

# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023 AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Granados presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

#### ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Chairman Sergio Granados, Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr., Commissioner Joseph C. Bodek, Commissioner Angela R. Garretson, Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski, Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and Commissioner Rebecca Williams were present.

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

#### PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

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

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

#### PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

A presentation was made to the Board by the Union County Disc Golf Association.

Chairman Granados called upon Oak Ridge Park Disc Golf Board Members, Club President David Liss, Horticulturist Arlene Gurka, and Adam Zucker for the disc golf presentation.

Commissioner Mirabella advised that he had met with Mr. Adam Zucker several months ago to discuss the inclusion of a disc golf course at Oak Ridge Park. He noted that he was happy to see the course get so much use, adding that he was eager for everyone else to learn more about the activity.

Adam Zucker, of Summit, provided the Board with a presentation relative to the disc golf course in Oak Ridge Park. He advised that it was the first of its kind in Union County. He noted the sports growing popularity and thanked the Board for their support and efforts in having a free, permanent disc golf course created at Oak Ridge Park. He provided certain background information about the sport as well as certain design elements incorporated at the Oak Ridge Park course. He also noted some of the available resources on site for individuals wishing to learn more about the sport.

He also noted various disc golf tournaments and disc golf groups throughout New Jersey.

Club President David Liss spoke relative to the initial struggles of getting the sport off the ground at Oak Ridge Park, noting a charity tournament that took place in 2019 with the use of temporary baskets that collected \$5000 in charitable donations for 4-H in addition to garnering lots of attention and interest in the sport.

Horticulturist Arlene Gurka noted her work with Jim Nichnadowicz from the Rutgers Co-Op Extension relative to selecting trees native to New Jersey and planting them in various areas throughout the course with a priority on safety. She added that once planted, she and other members of 4-H were responsible for inspecting and upkeeping the trees as needed.

Adam Zucker also advised that pre-pandemic, approximately three courses were being installed daily around the world, adding that in the last two years the number had increased to 5 ½ per day which demonstrated the growing interest in the sport. He also noted that the course at Oak Ridge Park was relatively close to New York City and the location could be beneficial in attracting disc golf athletes from the surrounding areas. He recognized the County for building an informative kiosk where notices and instructions could be posted for visitors. Adam Zucker also discussed the various improvements and upgrades he wanted to incorporate in the future, with the assistance of the County of Union and the Board, at the disc-golf course at Oak Ridge Park as the sport gained more traction and attention.

Chairman Granados advised that Parks Director Victoria Durbin-Drake was always willing to discuss and consider any forthcoming improvements to enhance the disc golf course at Oak Ridge Park.

Commissioner Williams spoke about her visit to the disc golf course a year earlier, noting her limited knowledge of the sport. She added that she was happy to see disc golf getting so much national attention and having Union County house the Oak Ridge Park course. She thanked Mr. Zucker and company for the very informative presentation.

#### **APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Note and File

Chairman Granados advised that the Communications would be approved later during the Regular Meeting.

#### OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

William Daniel, Prosecutor

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Deborah A. White Consulting, LLC, Cranford, NJ to provide Crisis Intervention Team Training to law

enforcement and mental health personnel for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$100. (Chairman Sergio Granados)

- 2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with Middlesex County for the utilization of the Union County Forensic Laboratory by a Middlesex County Forensic Scientist to commence upon full execution of the agreement for a period of 3 years in the amount not to exceed \$90,000.00 to pay for all reagents, chemicals and supplies necessary for the Middlesex County Analyst. (Chairman Sergio Granados)
- 3. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding for the purpose described in the application from the State of New Jersey, Division of Administration, Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General under the SFY23 Law Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment Fund (LEOTEF) Grant Program, in the amount of \$13,092.00. (Chairman Sergio Granados)
- 4. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding for the purpose described in the application from the State of New Jersey, Division of Administration, Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program to support the Multi-Jurisdictional Gang, Gun, and Narcotics Task Forces for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$160,351.00. (Chairman Sergio Granados)
- 5. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding for the purpose described in the application from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General, Division of State Police Grant Program for FY21 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program, Project Titled Efficiency Improvement and Chemist Certification in the amount of \$32,189.00 in federal funds for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. (Chairman Sergio Granados)
- 6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with SHI International Corp., Somerset, New Jersey, to purchase a camera system to benefit the sexual assault and non-fatal strangulation program upon full execution of the contract through September 30, 2023 in the amount of not to exceed \$29,692.55 (Grant funded). (Chairman Sergio Granados)

#### OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF

Peter Corvelli, Sheriff

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with CFG Health Systems LLC, Marlton, New Jersey for the provision of comprehensive institutional healthcare services for incarcerated adults at the Union County Jail for the contract period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$1,962,054.00. (Commissioner James Baker Jr)

Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded asked Sheriff Corvelli to elaborate on this item.

