



## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 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 Angela R. Garretson, Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski, Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and Commissioner Rebecca Williams were present.

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.

### APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

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Note and File

Chairman Granados called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Leon, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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1. Thursday, April 13, 2023 - Agenda Setting Session
2. Thursday, April 13, 2023 - Regular Meeting
3. Thursday, April 27, 2023 - Agenda Setting Session
4. Thursday, April 27, 2023 - Regular Meeting

Chairman Granados called for a motion to approve the April Minutes. On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative for all April Minutes.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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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. 2023-499, he asked if this item was grant funded like years past. Relative to Reso No. 2023-503, he asked why Center Management was not in charge of security at Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital. Relative to Reso No. 2023-504, he asked for a reiteration of the renovations slated for the Cedar Brook Tennis Courts in Plainfield. Relative to Reso Nos. 2023-507 & 2023-512, Mr. Paterson asked for additional information relative to these items. Relative to Reso Nos. 2023-524 & 2023-525, he noted that he was happy to see monies being allocated to provide emergency housing and rental assistance to residents in need. He asked for a total of the remaining American Rescue Plan Act funding. Relative to Reso No. 2023-531, he asked how much money had been spent on this matter over the years. Relative to Reso No. 2023-539, he made comments relative to NJ Senate President Nicholas P. Scutari being honored at the upcoming 2023 Kean Gala. Relative to Reso No. 2023-532, he noted that he was appreciative that the County opted to keep the cost of this matter at a minimum and settle. He inquired as to whether or not the County's insurance would cover the cited settlement amount.

Relative to Reso No. 2023-499, Director Graziano advised that this item was 100% grant funded, adding that recycling-related items fell under the exception to bidding.

Relative to Reso No. 2023-503, Counsel Bergen advised that the County was responsible for providing security at Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital.

Relative to Reso No. 2023-504, County Manager Oatman advised that the eight tennis courts would be repaved and improved to serve as dual-use for pickle ball. He added that lights, fencing, and landscaping improvements were also part of the renovation. He noted that this would be the first major renovation on-site in 25 years.

Director Taylor advised that Reso No. 2023-507 related to a grant awarded to the Departments of Public Safety and County Police, while Reso No. 2023-512, was a similar grant awarded to the Prosecutor's Office for the implementation and expansion of Gunshot Detection Technology.

County Manager Oatman advised that Reso No. 2023-524 authorized the use of the cited funding to provide emergency housing and rental assistance, adding that Reso No. 2023-525 would amend the original contract with Curry Davis Consulting Group to administer the County's Emergency Rental Assistant Program. Relative to how much American Rescue Plan Act monies the County had remaining, County Manager Oatman advised that he did not have this information readily available and it would be provided at a later time.

Relative to Reso No. 2023-531, Counsel Bergen advised that he did not have this information readily available, adding that it would be provided to the Board and the public at a later time.

Relative to Reso No. 2023-540, Chairman Granados advised that NJ Senate President Nicholas Scutari was a proud graduate of Kean University and remained active at his alma mater. He noted that he looked forward to NJ Senate President Scutari being recognized for his continued efforts to the County of Union and the State of NJ.

Relative to Reso No. 2023-532, Counsel Bergen advised that the settlement agreement would not be covered by the County's insurance, adding that the County's self-insured retainage was above the \$100,000 settlement amount. He advised that the monies would be furnished from the County's settlement fund.

There were no additional questions or comments from the public.

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#### RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

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The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

**2023-491 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Blue Ridge Lumber Co., Blainstown, NJ, for the purchase of lumber for UASI MUSAR Training/Exercise using FY21 UASI funds in the amount of not to exceed \$35,003.15.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-492 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Fire & Safety Services LTD, South Plainfield, NJ, for service on a Jersey City UASI Decontamination light tower using FY22 UASI funds in the amount of not to exceed \$4,650.64.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-493 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR:** Amending Resolution Number 2022-670, a contract awarded pursuant to advertised public bidding (BA# 24-2022) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., with Continental Hardware, Inc., Newark, NJ, for the provision of providing Lumber and Associated Materials, for Change Order Number 1 to reflect an increase to the contract in the amount of \$16,784.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$305,867.65.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-494 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Enforsys, Inc., Millburn, NJ, to provide maintenance and support for a cloud hosted information sharing and Records Management System (RMS) for the Union County Dispatch Center and affiliated agencies for the contract period of May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$60,625.00. (Homeland Security Grant Funded)

