



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2023
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Granados presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Chairman Sergio Granados, Vice-Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, 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, with Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr. 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.

PRESENTATIONS BY THE BOARD

A Resolution Presentation was made by the Board to Ben Steinberg, Scotch Plains-Fanwood student, recognizing his efforts in undertaking a successful school project which raised \$5,000 for library resources.

Chairman Granados recognized Ben Steinberg, a ten-year-old Scotch Plains-Fanwood student, for his resilience, advocacy, and successful fundraising efforts, noting that Ben had raised \$5,000 for his school library, in addition to receiving book donations from local families. He noted that Ben was inspired and driven to create a disability section within his school library after noticing a lack of books portraying individuals like himself and others with different abilities. With the help and support of his mother, Mrs. Giannacio—school librarian—and his occupational therapist, Rosa DeJesus, Chairman Granados advised that Ben had presented his idea to the PTA and school social worker, Caitlin Frantz, who conceived the “Change for Change” fundraising initiative. Chairman Granados congratulated Ben on his tremendous achievement, adding that his story reminds us that we all harness the power to inspire change, foster unity, and build a brighter tomorrow.

Ben Steinberg thanked his parents and his brother Nathan for their unyielding love and support and for inspiring him daily.

Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded congratulated Ben on creating such an important and successful initiative, adding that she looked forward to introducing similar sections schools across Union County. She noted that ben was a tremendous student and valuable asset to his school and community. She thanked him again for his inspiring efforts.

A Check and Certificate Presentation was made by the Board to the 2023 New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) Scholars; recognizing seven (7) graduating seniors from the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools.

Chairman Granados noted that this year, the NJAC Foundation and their Board of Trustees had graciously awarded nearly \$5,000 in scholarships to 2023 Union County Vocational-Technical Graduates all across the state to students planning to continue their education at either a county college or a state college or university. Chairman Granados recognized Allen Weston from NJAC and Superintendent of Schools, Gwen Ryan, and asked them to join him for the check presentation.

The following students were recognized:

Giovanna Marques received \$500 courtesy of Investors Bank.

Sarah Wenskoski received \$500 courtesy of Investors Bank.

Hudan Memon received \$1,000 courtesy of Amazon.

Kamil Wasko received \$900, courtesy of PSE&G.

Michael Coyle, of PSE&G, congratulated Kamil Wasko, adding that PSE&G was proud to present these monies to Mr. Wasko in partnership with the NJAC Foundation.

Nicholas Panlilio received \$500, courtesy of AT&T.

AT&T Rep Arvind Swamy congratulated Nicholas Panlilio, noting that he was pleased to be able to present these monies on behalf of AT&T and the NJAC Foundation.

Annabella LaMantia received \$1,000, courtesy of South Jersey Industries, the parent company of Elizabeth Town Gas.

Dominick DiRocco, Vice President of South Jersey Industries, congratulated Annabella and wished her well on her future educational endeavors.

Jazmin Delos Santos received \$500, courtesy of SHI International Corp.

Commissioner Garretson congratulated all the recipients and wished them well. She thanked the various representatives for joining the Board that evening in presenting these checks to the various winners.

A Resolution Presentation was made by the Board to Villani Bus Company for their generosity in helping transport Union County Firefighters to pay their respects to two fallen firefighters in Newark.

Chairman Granados noted that he was proud to present a resolution to Villani Bus Company for their generosity and kindness in transporting U.C. Firefighters to Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark to pay their respects to fallen firefighters, Augusto Acabou and Wayne Brooks. He recognized Villani Bus Company as a valuable asset to the Union County community.

Commissioner Mirabella thanked Villani President Courtney Villani for her generosity in stepping up and providing transportation when it was most needed.

Villani Bus Company President, Courtney Villani, thanked the Board for the recognition. She noted that Villani Bus Company was happy to provide their transportation resources for such an important cause, adding that Villani Bus Company was always willing to help in any way they could.

Commissioner Bodek noted that as the son of a firefighter, he recognized the importance of affording fellow firemen the opportunity to pay their respects following the recent tragedy. He thanked Villani for their continued efforts and generosity.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Chairman Granados advised that the Communications would be approved later during the Regular Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Thursday, June 8, 2023 - Agenda Setting Session
2. Thursday, June 8, 2023 - Regular Meeting
3. Thursday, June 29, 2023 - Agenda Setting Session
4. Thursday, June 29, 2023 - Regular Meeting

Chairman Granados advised that the Minutes would be approved later during the Regular Meeting.

