

## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Williams presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Commissioner Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chair Hudak, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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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 called for a motion to approve the July and August Minutes. On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed four votes in the affirmative for the July 14, 2022 Agenda Setting and Regular Meeting Minutes, with Chair Williams, Commissioner Granados, and Commissioner Kowalski abstaining and Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent; and

four votes in the affirmative for the August 11, 2022 Agenda Setting and Regular Meeting Minutes, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Granados, and Commissioner Leon abstaining and Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

#### **ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION**

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**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.**

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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

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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

#### **FIRST READING STATEMENT**

Commissioner Sergio Granados, Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 839-2022 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The Public Hearing and Final Reading will be held on October 6, 2022.

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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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, noted the prior night's UCIA meeting and inquired about the amount left over from the 2012 UCIA Correctional Facility Bonding. He

made comments relative to Ordinance No. 839-2022, adding that he intended to submit an OPRA request to access the supplemental documentation. Relative to Reso Nos. 2022-738 and 2022-771, he inquired about the flu-vaccination programs cited. Relative to Reso No. 2022-757, Mr. Paterson asked for more information relative to the space-study. Relative to Reso No. 2022-762, Mr. Paterson asked if the County had any remaining salt left over from the previous winter. He also asked how much salt was used during the previous winter and how much the County had been reimbursed by the various municipalities for their use of the County resource. Relative to Reso No. 2022-769, he inquired about the increase in funding. Relative to Reso No. 2022-774, Mr. Paterson asked if an analysis had even been done to compare election-printing costs in Union versus other counties in NJ. He also asked why additional monies were being requested for a NTE item. Relative to Reso No. 2022-779, Mr. Paterson asked for an overview of the new labor contract. Relative to Reso Nos. 2022-788 & 2022-789, he asked for an overview of both matters.

Relative to the 2012 UCIA Correctional Facility Bonding, County Manager Oatman advised that the total balance being returned was \$751.20. He further advised that the UCIA was working on clearing up old, dormant accounts that had been forgotten under the previous administration. He added that in the past year, the organization had returned approximately \$735,000 to various municipalities, including: \$448,000 to the City of Plainfield and \$65,000 to the Plainfield Board of Education; and \$223,000 to the Township of Union.

Relative to Ordinance No. 839-2022, County Manager Oatman advised that the bond appropriated \$62,381,711, but did not account for approximately \$15 million in grant monies received by the County for various projects, adding that the County was only authorizing approximately \$48 million in debt.

Relative to Reso No. 2022-738, County Manager Oatman confirmed Director Moran's earlier information and advised that 1,700 flu vaccinations were administered in 2020, with another 950 administered in 2021. He confirmed these items were timely and on-schedule for the 2022 flu season.

Relative to Reso No. 2022-757, County Manager Oatman advised that this item was related to an architectural study to determine the best use and configuration for the cited locations to maximize space and productivity.

Relative to Reso No. 2022-762, Director Graziano confirmed that some rock salt remained from the previous year, noting that \$458,000 was spent on a (NTE) contract of \$612,000. He added that costs per ton would be increasing approximately 25%, rising from \$61.53 a ton to \$79.64 a ton. He further advised that the bid specifications accounted for 10,000 tons of salt, adding that 6,900 tons had been used the previous year. He confirmed that towns involved in the County's Co-op would pay the County's rate on rock salt.

Relative to Reso No. 2022-769, Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that funding for the Area Plan Contract Spending Plan was distributed in installments. She further advised that as funding was awarded, the County would receive the monies an allocate as necessary. She added that this item related to the fourth installment of said funding.

Relative to Reso No. 2022-774, Clerk Rajoppi advised that she was not aware of any formal cost analysis/study conducted, but given her affiliation with COANJ, she could determine that Union County compared favorably in terms of election costs with counties of a similar size. She noted that election costs in Union County were comparable to costs in Middlesex County. In comparison, she noted that a County like Bergen County that had more districts incurred more costs. She confirmed that these additional charges were necessary in order to comply with the requirements of the new legislation.

Relative to Reso No. 2022-779, County Manager Oatman advised that the agreement was a 4-year contract with the usual terms governing salaries and benefits.

Relative to Reso No. 2022-788, Counsel Bergen advised that this matter related to a large litigation that has continued over many years. He added that while the County had been successful in defending its position all the way up to NJ's Supreme Court, the matter persisted and additional monies were needed to continue defending the County's position on the matter.

Relative to Reso No. 2022-789, Counsel Bergen advised the County would be securing outside counsel for this matter as customary, adding that he could not speak to the specifics of the case as it was on-going.

There were no additional questions or comments from the public.

#### **RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION**

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The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

**2022-718 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR:** 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.

