

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Granados presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:29 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 Lourdes M. Leon, and Commissioner Rebecca Williams were present, with Commissioner Angela R. Garretson, Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski, and Commissioner Alexander Mirabella absent.

Also present were County Manager Edward T. Oatman, 1st Deputy County Counsel Moshood Muftau, Esq., and Assistant Clerk Marlena Russo.

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The prayer and salute to the flag were led by Assistant Clerk Russo.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT
The statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by Assistant

Clerk Russo.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Chairman Granados called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Thursday, May 11, 2023 Agenda Setting Session
- 2. Thursday, May 11, 2023 Regular Meeting
- 3. Thursday, May 25, 2023 Agenda Setting Session
- 4. Thursday, May 25, 2023 Regular Meeting

Chairman Granados called for a motion to approve the May Minutes. On a motion made by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Leon, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative for all May Minutes, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella 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, made comments and asked questions relative to several resolutions. Relative to Reso No. 2023-551, he inquired about the cost of the project and the slated improvements. Relative to Reso No. 2023-552, he asked why the cost of this project was less than previous years and whether or not the Department anticipated additional costs. Relative to Reso No. 2023-554, he asked for additional information related to the cited service. Relative to Reso No. 2023-555, he inquired about the need for moving services and asked how this resource would be used. Relative to Reso No. 2023-566, he asked for additional information about the installation of an eruv wire. Relative to Reso No. 2023-576, he asked for additional details related to the cited temporary mobility assignment. Relative to Reso No. 2023-598, Mr. Paterson asked about the ARPA monies encumbered by the County. He also made comments relative to Reso Nos. 2023-563, 2023-581, 2023-608, 2023-609, 2023-610, 2023-611, and 2023-612.

Relative to Reso No. 2023-551, Director Graziano advised that this project would include 271 guardrail segments along County roads. He further advised that the County had received monies from NJ's Department of Transportation for this project. He added that the County had received funding from the NJ Department of Transportation, adding that additional funding was available for this project.

Relative to Reso No. 2023-552, Director Graziano advised that the 2023 Road Resurfacing Project was smaller in comparison to previous years, noting that this project included 12 miles of roads. He advised that he did not anticipate any additional miles added to the project.

Relative to Reso No. 2023-554, Director Graziano advised that this item related to indoor and outdoor window cleaning services for all County buildings and facilities.

Relative to Reso No. 2023-555, Directo Graziano advised that this vendor was secured through a state contract and would provide moving services as needed once certain County leases expired in the City of Elizabeth.

Relative to Reso No. 2023-566, Director Durbin-Drake advised that the Eruv Wire was a technical boundary that would permit Orthodox Jews to carry certain items in public areas that would otherwise be prohibited on the Shabbat. She noted that the installation of said was a constitutional right and of no detriment.

Relative to Reso No. 2023-576, Prosecutor Daniel advised that Assistant Prosecutor Tiffany Wilson had been a valued employee of the County for approximately 25 years, noting her as a leader in the area of mental health and diversion. He added that Ms. Wilson had been invited by NJ Attorney General Platkin to spearhead the Arrive Together initiative that was currently being piloted in Union County. He further advised that under the terms of the MOU, Ms. Wilson's salary and benefits would be reimbursed by the State of NJ.

Chairman Granados confirmed that Assistant Prosecutor Tiffany Wilson was a tremendous asset to the County of Union, adding that he was happy that she would be working directly with NJ's Attorney Generals office to develop and implement the Arrive together program state-wide.

Relative to Reso No. 2023-598, County Manager Oatman advised that the County had \$33 million in ARPA funding, adding that funds had to be obligated by December 2024. He noted that these monies has been used for programs benefiting seniors and veterans and park improvements as well as fund the County's COVID-19 response.