To the extent known, the following item was discussed in Executive Session:

- 1) Attorney client privileged communication concerning the matter of Figueroa v. Union County et al.; and
- 2) Attorney client privileged communication concerning the matter of Gleason v. Union County Prosecutor et al.

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

He stated that the Board wished to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing 1) Attorney client privileged communication concerning the matter of Figueroa v. Union County et al.; and 2) Attorney client privileged communication concerning the matter of Gleason v. Union County Prosecutor et al.

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 Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker absent.

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

County Counsel Bergen advised that there was nothing to report following Executive Session.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Chairman Granados advised that the Communications would be approved later during the Regular Meeting.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR**William Daniel, Prosecutor**

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2022-963 adopted 11/10/2022, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding (BA# 32-2022) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Challenger Fence Inc., Paterson, NJ, to reflect the addition of an Account Number only. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. Amending Resolution 2022-628, an Affiliation Agreement with Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Child and Adolescent Outpatient Unit, Department of Psychiatry and The Friends of the Child Advocacy Center of Union County for licensed clinician / therapist services, to reflect Affiliation Agreement period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024. (All other aspects of the contract will remain the same). **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF**Peter Corvelli, Sheriff**

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Ocean and the County of Union to provide juvenile custody services placed at the Ocean County Juvenile Detention Center from August 8, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
2. Amending Resolution No. 2023-639, a resolution accepting "Jail Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Services funding, authorizing a change in account numbers only. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
3. Amending Resolution No. 2023-637, a resolution accepting Comprehensive Inmate Substance Abuse Treatment and Reentry Program services funding, to reflect a change in account numbers only. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

BOARD OF ELECTIONS**Nicole DiRado, Administrator**

1. Amending Resolution Number 2023-656, a contract with EasyVote Solutions, Inc., Wilmington, NC, to amend an account number only. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Commissioner Mirabella asked Administrator DiRado to elaborate on the services provided by EasyVote Solutions, Inc.

Administrator DiRado advised that the vendor provided a variety of services, including poll worker management solutions and implementation of the security seal and asset tracking module for approximately 570 machines, adding that each machine had seven seals.

2. Amending Resolution 2023-655, a contract with Liberty Transportation and Storage Company, Inc., Berkeley Heights, NJ, to amend an account number only. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
3. Amending Resolution 2023-359, a contract with SOE Software Corporation d/b/a Scytl, Tampa, FL, for the purposes of providing additional updates for the Union County Virtual Poll Worker Training platform, in the amount of \$9,487.50 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$96,569.50. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Laura Scutari, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with PBA 250 - Prosecutor's Detectives & Investigators Association effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the PBA 250A - Prosecutor's Detective Superior Officers effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amy Crisp Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2022-486, approving the 2022-2023 (Year 48) Consolidated Action Plan to increase CDBG funding to utilize contingency funds to cover the cost to complete the projects, Neighborhood Housing Association, to reflect an increase in the amount of \$24,330.00 from \$50,000 to not to exceed \$74,330.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. Amending Resolution 2021-928, a contract with Everbridge Inc., Pasadena, CA, for continuation of software and support services to the County of Union, to exercise the only option to extend the contract for a period of 24 months from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$135,000.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services for the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) County Coordinator Fellowship Grant in an amount up to \$75,000 to support the County hiring a Shared Services County Coordinator Fellow for the contract period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
4. Concurring with the Resolution No. 2023-21 of the Union County Workforce Development Board authorizing a Close-Out Agreement with Union College of Union County, New Jersey and the issuance of final payment for services rendered pursuant to the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

