



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 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 Lourdes M. Leon, Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and Commissioner Rebecca Williams were present, with Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

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.

Chairman Granados asked for a moment of silence for firefighters Wayne Brooks and Augusto Acabou who lost their lives in the recent Port Newark fire.

PRESENTATIONS BY THE BOARD

A resolution presentation was made to Melissa Logan, teacher at Jefferson Elementary School in Plainfield, upon receiving the Garden Club of America's 2023 Elizabeth Abernathy Hull Award for outstanding achievement in environmental education for children; and further recognizing Kate Flescher, President of the Plainfield Garden Club, for the tremendous efforts of the Plainfield Garden Club within the Plainfield community.

Chairman Granados commended educator Melissa Logan for her dedication to horticulture and environmental stewardship, noting the lasting impact these efforts have had on her students and the community. He noted that in attendance were also Garden Club President Kate Flescher and Brent Anderson.

Commissioner Williams noted Ms. Logan as one of Union County's finest educators, adding that she was excited to be able to present her with a resolution for being

recognized by the Garden Club of America with its 2023 Elizabeth Abernathy Hull Award.

Commissioner Williams read the Resolution.

Plainfield Garden Club President Kate Flescher commended Ms. Logan for her temerity and ingenuity as she sought out the Plainfield Garden Club and convinced them to fund the Hands to Nature Program for her third-grade students. She advised that in the last ten years, over 1,000 Plainfield third-graders had been afforded the opportunity to travel and learn about the world thanks to Ms. Logan. She noted that the Plainfield Garden Club was infinitely grateful to Ms. Logan for her efforts, adding that she was pleased to be able to join the Board tonight in recognizing her. She closed by congratulating Ms. Logan for receiving the 2023 Garden Club of America's Elizabeth Abernathy Hull Award.

Melissa Logan thanked the Board and the Plainfield Garden Club for the recognition. She noted that the Plainfield Garden Club had been responsible for caring for the Shakespeare Garden in Plainfield for over 100 years. She added that she was proud to be able to nurture environmental stewardship in her students as they would inherit the many treasures of Plainfield in the future.

A certificate presentation was made by the Board to the student participants of the 2023 Union County Summer Theatre Program.

Chairman Granados noted that the Board was proud to recognize the students of Union County's 2023 Summer Theatre Program that evening, hosted by Theatrical Artist Prep and Union County's Performing Arts Center. He noted that the County's Theatre Program was launched through one of his 2023 Chairman initiatives in "Building a Stronger Union County." He noted that this program exemplified the power of collaboration and the County's commitment to the arts, adding that this program provided students with an incredible opportunity to develop their performance skills and shine on stage. He added that 20 scholarships had been awarded to students from all around Union County, which would cover the cost of the program. He advised that the select students would put on two productions of *Once on this Island Junior* based on designated age groups. He thanked Diana Hunt, Executive Director of UCPAC, as well as Samantha Hahn-Simpson, owner of Theatrical Artist Prep, for their leadership and guidance to this effect. He noted the Board's commitment to promoting the arts, adding that he looked forward to seeing the productions put on by this group of talented students. He also recognized the Department of Parks & Recreation for taking the lead on this initiative.

Executive Director Diana Hunt thanked the Board for providing the necessary resources to allow these 20 students to participate in this premier children summer theater camp. She noted that the productions would take place in four weeks and invited everyone to attend. She advised that she was happy to be able to debut these performance on the Hamilton Stage, adding that the stage had been closed since September of 2021 due to Tropical Storm Ida.

The following students were presented with a scholarship:

Nylah Rein
Jerome Starr
Emiliano Smith
Azaliah Rein
Carleigh Roesch
Mackenzie Modero
Mia Rico
Riley Crenshaw
Zoe Givens

Arabella Mohan
Donovan Mcnamee
Penelope Arce
Deborah Rodriguez
Jawnah Jean Sajouste
Melissa Passos
Anna Rita Lopes
Garbriella Garcia
Avrielle Smith

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To the extent known, the following items will be discussed in Executive Session:

- 1) Confidential discussions concerning Shared Service Agreements; and
- 2) Attorney client privileged communication concerning the matter of HC Equities v. UC.