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-495 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept and expend funds awarded through the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM) Preparedness Bureau via NJEM Grants funded through the 2023 Emergency Management Performance Grant - EMPG/ Emergency Management Agency Assistance - EMAA Grant (FY23-EMPG-EMAA-2000) in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.00, for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-496 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights to close Springfield Avenue from Snyder Avenue to the Somerset County Line on Saturday, July 15, 2023 from 6:00 pm to 2:00 am for the Mt. Carmel Festival.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-497 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights to hang a banner across Springfield Avenue and Plainfield Avenue from June 9, 2023 to August 1, 2023 advertising the Summer Concert Series.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-498 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Granting permission to the Borough of Roselle Park to close Chestnut Street from Charles Street to Grant Avenue on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm for the 2023 National Night Out Celebration.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-499 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Radiac Research Corp. d/b/a Radiac Environmental Services, Brooklyn, NY, for the purpose of providing three (3) Union County household hazardous waste program events for 2023 in the amount not to exceed of \$152,850.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-500 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2023 Aging GAPA Spending Plan for subcontracted services to be provided, to exercise the first of two (2) one-year options to renew, for a period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, in the amount not to exceed \$475,000.00; and further authorizing the transfer of funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-501 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with NJ Transit to secure additional grant funding for inclusion in NJ Transit's 5310 FFY20 Mobility Management program for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-502 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 for the purpose of transporting Union County veterans to veteran's medical facilities in the amount not to exceed \$12,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-503 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Amending Resolution 2022-504, a contract awarded through a public bidding process (BA# 16-2022) with Universal Protection Services, LLC, Bridgewater, NJ, for the purpose of providing security coverage to Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County, to exercise the first option to extend the contract for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in the total amount not to exceed \$463,357.44.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-504 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract obtained through advertised public bidding (BA#14-2023) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Halecon, Inc, Bridgewater, New Jersey for the purpose of providing Improvements to the Cedar Brook Tennis Courts, City of Plainfield, County of Union, New Jersey, in the amount not to exceed \$947,852.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-505 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to execute a License Agreement with the City of Plainfield to have its Community Day Firework Display at Cedar Brook Park on Tuesday, July 4, 2023, with a proposed rain date of Wednesday, July 5, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-506 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to execute a License Agreement with the City of Rahway to have its Fourth of July Fair and Fireworks display at the County's Rahway River Park on Monday, July 3, 2023, with a proposed rain date of Wednesday, July 5, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-507 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$150,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: County Police-Gunshot Detection Technology Initiative Grant.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-508 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$3,946.06 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: NJ EMS Task Force ASAP Grant.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-509 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$126,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: Workforce Learning Link Program.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-510 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$51,930.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a program entitled: Personal Attendant Services Program - PASP.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-511 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$71,081.44 as a result of notification

received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a program entitled: Clean Communities Grant.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-512 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$355,500.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Prosecutor's-Gunshot Detection Technology Initiative Grant.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-513 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$12,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for a program entitled: Paratransit (Veterans').

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-514 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$100,000.00 as a result of notification received from New Jersey Transit for a program entitled: Paratransit - FTA Section 5310 Mobility Management Program.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-515 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$135,835.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Multi-Jurisdictional Gang, Gun, and Narcotics Task Forces.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-516 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$252,335.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Community Service Block Grant (CSBG).

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-517 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$90,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: Covid-19 Vaccination Supplemental Funding FY 2023-2024 Grant.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-518 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Amending Resolution 2023-350, adopting the Union County Youth Services Commission Spending Plan, to reflect changes in amounts associated with appropriation accounts with no change to the total amount of the spending plan nor any terms of the agreements.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-519 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2021-984, a contract with International Business Machines Corporation (IBM), Piscataway, NJ for an additional amount of \$1,000.00 for a total contract not to exceed \$129,188.45.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-520 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2022-904, a contract with West Publishing Corporation, a Thomson Reuters Business (Clear), Eagan, MN, to increase the annual budgetary allocation for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$9,000.00, for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$107,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-521 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of the Union County Prosecutor's Office, 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 SDFI-TeleMedicine LLC of Boulder City, Nevada, for the procurement of a Camera System for Secure Digital Forensic Imaging in an amount not to exceed \$25,799.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-522 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Systems Engineering Technologies Corporation d/b/a SyTech for the renewal of maintenance and CDC connectivity services for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$34,948.52.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-523 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with 4Imprint, Inc., Oshkosh, WI for the purchase Community Outreach items in the amount not to exceed \$6,944.48.