There were no additional questions or comments from the public.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

2023-547 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR: Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$200,000.00 from the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Services for the purpose of updating the Countywide Hazard Mitigation Plan.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-548 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Spec Rescue International, Virginia Beach, Virginia, to provide specialized training to members of the Metro Urban Search and Rescue (MUSAR) Task Force from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Region, through the 2021 and 2022 UASI grants, in an amount not to exceed \$82,725.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-549 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR: Authorizing the County Manager to accept three
(3) Motorola APX 800 radios from the New Jersey Emergency Medical Services
Task Force Support Group for Emergency Medical Services response coordination.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-550 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to execute Agreement No. 2023-DT-BLA-202 with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Intersection Improvements along East and West 7th Street

(CR 601) and Intersection of East Front Street (CR 620) and Leland Avenue in City of Plainfield, County of Union.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-551 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the NJ Department of Transportation, Local Transportation Projects Fund 2023 for the Union County Guiderail Replacement Project which will improve/replace 271 guiderail segments located throughout the County.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-552 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 Smith-Sondy Asphalt Construction Company of Wallington, New Jersey for the 2023 Road Resurfacing Project, Various Municipalities, County of Union, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$5,623,659.43. (BA# 7-2023; Union County Engineering Project # 2021-011)

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-553 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the twenty-four (24) month option to extend the contract pursuant to Resolution 2021-449, originally obtained through advertised public bidding (B.A. # 30-2021) with Vanore Electric, Inc., Hackensack, NJ, for the purpose of Electrical Systems Services at various locations for the period of July 16, 2023 through July 15, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-554 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the twenty-four (24) month option to extend the contract pursuant to Resolution 2021-448, originally obtained through advertised public bidding (B.A. # 29-2021) with Eagle Building Services, LLC, Newark, NJ, for the purpose of Window Cleaning Services at various locations for the period of July 30, 2023 through July 29, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$135,000.00.

2023-555 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Flatbush Moving Van Company, Linden, NJ, procured through NJ State Contract # 22-GNSV2-25460, for the purpose of providing Moving Services at various County locations in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-556 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Cliffside Body Corporation, Fairview, through ESCNJ #20/21-55 for the purpose to remove and replace dump truck bodies in the amount not to exceed \$500,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-557 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Granting permission to the City of Linden to close Wood Avenue from Blancke Street to Elm Street on Saturday, June 24, 2023 from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm for the Eighth Annual Unity Day with a rain date of Sunday, June 25, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Bodek abstaining and Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-558 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Granting permission to the City of Linden to close Wood Avenue from Elizabeth Avenue to Elm Street on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm for the Annual National Night Out.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Bodek abstaining and Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-559 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution Number 2022-97, a contract with Lorco Petroleum Services, Elizabeth for recycling of used motor oil and motor oil filters to increase the contract by an additional amount of not to exceed \$1,500.00, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$7,500.00 thought September 30, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-560 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to execute a License Agreement with Cranford Jaycees to have its annual four-mile

Firecracker Run at the County's Nomahegan Park on Tuesday, July 4, 2023, rain or shine.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-561 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to execute a License Agreement with the Township of Cranford to have its Fourth of July Fair and Fireworks display at the County's Nomahegan Park on Sunday, July 2, 2023, rain or shine.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-562 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to execute a License Agreement with the Borough of North Plainfield to have its Community Day Fireworks at the County's Green Brook Park on Saturday, July 1, 2023, with a proposed rain date of Sunday, July 2, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-563 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to execute a License Agreement with the Borough of Roselle to have its annual Music Fest at the County's Warinanco Park on Saturday, July 8, 2023, rain or shine.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-564 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to execute a License Agreement with the Township of Springfield to have its Fourth of July Fair and Fireworks display at the County's Meisel Avenue Park on Tuesday, July 4, 2023, with a proposed rain date on the next clear day.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-565 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Johnson Controls Inc., Edison, New Jersey, for the upgrade of a HVAC/Supervisory Controller Panel at Galloping Hill Golf Course Club House for the Department of Parks & Recreation, in the amount not to exceed \$29,897.00.