County Counsel Bergen stated that pursuant to provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, a public body may enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing certain enumerated subjects.

He stated that the Board wished to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing 1) Confidential discussions concerning Shared Service Agreements; and 2) Attorney client privileged communication concerning the matter of HC Equities v. UC.

He stated that the minutes of the Executive Session shall be separated from the minutes of the Open Public Session and that the minutes of the Executive Session, redacted as appropriate and necessary, shall be available in approximately 30 days. He stated that the Clerk of the Board shall retain the original minutes until such time as the confidential limitations have been removed, at which time they shall be made available.

He stated that upon affirmative vote of the majority of the members present, the Board may enter Executive Session and upon the Board's return may or may not take formal action on the matters discussed.

Chairman Granados called for a motion to enter into Executive Session. On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded Williams, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

Chairman Granados called for a motion to return from Executive Session. On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Williams roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

County Counsel Bergen advised that as a result of the action taken by the Board during Executive Session, The County Manager's Item No. 1 was being withdrawn from the Agenda and a new Resolution would be added related to a settlement with H.C. Equities.

Clerk Pellettiere advised that his staff was working to generate new Regular Meeting Agendas, which would include the additional Resolution relative to approving a settlement in the matter entitled Tamburri v. UC et al. as discussed during Executive Session.

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 CLERK

Joanne Rajoppi, County Clerk

1. Amending Resolution 2022-977, a contract with Full Service Mailers, Hackensack, NJ, to provide mail fulfillment services for the 2023 General Election to notify voters in certain districts that all ballots and elections information will now be bilingual in English and Spanish. This amendment is for an amount not to exceed \$65,585.66 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$281,217.66. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Commissioner Mirabella asked Clerk Rajoppi to elaborate on this item.

Clerk Rajoppi advised that starting in November and in accordance with Federal requirements, all election-related materials from the Clerk's Office would be issued in both English and Spanish. She advised that the cited increase would fund mail services to notify affected voters about the upcoming change.

2. Amending Resolution Number 2023-352, a contract with Royal Printing Services, West New York, NJ, for the 2023 General Election to print a letter to notify voters in certain districts that all ballots and elections information will now be bilingual in English and Spanish. This amendment is for an amount not to exceed \$12,602.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$2,553,332.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

William Daniel, Prosecutor

First Assistant Prosecutor James O. Tansey represented the Office.

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2023-50, authorizing the use of cooperative contracts, to increase the annual budgetary allocation for Gold Type Business Machines, Inc., in

the amount not to exceed \$364,909.50 to the Cooperative Purchasing vendor list, for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, for a new total amount not to exceed \$514,909.50. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF

Peter Corvelli, Sheriff

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a State Aid Agreement to apply for and accept a grant from State of New Jersey Department of Corrections for the provision of comprehensive Inmate Substance Abuse Treatment and Reentry Program Services for Union County Jail inmates for Fiscal Year 2024 for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000.00. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
2. Amending Resolution 2023-140, a contract with Lexis Nexis, to increase the contract amount for the purchase of law books, internet services and materials to include the Division of Corrections expenses for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the amount of \$1,422.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$53,517.00. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to accept funding from the NJ Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services Funding Award for State Fiscal Year 2024, between the NJ State Department of Human Services and the County of Union Division of Corrections for the provision of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services to Union County Jail inmates from the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$367,800.00. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a memorandum of understanding between the County of Middlesex and the County of Union County to provide custody of juveniles placed at the Middlesex County Juvenile Detention Center from July 6, 2023 through September 30, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$36,000.00. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Nicole DiRado, Administrator

1. Amending Resolution 2021-998, a lease agreement with Liberty Transportation & Storage Company, Inc., Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, for the purposes of providing warehouse space for the Union County Board of Elections to extend the lease term for five (5) additional years, commencing October 6, 2023 through October 5, 2028 in an amount not to exceed \$919,222.82 for a total amount of \$1,237,822.82. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri Mouded asked Administrator DiRado to elaborate on this item.

