



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Granados presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:14 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 Bette Jane Kowalski, Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and Commissioner Rebecca Williams were present, with Commissioner Angela R. Garretson 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.

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 Garretson absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Tuesday, January 3, 2023 - Installation Ceremony & Reorganizational Meeting
2. Thursday, January 26, 2023 - Agenda Setting Session
3. Thursday, January 26, 2023 - Regular Meeting

Chairman Granados called for a motion to approve the January Minutes. On a motion made by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Williams, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson 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 Nos. 2023-266, 2023-267, 2023-268, & 2023-271, he noted certain news reports about the vendor using old operating systems that could compromise election integrity and asked if Union County had encountered any of the reported issues. Relative to Reso No. 2023-273, he asked for additional information relative to the collective bargaining agreement. Relative to Reso Nos. 2023-280 & 2023-281, he asked for additional information related to this item. Relative to Reso Nos. 2023-291 & 2023-292, Mr. Paterson asked for additional information relative to the transferring of said property. He also noted his approval of Reso No. 2023-278 in helping residents in need. He also thanked the Board for their efforts in delivering a zero tax increase. Mr. Paterson also inquired about the County Commissioners' Literary Circle Book Club initiative.

Relative to Reso Nos. 2023-266, 2023-267, 2023-268, & 2023-271, Administrator DiRado assured all Union County voters that the County's vote tabulation systems were up-to-date relative to software and re-certification systems. She advised that one of the Resolutions for consideration that evening would allow for the upgrade of software and firmware to the most recent operating system that was just certified by the State of NJ, adding that she expected these upgrades to be completed during the summer, following the Primary Election in June. Administrator DiRado confirmed that Union County had not experienced some of the issues being reported on the news, and reiterated that the vote tabulation systems being used were current and up-to-date.

Relative to Reso No. 2023-273, Director Scutari advised that the collective bargaining agreement with PBA Local 203, Weights and Measures, included a 2% raise for years 2021, 2022, 2023, & 2024.

Relative to Reso Nos. 2023-280 & 2023-281, Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that this item related to the extension of a cooperative bid that would allow the County to fund telecommunication services, wiring and internet repairs as well as upgrades as needed. She further advised that using a cooperative bid for these services would save the County money on labor costs when compared to state contract rates. She noted that these two resolutions were for not to exceed amounts and monies would only be used as needs arose.

Relative to Reso Nos. 2023-291 & 2023-292, Counsel Bergen advised that the 1591 Irving Street property was adjacent to the Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway. He confirmed that the County owned the UCPAC property, adding that the County had a cooperative arrangement with UCPAC for the use of the facility. He further advised that the cited adjacent property was held back initially and the County would now be purchasing the property under the original sales agreement for a sum of \$10. He added that the ownership of the property would be transferred to the County and it would be used to accommodate a portion of the County's Social Services Department to more conveniently serve residents in the western part of the County.

Relative to the County Commissioners' Literary Circle Book Club, Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded noted that she was excited to be launching this initiative and providing residents from across the County with an opportunity to join together for stimulating discussions over select literature. She added that she was hopeful the book club would be successful and continue into the future.

There were no additional questions or comments from the public.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

2023-245 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Training Specialties Inc, Exton, PA for the testing of the UASI Foam Tenders using FY22 UASI funds in the amount of not to exceed \$37,803.00.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-246 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR: Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend the Enhancing Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant in the amount of \$715,958.00 from the NJ Association of County and City Health Officials (NJACCHO) for the Union County Office of Health Management activities and expenses.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-247 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Amending Resolution 2023-161, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding (BA 1-2021) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Railroad Construction Company, Inc., of Paterson, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 3 for the Gordon Street Bridge over "Out of Service" Conrail structure 2050150, Boroughs of Roselle and Roselle Park. This change order will increase the original contract amount by \$33,664.96 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$7,705,350.73. Subject to the approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-248 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract obtained through advertised public bidding (B.A. # 11-2023) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Pennetta Industrial Automation, Little Ferry, NJ, for the purpose of providing Pipefitting & Heating Systems Repairs, Maintenance, and Installation Services for twenty-four (24) consecutive months with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month optional