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

**2022-719 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2022-13, authorizing departmental signatories for Calendar Year 2022.

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

**2022-720 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

**2022-721 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

**2022-722 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

**2022-723 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

**2022-724 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

**2022-725 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

**2022-726 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

**2022-727 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

**2022-728 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

**2022-729 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

**2022-730 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

**2022-731 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

**2022-732 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

**2022-733 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

**2022-734 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

**2022-735 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

**2022-736 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

**2022-737 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

**2022-738 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

**2022-739 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring the City of Plainfield's Love Plainfield Day of Fun being held on October 1, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$750.

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

**2022-740 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

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

**2022-741 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.



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

**2022-742 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring the City of Linden's Halloween Parade being held on October 23, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.

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

**2022-743 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring the Town of Westfield's AddamsFest being held on October 22, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.

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

**2022-744 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring the New Providence Downtown Improvement District's Street Fair being held on October 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.

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

**2022-745 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring the New Providence Downtown Improvement District's Holiday Festival being held on November 25, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.

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

**2022-746 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

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

**2022-747 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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).

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

**2022-748 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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).

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

**2022-749 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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).

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

**2022-750 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

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

**2022-751 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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.

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

**2022-752 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 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).

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

**2022-753 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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.

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

**2022-754 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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.

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

**2022-755 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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 & Larner 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.

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

**2022-756 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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).

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

**2022-757 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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).

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

**2022-758 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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.

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

**2022-759 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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.

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

**2022-760 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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.

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

**2022-761 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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.

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

**2022-762 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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).

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

**2022-763 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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.

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

**2022-764 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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.

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

**2022-765 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Amending Resolution 2022-499, a contract awarded to MPC Bus Corporation, Garden City, NY to reflect adjustment to the appropriation accounts.

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

**2022-766 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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.

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

**2022-767 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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.

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

**2022-768 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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.

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

**2022-769 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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.

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

**2022-770 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDE:** 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.

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

**2022-771 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

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

**2022-772 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

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

**2022-773 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

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

**2022-774 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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.

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

**2022-775 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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.

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

**2022-776 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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.

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

**2022-777 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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.

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

**2022-778 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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.

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

**2022-779 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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.

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

**2022-780 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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.

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



**2022-781 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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.

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

**2022-782 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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.

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

**2022-783 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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.

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

**2022-784 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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.

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

**2022-785 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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.

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

**2022-786 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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.

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

**2022-787 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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.

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

**2022-788 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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.

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

**2022-789' CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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.

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

**2022-790 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Appointing Jonathan R. Boguchwal to serve as a Commissioner of the Union County Improvement Authority to fill an unexpired term ending January 31, 2023.

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

**2022-791 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

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

**2022-792 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

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

**2022-793 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing Governing Body Certification of the 2021 Audit.

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

**2022-794 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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)

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

#### COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

**2022-795 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing the distinguished career of New Jersey Senator Ronald L. Rice upon his retirement.

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

**2022-796 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Extending this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Ali Muhammad, Rahway High School Student, who tragically passed away on September 8, 2022.

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

**2022-797 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

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

**2022-798 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

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

**2022-799 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Offering this Board's most sincere condolences to the family of former Rahway Councilman Girolamo "Jerry" Scaturro during their time of sorrow.

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

**2022-800 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating four Hispanic-American entrepreneurs: George A. Canciobello, Jorge E. Casalins, Christopher Delgado, and Maurice Negrón 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.

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

**2022-801 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Offering this Board's most sincere condolences to the family of Robert Cagnassola during their time of sorrow.

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

**2022-802 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

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

**2022-803 VICE CHAIR CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

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

**2022-804 VICE CHAIR CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Max Ho, of Boy Scouts of America Troop 104 in Scotch Plains, upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

**2022-805 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

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

**2022-806 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Proclaiming Friday, September 16, 2022 as POW/MIA Remembrance Day throughout the County of Union.