Administrator DiRado advised that in 2021 when Governor Murphy signed early voting into law, the Board of Elections was required to purchase over 1,000 electronic poll

books with individual printers, in addition to over 200 Wi-Fi devices to be used for early voting as well as on Election Day. She further advised that the cited vendor had renovated space at their warehouse to securely accommodate the BOE's equipment as and allow for equipment to be charged and tested prior to Election Day. She noted that this particular item related to an extension in the lease agreement from two years to five years. She advised that these storage fees would be paid for by the state through early-voting grant funding.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with EasyVote, Wilmington, NC, for the purpose of providing a seal and asset tracking and project management suite for the contract period of August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$77,528.50. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Commissioner Mirabella asked Administrator DiRado to elaborate on this item.

Administrator DiRado advised that this item related mainly to security seals and related tracking equipment and software for voting machines, noting that grant funding would replace asset tracking software initially hosted by the State. She explained that every voting machine was assigned a series of seals that served to secure firmware for each, adding that these seals were logged and tracked during transport. She noted that the seal and asset tracking system was designed to flag voting machine discrepancies upon their return to the warehouse, adding that any such discrepancy could result in an investigation.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amy Crisp Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution 2023-598 to request additional funds from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) established by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide emergency housing and rental assistance to households that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in conjunction with the County's Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), the amount of \$500,000.00 for a new total not to exceed \$1,500,000.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2023-525, a contract with Curry Davis Consulting Group, Fairburn, GA for the Administration of the Union County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (UCERAP), to administer the Union County Emergency Rental Assistance Program Round 2, to include grant funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the additional amount of \$900,000.00, for a new amount not to exceed \$9,700,733.48. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

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

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that during the Board's last meeting, action was taken to allow the Department of Economic Development to commit \$400,000 of ARPA funding into the County's Rental Assistance Program, noting that Item No. 1 would add an additional \$500,000 to the program. She further advised that the \$900,000 in total being committed would be transferred to Curry Davis Consulting Group for the administration of the Union County Emergency Rental Assistant Program. She added that

ARPA monies were being used in place of forthcoming ERAP funding from the State to prevent an interruption in service.

Commissioner Baker inquired about the Emergency Rental Assistance Program Round 2.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that the first round of funding had concluded in September of 2022, at which time Round 2 began. She recognized Curry Davis Consulting Group as a tremendous asset and partner for their management of the County's Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

3. Authorizing the County Manager to modify the term of the LEAP County Coordinator Fellowship grant agreements from the original term of June 25, 2020 through December 31, 2021 to July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 to align the agreement period with the State's fiscal year. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to modify the term of the LEAP County Coordinator Fellowship grant agreements from the original term of March 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023, to July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 to align the agreement period to the State's fiscal year. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, under the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) Fellowship Coordinator Grant in the amount of \$ 55,890.00; and to further enter into an agreement to support the direct salary costs for a Shared Services Coordinator Fellow for one-year for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Joseph Graziano, Director

1. Amending Resolution 2023-94, a contract with Dewberry Engineers Inc. of Bloomfield, New Jersey to provide On-Call Bridge Services commencing January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 for an additional amount of \$20,000.00 for a total contract not to exceed \$30,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2023-003). **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager and Deputy County Manager to submit and sign an application for Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG Program). **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Amending Resolution 2020-787, a contract with CME Associates, Monmouth Junction, New Jersey, to provide additional Licensed Site Remediation Professional Services (LSRP) related to the remediation of the former Trap and Skeet Facility at Lenape Park, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$681,021.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-029). **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Amending Resolution 2023-207, 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 Shade Environmental, LLC, of Maple Shade, New Jersey for the Union County Courthouse Tower Environmental Remediation, City of Elizabeth, County

of Union, New Jersey. This Final Change Order #1 will decrease the contract amount by \$25,000.00 for a new total amount not to exceed \$39,200.00. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Commissioner Leon asked Director Graziano to elaborate on Item No. 4, specifically the decrease in the contract amount.

Director Graziano advised that the reduction in cost related to costs being less than anticipated.

5. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Agate Construction Company Inc. of Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey for the Randolph Road, Pl-11, Bridge Scour Protection, City of Plainfield, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$399,933.00. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to CMS Construction Inc., of Plainfield, New Jersey for the Central Avenue, (Ra-20) Bridge Scour Protection, City of Rahway, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$463,009.60. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Commissioner Williams asked Director Graziano to elaborate on Item Nos. 5 & 6.