Sheriff Corvelli advised that this item related to a one-year contract with CFG Health Systems to provide comprehensive healthcare services to inmates awaiting transfer to Essex County Correctional Facility. He noted that costs has increased from \$150,000 the previous year to \$163,500.

2. Amending Resolution 2022-78, a Shared Service Agreement with the County of Essex for the relocation of Union County inmates to the Essex County Correctional Facility, in an additional amount of not to exceed \$1,973,035.66 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$15,259,035.66. (Commissioner James Baker Jr)

Commissioner Mirabella asked Sheriff Corvelli to elaborate on this item, particularly how this item differs from prior Shared Service Agreements.

Sheriff Corvelli noted that this item related to the County's Shared Service Agreement with Essex County Correctional Facility to house Union County inmates. He advised that pursuant to this agreement, Union County agreed to pay Essex County \$104 per day, per inmate for this service. He further advised that when the initial agreement was made, Union County had estimated approximately 340 inmates needing housing. He added that the number had increased to over 400 inmates, resulting in the increase of funding being requested.

County Manager Oatman asked Sheriff Corvelli to confirm that savings assumed from the closing of the Union County Jail still exceeded the increase in costs related to this item.

Sheriff Corvelli confirmed this to be the case.

- 3. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Bob Barker Company Inc., Fuquay-Varina, NC for the provision of consumables for the Union County Division of Corrections for the contract period of January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$33,189.00. (Grant Funded) (Commissioner James Baker Jr)
- 4. Authorizing the County Manager to participate in the Defense Logistics Agency, Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program to enable Union County Sheriff's Office to request and acquire excess Department of Defense Equipment for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. (Commissioner James Baker Jr)
- 5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Clearview Data Systems, Greenville, SC to renew an identification systems maintenance contract for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$25,330.84. (Commissioner James Baker Jr)

#### **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

Nicole DiRado, Administrator

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter in a contract with Election Systems & Software LLC (ES&S), Omaha, Nebraska, for the purpose of purchasing consumables for the Union County Vote Tabulation System for the contract period

- of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. (Chairman Sergio Granados)
- 2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Election Systems & Software LLC (ES&S), Omaha, NE to provide on-site election resources which includes the Primary Election, General Election and Early Voting for the contract period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$43,800.00. (Chairman Sergio Granados)
- 3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Election Systems and Software, LLC (ES&S), Omaha, NE for the purpose of providing hardware, firmware and software licensing, maintenance and support for Union County's Vote Tabulation System for the contract period of March 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$221,585.00. (Chairman Sergio Granados)
- 4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Royal Printing Services, West New York, NJ for the purpose of providing election printing services to print voting authority slips, challenger badges, voter and poll worker instructions and all other printing needed to conduct elections in the County of Union for the contract period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, in the amount not to exceed \$130,000.00. (Chairman Sergio Granados)
- 5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with University Van Lines, Rahway, New Jersey, for the purpose of transporting voting machines, electronic poll books and election supplies for the Union County Board of Elections for the contract period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$35,704.00. (Chairman Sergio Granados)
- 6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Liberty Transportation & Storage Co. Inc., dba The Liberty Group, Berkeley Heights, NJ for the purpose of transporting voting machines, electronic poll books and election supplies for the Union County Board of Elections for the contract period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00. (Chairman Sergio Granados)
- 7. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with EasyVote Solutions Inc., Wilmington, North Carolina, for the purpose of providing poll worker management software for the contract period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$39,600. (Chairman Sergio Granados)

#### DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Laura Scutari, Director

1. Authorizing the hiring of entry-level law enforcement officers who shall be exempt from the requirement that they take an examination upon successful completion of a full Basic Course for Police Officers within nine months of hire, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3, as required by the State of New Jersey Civil Service Commission. (Chairman Sergio Granados)

Commissioner Williams asked Director Scutari to elaborate on this item.

