



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Thursday, July 13, 2023 – Agenda Setting Session
2. Thursday, July 13, 2023 – Regular Meeting

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

- 844-2023 **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 \$57,586,882 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE STATE GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF \$46,196,196 OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$46,196,196 OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION .

The meeting is now open for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance Number 844-2023 only.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Vice-Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, Fiscal Subcommittee Chairwoman, will move Ordinance Number 844-2023 for Final Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

845-2023 BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FOLLOWING BOND ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY: (1) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 687-2009 ADOPTED ON JULY 30, 2009, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING FIVE ORDINANCES: BOND ORDINANCE NO. 699-2010 ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 11, 2010; BOND ORDINANCE NO. 703-2010 ADOPTED ON MAY 13, 2010; BOND ORDINANCE NO. 714-2010 ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 8, 2010; BOND ORDINANCE NO. 741-2012 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2012; AND BOND ORDINANCE NO. 760-2014 ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 9, 2014 (2) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 723-2011 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 25, 2011, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 741-2012 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2012 AND BOND ORDINANCE NO. 760-2014 ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 9, 2014; (3) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 740-2012 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2012, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 760-2014 ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 9, 2014 AND BOND ORDINANCE NO. 786-2017 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 17, 2017; (4) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 787-2017 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 17, 2017, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 805-2019 ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 14, 2019; (5) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 795-2018 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2018; (6) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 808-2019 ADOPTED ON JULY 25, 2019, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 825-2021 ADOPTED ON MARCH 25, 2021; (7) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 820-2020 ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 5, 2020; (8) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 834-2021 ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 2, 2021; AND (9) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 839-2022 ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 6, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is now open for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance Number 845-2023 only.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Vice-Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, Fiscal Subcommittee Chairwoman, will move Ordinance Number 845-2023 for Final Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

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:

- 2023-769 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with NMS Laboratories, Horsham, PA, for post-mortem toxicology lab services for basic and expanded testing services, for a contract term of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 with the potential option to extend the contract for one twenty-four (24) month period.
- 2023-770 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement for Tuberculosis Services with the New Jersey Medical School Global Tuberculosis Institute at Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$103,683.28.
- 2023-771 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement, through NJ State Contract, with Ciocca Ford of Flemington for the purchase of a truck in the amount not to exceed \$53,392.00.
- 2023-772 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract, obtained through advertising public bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. to Chemical Equipment Labs of DE, Inc., Newton Square, PA to provide Rock Salt for a twelve (12) month period commencing upon execution of the contract in an amount not to exceed \$780,000.
- 2023-773 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the County's only option to extend the contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Laws, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq. with Sage Landscape Contractors, Inc., Watchung, NJ, for the provision of Snow Removal Services for the additional period of twenty-four (24) months in an amount not to exceed \$189,600.00.
- 2023-774 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Granting permission to the Township of Springfield to hang a banner on Meisel Avenue and Mountain Avenue from September 11, 2023 to October 17, 2023 and to close Mountain Avenue between Morris Avenue and Caldwell Place on Sunday, October 15, 2023 from 6 am until 7 pm for the Fall Festival and Car Show.
- 2023-775 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Granting permission to the Township of Springfield to hang banners on Mountain Avenue and South Springfield Avenue at the intersection of Evergreen Avenue from September 11, 2023 to October 17, 2023 and to close South Springfield Avenue on October 10, 11, 12, and 13, 2023 from 6 pm to 10 pm and on October 14, 2023 from 2 pm to 6 pm for the Saint James Church Festival.

- 2023-776 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Amending Resolution 2023-50, a contract with Ben Shaffer Recreation Inc., under the Educational Services Commission of NJ Coop Contract# 20/21-02, for playground equipment, to increase the allocation amount in an additional amount not to exceed \$243,000.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$643,000.00.
- 2023-777 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the only option to extend the open ended 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: Johnny on the Spot LLC, Old Bridge, NJ for the purpose of providing Portable Toilet Rental & Septic Pumping Services for an additional period of twenty-four (24) months commencing October 15, 2023 through October 14, 2025, in the amount of not to exceed \$155,000.00. (BA# 10-2022)
- 2023-778 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Authorizing the County Manager to Execute an Amendment to an existing Green Acres grant for the County of Union's Open Space and Recreation Plan to accept an additional \$3,000,000.00 in funding.
- 2023-779 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to execute a License Agreement with Summit Medical Group Foundation to hold a Physical Fitness Challenge at the Mt. Carmel Society property located at 56 River Road, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, and the County's adjacent parkland on Sunday, October 15, 2023 with a rain date of Saturday, October 14, 2023.
- 2023-780 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a license agreement with the Union County Celtic Festival to hold a Celtic Festival at Oak Ridge Park on Saturday, September 9, 2023.
- 2023-781 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Authorizing Governing Body Certification of the 2022 Audit.
- 2023-782 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$170,035.00 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.
- 2023-783 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$661,000.00 as a result of notification received from the United States Department of Health and Human Services for a program entitled: Congressional Directives Grant - Mental Health and Recovery Support Services.
- 2023-784 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$20,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Data-Driven Decision Making: Organizational Enhancement Program Grant.