2023-566 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to execute a License Agreement with the Bergen Rockland Eruv Association, LLC, Monsey, NY, to install an Eruv Wire in the Rahway River Park System in Clark and Rahway, NJ.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-567 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED: Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$126,900.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Prosecutor's Office MOU Temporary Mobility Assignment.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-568 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED: Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$35,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Recreational Opportunities For Individuals With Disabilities (ROID).

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-569 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED: Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$55,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: 2023 Emergency Management Assistance (EMAA) Grant.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-570 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED: Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$4,295.60 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for a program entitled: Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant.

2023-571 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED: Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$17,676.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) CWA.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-572 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED: Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$105,263.15 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Operation Helping Hand (OHH) Grant.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-573 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED: Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$415,507.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention Grant.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner absent.

2023-574 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED: Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$3,500,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Corrections for a program entitled: Department of Corrections State Aid Grant.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-575 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED: Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$891,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of State for a program entitled: UCBOE 2023 Poll Worker Pay Reimbursement.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-576 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) providing the temporary mobility assignment of Assistant Prosecutor Tiffany Wilson from July 5, 2023 through January 5, 2024.

2023-577 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to enter into an agreement with Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc., d/b/a Life Technologies Corporation, Waltham, MA to purchase proprietary reagents supplies, equipment, and service agreements for instrument maintenance for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$159,391.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-578 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with NicheVision Forensics, LLC, Akron, OH for the purchase software upgrades in an amount not to exceed \$30,945.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-579 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023 for the project titled Operation Helping Hand Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$105,263.15 for the period of September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-580 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the extension option pursuant to Resolution Number 2021-635 with the Clear Law Institute, Arlington VA to provide mandatory online Workplace Discrimination Training for County employees, for the period of November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$33,750.00 per year for a total amount not to exceed \$67,500.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-581 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to award a stoploss insurance contract to Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, Newark, NJ through BGIA/Acrisure, Woodbridge, NJ, as the County's Health Insurance Consultant/Broker of Record for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000.00.

2023-582 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into Addendum No. 2 to the Master Service Agreement with the State of New Jersey, Administrative Office of the Courts for Mailroom Services for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, (revenue generating).

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-583 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Concurring with Resolution Number 2023-12 of the Union County Workforce Development Board authorizing the Program Year 2021 Workforce Development Area Budget indirect expenses.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-584 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Concurring with Resolution Number 2023-13 of the Union County Workforce Development Board authorizing the Program Year 2022 Workforce Development Area Budget indirect expenses.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-585 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Concurring with Resolution Number 2023-14 of the Union County Workforce Development Board authorizing the transfer of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act expenses from Program Year 2022 to Program Year 2021.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-586 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Concurring with Resolution Number 2023-15 of the Union County Workforce Development Board entering into a contract with Union College of Union County for the provision of an Affiliate American Job Center Site Provider for Career Services to Adults and Dislocated Workers under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

2023-587 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Concurring with Resolution Number 2023-17 of the Union County Workforce Development Board authorizing the implementation of a temporary budget.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-588 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Concurring with Resolution Number 2023-18 of the Union County Workforce Development Board authorizing the Union County Department of Human Services to continue providing American Job Center services as set forth in the Contract until such time that the Union County Workforce Development Board awards a new contract(s) for the provision of American Job Center services.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner A Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-589 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Community Coordinated Child Care of Union County, Inc., Rahway, New Jersey, for the Union County Child Care Subsidy program for the period of June 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$37,500.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-590 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, New Jersey to promote youth, teen and community development through prevention programs including self-empowerment and youth leadership, Interfaith initiatives and collaboration among community programs for youth and families for the period of June 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the amount of not to exceed \$75,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-591 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Redishred Acquisition Inc. aka PROSHRED Security, Roseland, NJ for the purpose of shredding and disposal of documents for the Union County Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