Director Scutari advised that the Civil Service Commission requested a Resolution be done to allow for the hiring of entry-level law enforcement officers from other municipalities without requiring them to re-take the civil service commission written test. She added that these new law-enforcement officers would still be required to complete the County's Police Academy to be considered for employment.

#### DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amy Crisp Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

- 1. Amending Resolution Number 2021-583, approving the 2021-2022 (Year 47) Consolidated Action Plan, to increase CDBG funding to utilize contingency funds to cover the cost of replacing and installing a heating unit in order to finish the project for the Township of Hillside an increase in an amount not to exceed \$25,880.00 for a new total amount not to exceed \$101,880.00. (Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)
- 2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the Clear Law Institute LLC, Arlington, VA to provide the County of Union with access to online courses including cybersecurity awareness & data privacy training, for a one-time payment in an amount not to exceed \$28,336.00. (Chairman Sergio Granados)
- 3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Comcast Business for the purpose of providing Internet Access and Data Transmission services procured through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) contract #21/21-45, for the period of June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$225,761.00. (Chairman Sergio Granados)
- 4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Crown Castle to provide Data Communications Network Services procured through State Contract 20-TELE-00946 (T1776/A85945), for the period of June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$235,000.00. (Chairman Sergio Granados)

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

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that both Item Nos. 3 & 4 related to the County's fiber-optic ring project that would enhance connectivity between all County facilities and the County's parks systems. She further advised that this particular contract would begin in June and would increase service from 1G to 10G resulting in better connectivity and more reliable service as well as cost savings of approximately \$10,000 monthly.

### DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT Joseph Graziano, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract to Neglia Engineering, Lyndhurst, New Jersey to provide On-Call General Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$ 10,000.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2023-001). (Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)

- 2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with CME Associates (Consulting & Municipal Engineers), Monmouth Junction, New Jersey to provide On-Call Environmental Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$ 100,000.00. (Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)
- 3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Dewberry Engineers Inc., Bloomfield, New Jersey to provide On-Call Bridge Services commencing January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. (Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)
- 4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with McMahon Associates, Burlington, New Jersey to provide On-Call Traffic Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. (Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)
- 5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with CME Associates (Consulting & Municipal Engineers), Monmouth Junction, New Jersey to provide On-Call MEP Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. (Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)
- 6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with USA Architects, Somerville, New Jersey to provide On-Call Architect Services commencing January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. (Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)
- 7. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with T&M Associates, Middletown, New Jersey to provide On-Call Parks Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. (Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)
- 8. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Colliers Engineering & Design, Red Bank, New Jersey to provide Construction Management Services for Phase 1 of the Union County Courthouse Boiler Replacement Project, City of Elizabeth, County of Union, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$99,560.00. (Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)
- 9. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Mast Construction Services, Inc., Little Falls, New Jersey, to provide Construction Administration Management Services for the Phase 1 Demolition of the Union County Courthouse Parking Deck, City of Elizabeth, County of Union, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$169,950.00. (Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)
- 10. Authorizing the County Manager to execute the proposed lease agreement with the Parking Authority of the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing Jury Parking as per state mandate, for a contract period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00. (Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)

- 11. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract obtained through advertised public bidding (B.A. #45-2022) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: DavEd Fire Systems, Inc., Hackensack NJ, for the purpose of providing Fire Alarm Services for twenty-four (24) months commencing upon execution of the contract, with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month optional extension, in the amount not to exceed \$650,000.00. (Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)
- 12. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Victory Industrial Supply Inc., Linden, NJ for the purchasing of hardware, factory and mill supplies for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$44,000.00. (Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)
- 13. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with NJ Advance Media, Iselin, NJ for advertisement of collection and recycling events in Union County for the period beginning March 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$22,750.00. (Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)
- 14. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Imwoth LLC dba IDSAutoshred, Toms River, NJ to provide Paper Shredding Services for County Paper Shredding Events from March 25, 2023 through October 21, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$25,900.00 (Grant funded) (Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)