- 2023-785 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$9,563.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Community Service Block Grant (CSBG).
- 2023-786 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$353,244.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a program entitled: Area Plan Contract.
- 2023-787 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$200,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a program entitled: Alcohol/Drug Abuse Grant - Recovery Mobile Van Program - ARPA.
- 2023-788 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring the City of Plainfield's House Music Festival For A Cause being held on September 16, 2023 in the amount of not to exceed \$1,500.00.
- 2023-789 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring the Township of Westfield's AddamsFest: Westfield Celebrates Charles Addams being held on October 15, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$2,000.00.
- 2023-790 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring the Borough of Roselle Park's Annual Festival of India being held on October 7, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$500.00.
- 2023-791 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2022-1032, a contract with We Are One New Jersey Inc., Trenton, NJ, to authorize reallocated funds of \$21,000.00 to be used to install updated security system at the Union County Center in the amount of \$223,000.00, without any changes to the total contract amount of not to exceed \$245,000.00.
- 2023-792 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2022-823 to increase the amount payable to Geneva Worldwide Interpretation Services, New York, NY for the purpose of providing interpretation services to the non-English speaking clients of the Union County Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services in an amount of \$15,000.00, for a total not to exceed \$65,000.00.
- 2023-793 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2023-666, a contract with Geographic Solutions, Palm Harbor, FL for continuation of Workforce Information Management Data Exchange System, to adjust appropriation accounts and to extend the contract period by an additional six (6) months through June 30, 2024 and increase funds in the amount not to exceed \$29,550.00, for a new total contract of not to exceed \$59,100.00.
- 2023-794 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2023-663, authorizing the FY2022 SuperNOFO Continuum of Care (CoC) program competitive grant award funds, to reflect a change in account numbers only.

- 2023-795 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2023-664, agreement with United Way of Greater Union County, Elizabeth, New Jersey, to provide family support and prevention services to Union County families in order to promote stability and wellness, to reflect a shift in funds under the account number and to reflect additional grant dollars in the amount of \$17,500.00 for a new total not to exceed \$267,500.00; with no change to the grant term or terms and conditions of the agreement.
- 2023-796 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Frank M. Gargiulo & Son, Inc. dba Gargiulo Produce, Hillside, NJ, for the purpose of providing food for the Union County COVID-19 Emergency Food Distribution events for the period of September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$636,857.00.
- 2023-797 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2023-746 with Village Super Market, Inc. dba ShopRite of Union Springfield, NJ for the purpose of changing the agreement period from November 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 , to September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 with no other changes to the terms and conditions of the agreement.

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2023-798 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing September 2023 as National Recovery Month, which highlights the achievements of individuals who have reclaimed their lives in long-term recovery and honors the service providers who make recovery possible.
- 2023-799 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Offering this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Mrs. Myra Elaine (Cameron) Volpe during their time of sorrow.
- 2023-800 COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Pastor R. Lenton Buffalo, Jr. of Union Baptist Church in Elizabeth on his 35th Pastoral Anniversary on October 14, 2023.
- 2023-801 COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Expressing the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Joe Adair in their time of sorrow.
- 2023-802 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Expressing the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Joseph Hartnett in their time of sorrow.
- 2023-803 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Vivian Haas, Fanwood resident, celebrating her 100th birthday on October 12th, 2023.

- 2023-804 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Masjidullah Plainfield as they host their Annual Gala Fundraiser on September 23rd, 2023.
- 2023-805 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating the Greater Union County Chapter of Jack and Jill Inc. as they host the Annual Jack and Jill Day Activities Event, also known as Carol Robertson Day, at Jerseyland Park in Scotch Plains on September 9th, 2023.
- 2023-806 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Mary Burgwinkle for her years of dedication to the Plainfield Symphony Orchestra at the 104th Season Showcase Gala on Saturday, September 9th, 2023.
- 2023-807 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Offering the board's deepest condolences to the family of Manuel Rodrigues Grova in their time of sorrow.
- 2023-808 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Offering this Board's sincere gratitude to Joseph Graziano for his 17 years of service to the County as Director of the Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management.
- 2023-809 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Proclaiming the month of September 2023 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

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.