



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 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 video presentation will be made by the Board relative to awarding of the 2023 Open Space, Recreation & Historical Preservation Trust Fund Grant Programs: 2023 Kids Recreation Trust Grant and 2023 Greening Union County Grants.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY CLERK

Joanne Rajoppi, County Clerk

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Haworth Inc, Holland, MI, through New Jersey State Contract #81619 for the purpose of purchasing furniture for the renovation of the Union County Clerk's Office, in the amount not to exceed \$147,603.63. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

William Daniel, Prosecutor

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Professional Service Agreement with Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners to serve as independent contractors as part of the Union County Sexual Assault Response Team for the period of October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. 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, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$107,630.00. Subaward JAG-1-20TF-22. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

3. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding for the purpose described in the application from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the BJA FY 23 Formula DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program in the amount of \$611,349.00 for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF

Peter Corvelli, Sheriff

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Corrections (NJDOC) for FY 2023 in the amount of \$100,000 to support the County Reentry Coordinator Program. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
2. Amending Resolution 2021-720, an agreement with the County of Hudson for rehabilitation services to reflect a new contract period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2026. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amy Crisp Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

1. Concurring with Resolution 2023-28 of the Union County Workforce Development Board authorizing the Program Year 2022 Workforce Development Area Budget indirect expenses. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. Concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board's Resolution No. 2023-29 to increase the total contract amount to Weber Dowd Law, LLC for legal services by \$5,000.00 for a new total contract not to exceed \$15,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Joseph Policay, Acting Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to execute a Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Department of Interior, U.S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Division, West Trenton, New Jersey for a Joint Funding Agreement (Agreement Number 24LJJFA16) for the period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024 for a sum not to exceed \$18,465.00. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with USA Architects, Somerville, New Jersey to provide Architectural Services for the Union County Administration Building Sliding Door Replacement, City of Elizabeth, County of Union, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$34,000.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2023-022). **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Amending Resolution No. 2019-1103, with Pennoni Associates to provide additional design and construction and inspection services in an amount not to exceed \$2,175.00 for a new contract amount of not to exceed \$108,706.84. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-017) **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

4. Amending Resolution No. 2021-333, a contract with IH Engineering, Princeton, New Jersey to provide additional design and construction and inspection services in an amount not to exceed \$100,898.56 for a new contract amount of not to exceed \$803,405.48. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-051) **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
5. Amending Resolution No. 2022-963, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJ.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Challenger Fence, Inc. Paterson, NJ, for Fencing Systems Services, approving Change Order Number 1 to increase the original contract amount by \$50,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$260,000.00 (B.A. # 32-2022). **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with A & K Equipment Company of Rahway, NJ, on ESCNJ 23/24-04, for the purchase of two (2) dump truck bodies in an amount not to exceed \$38,671.40. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
7. Granting permission to the Township of Springfield to hang a banner on October 19, 2023 thru November 27, 2023 and close S. Springfield Avenue, Milltown Road, Laurel Drive, Linden Avenue, Wabeno Avenue and Mountain Avenue on November 23, 2023 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am advertising the annual 5K For Thanks, Turkey Trot. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
8. Granting permission to the Township of Scotch Plains to close a portion of Park Avenue from East 2nd Street to Front Street from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm on November 11, 2023 for the Veteran's Day Ceremony. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
9. Granting permission to the Borough of Mountainside to hang a banner across Mountain Avenue from October 11, 2023 to October 28, 2023 advertising Restaurant Week. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCEBibi Taylor, Director

1. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$611,349.00 as a result of notification received from the United States Department of Justice for a program entitled: DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
2. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$1,891,305.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for a program entitled: Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
3. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$301,158.42 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for a program entitled: State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

4. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$11,000,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Division of Local Government Services for a program entitled: Warinanco Park Upgrades. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
5. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$13,750,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Division of Local Government Services for a program entitled: Development, Capital and Operating Expenses. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
6. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$4,624.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of State for a program entitled: Online Board Worker Training Bilingual Enhancement Grant Program. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
7. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$10,000,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a program entitled: Union County Middlesex Reservoir Water Reclamation Project. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
8. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children & Families for a program entitled: Union County Mental Health Program-Pediatric Behavioral Health Access Expansion Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
9. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$228,476.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Justice for a program entitled: Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program-Competitive. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
10. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$74,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety for a program entitled: Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Callout Program Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
11. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$63,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety for a program entitled: STEP Traffic Safety Enforcement Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
12. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$78,650.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety for a program entitled: Comprehensive Traffic Safety Program. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
13. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$4,375.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of State-Division of Elections for a program entitled: Rutgers Training Grant - Back to Basics Election Training. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

14. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$41,977.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a program entitled: Paratransit - Aging APC Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
15. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$17,700.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a program entitled: County Environmental Health Act (CEHA) Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
16. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$15,250.00 as a result of notification received from the Township of Hillside, New Jersey for a program entitled: UCBOE - Township of Hillside Run-Off Election 2023. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
17. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$170,574.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Mental Health for a program entitled: Alcohol and Drug Abuse Innovative (ADA-I) Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