#### **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

- 1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with PowerDMS, Inc., a Digital Management Software Company, Orlando FL, for the provision of a policy and compliance management platform to create, edit, organize, and distribute content from a secure, cloud-based site for the Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services commencing on January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$23,479.00 (Chairman Sergio Granados)
- 2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General, for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, and to accept grant funds in the amount of \$145,000.00 for the Union County Rape Crisis Center (RCC) to provide services for sexual violence victims through the FFY2020 Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistance Grant (VOCA-VAG), Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate (CSVA) Program. (Chairman Sergio Granados)
- 3. Authorizing the County Manager to award subcontracts under the Union County Family Success Center (FSC) Spending Plan for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the total amount not to exceed \$246,000.00; and authorizing the County Manager to transfer funds among the agencies listed during the contract period should service needs change. (Chairman Sergio Granados)

Commissioner Baker asked Director Anderson to elaborate on the number of subcontracts under the County's Family Success Center Spending Plan.

Director Anderson advised that this item stemmed from a Commissioner initiative focused on promoting family success. She further advised that there were three Family Success Centers noting Elizabeth, Hillside, and Rahway. She added that funding under this initiative would be allocated to P.R.O.C.E.E.D., Rahway Community Action Organization, and United Way of Greater Union County to assist residents through Elizabeth, Hillside, and Rahway's Family Success Center.

Chairman Granados acknowledged that by providing funding to these organizations they would be able to provide greater resources to residents directly without the need for an intermediate agency to act as a conduit for resources.

Director Anderson confirmed this to be the case.

4. Amending Resolution 2022-950, a contract with the St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church, Elizabeth, New Jersey to provide Code Blue warming center services for the period of January 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023, to increase the contract award in the amount of \$30,110.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$55,610.00, with no other changes to the terms or conditions. (Chairman Sergio Granados)

Commissioner Mirabella asked Director Anderson to provide additional details relative to how the County's Code Blue Initiative was faring this year.

Director Anderson advised that since November of 2022, Union County had had over 55 nights when temperatures fell below 32 degrees requiring the activation of the Code Blue Initiative. She noted that under Code Blue, homeless residents would be offered shelter as well as other resources through the Department of Human Services. She also noted that the County had seen an increase in homelessness, adding that approximately 400-500 homeless individuals were housed by Union County. She further advised that the County had conducted its annual Point-in-time count that week and totals would be forthcoming. She thanked the Board, County Administration and staff for their participation in this years Point-in-time count.

Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded thanked Director Anderson and her Department for their efforts in coordinating the Point-in-time count as well as securing temporary shelter and warming centers for individuals in need. She noted that she had had the opportunity to visit one of the County's warming centers earlier that week and was saddened by the great need for such resources as well as the difficulties faced by many residents relative to housing-insecurity.

Director Anderson confirmed the growing need for temporary shelter and warming centers. She noted the County's invaluable partnership with Mount Olive Baptist Church in Plainfield, adding that through the efforts of the Division of Social Services, the Department was seeking approval to formalize a contract with St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church in Elizabeth to provide similar resources.

#### DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Victoria Durbin-Drake, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding (BA# 44-2022) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks and Recreation, Frank

Carrajet dba Middle Valley Farms, Long Valley, NJ, for the purpose of providing straw, for a contract period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months that shall commence upon contract execution, in the amount of not to exceed \$162,000.00. (Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)

2. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding (BA# 43-2022) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks and Recreation, Middle Valley Farms, Long Valley NJ, for the purpose of providing hay, for a contract period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months that shall commence upon contract execution, in the amount of not to exceed \$395,200.00. (Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)

Commissioner Williams asked Director Durbin-Drake to confirm the differences between straw and hay for the benefit of the public.

Director Durbin-Drake advised that straw was dried grain stalk following the seeding process, adding that it was used by various barnyard animals to make beds for themselves. On the contrary, she advised that hay was eaten by horses and could include grass and alfalfa. She added that in comparison to straw, hay was significantly more expensive.

- 3. Amending Resolution 2022-386, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding (BA# 63-2017) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N,J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Billy Contracting and Restoration, Inc., Pine Brook, New Jersey, approving Final Change Order Number 2 for the Wheeler Park Pool House Project, City of Linden, County of Union, New Jersey. This Final Change Order will decrease the original contract amount by \$58.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$2,020,442.00. (Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)
- 4. Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution 2022-328, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding (BA#4-2022) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Underground Utilities Corp, Hillside, NJ for the Stream Stabilization Route 22 Park Project, Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union, NJ. This Final Change Order Number 1 will decrease the contract amount by \$69.25 for an amount not to exceed \$356,110.75. (Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)

Commissioner Garretson asked Director Durbin-Drake to elaborate on this item.