Director Graziano advised that every two years, the State conducted scour-critical inspections on bridges over 20 feet and would report its findings back to the County. Relative to these findings, he added that the County was be required to conduct a scour project to remedy the issued identified by the State inspection. He further advised that in this case, two separate contractors went out to bid to complete the bridge scour protection projects, noting that he anticipated work to start on the Plainfield bridge by the end of the summer, with the other bridge in Rahway to be addressed by early autumn. Director Graziano advised that these projects were funded by the NJ Department of Transportation.

7. Granting permission to the Borough of Mountainside (Westfield Chamber of Commerce & GWACC Foundation) to hang a banner from September 5, 2023 to September 18, 2023 and close Mountain Avenue from Mountainview Road to New Providence Road on September 17, 2023 from 6:00 am to 5:00 pm to advertise and conduct a Classic Car Show. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
8. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with TAPinto Local LLC, New Providence, NJ for advertising and promotion of the Union County Recycling and Clean Communities Initiatives and promotion of the Union County Recycling events for the period of September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$50,400.00. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Bibi Taylor, Director

Commissioner Bodek recognized Director Taylor and the various Departments for the receipt of grant-funding, adding that these grants helped offset the cost of various services and resources.

1. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$285,030.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families - Division on Women for a program entitled: SAARC. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
2. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$367,800.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a program entitled: DOC - Jail Mat Initiative Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
3. 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 Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
4. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$314,285.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families for a program entitled: Human Services Advisory Council Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
5. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$164,253.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a program entitled: SNAP American Rescue Plan Act. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
6. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$897,788.00 as a result of notification received from the New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials for a program entitled: NJACCHO Enhancing Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
7. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$4,793,789.00 as a result of notification received from the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development for a program entitled: SuperNofa Continuum of Care Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

Commissioner Williams asked Human Services Director Anderson to elaborate on this grant.

Director Anderson advised that this grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development would fund seventeen renewal contracts in the amount of \$4.4 million and would be used to provide tenant-based housing resources for homeless and disabled individuals.

8. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$119,338.49 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury for a program entitled: Opioid Litigation Recovery Funds. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

9. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$57,063.94 as a result of notification received from the New Jersey Department of State for a program entitled: UCBOE - Seal Asset Tracking Management System. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
10. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$238,024.00 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)**
11. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$22,500.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: Comprehensive Cancer Control Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2022-1064, a contract with New Hope Integrated Behavioral Health Care, Marlboro, NJ, for the purpose of providing two additional 12-hour educational sessions for the Union County Intoxicated Driver Resource Center program for an increase in the contract amount by \$3,600.00 for a new total contract not to exceed \$68,400.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to accept FY2022 SuperNOFO Continuum of Care (CoC) program competitive grant award funds in the amount not to exceed \$4,477,498.00 from U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) and to enter into subcontracts with various agencies as specified in the Spending Plan; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the awarded agencies as needed. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to the United Way of Greater Union County, Elizabeth, NJ to provide services under the Union County Family Support and Prevention (FSP) Program for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, with two (2) one-year renewal options, in the total amount not to exceed \$250,000.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and enter into agreement with the NJ Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) to secure Recreation Opportunities for People with Disabilities (ROID) Program grant funding in the amount of \$35,000.00 with a required County Match of not to exceed \$7,000.00 for a total program amount of not to exceed \$42,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
5. Amending Resolution 2023-282 to further extend the contract with Geographic Solutions, Palm Harbor, FL for continuation of Workforce Information Management Data Exchange System, for a period of six (6) months from July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, and to increase the contract amount by

\$29,550.00, for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$88,650.00. (**Chairman Sergio Granados**)

6. Amending Resolution Number 2023-253 to reflect an increase in the Area Plan Contract Spending Plan for Year 2 of the 2022-2024 Area Plan in the amount of \$106,162.00 to reflect a new total of not to exceed \$7,199,801.00 for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. (**Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon**)

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Victoria Durbin-Drake, Director

Chairman Granados thanked Director Durbin-Drake and Angelica Cedeño for their efforts relative to the County's Summer Theatre Camp program.

