



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is open 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.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The following resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2023-810 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement between the County of Union and the Borough of Kenilworth for the installation of two Rectangle Rapid Flashing Beacon signs (RRFB) at the East Coast Greenway crossings - one located at Springfield Road and the other at North Michigan Avenue. Systems will be installed and maintained by the Borough of Kenilworth.
- 2023-811 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution 2023-93, a Professional Engineering Service Contract to CME Associates of Parlin, New Jersey, to provide additional On-Call Environmental Engineering Services in the amount of \$57,500.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$157,500.00.
- 2023-812 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement between the County of Union and the Township of Clark for the installation of three rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB) at the following intersections: Westfield Avenue (CR 613) and Kathryn Street; Madison Hill Road (CR 604) and Mildred Terrace; and Madison Hill Road and Winthrop Road. Systems will be installed and maintained by the Township of Clark.

- 2023-813 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to USA Architects, Somerville, New Jersey to provide Architectural, Engineering and Structural Services for Phase 1 of the Union County Courthouse Boiler Replacement Project in an amount not to exceed \$280,000.00.
- 2023-814 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract obtained through advertised public bidding (B.A. # 30-2023) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities: Scientific Boiler Water Conditioning Co., Inc., Linden, NJ, for the purpose of providing Water Treatment Services & Supplies for twenty-four (24) consecutive months with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month optional extension in an amount not to exceed \$78,070.00.
- 2023-815 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution 2023-677, a contract obtained through advertised public bidding pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq., with Johnston Communication, Springfield, NJ, for the provision of providing telephone/associated services systems equipment, installation, and maintenance services for various County Departments, to reflect an increase to the contract in the amount of \$220,000.00 for a new total amount not to exceed \$996,423.83.
- 2023-816 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through public bidding (UCCP 29-2023) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Laws, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: to Louis Barbato Landscaping, Holbrook New York, for the purpose of providing and planting trees throughout Union County Parks and Roadways for the Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management for a twelve month (12) period in the amount not to exceed \$29,440.00.
- 2023-817 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Amending Resolution 2023-633 to reflect an increase in the Area Plan Contract Spending Plan for Year 2 of the 2022-2024 Area Plan in the amount of \$178,166.00 for a new total amount not to exceed \$7,377,967.00.
- 2023-818 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Amending Resolution 2019-459, 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 Grade Construction, of Paterson, New Jersey for the Madison Avenue Turf Field Improvements, City of Rahway, to reflect a Final Change Order #1 decreasing the contract amount by \$147,206.87 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$3,152,076.93.

- 2023-819 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept and for the Board to endorse and approve the 2024 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, 2024 - December 31, 2024: 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.
- 2023-820 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Amending Resolution 2023-518, a resolution authorizing agreements under the Union County Youth Services Commission Spending Plan, to reflect changes in amounts associated with appropriation accounts and a reduction in the agreements in the amount of \$27,469.15 for a new total spending plan in the amount of \$233,797.85.
- 2023-821 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Amending Resolution 2023-351, authorizing agreements with various agencies under the Union County Youth Services Commission Spending Plan, to reflect adjustments to the spending plan, with an increase in the amount of \$27,469.15 for an overall revised spending plan in the amount of \$539,125.15.
- 2023-822 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2023-2024 Congressional Directives Grant (CDG) Program Spending Plan for subcontracted services to be provided during the period of September 30, 2023 to September 29, 2024 in the total amount not to exceed \$661,000.00.
- 2023-823 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring the Borough of Roselle Park's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony to be held on December 1, 2023 in the amount of not to exceed \$1,500.00.
- 2023-824 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring the Harmony Haven's Graduation/Talent Show to be held on December 12, 2023 in the amount of not to exceed \$250.00.
- 2023-825 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring the City of Plainfield's Film on Park: Film Noir to Sci-Fi Exploring Community to be held October 13, 2023, October 28, 2023, November 10, 2023 and December 8, 2023 in a total amount not to exceed \$500.00.
- 2023-826 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring the Township of Springfield's Fall Festival to be held on October 15, 2023 in the amount of not to exceed \$1,250.00.
- 2023-827 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring the Township of Hillside's Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk & Pink Shuffle to be held on October 7, 2023 in the amount of not to exceed \$500.00.