2023-592 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) in the approximate amount of \$17,676.00 for the purpose of LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) CWA Administration for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-593 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Rahway Business Machines, Avenel, NJ for the purpose of repairing HP LaserJet printers for the Union County Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-594 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding (BA # 22-2023) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Human Services/Division of Social Services: Legacy Health US LLC, Hackensack, NJ, for the purpose of providing Immunization Clinic Equipment and Supplies for twenty four (24) consecutive months commencing on July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2025, in the amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-595 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to execute a License Agreement with the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA allowing them to utilize the Walter E. Ulrich Memorial Pool during off hours for swim practice and other programs, through May 31, 2024.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-596 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to Accept Used Parks Equipment Donated by the City of Linden.

2023-597 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Resolution appointing Manuel T. Figueiredo to the Union County Utilities Authority for a five-year unexpired term ending on January 31, 2024.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-598 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution 2023-524 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), in the amount of \$400,000.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-599 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Concurring with Resolution No. 2023-19 of the Executive Committee of the Union County Workforce Development Board authorizing the extension of the contract period for the provision of Work First New Jersey programs from the existing contract period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 to a revised contract period of July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-600 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Sponsoring the General Pulaski Parade Committee of St. Theresa's Polish Heritage Festival being held on September 16, 2023 and various cultural events throughout the year in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Bodek abstaining and Commissioner. Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-601 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Sponsoring the Portuguese Instructive Social Club's Outdoor Festivals being held on June 24, 2023, September 16, 2023, and September 23, 2023 in a total amount not to exceed \$2,000.00.

2023-602 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Sponsoring the Township of Scotch Plains' Independence Day Celebration being held on July 1, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-603 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Sponsoring the Township of Cranford's Annual Independence Day Celebration being held on July 2, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-604 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Sponsoring the City of Plainfield's Annual Independence Day Celebration being held on July 4, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-605 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Sponsoring the NAACP Hillside Branch's Jazz Festival being held on July 19, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-606 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Sponsoring the Youth Legacy Leaders' Back to School Community Event being held on August 19, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$500.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-607 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Sponsoring the City of Linden's Annual Halloween Parade being held on October 22, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.

2023-608 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Sponsoring the Township of Hillside's Portuguese Day Festival being held on June 24, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-609 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Sponsoring the Township of Hillside's Juneteenth Event held on June 17, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-610 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Sponsoring the Citizens Going Forward's Goodwill Festival held on June 3, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Sponsoring the Elizabeth Portugal Day Parade Committee Festivities held on June 2, 2023 (Flag Raising) and June 4, 2023 (Parade) in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Chairman Granados abstaining and Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-612 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Sponsoring the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Association of Westfield's Juneteenth Celebration held on June 17, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$500.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-613 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Amending Resolution Number 2023-439, sponsoring the Frank O. Mazza Civic Association's Peterson Cultural Festival, to reflect an increase in funding in the amount of \$1,000.00 for a new sponsorship amount not to exceed \$3,000.00.

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2023-614 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Concurring with the Township of Berkeley Heights Resolution #192-2023 applying for the NJ DOT FY2024 Safe Streets to Transit Grant Program to improve the sidewalk network and lighting along Springfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-615 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Concurring with the Township of Union's grant application to the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) 2023 Planning and Demonstration Grants.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-616 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Congratulating Reverend John J. Paladino upon leaving Saint Bartholomew's Academy after 18 years of service to the Parish.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-617 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Offering the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Paul Emposimato Jr., who passed away on June 15th, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-618 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Honoring the life of Donald A. Carrelli, as the Westfield Chess Club hosted the Donald A. Carrelli Memorial Chess Tournament at the Westfield YMCA on July 3, 2022.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-619 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Recognizing the talents of Jay La'Porte, of Elizabeth, for sharing his poetry with the County of Union at its various Pride Month events.