extension, not to commence before March 28, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$337,700.00.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-249 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing aerial dispensing operations county-wide by the Division of Public Works, Bureau of Mosquito Control to perform all acts for the elimination of mosquito breeding areas or tend to exterminate mosquitoes within the County of Union.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-250 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights Volunteer Rescue Squad to hang a banner on Springfield Avenue and Plainfield Avenue from March 13, 2023 to April 21, 2023 and October 2, 2023 to November 4, 2023 advertising the Volunteer Rescue Squad Membership Drive.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-251 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights to hang a banner across Springfield Avenue from May 1, 2023 to June 5, 2023 advertising the Downtown Summer Block Party and to hang a banner across Springfield Avenue from August 13, 2023 to September 9, 2023 advertising the 5K Charity Road Race.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-252 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Granting permission to the Township of Scotch Plains to hang a banner across Park Avenue on August 1, 2023 through September 5, 2023 to promote the "St. Bartholomew Italian Festival Celebration," to be held on September 1, 2023 through September 4, 2023.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-253 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: Amending Resolution 2022-1073 to reflect an increase to the Area Plan Contract Spending Plan for Year 2 of the 2022-2024 Area Plan in the amount of \$3,000.00 for a new total not to exceed \$7,093,639.00 for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-254 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into agreement with New Jersey Transit to secure additional grant funding in the amount of \$211,780.32 for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 and inclusion in New Jersey Transit's Section 5310 FY16 Mobility Management Grant Application.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-255 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON: Appointing Maria Terrezza to the Union County Advisory Council on Aging for a three-year term beginning on January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2025.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-256 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Amending Resolution 2013-2, as previously amended, approving revisions to the Union County Employee Handbook.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-257 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Picerno-Giordano Construction, LLC, Kenilworth, NJ, for the renovation of Ponderosa Park Spray Pad in the amount not to exceed \$17,800.00.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-258 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Authorizing the County Manager to execute a Cooperative Services Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services in providing the County of Union with a two-year integrated wildlife damage management program aimed at reducing wildlife damage to human health and safety, property and natural resources in Union County, New Jersey for the period of March 1, 2023 through February 28, 2025 an amount not to exceed \$316,352.00.

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 Garretson absent.

- 2023-259 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Amending the 2023 Temporary Budget Ch. 96 P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20).

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 Garretson absent.

- 2023-260 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Approving transfer of Current Fund Appropriations.

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 Garretson absent.

- 2023-261 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Appointing Adrienne Robertiello to the Advisory Board on the Disabled (ABD) for a three-year term beginning on January 1, 2023 and ending on December 31, 2025.

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 Garretson absent.

- 2023-262 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Lauren Boyd to serve as an independent contractor as the Assistant SART/FNE Coordinator for the period of April 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$14,572.74.

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 Garretson absent.

- 2023-263 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with JusticeTrax, Inc., Mesa, AZ for annual software maintenance for the period of September 14, 2022 through September 13, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$13,676.00.

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 Garretson absent.

- 2023-264 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Hannum's Mt. Holly Sales dba Liberty Harley-Davidson, Rahway, New Jersey for the purchase of two (2) 2023 FLHTP Motorcycles for the Union County Sheriff's Office in the amount not to exceed \$42,848.68.

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 Garretson absent.

- 2023-265 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Approving the 2023 Union County Sheriff Five Year Spending Plan pursuant to New Jersey Laws of P.L. 2001, Chapter 370, for the use of the Document Trust Fund monies collected into the Union County Sheriff's Office Trust Account.

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 Garretson absent.

- 2023-266 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2023-123, a contract with ES&S, Omaha, Nebraska, for the purpose of providing consumable products for early voting, to increase the contract amount by \$5,000.00, for a new contract amount of not to exceed \$25,000.00; and further to add a grant account number.

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 Garretson absent.

- 2023-267 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2023-124, a contract with ES&S, Omaha, Nebraska, for the purpose of providing onsite support for early voting, to increase the contract amount by \$167,420.00, for a new total contract amount of not to exceed \$211,220.00; and further to add grant account numbers.

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 Garretson absent.