Director Durbin-Drake advised that both Item Nos. 3 & 4 were closing out accounts for previously-completed projects, adding that these projects were overseen by the previous Director. She referred to County Engineer Ricardo S. Matias to provide additional information.

County Engineer Matias advised that this project was focused on stream-bank stabilization along the Route 22 park in Scotch Plains. He noted that there was a historical natured wall at the location on both sides of the stream that required extensive work. He further advised that the majority of the wall had been repaired and or replaced and repointed as needed, adding that retaining walls were also regraded and the park was cleaned up after the work was completed.

Commissioner Garretson requested pictures be provided of the site and the work conducted.

- 5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Landscape Solutions LLC, Union, NJ, for the purpose of providing supplemental lawn maintenance and landscaping services to small park areas throughout Union County, for the period of nine (9) months from March 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$44,000.00. (Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)
- 6. Designating the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs as the Official County Cultural and Heritage Agency of the County of Union for the year 2023. (Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)
- 7. Authorization to apply for private and public funding for the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. (Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)
- 8. Amending Resolution Number 2023-71, approving KemperSports Management, Inc.'s operational budget for Shady Rest/Scotch Hills Golf Course operational expenses, to reflect a change in account numbers only. (Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

- 1. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract pursuant to competitive contracting law (RCCP 5-2022), N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 with MAD Property and Tech dba Mobile Medical Services and Technology, New Providence, New Jersey, to assist home-bound County residents with healthcare based on community needs and demand for vaccines that exceed the Health Department's resources for a one year (1) year period beginning January 26, 2023 through January 25, 2024 with the option for up to four (4) one (1) year extensions in an amount not to exceed \$520,000.00. (Commissioner James Baker Jr)
- 2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Trigyn Technologies, Inc., Edison, New Jersey for a vaccination management system for the contract period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00. (Commissioner James Baker Jr)
- 3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Kean University, Union, NJ, for use and access to Kean University for Covid-19 testing and laboratory services for the contract period of February 1, 2023 through Jan 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$850,000.00 with one option to extend for an additional twelve (12) month period. (Commissioner James Baker Jr)

Chairman Granados asked Director Moran to elaborate on this item.

Director Moran advised that this program related to COVID-19 testing being provided to residents throughout the pandemic. He noted that this item related to a shared service agreement with Kean University to process PCR specimens in their on-site laboratory.

Chairman Granados asked Director Moran to confirm that this contract would allow for a timelier return of results.

Director Moran confirmed that results were rendered very quickly, adding that exams were available for Flu A & B as well as COVID-19 diagnosis using the same specimen.

#### OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Bruce H. Bergen, County Counsel

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

- 1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into contracts with West Publishing Corporation dba West, a Thomson Reuters business, Eagan, MN for the purchase of law books, internet services and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional offices and agencies within the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$42,075.00. (Chairman Sergio Granados)
- 2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Gann Law Books, Newark, NJ for the purchase of law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional offices and agencies within the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$56,275.00. (Chairman Sergio Granados)
- 3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with LexisNexis, a division of RELX Inc., Philadelphia, PA for the purchase of law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional offices and agencies within the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$52,095.00. (Chairman Sergio Granados)
- 4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with various vendors for the purchase of law books, legal internet services and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional offices and agencies within the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$18,075.00. (Chairman Sergio Granados)
- 5. Amending Resolution 2022-917 to increase funds to Weiner Law Group, LLP, Parsippany, NJ, to represent the County of Union in the matter of Susan Tamburri v. County of Union, el als. in an additional of not to exceed \$25,000.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. (Chairman Sergio Granados)
- 6. Amending Resolution 2022-855 to increase the appropriation to Hatfield Schwartz, LLC to represent the County of Union, Union County Prosecutor's Office and former Acting Prosecutor Lyndsay V. Ruotolo in the matter entitled Susan J. Gleason v. New Jersey Office of the Attorney General et al, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. (Chairman Sergio Granados)
- 7. Amending Resolution Number 2022-191 to increase the appropriation amount to Chasan, Lamparello, Mallon & Campuzzo, P.C. of Secaucus, NJ in the matter entitled Maria Reynolds-Jerussi v. NJ Office of the Attorney General, et als. by an

additional amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$70,000.00. (Chairman Sergio Granados)

