held on October 8, 2022. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams, Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, & The Entire Board)**
26. Recognizing the following honorees of the National Council for Negro Woman (NCNW) at their 16th Annual Harambee Breakfast on September 24, 2022: Mikki Taylor, Speakers Award; Cartayah Hawkins Reid, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Award; Nia Lwanga, Dorothy I. Height Leadership Award; Ruby Codjoe, Distinguished

Professional Healthcare Service Award; Gwendolyn Bishop, Greater Elizabeth Area Section Award; Detective Darin Williamson, Humanitarian Award; Yolanda Eady-Perkins, Community Service Award; Aaliyah McLinton, Dr. McLeod Bethune S.T.E.M. Achievement Award. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams, Commissioner Angela R. Garretson, & The Entire Board)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Williams asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded a voice vote showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.



## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

REORGANIZATION MEETING - THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022 at 6:30 pm  
Administration Building, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Commissioner Meeting Room

### AGENDA SETTING SESSION

January 20, 2022

February 3, 2022  
February 17, 2022

March 3, 2022  
March 24, 2022

April 7, 2022  
April 28, 2022\*

May 12, 2022  
May 26, 2022

June 9, 2022  
June 23, 2022

July 14, 2022

August 11, 2022

September 15, 2022

October 6, 2022  
October 20, 2022

November 10, 2022

December 1, 2022  
December 15, 2022

### REGULAR MEETINGS

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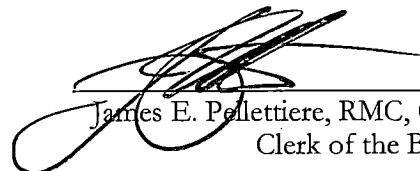
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James E. Pellettiere, RMC, QPA  
Clerk of the Board

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

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

All meetings are to be held in the Commissioner Meeting Room within the Administration Building, 6<sup>th</sup> 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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