- 2023-268 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2023-125, a contract with ES&S, Omaha, Nebraska, for the purpose of providing hardware, software and firmware agreements for early voting equipment and electronic poll books for the contract period November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024, to increase the contract amount by \$167,660.00 for the purpose of upgrading software and firmware, for a new total contract amount of not to exceed \$347,870.00; and further to add grant account numbers.

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 Garretson absent.

- 2023-269 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2023-126, a contract with Royal Printing Services, West New York, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing election print services, to increase the contract amount by \$10,000 for early voting; and further to include grant account numbers.

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 Garretson absent.

- 2023-270 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2023-128, a contract with Liberty Transportation & Storage Co. Inc., dba The Liberty Group, Berkeley

Heights, NJ for the purpose of transporting early voting equipment and supplies as well as electronic poll books for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, to increase the contract amount by \$70,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$140,000.00; and further to include a grant account number.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-271 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution 2022-310, a contract award to ES&S, Omaha, Nebraska, to update the contract period only to reflect November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023; all other terms and conditions of the original resolution remain the same.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-272 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution 2023-127, a contract with University Van Lines, Rahway, NJ for the purpose of transporting electronic poll books for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, to increase the contract amount by \$8,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$43,704.00; and further to include a grant account number.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-273 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with PBA Local 203, Weights and Measures, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-274 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the Chubb Group of Insurance Companies, Warren, NJ, to provide Travel Accident Insurance for Public Officials for a 33-month policy period from April 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025 in the amount of not to exceed \$3,920.00.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-275 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution 2023-65, approval of dispersal of self-insured Claims & Healthcare Fees, to reflect a change in account number only; all other terms and conditions of the contracts remain the same.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-276 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution 2022-486, approving the 2022-2023 (Year 48) Consolidated Action Plan to increase CDBG funding by the amount not to exceed \$12,300.00; the amount not to exceed \$9,000.00, utilizing Plainfield Program Income funds, for additional Community Development administration costs within the CDBG program project for the City of Plainfield; and further to increase CDBG funding in an amount not to exceed \$3,300.00, utilizing contingency funds, to cover the cost to purchase kitchen oven equipment to finish the project for Sister 2 Sister, Inc.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-277 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution 2020-909, a contract to Benevate, Inc. D/B/A Neighborly Software, Atlanta, GA for the provision of data analytics services, to expand the contract to include additional Neighborlytics data analytics services, reporting as well as data storage, and data storage software for the period through October 31, 2023, in the amount not to exceed \$39,720.00.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-278 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution 2022-132, authorizing the County of Union to apply and receive the remaining US Department of Housing and Urban Development for HOME-American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds, to further apply and receive the remaining HOME-ARP funding for the purpose and benefit of providing housing and supportive services for all qualifying populations, in an amount not to exceed \$4,233,515.40.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-279 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Concurring with Union County Workforce Development Board Resolution No. 2023-01 to enter into a contract with Weber Dowd Law, LLC, Woodland Park, NJ for professional legal services for the contract period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the total amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-280 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to utilize the County's option to extend the open-ended contract awarded to Johnston