- 2023-828 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring the International Myeloma Foundation's Miracles for Myeloma event to be held on October 14, 2023 in the amount of not to exceed \$250.00.
- 2023-829 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Division of Administration, Department of Law and Public Safety for FFY21 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Program for the project titled Sexual Assault Response Team/Forensic Nurse Examiner Program to reflect a total project cost of \$212,544.00.
- 2023-830 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution No. 2007-719 to delete the Auto Theft Task Force and include the Municipal Task Force and Homicide Task Force under the indemnification policy of the Union County Prosecutor's Office.
- 2023-831 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2023-521, a contract with SDFI-TeleMedicine LLC, Boulder City, Nevada, for camera equipment, to reflect an increase in the amount of \$25,799.00, for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$51,598.00.
- 2023-832 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2023-577, a contract with Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc., (D/B/A/ Life Technologies), Waltham, MA, to reflect a change/addition of account number only with no other changes to the terms and conditions of the prior resolution or contract.
- 2023-833 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2023-472, approving the 2023-2024 Annual Consolidated Action Plan, to include projects funded with Community Development Program Income Funds received from the City of Rahway and City of Plainfield.
- 2023-834 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to utilize the competitive contracting procurement (RCCP) method to identify a provider to provide mental health services and counseling services for the County of Union.
- 2023-835 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2023-365, a contract with Community Access Unlimited for Supportive Services for customers of the American Job Center, to extend the contract through December 31, 2023; with no other changes to the terms or conditions of the prior resolutions or agreement.
- 2023-836 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2022-1048, the Union County FY 2024 Municipal Alliance Program Spending Plan, to reflect adjustments to the spending plan, changes in appropriation accounts and to re-allocate funds among the municipalities listed in the spending plan; with no change to the total amount of the spending plan.
- 2023-837 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2022-1049, the Union County FY 2024 DMHAS Youth Leadership Spending Plan, to reflect adjustments to the spending plan, changes in appropriation accounts and to re-allocate funds among the municipalities listed in the spending plan; with no change to the total amount of the spending plan.

- 2023-838 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2022-950, a contract with St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church for Code Blue warming center services, to reflect a change in an appropriation account number and to reduce the contract in the amount of \$8,572.03 for a new total contract in the amount \$16,927.97; with all other terms and conditions of the prior resolution and contract remaining the same.
- 2023-839 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Mutual of America, Parsippany, NJ, for the continuation 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, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
- 2023-840 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter in to a contract with Mutual of America, Parsippany, New Jersey, 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, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
- 2023-841 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to execute a Settlement Agreement in the matter entitled Gleason v. Union County, et al., in an amount not to exceed \$320,000.00 of which the amount of \$175,847.50 shall be paid by the County of Union and the remaining balance \$144,152.50 shall be paid by Chubb Insurance Company.
- 2023-842 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** County of Union's revision of Pay to Play requirements and forms pursuant to State legislation
- 2023-843 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Appointing Craig Coughlin to the Workforce Development Board for a term starting on July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026; and reappointing the following members to the Workforce Development Board for a term starting July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026: Debbie-Ann Anderson, Juanito Chiluisa, Peter Erich, Hilary McCarron, Daryl Palmieri, Gwendolyn Ryan, and Morgan Thompson.

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2023-844 COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Dorothy Mattox during their time of sorrow.
- 2023-845 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Offering this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Dean B. Talcott, 30-year employee of the Union County Engineering Department, during their time of sorrow.
- 2023-846 CHAIRMAN REBECCA WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Offering this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Patricia Johnson Dorcelly, of Plainfield, during their time of sorrow.

- 2023-847 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Gene Jannotti, the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce (GWACC), upon the announcement of his retirement; and further offering this Board's gratitude for his dedicated public service to the County of Union and the greater Westfield Community over the past 10 years as CEO of the GWACC.
- 2023-848 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Commending the efforts of the Union County Connects and the Regional Rails-to-Trails Conservancy; and further recognizing their partnership in assisting the County's pursuit of rail to trail conversions throughout Union County.
- 2023-849 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Offering this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Joseph A. Fiordaliso, President of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, during their time of sorrow.
- 2023-850 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing and congratulating the honorees of the Puerto Rican Alliance of Elizabeth's Excellence Awards Dinner held on October 13th, 2023.
- 2023-851 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing the Distinguished and Honorable President of the Republic of Portugal, President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, upon his visit to the Portuguese Instructive Social Club in Elizabeth.
- 2023-852 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing Renae Smith CEO and Founder of Independent Authors Book Experience as they celebrate their 10th annual Independent Authors Book expo.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

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
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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.