2023-620 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Offering the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Darnell Randolph, of Plainfield, who passed away on June 16th, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-621 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Congratulating Bruce Bergen, County Counsel, on 40 years of dedicated service as the longest running Rotarian of the Cranford Rotary.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2023-622 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Recognizing Clifton People Jr. for his many years of dedicated service to the Union County Utilities Authority.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Baker invited residents to attend the County's free, upcoming paper shredding event on Thursday, July 13th at Rahway River Park from 9Am– 1Pm. He noted that the event was intended for personal sensitive documents, adding that pre-shredded, damp, and or wet documents would not be accepted. He also advised that magazines, junk mail, and other paper waste should be recycled through their municipal recycling program. He encouraged interested residents to visit the County website for additional information related to the event.

Commissioner Williams reminded residents that the County's free scrap metal recycling events would continue through July with collection centers at Rahway River Park and Cranford Emergency Services Building. She noted that County residents from all municipalities were welcome at attend the upcoming events, encouraging interested residents to visit the County's website for additional information. On another note, Commissioner Williams spoke relative to her attendance of the many flag raisings and family-friendly events that took place throughout Union County in celebration of Pride Month. She also noted several events that had taken place in Union County in observance of Juneteenth, including Elizabeth's Juneteenth Celebration which included the unveiling of the 313 + Monument at the First Presbyterian Church near the Union County Courthouse. She wished everyone a Happy Pride and thanked Robert Charkowsky, of the

Office of LGBTQ Affairs, for his efforts in organizing several of the County's events relative to Pride Month.

Commissioner Bodek noted America's 247th Birthday on July 4th and the various Independence Day Celebrations and Fireworks taking place throughout the County of Union in commemoration of America's Independence. He noted firework displays taking place in Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, and Rahway among other towns and encouraged residents to visit the County website for additional information related to the time and day of these events. He closed by wishing everyone a Happy 4th of July.

Commissioner Leon invited residents to attend a Summer Festival on July 29th at Oak Ridge Park in Clark, organized through the County's Office with Person with Disabilities and Special Needs, in recognition of the 33rd anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. She noted that the festival would include a variety of activities designed to accommodate persons of all needs, noting the County's commitment to ensuring that everyone can participate regardless of their abilities. She noted that admission to the event was free, but registration was strongly recommended. She encouraged interested residents to visit the County website for additional information of this event and other related offerings. She closed by wishing everyone a Happy 4th of July.

Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded invited residents to attend the County's Summer Arts Concert series, noting that performances would take place each Wednesday throughout July at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. She advised that in August, the Summer Concert Series would move to Oak Ridge Park in Clark, with the final performance of the series taking place on August 23rd at Warinanco Park. She encouraged residents to visit the County website for additional information related to this event.

Chairman Granados announced the installation of new, ADA-compliant water bottle filling stations in several County parks throughout Union County. He noted that the filling stations could also serve as a pet fountain. He advised that these new water bottle filling stations were now available at Warinanco Park, Phil Rizzuto Park, Rahway River Park, Cedar Brook Park, Nomahegan Park, and Briant Park, with additional stations forthcoming. He noted the importance of such filling stations in promoting sustainability while also reducing plastic waste and offer residents a convenient way to stay hydrated while enjoying the County parks. He recognized the Parks & Recreation Department as well as the Recycling Division for their efforts.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- 1. Attorney-client privileged discussion concerning contracts and financial agreements with the UCUA.
- 2. Personnel matters and contract negotiations concerning the Public Safety Department.
- 3. Privileged discussion concerning Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiations.

1st Deputy County Counsel Moshood Muftau 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) Attorney-client privileged discussion concerning contracts and financial agreements with the UCUA 2) Personnel matters and contract negotiations concerning the Public Safety Department 3) Privileged discussion concerning Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiations.

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 Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Williams, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson, Commissioner Kowalski, and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

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

First Deputy County Counsel Moshood Muftau advised that as a result of Executive Session there was no action necessary to be taken.

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 nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 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

AGENDA SETTING SESSION
January 26, 2023
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Japaes E. Pellettiere, 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.