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

**2022-807 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

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

**2022-808 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

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

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

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Commissioner Leon reminded residents about the upcoming voter registration deadline on October 18<sup>th</sup>, and encouraged those who were not registered, to do so. She noted that residents could register online as well as register in-person at several upcoming events, including: Roselle Cultural Day on September 17<sup>th</sup> at Warinanco Sports Center; Linden September to Remember at Linden City Hall on September 24<sup>th</sup>; Elizabeth Puerto Rican Parade and Festival on September 25<sup>th</sup>; Hillside Health Fair on October 1<sup>st</sup>; and Family Fun Day for Hispanic Heritage Month on October 15<sup>th</sup>. She also noted that Union Library would be having a voter registration event on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Granados reminded residents that Union County would be celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup>, adding that the month-long celebration had been kicked off earlier at Union College with alumni, professors, and staff coming together to celebrate their Hispanic heritage and the contributions made by Hispanics to their communities. Additionally, he thanked his Commissioner colleagues, residents, and other members of the Union County family for attending the annual Hispanic Heritage Flag Raising Ceremony at the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth earlier that day. Commissioner Granados encouraged residents to participate in the various events slated for Hispanic Heritage Month, noting several activities, including: Cultural Day at Warinanco Sports Center on September 17<sup>th</sup>; Encanto Movie Night on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Family Fun Day at Rahway River Park on October 15<sup>th</sup>, among others. He noted that he looked forward to the month-long celebration of the diversity that makes Union County a strong place to live.

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded noted the earlier Hispanic Heritage Flag Raising ceremony and recognized colleague Commissioners Granados and Leon for their efforts relative to the event. She noted that she was looking forward to the upcoming events scheduled for the month-long celebration, particularly the Encanto Movie Night, adding that the film was her daughter's favorite. On another note, Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded advised that the Office of Health Management would be hosting several free vaccination clinics in the upcoming weeks and would be expanding the County's COVID-19 testing schedule to include Mondays at the County's EMS Building in Roselle Park and Wednesdays at Plainfield's Performing Arts Center. Additionally, she advised that free flu shots would be made available to residents at several locations

throughout the County, starting on September 24<sup>th</sup>. She noted that the free flu shot clinics were open to all Union County residents, ages 9 and up, adding that children between the ages of 4-8 also qualified if they had previously received two flu shots in accordance with CDC guidelines. She further advised that masks were mandatory when visiting any of the County's clinics, noted that people experiencing fever, coughing, or sneezing would not be permitted on site. She added that walk-ins would be seen on a time-allowing basis. Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded also advised that residents could visit the County's Immunization Center in Elizabeth to obtain a variety of standard immunizations. She further advised that there was no income-eligibility requirement for the COVID-19 or seasonal flu vaccines through the Immunization Center, but warned that other immunizations were available strictly on an income-eligible basis. She encouraged residents to contact the Union County Immunization Center for more information.

Commissioner Kowalski thanked Commissioner Granados and Commissioner Leon for hosting an inspiring, flag-raising ceremony earlier for Hispanic Heritage month, adding that all the members of the Board were proud to participate in the event. On another note, she reminded residents about several upcoming recycling events throughout the County, including a paper shredding event at Union College in Cranford on September 17<sup>th</sup> and two Scrap Metal events on September 17<sup>th</sup>, one at the Cranford EMS building and the other in Rahway, at Rahway River Park. She added that scrap metal events would take place twice a month between April and November.

Commissioner Baker invited residents to attend and watch the upcoming Ride for Freedom event on September 18<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Rolling Thunder Inc's NJ Chapter 2. He advised that a \$10 registration fee would be charged per cycle and all benefits would go to the NJ Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation and the Vietnam Era Museum.

Vice Chair Hudak invited residents to participate in the free, upcoming Fall Fishing Derby for Persons with Disabilities and Special Needs on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at Echo Lake Park. He advised that chairs and fishing polls would be provided at no charge, but encouraged participants to bring their own chairs and fishing polls if they preferred, adding that pre-registration was required for the event. On another note, he reminded residents about the County's annual commemoration of POW/MIA Remembrance Day, taking place on September 16<sup>th</sup> in front of the Union County Courthouse. He noted that this event provided an opportunity to honor the sacrifice of those who served our country and were prisoners of war or listed as missing in action.

Chair Williams announced that Union County would be re-establishing its Film Commission to assist film, TV, and or digital media production companies in scouting locations within Union County for their projects, adding that the County received multiple inquires and requests weekly from companies look to explore Union County for various media productions. She added that re-establishing this Commission would allow the County to maximize on the financial impacts that could result from film projects in the community, including tax incentives and state-tax credits that could reimburse up to 35% of costs for services provided by NJ businesses. Chair Williams noted the many offerings of Union County which made it an ideal place for entertainment projects.

County Manager Oatman wished Commissioner Leon a Happy Birthday.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 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

January 20, 2022

February 3, 2022  
February 17, 2022

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March 24, 2022

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April 28, 2022\*

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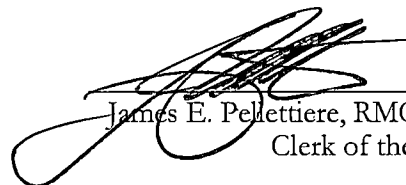
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James E. Pellettiere, RMC, QPA  
Clerk of the Board

\* 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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