Communications, Springfield, NJ, obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. by way of Resolution 2021-208, (BA# 24-2021) for a period of twenty-four (24) months for the purpose of providing telephone/associated services systems equipment, installation, maintenance services, for various County Departments, in a total contract amount not to exceed \$750,000.00.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-281 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to utilize the County's option to extend the open-ended contract awarded to Johnston Communications, Springfield, NJ, obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. by way of Resolution 2021-207 (BA#23-2021) for a period of twenty-four (24) months upon execution of the contract amendment to provide electronic network equipment, security and cabling to various County Departments in an amount not to exceed \$382,500.00.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-282 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolutions 2022-530 and 2022-1062, a contract with Geographic Solutions, Palm Harbor FL for the provision of a Workforce Information Management System, to reflect account number changes only; all other terms and conditions under the prior resolutions and contracts remain.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-283 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution 2022-1005 to reflect a change in account numbers only for the Gateway Family YMCA, an agency listed in the 2023 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Spending Plan; with no changes to the total amount awarded to the agency and no other changes to the Spending Plan.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-284 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution 2023-227, a contract with Plainfield Action Services-Mayor's Task Force, Plainfield, NJ, for Supportive Services for clients of the American Job Center, to reflect a contract extension through May 31, 2023, with no other changes to the terms or conditions of the contract.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-285 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution 2023-226, a contract with Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, NJ, for Supportive Services for clients of the American Job Center, to reflect a contract extension through May 31, 2023, with no other changes to the terms or conditions of the contract.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-286 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Communities in Cooperation, Inc., Linden, NJ under the American Job Center 2022 Youth Comprehensive Career Services In-School Youth Spending Plan to provide comprehensive career services for youth ages 14-21 for the period of March 20, 2023, through June 30, 2023, with the option to renew the contract for up to an additional 12 months, in the total amount not to exceed \$105,000.00.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-287 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Communities in Cooperation, Inc., Linden, NJ under the American Job Center 2022 Youth Comprehensive Career Services Out-of-School Youth Spending Plan to provide comprehensive career services for youth ages 16-24 for the period of March 20, 2023 through June 30, 2023, with the option to renew the contract for an additional 12 months, in the total amount not to exceed \$55,000.00.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-288 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution 2023-70, a contract with Monarch Housing Associates, Cranford, NJ, for the continued development of a Coordinated Entry System in Union County, to reflect a contract extension through December 31, 2023 and to increase the contract in the amount of \$1,500.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$31,500.00.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-289 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution 2023-135, to include Subaward #VCA-20-20 for the FFY2020 Victims of Crime Act – Victim Assistance Grant (VOCA-VAG), Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate (CSVA) Program.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-290 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution 2022-875, a contract with the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, Elizabeth, NJ for Homeless Outreach Services and Short-term Shelter, to reflect an account number change only; no further changes to the terms or conditions.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-291 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Attorney Title Services, Cranford, New Jersey for the purposes of title search, insurance and settlement services, related to the purchase of property located at 1591 Irving Street (Block 159, Lot 4), Rahway, NJ in an amount not to exceed \$2,560.75.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-292 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Neglia Engineering Associates, Mountainside, NJ for an Environmental Site Assessment and site survey for 1591 Irving Street, Rahway, NJ (Block 159, Lot 4) in the total amount not to exceed \$3,850.00.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-293 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Appointing Bernadette Griswald and Jenny Davis Toth to the Workforce Development Board for a term commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026.

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 Garretson absent.

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2023-294 COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Offering the board's deepest condolences to the family of Lizzie Lee McCasline in their time of sorrow.

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 Garretson absent.

- 2023-295 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing the Cranford Rotary Club as they celebrate their 100-year anniversary of service to the community.

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 Garretson absent.

- 2023-296 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Barbara Weisbart, Adult Enrichment Program Director for the JCC of Central NJ upon her retirement after 40 years of dedicated service.

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 Garretson absent.

- 2023-297 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Extending this Board's sincere condolences to the family of Betty Jean Blake during their time of sorrow.

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 Garretson absent.

- 2023-298 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating the following local businesses being honored by the GWACC Chamber of Commerce at their 75th Gala on April 27, 2023: Westfield Area YMCA, Boys and Girls Club of Union County, Northfield Bank, John Samsel, Tap Into Westfield, Marano & Sons, and Hehl and Hehl.

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 Garretson absent.

- 2023-299 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Union College student Ms. Carine Medellus, of Roselle, on her selection as one of twenty nationally recognized members of the 2023 All-USA Academic Team, one of the highest honors available through the Phi Theta Kapp (PTK) Honor Society and the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), for her outstanding intellectual achievement, leadership, and community and campus engagement.

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 Garretson absent.

- 2023-300 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing New Orleans' world-renowned blind musician and photographer Henry Butler, as his photographs will be featured in the "Sight Unseen" exhibition at Kean University.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-301 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Offering this Board's most sincere condolences to the family of Brooke Campbell, 2018 Union County Woman of Excellence recipient for Children's Advocacy, during their time of sorrow.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-302 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Offering the Board's deepest sympathies to Commissioner Alexander Mirabella and his family as they mourn the passing of his mother, Grace Theresa Mirabella.

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 Garretson absent.

2023-303 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDE, COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR, COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK, COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON, COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of former State Senator Ronald L. Rice (28th-District), New Jersey's longest-serving African-American lawmaker, during their time of sorrow.