On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-524 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to request to utilize \$600,000.00 of 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 an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-525 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2023-321, 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) and to add an account number for the additional amount of \$600,000.00, for a new amount not to exceed \$8,800,733.48.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-526 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountainside, New Jersey, for the provision of the Special Child Case Management and Early Intervention Program, for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-527 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2023 Union County GAP Spending Plan for subcontracted services to be provided for the period of July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the total amount not to exceed \$381,570.00; further authorizing the County Manager to transfer funds among the agencies listed during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the listed agencies fail to meet contractual obligation.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-528 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Restore Ministries, Inc. Union, NJ for the 2023 Arts Community Enrichment Summer Youth Program for the period of July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-529 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the Urban League of Union County, Elizabeth, NJ for the Reconnections Program to assist persons returning to the community from incarceration to access services designed to develop meaningful, productive skills, for the period of June 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-530 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Rescinding Resolutions 2023-286 and 2023-287, authorizing the execution of contracts with Communities in Cooperation.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-531 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2022-258, a contract with Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri & Jacobs LLC in the matter entitled Beverley Figueroa v. UC, et al, to reflect an increase in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-532 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to execute a Settlement Agreement in the matter entitled Susan Tamburri v. Union County, et als, in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

#### COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

**2023-533 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating the General Pulaski Day Parade Committee of St. Theresa, Linden, NJ as they celebrate their 42nd Annual Sashing Dinner Dance on Saturday, June 10, 2023; and further congratulating the 2023 Linden General Pulaski Parade Committee Honorees: Grand Marshall, Barlomiej Glab; Miss Polonia, Sonia Matany, Junior Miss Polonia, Milena Glab, and Little Miss Polonia, Olivia Debinski.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-534 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Sandra Jackson upon receiving the "Person of the Year Award" by the Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce, Linden Chamber Division at their 22nd Annual Scholarship & Business of the Year Awards Dinner held at the III Amici Ristorante on Thursday, June 8th, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-535 COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Offering this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Madeline Brown during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-536 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON, CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating the following honorees at the 50th Anniversary Gala & Guayabera Dance which was hosted by The Elizabeth Cubanos Lions Club at the Suburban Golf Club on Saturday, June 3, 2023: Rodolfo Miranda, Manuel Colina, and Frank Cuesta.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-537 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Merle Freeman Taylor during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-538 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Reverend Shawn T. Wallace Sr. upon his 5th Pastoral Anniversary at St. John's Baptist Church on Sunday June 11th, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-539 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Proclaiming the week of June 26 – 30, 2023 as National Boys & Girls Club Week throughout Union County and further recognizing the invaluable service Clubs bring to the greater Union County community.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-540 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing New Jersey Senate President Nicholas P. Scutari on being honored at the 2023 Kean Gala on June 15, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-541 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing the Portuguese American Civic Association (P.A.C.A.) for all the contributions their

organization has made to the Portuguese community and Union County; and further recognizing (P.A.C.A) for the 2023 Portuguese Flag Raising which was held at Union Town Hall on May 31st, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-542 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing the Elizabeth Portugal Day Committee for all the contributions their organization has made to the Portuguese community and Union County; and further recognizing the Elizabeth Portugal Day Committee for the 2023 Portuguese Flag Raising which was held at the Elizabeth City Hall on June 2, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-543 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing Dr. Luis B. Sequeria, Consul General of Portugal in Newark, for his efforts in expanding diplomacy and promoting the Portuguese language and culture; and further offering this Board's sincere gratitude in serving as the Keynote Speaker of the Union County Flag Raising Ceremony on June 8, 2023 in anticipation of celebrating June 10, 2023 as Portugal Day.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-544 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing the Puerto Rican Alliance of Elizabeth for all the contributions their organization has made to the Puerto Rican community and Union County; and further recognizing the Puerto Rican Alliance of Elizabeth for the 2023 Puerto Rican Flag Raising at Elizabeth City Hall, to be held on June 9th, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-545 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating the following individuals of Boy Scout Troop 101 of Elizabeth upon earning Scouting's highest rank, The Eagle Scout Award, on Sunday June 11th, 2023: Brian Esteves, Julian Pereira, Lucas Reguinho, and Phillip Reguinho.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2023-546 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing the Urban League of Union County for all the contributions their organization has made to Union County; and further recognizing the Urban League of Union County for their Juneteenth Celebration & Parade on June 18th, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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**COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

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Commissioner Kowalski thanked everyone that participated in the recent Primary Election, adding that she look forward to congratulating the winners once the election results had been certified.