1. Amending Resolution 2023-74, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding (BA# UCCP 47-2022) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Weldon Material, Westfield, NJ to reflect Change Order Number 1 increasing the contract amount by \$50,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$1,020,150.00. (**Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams**)

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

Director Durbin-Drake advised that this \$50,000 increase would be used as a drawdown by the Department to purchase basic stone for paving and stone-work done within the County's Park Systems. She added that thus far this year, the Department had spent approximately \$20,000.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to conduct the 2023-2024 Deer Management Program for Union County, relative to the reduction of the white-tailed deer population within certain areas of the County, and to restrict areas when conditions necessitate in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00. (**Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams**)

Commissioner Mirabella recognized Joe Policay and Ray Sponz for their efforts relative to helping manage the deer population in Union County, noting their environmentally friendly approach to culling the herd.

Director Durbin-Drake also complimented Joe Policay and Ray Sponz for their efforts. She noted that 211 deer had been culled from the population, with another 500 deer carcasses picked up from the roadside.

3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Groundwork Elizabeth for stream bank stabilization work at Rizzuto Park, Elizabeth, New Jersey at no cost to the County of Union. (**Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon**)

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Dennis Burke, Acting Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. 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 Public Safety: Sea Box, Inc. 1 Sea Box Drive, Cinnaminson, New Jersey, for the purpose of purchasing specialty containers in an amount not to exceed \$414,025.00. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Bruce H. Bergen, County Counsel

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2022-1100, to increase the appropriation to DeCotiis Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin LLP, Paramus, NJ for Special Legal Counsel in the matter entitled H.C. Equities v. UC, et als, in the amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$530,000.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

Edward Oatman, County Manager

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to execute a settlement Term Sheet and all other necessary documents for settlement in the matter entitled H.C. Equities LP v. County of Union. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. Appointing Michael Scanio, Union County Department of Public Safety, as the Union County Emergency Management Coordinator for a three (3) year term commencing on April 28, 2023 through April 27, 2026. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Recognizing the Elizabeth Colombian Lions Club for all the contributions their organization has made to the Colombian community and throughout Union County; and further recognizing Elizabeth Colombian Lions Club for the 2023 Colombian Flag Raising at Elizabeth City Hall on July 20, 2023. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, Chairman Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**
2. Recognizing Lions Club International as they celebrate the Lions Charity Run on July 5th, 2023. **(Chairman Sergio Granados, Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, & The Entire Board)**
3. Recognizing Peruvians for Progress, Inc for their many contributions to the Peruvian community and the greater Union County community; and further recognizing Peruvians for Progress as they celebrate their 2023 Peruvian Flag Raising at Elizabeth City Hall on July 19, 2023. **(Chairman Sergio Granados, Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, & The Entire Board)**
4. Recognizing the 33rd Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on July 26, 2023; and further acknowledging and celebrating the progress that has been

made to empower millions of Americans with disabilities to live more independently and enjoy the freedom of choice, to pursue meaningful constructive, and gratifying lives by reaffirming the principles of equality and inclusion and recommitting our efforts to reach full ADA compliance. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, & The Entire Board)**

5. Congratulating Reverend Dr. Denison Harrield, Jr., Pastor of Wallace Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, and the delegation from Wallace Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, as well as the City of Summit, on the historic occasion of celebrating the church's remarkable 100th Anniversary. **(Chairman Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**
6. Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the families of Newark firefighters Augusto "Augie" Acabou, 45, and Wayne "Bear" Brooks Jr., 49, who died in the line of duty in the Grande Costa D'Avorio cargo ship fire in Port Newark. **(Chairman Sergio Granados, Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, & The Entire Board)**
7. Recognizing the month of July, 2023 as "Disability Pride Month" commemorating the progress made in advancing the rights and dignity of individuals with disabilities, and to promote inclusivity, diversity, and acceptance. **(Chairman Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**
8. Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Monty Brooks, former Linden Councilman and a Chester Holmes Humanitarian Award recipient, during their time of sorrow. **(Chairman Sergio Granados, Commissioner Joseph C Bodek, & 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 Baker a voice vote showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 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

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December 21, 2023



James E. Pelletiere, 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, 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.