



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Granados presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:45 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.

Clerk Pellettiere advised that as a result of action taken by the Board during Executive Session, his Office had prepared and distributed new agendas for the Board's Regular Meeting.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Chairman Granados called for a motion to approve the Communications. 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting was opened 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.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, asked questions and made comments relative to several resolutions. Relative to Reso No. 2023-628, Mr. Paterson asked for an update relative to NJ Department of Health Public Employees Occupational Safety & Health Act (PEOSH) violations at the Union County Courthouse. Relative to Reso No. 2023-655, he asked about the size of the warehouse space being rented and inquired about this item being secured through public bidding. Relative to Reso No. 2023-677, he asked about the action taken during Executive Session. Mr. Paterson also made comments relative to Finance Director Taylor recently earning her Doctorate in Education. He also noted that he was still waiting for an answer relative to the total monies spent on the matter of Figueroa v. County of Union. To close, Mr. Paterson recognized Clerk Rajoppi and her staff for providing quality service during his passport renewal.

Relative to Reso No. 2023-628, Director Graziano advised that the noted PEOSH violations were being addressed, adding that remediations were a priority and would be completed as soon as possible. He noted that the County would never knowingly put their employees at risk.

Relative to Reso No. 2023-655, Administrator DiRado advised that the lease agreement with Liberty Transportation & Storage Company Inc. was for 3,218 feet of office space as well as 2,500 square feet of warehouse space. She highlighted the importance of securing a trusted vendor to provide said service. She added that pursuant to NJSA 4A:11-5(1)(a)ii the Board of Elections was allowed to secure a contract for extraordinary unspecifiable services without the need for a competitive bid.

Relative to Reso No. 2023-667, Counsel Bergen advised that the item added to the agenda as a result of action taken by the Board during Executive Session, was related to a settlement for a long-standing lawsuit the County had been involved in.

There were no additional questions or comments from the public.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

- 2023-623 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR:** 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-624 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-625 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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).

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-626 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager and Deputy County Manager to submit and sign an application for Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG Program).

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-627 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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).

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-628 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-629 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-630 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-631 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-632 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-633 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-634 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-635 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-636 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-637 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-638 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-639 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-640 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-641 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-642 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-643 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 Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Grant.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-644 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-645 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-646 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-647 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-648 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

- 2023-649 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

- 2023-650 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

- 2023-651 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

- 2023-652 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

- 2023-653 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-654 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-655 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-656 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-657 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-658 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-659 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-660 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-661 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-662 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-663 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-664 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-665 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and enter into agreement with the NJ Department of Community Affairs (NJDCAs) 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-666 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-667 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-668 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2023-669 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Recognizing Lions Club International as they celebrate the Lions Charity Run on July 5th, 2023.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-670 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON, CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-671 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-672 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-673 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-674 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-675 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

2023-676 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Baker invited senior residents and their caregivers to attend the County's ASK events taking place during the month of July. He advised that these events would provide residents with an opportunity to learn about the various programs and resources available for aging adults, including adult day care, respite care, and home-delivered meals, among other services. He noted that no appointment or registration was necessary to attend, adding that bilingual assistance would also be available. He advised that the Aging Services Kiosk would be visiting the Elizabeth Public Library on July 19th, the Plainfield Library on July 24th, and the Roselle Public Library on July 28th. He encouraged interested residents to visit the County website for more information.

Commissioner Mirabella announced a partnership between Union County's Prosecutor's Office and the Police Chiefs' Association relative to U.C. Crime Stoppers. He noted that this resource would assist efforts to reduce car thefts, burglaries and other crimes in Union County by providing a resource for residents to anonymously report crimes. He added that this resource in addition to license plate readers and related technology could be used to reduce crime in Union County. Commissioner Mirabella advised that residents could be rewarded up to \$10,000 for information that would lead to an arrest and indictment, adding that anonymous tips could be reported by phone or on the Crime Stoppers website. He recognized Prosecutor Daniel and First Assistant Prosecutor Tansey for their proactive approach to fighting crime in Union County.

Commissioner Williams congratulated Finance Director Taylor on her recent academic accomplishment, noting the slanderous remarks made by Mr. Paterson. On another note, she announced that the County was currently seeking residents to volunteer at the Union County Rape Crisis Center. She noted the important role played by volunteers in providing guidance and support to victims and survivors of sexual violence. She advised that interested residents had to be 18 or older, possess a valid driver's license and a personal vehicle as well as complete a 40+ hour state-mandated training program. She further advised that training would take place in Westfield from September 12th – November 2nd, adding that upon the completion of training, volunteers would be certified as sexual violence advocates that could provide support and in-person guidance to victims of sexual abuse.

Commissioner Garretson spoke relative to the various summer activities and programs taking place throughout Union County. She encouraged residents to visit the County website to learn more about these offerings. On another note, she noted a recent demonstration that took place last week in support of Haiti, adding that the event was well attended and she was happy to see the participation. She thanked Charlene for her efforts to this end.

Commissioner Bodek invited residents to attend the County's Choose Your Cover Program on August 5th at Ponderosa Farm Park in Scotch Plains. He noted that this free skin cancer screening aimed to educate residents on sun safety and precautions that can be taken to reduce the risk of skin cancer. He added that the event was free, but a pre-screening survey was required. He noted that personnel from the Union County's Office on Health Management in partnership with Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center would be on site to provide screenings and important information on lowering the risk of skin cancer.

Commissioner Leon noted her recent attendance, alongside Chairman Granados, of the 2023 Lions Charity Run fundraiser that took place recently at Mattano Park. She recognized the Lions Club as an organization committed to serving the community by raising funds and awareness for charitable causes, including for those affected by war and natural disasters. She advised that the 2023 Lions International Convention would be held in Boston, noting the importance of building a strong network of individuals and organizations for the betterment of society. She closed by thanking the Elizabeth Lions Cuban Club and the Elizabeth Portuguese Lions Club as well as NJ's Multicultural Lions Club and the Hillside Lions Club.

Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded advised that the Union County's Office for Persons with Disabilities and Special Needs, in conjunction with the Town of Westfield would be hosting a Paint by the Pond event on August 12th at Mindowaskin Park in Westfield. She noted that the event was free, but pre-registration was required, noting that all residents of all abilities and ages were welcome to attend. She encouraged interested residents to visit the County's website to register.

Chairman Granados wished everyone a Happy summer.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Granados asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 P.M.


UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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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.

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