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 Garretson absent.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Kowalski reminded local artists that Trailside Nature and Science Center was hosting a wildlife photography contest/exhibit for amateur artists ages 10 and older, adding that the submissions deadline was April 18th. She also spoke relative to the County's Annual Senior Citizen Art Exhibit, hosted by the U.C. Cultural & Heritage Affairs Office, noting that this exhibit was open to amateur and professional artists ages 60 and up. She advised that the deadline submission for the Senior Citizen Art Exhibit was April 16th, adding that she was looking forward to seeing all the wonder artwork created by local Union County artists.

Commissioner Leon left the meeting.

Commissioner Baker noted his strong advocacy for recycling, adding that everyone should do their part to mitigate environmental challenges and ultimately, reduce our

carbon footprint. He advised that the County's recycling program, running from March through November, provided residents with various recycling resources to safely and properly discard of various materials. He noted that the County would be hosting a paper shredding event on March 25th & 26th at UCVTS as well as its first household hazardous waste disposal event of the year on April 1st at Union College's Cranford Campus. He also advised that the County would also be hosting two scrap metal events in Kenilworth and Rahway on April 6th. Commissioner Baker encouraged all Union County residents to take advantage of these important recycling resources.

Commissioner Mirabella congratulated Rahway Firefighter Keith Ferraiolo on being named Fire Investigator of the Year by the International Association of Arson Investigators. He noted that the International Association of Arson Investigators was comprised of more than 11,000 fire professionals from around the world, brought together by their commitment to ethical conduct and professionalism as well as science and research related to fire-prevention and seeking justice for fire-related crimes. Commissioner Mirabella noted Firefighter Ferraiolo's commitment to public service and safety, adding that the recognition was well-deserved. On another note, Commissioner Mirabella thanked his Union County family for their support following the passing of his mother, Grace Theresa Mirabella, adding that she was a wonderful woman and mother and would be sorely missed.

Commissioner Williams advised that she was looking forward to participating in the County Commissioners new Literary Circle Book Club. She noted that this initiative aimed to promote literacy and reading throughout the County. She spoke relative to her recent participation in Read Across America, noting the importance of reading especially during a time in history when books are being challenged and banned. Commissioner Williams invited residents to join the book club, adding that in honor of Women's History Month, the club would be reading a collection of short stories entitled *More Stories We Tell: The Best Short Stories from North American Women*.

Commissioner Bodek advised that the County would be bringing back its Social 60 Plus Program this year. He advised that this initiative would provide seniors with a unique opportunity to interact with their community while also learning about proper nutrition. He noted that seniors who signed up for the program and attended the related nutrition course would receive a meal voucher that could be redeemed at several restaurants throughout the County. Commissioner Bodek thanked the participating restaurants for their generosity and partnership in these efforts. On a similar note, he reminded seniors and their caregivers to attend the County's ASK events to learn more about available resources and services for aging residents, noting that the ASK kiosk would be at the Westfield Memorial Library on April 3rd.

Counsel Bergen thanked the Board Reso No. 2023-295 recognizing the 100-year anniversary of the Cranford Rotary Club. He noted that he was a 2nd generation member of over 40 years.

Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded advised that the County's Board of Elections was currently seeking poll-workers for the Primary Election on June 6th and the General Election on November 7th, adding that poll-workers were eligible to receive a \$300 stipend for each election worked. She noted that being a poll-worker was an important

civic duty and encouraged registered Union County voters ages 18 and up to apply, adding that bilingual poll workers were also needed. She advised that her grandparents were poll workers for many years and were very proud of their efforts in ensuring all voters were afforded the opportunity to exercise their civic duty.

Commissioner Granados asked for a moment of silence for the mother of Commissioner Mirabella, Grace Theresa Mirabella...

On another note, he reminded residents that the Fresh Start Program, organized by the County's Human Services Department, would be returning to provide shower and laundry resources for residents in need. He noted that Human Services staff would also be on-site to connect residents with important resources and services. He recognized Human Services Director Anderson and her staff for their efforts. He advised that the Fresh Start Program would be at the Elizabeth Library on April 6th.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Granados asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Leon absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 P.M.


UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Clerk of the Board

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