Commissioner Baker advised that Union County would be hosting an upcoming transportation logistics and supply chain job fair for County residents 18 and older on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Warinanco Sports Center in Roselle. He encouraged job-seekers to attend the event, noting that companies like Clean Harbors, FedEx, Wakefern, and Coach USA among others would be participating.

Commissioner Mirabella advised that Union County had been awarded \$1.5 million in funding for the Transportation Alternative Set-Aside program for the Raritan Valley Line Rails to Trails program. He noted that this project would create safe, multi-use trails for pedestrians and bicyclists using abandoned sections of the Rahway Valley Line, enhancing travel and access through various parts of Union County including Kenilworth and Roselle Park. Commissioner Mirabella noted NJ's Department of Transportation's commitment to enhancing transportation infrastructure and accessibility. He noted that Parks & Recreation's Director Durbin-Drake had participated in several meetings with the volunteers spearheading this project, adding that the Board was looking forward to the expansion of these trails in the future. On another note, Commissioner Mirabella recognized all of the graduates throughout Union County and congratulated them on their tremendous achievement, noting his attendance of three graduation ceremonies at Kean and Union College of Union County. To close, he recognized County Manager Oatman for his response to the air-quality crisis that had occurred over the last several days due to the wildfires in Canada.

Commissioner Williams invited residents to attend a special movie presentation of the film Woman King at Cedar Brook Park in Plainfield on June 17<sup>th</sup>. She also encouraged residents to attend the County's 4<sup>th</sup> annual Juneteenth Flag Raising on June 19<sup>th</sup> in front of the Union County Courthouse. To close, she wished everyone a Happy Pride Month.

Commissioner Garretson echoed the sentiments of her colleagues and wished everyone a good evening.

Through the Department of Human Services and Office for Persons with Disabilities and Special Needs, Commissioner Bodek invited residents to attend the County's upcoming event Night Out with the NY Red Bulls on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at the Red Bull Arena in Harrison. He noted Union County's continued commitment to providing inclusive activities and programs for residents of all abilities, noting that the County's Office for Persons with Disabilities and Special Needs was established in 2018 and was the first of its kind in the State of NJ.

Commissioner Leon invited residents to attend Special Needs Night at Wheeler Park in Linden, organized through the County's Office for Persons with Disabilities, adding that this program would take place every Thursday and Friday through July and August, starting on July 6<sup>th</sup>. She advised that while these events were free, pre-registration was required.

Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded advised that the Department of Parks and Recreation was looking for volunteers for the Ashbrook Reservation Adopt-a-Park events on June 17<sup>th</sup>. She noted that this event, organized by the County's Parks Environmental Services staff, would involve clean-up of a drainage swale that flows to the Ashbrook. She noted that all required tools and equipment would be provided by the County's Parks & Recreation Department, encouraging interested residents to register online. On another note, Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded spoke relative to her recent visit to Winfield Park as part of the Kids Dig In! Community Garden Grant initiative. She noted the importance of this initiative in giving back to the community and providing fresh produce to local foodbanks and residents in need. She recognized Chairman Granados and thanked him for initiating such a wonderful program.

Chairman Granados invited residents to attend an upcoming Mental Health Roundtable on June 13<sup>th</sup> at Kean University. He advised that the discussion would bring together key stakeholders, experts, and key community members to discuss and address the critical issues of access, equity, and affordability as it relates to behavioral health services for children and the youth in Union County. He confirmed the County's commitment to prioritizing mental health, noting his 2023 Chairman initiative theme "Stepping up to Mental Health." He further advised that the State of NJ had recently allocated \$5,000,000 in funding for Union County's mental health project. He thanked Governor Murphy and Senate President Scutari for their efforts in securing this funding for Union County. He also thanked Human Services Director Anderson for her efforts to this effect.

#### **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 7:00 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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