



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023
AGENDA SETTING MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

PRESENTATIONS BY THE BOARD

A resolution presentation will be made by the Board to representatives of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America in recognition of June 2, 2023 as the 9th Annual Gun Violence Awareness Day.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

William Daniel, Prosecutor

1. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding for the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General's 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, 2022 through June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$135,835.00. (No cost to the County of Union) **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Division of Administration, Department of Law and Public Safety through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act - Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund, FY 2021, Gunshot Detection Technology Initiative for the period of December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2024 in the amount of \$355,500.00. (No cost to the County of Union) **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amy Crisp Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the NJ Department of Transportation, Local Transportation Projects Fund 2023 for the NY Connects to Union County NJ East Coast Greenway Bikeway Project to create a safe bikeway corridor from the Goethals Bridge to connect to the East Coast Greenway at Centennial Avenue in Cranford, NJ. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. Approving the by-laws of the Union County Transportation Advisory Board (UC TAB), approved at the May 3, 2023 meeting of the Union County Transportation Advisory Board. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and to receive funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan on behalf of the Union County Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Department of Economic Development to provide required documentation to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to ensure the County's continued participation in the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to transfer \$25,000.00 in Plainfield Program Income from Plainfield account in association with the successful administration of the Community Development Block Grant Program by the City of Plainfield, to help offset the cost of demolition for two properties destroyed in a fire. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Lighthouse Collaborative LLC, Hillside, NJ for the implementation of a 2023/2024 School Gender and Sexuality Alliances (GSAs) Program in an amount not to exceed \$38,800.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Joseph Graziano, Director

1. Amending Resolution Number 2023-247 adopted March 16, 2023, BA# 1-2021, 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., of Paterson, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 4 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 \$154,151.60 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$7,859,502.33. Subject to the approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

2. Amending Resolution Number 2022-757, adopted on September 15, 2022 awarding a Professional Architectural Service Contract to USA Architects of Somerville, New Jersey to provide additional services for Space Study for 921 Elizabeth Avenue & 40 Parker Road, City of Elizabeth, New Jersey for an additional amount of \$89,062.50 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$109,062.50. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Charles F. Connolly Dist. Co., Inc., North Arlington, NJ, for the provision of replacement pumps and supplies for the Division of Facilities Management in an amount not to exceed \$26,499.00. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights to hang a banner from August 15, 2023 to September 30, 2023 from the Downtown Beautification Committee to promote Restaurant Month. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
5. Granting permission to the Township of Scotch Plains to close Martine Avenue from Cooper Road to Raritan Road from 9:30 am to 12 noon on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 for Union Catholic High School Class of 2023 Graduation Ceremony. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Dennis Burke, Acting Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with TriTech Software Systems (CentralSquare Technologies LLC), Lake Mary, FL, for maintenance/support renewal for the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS) for the Department of Public Safety and the Sheriff's Office for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$167,512.56. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Bruce H. Bergen, County Counsel

1. Amending Resolution 2023-142 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, et als. in an additional amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. Amending Resolution 2022-259 to increase funds to Gluck Walrath, LLP, Freehold, NJ, to represent the County of Union in the matter of Beverly D. Figueroa v. County of Union, et als. in an additional amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$12,500.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Offering the board's deepest condolences to the family of Julia Jones in their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner Angela R. Garretson, & The Entire Board)**

2. Congratulating the following individuals from the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 104 on obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout: Lika Culjak and Peter Reilly. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Congratulating Elizabeth Councilman Frank Cuesta on his being honored as the Grand Marshal of the Elizabeth Cuban Day Parade. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, & The Entire Board)**
4. Congratulating Mary Elizabeth Kinn (Biermann) Collis on the celebration of her 101st birthday. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams, & The Entire Board)**
5. Congratulating Garret P. Hanlon of Boy Scout Troop 80 of Cranford upon earning Scouting's highest rank, the Eagle Scout Award, on Sunday June 4th, 2023. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, & The Entire Board)**
6. Congratulating Shiloh Baptist Church in Plainfield upon celebrating their 115th anniversary on May 17th, 2023. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams, & The Entire Board)**
7. Honoring and congratulating Elizabeth A. Urquhart, as Plainfield hosts the renaming of the City Hall Library in honor of Elizabeth A. Urquhart on May 20th, 2023. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams, & The Entire Board)**
8. Recognizing best-selling author and activist George Johnson, author of "All Boys Aren't Blue," who will be taking part in Plainfield's LGBTQ Pride celebration. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams, & The Entire Board)**
9. Sponsoring the Berkeley Heights Business & Civic's "Downtown Block Party" to be held on June 4, 2023 in the total amount not to exceed \$1,000.00. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, & The Entire Board)**
10. Sponsoring Groundwork Elizabeth's Tour De Elizabeth held on May 21, 2023 in the amount of not to exceed \$1,500.00. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, & The Entire Board)**
11. Congratulating the John E. Dwyer Technology Academy on becoming the first AVID National Demonstration High School in North New Jersey. **(Chairman Sergio Granados, Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, & The Entire Board)**
12. Recognizing the Elizabeth Cubanos Lions Club on their mission to empower local volunteers to serve their communities as well as encourage peace and promote international understanding; and further recognizing the impact the Elizabeth Cubanos Lions Club has had on our local Union County residents as they celebrated the Cuban community and culture with a Cuban Flag Raising Ceremony on May 18th, 2023. **(Chairman Sergio Granados, Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, & The Entire Board)**

13. Amending Resolution Number 2023-3, designating Official Newspapers for legal notices of the County of Union for the Year 2023 in the amount of \$150,000, to reflect the inclusion of two additional account numbers needed in order to make payment to NJ Advanced Media and La Voz Newspaper for publishing the 2023 Springfield and Westfield Special School Election notices in the total amount not to exceed \$10,937.60, for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$160,937.60. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
14. Recognizing Maple & Monroe: Global Social Impact Think & Do Tank and Someone's Daughter, Inc. on their mission to promote mental health, and for their efforts in hosting "Self-Care Sunday" at Rahway River Park on May 21st, 2023. **(Chairman Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**
15. Proclaiming June 2, 2023 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day throughout the County of Union; and further acknowledging the efforts of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America for continued work to decrease gun violence and working towards reform legislation. **(Chairman Sergio Granados, Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, & The Entire Board)**

ADJOURNMENT

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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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, 6th floor located at 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth New Jersey, 07207.

Due to the Covid-19 coronavirus concerns, County Commissioner meetings may be held remotely via Zoom webinar under the procedures conducted, as published, in 2021. If said procedures are deemed necessary, the Clerk of the Board will revise this Public Notice according to law.

Persons requiring a sign language interpreter should contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 908-527-4140.