#### **COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

- 1. Appointing members in compliance with NJSA 19:8-3.7 to the Voter Accessibility Advisory Committee for the year 2023. (Commissioner Joseph C Bodek)
- 2. Congratulating the following Linden High School Student Athletes on their success in the Union County Championships Meet held at Rutgers University on January 22, 2023: Peter Jarzab for winning the Gold Medal in the 100 Free Style and Silver Medal in the 50 Free Style, and Filip Salek for winning the Bronze Medal in the 100 Fly the 100 Breast. (Commissioner Joseph C Bodek, & The Entire Board)
- 3. Re-appointing the following members to the Advisory Council on Aging for a term commencing on January 1, 2023 and expiring on December 31, 2025: Toby Marx and Dana Farrell Famiglietti. (Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, & The Entire Board)
- 4. Re-appointing the following individuals to the Union County Planning Board: Arthur Kobitz for a term of January 1, 2023 December 31, 2025; John Del Sordi for a term of January 1, 2021 December 31, 2023; Lawanda Gilbert for a term of January 1, 2021 December 31, 2023; Steven Le for a term of January 1, 2023 December 31, 2025 and Timothy McConway for a term of January 1, 2022 December 31, 2024; and further appointing Miguel Figueredo for a term of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025. (Commissioner Angela R. Garretson)
- 5. Congratulating Clara Goodridge upon her retirement as the City of Elizabeth's Chief License Inspector. (Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, & The Entire Board)
- 6. Re-appointing the following members to the recently reconstituted Motion Picture and Television Advisory Board: Lamar Mackson, of Plainfield, and Edwin Gomez, of Elizabeth, for terms commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2025. (Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)
- 7. Offering the Board's sincere condolences to the family of Carrington DaCosta Reynolds, during their time of sorrow. (Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams, & The Entire Board)
- 8. Offering the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Peter Richard Price, formerly of Plainfield, during their time of sorrow. (Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams, & The Entire Board)
- 9. Amending Resolution 2022-706, a contract with Lighthouse Collaborative LLC, Hillside, NJ, to reflect a change in account numbers and account allocations, with no change in the total contract amount and no other changes to the terms or conditions of the contract. (Chairman Sergio Granados)
- 10. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Naviant, Inc., Verona, WI for the purpose of providing software maintenance services for the OnBase Records Management proprietary software system of the County, for the period of

January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$39,078.60. (Chairman Sergio Granados)

- 11. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the Union County Performing Arts Center (UCPAC), Rahway, NJ, to provide services necessary for the execution of the 2023 season of the Sensory Friendly Theater program, which will include up to six (6) performances designed and adapted for children with autism and related disabilities for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00. (Chairman Sergio Granados)
- 12. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Groundwork Elizabeth, Elizabeth, NJ, for the administration and implementation of two programs encompassed under the grant program entitled: "Union County Plant A Seed Grant Program" for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the total amount not to exceed \$65,000.00; the Community Gardens Grant in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 and the Union County Kids Dig In!: A School Garden Grant Program in the amount not to exceed \$45,000.00. (Chairman Sergio Granados)
- 13. Congratulating National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals (NAHREP) Union Essex Chapter as they host their Salud to 5 Years: Black Tie Masquerade Gala on January 19, 2023. (Chairman Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)

#### ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Granados asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Leon a voice vote showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE

REORGANIZATION MEETING - THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023 at 6:00 pm Union County Courthouse- 2 Broad Street. Elizabeth

#### AGENDA SETTING SESSION

January 26, 2023 February 9, 2023 February 23, 2023 March 16, 2023 March 30, 2023 April 13, 2023 April 27, 2023 May 11, 2023 May 25, 2023 June 8, 2023 June 22, 2023 July 13, 2023 August 17, 2023 September 7, 2023 September 21,2023 October 12, 2023 October 26, 2023 November 9, 2023 December 7, 2023

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#### **REGULAR MEETINGS**

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

Please note that the 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 this Public Notice according to law.

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