1. Amending Resolution No. 2023-817 to reflect an increase in the Area Plan Contract Spending Plan for Year 2 of the 2022-2024 Area Plan in the amount of \$846,187.00 for a new total amount not to exceed \$8,224,154.00. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth, NJ for the provision of wrap-around services to eligible Union County residents experiencing Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), under the NJ Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) FY2024 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Innovative (ADAI) funding in the total amount not to exceed \$169,574.00 for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**
3. Amending Resolution No. 2022-809, a contract with Bridgeway Behavioral Health Services, Union, NJ, for the provision of wrap-around services to eligible Union County residents experiencing homelessness in conjunction with the Continuum of Care program, extending the contract period for an additional three (3) months through December 31, 2023 and increasing the contract award in the amount of \$22,500.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$121,504.00. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**
4. Amending Resolution No. 2022-819, a contract with Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, NJ, for the operation of the Union County Children's Shelter for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, to increase the contract award in the amount of \$25,000.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$553,000.00, with no other changes to the terms or conditions of the contract. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

5. Amending Resolution No. 2022-878, a contract with Family Promise Inc. Summit, NJ, for the provision of the 2023 Shelter Diversion Program to increase the contract award in the amount of \$25,000.00, for a total contract not to exceed \$175,000.00, with no further changes to the terms or conditions of the contract. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Victoria Durbin-Drake, Director

1. Amending Resolution No. 2023-50 to increase the allocation amount for Murray Paving & Concrete, LLC., through ESCNJ Co-op (20/21-03), for the replacement of Rahway Park pool gutter system for the Department of Parks & Recreation for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an additional amount not to exceed \$1,033,866.56 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,033,866.56. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to PS&S, Warren, New Jersey to provide planning, engineering, and design services for the replacement of the Cedar Shingle Roofs at the six houses located at the Deserted Village of Feltville, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$44,500.00. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Remington & Vernick Engineers, Secaucus, New Jersey to provide design and inspection services for the Warinanco Park Tennis Courts Improvements Project No. 2023-012, in an amount not to exceed \$64,787.00. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks and Recreation, T.R. Weniger, Inc., Piscataway, NJ for the purpose of hydro raking of Union County Ponds (BA 32-2023) in the amount of not to exceed \$289,000.00. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to execute an agreement with the Gateway Family YMCA, Elizabeth, NJ for the administration and implementation of swim lessons at their indoor facilities for the remainder of 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$16,302.00. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Professional Farrier Services, Inc., Green Brook, NJ, pursuant to a competitive contract procurement process, RCCP #1-2023, for farrier services at Watchung Stables in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for the period of December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2025 with options to extend for one twenty-four (24) month period and one final additional twelve (12) month period at the County's sole discretion. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETYDennis Burke, Acting Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a ten (10) year Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of New Providence for 911 Police, Fire and EMS Dispatching Services, commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2033 in the amount of \$159,181.00 for the first year, with a 2% increase January 1st of each subsequent calendar year. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**
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 \$150,000.00. (At no cost to the County of Union) Subaward number GDT-17-21. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**
3. Amending Resolution No. 2023-378, a contract with Coronis Health RCM, LLC, Morganville, NJ to reflect an increase to the 2023 contract in the amount of \$9,615.33 for a new total amount not to exceed \$259,615.33. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend the FY 2023 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant funds from the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness to provide equipment and training to the UASI region to prepare for, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism in an amount not to exceed \$1,891,305.00. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend the Fiscal Year 2023 New Jersey Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) in order to enhance the County's ability to prepare for, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism in the amount not to exceed \$301,158.42. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**
6. Amending Resolution No. 2020-410, a contract with Visual Computer Solutions (Jobs4Blue), Freehold, New Jersey, to implement and administer an Off-Duty Detail Management System for the County of Union to exercise the only option to extend the contract for a period of 24 months from November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2025 at no direct cost to the County. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSELBruce H. Bergen, County Counsel

1. Rescinding and withdrawing the prior action whereby Union County did construct and maintain Bonnie Burn Road within the County of Somerset. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. Amending Resolutions Nos. 2023-18 and 2023-477 to confirm a name change for the Law Firm of Gluck Walrath, L.L.P. to Dilworth Paxon LLP, Philadelphia PA. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

3. Amending Resolution No. 2017-259 to include permission for additional County owned vehicles to park on the premises leased from the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) and to allow installation of a fence thereon. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to execute a Letter of Intent for acquisition of property from the Union County Vocational Technical School, being a portion of the property designated on the tax map of the Township of Scotch Plains as Block 14001, Lot 9, containing a baseball field, for the sum of One and 00/100 Dollars (\$1.00). **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulating the awardees at the 17th Annual Harambee Breakfast and Awards Ceremony hosted by the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. Greater Elizabeth Area Section, on September 30, 2023. **(Commissioner Angela R. Garretson, & The Entire Board)**
2. Offering this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Nancy Mondella, former Councilwoman and Board of Education member for the Township of Hillside, during their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner Angela R. Garretson, & The Entire Board)**
3. Congratulating the Plainfield Fire Department as they host their Annual Fire Prevention Fair on Saturday, October 21st, in honor of National Fire Prevention Week. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams, & The Entire Board)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund to award 2023 Greening Union County grants to fifteen (15) municipalities in the County of Union in accordance with the grant criteria in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, to award Kids Recreation Trust 2023 grants to eighteen (18) municipalities in the County of Union, in accordance with the Kids Recreation Trust grant criteria in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,002.00 **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, to award Preserve Union County 2023 grants to nine (9) historic sites throughout the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$308,350.00. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
7. Recognizing October 2023 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month, reflecting the continued commitment of the Union County Board of County Commissioners to the Union County Office for Persons with Disabilities & Special Needs and the disabled community they serve. **(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
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March 16, 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.