5. Concurring with Resolution No. 2023-22 of the Union County Workforce Development Board adopting the Program Year 2023 Union County Workforce Development Area Budget. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
6. Concurring with Resolution No. 2023-23 of the Union County Workforce Development Board Awarding Contracts for the Provision of Affiliate American Job Center Operators for Work First New Jersey Services. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
7. Concurring with Resolution No. 2023-24 of the Union County Workforce Development Board to award a contract to the County of Union Department of Human Services to serve as the One Stop Operator (American Job Center Operator). **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
8. Concurring with Resolution No. 2023-25 of the Union County Workforce Development Board to award a contract to the County of Union Department of Human Services for the provision of comprehensive One Stop Career Center services to Adults and Dislocated Workers. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
9. Concurring with Resolution No. 2023-26 of the Union County Workforce Development Board to award a contract to the County of Union Department of Human Services for the provision of comprehensive One Stop Career Center Services to Youth. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
10. Concurring with Resolution No. 2023-27 of the Union County Workforce Development Board to authorize the use of Budget Account Numbers by the Union County Department of Human Services as the American Job Center Operator and as the Provider of Comprehensive Career Services. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
11. Amending Resolution 2023-657 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 \$569,248.13 for a new total not to exceed \$2,069,248.13. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
12. Amending Resolution Number 2023-658, a contract with Curry Davis Consulting Group, Fairburn, GA for the Administration of the Union County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (UCERAP), to administer the Union County Emergency Rental Assistance Program Round 2, to include grant funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the additional amount of \$569,248.13, for a new amount not to exceed \$10,269,981.61. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
13. Amending Resolution 2023-132, a contract with Comcast Business, to reduce the original not to exceed amount by \$9,022.60 and add payment of taxes, surcharges and ethernet equipment fees in the additional amount of \$50.00 per month, for the contract period of June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$2,400.00, with a new total contract amount of \$219,138.40. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

14. Amending Resolution 2022-850, a contract with Development Directions LLC, Rahway, NJ to correctly reflect the final one-year extension option to the period of September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022 for consulting services for administration of the Union County Home Improvement Program (UCHIP) and Senior Home Improvement Program (SHIP), in the amount not to exceed \$339,000. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
15. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Development Directions, LLC, Rahway, NJ for consulting services for the administration of the Union County Home Improvement and Senior Home Grant Programs, in the amount not to exceed \$340,000.00 for the period of September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023 with the potential for two (2) one-year extension options; Further authorize the first option to extend the contract for the period of September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024 in the amount not to exceed \$300,000.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Joseph Graziano, Director

County Engineer Ricardo Matias represented the Department.

1. 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 Foley, Incorporated, of Piscataway, New Jersey for the purchase of Amphibious Hydraulic Undercarriage in an amount not to exceed \$467,941.00 (BA# 27-2023) **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Amending Resolution No. 2023-414, a contract with Michael Baker International, Inc. of Moon Township, Pennsylvania to provide additional services for West 7th Street Intersection Improvements, City of Plainfield, New Jersey in an additional amount of \$18,250.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$113,250.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2014-044). **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to approve Change Order #5 for a time extension of substantial completion from July 31, 2023 to October 10, 2023 followed by our final completion of December 9, 2023, for the Gordon Street Bridge ROW, Boroughs of Roselle and Roselle Park, County of Union, New Jersey. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-051) **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Commissioner Williams asked County Engineer Matias if he anticipated this to be the final Change Order.

County Engineer Matias advised that under federal guidelines, the County could only apply for one time extension, adding that he anticipated this to be the final change order for this project. He added that this this extension would grant the Department an additional 10 weeks to complete the project.

4. 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 Ritacco Construction, Inc. of Belleville, New Jersey for

the Union County Dam Maintenance and Repair Project, Various Municipalities, County of Union, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$959,000.00 (BA# 25-2023; Union County Engineering Project # 2022-002) **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Set Rite, Bristol, PA, procured through NJ State Contract # 21-GNSV7-01463, for the purpose of providing Overhead Door & Gate Repair Services at various County locations in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
6. Granting permission to the Township of Springfield to hang a banner on Mountain Avenue and North Trivett Avenue from August 7, 2023 to September 9, 2023 to advertise Community Day sponsored by the Springfield Unity Project. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Bibi Taylor, Director

1. Canceling Capital Balances to Capital Surplus, Deferred Charges Unfunded and Capital (Grants) Receivable. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

Commissioner Mirabella asked Director Taylor for the total balance being cancelled.

Director Taylor advised that the total balance was \$992,531.51, adding that \$452,000 of those monies would lapse into capital surplus, with the others being written off to undefended and capital grant receivables.

2. Amending Resolution Number 2023-9 designating petty cash custodians. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
3. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$55,890.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: LEAP County Coordinator Fellowship Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
4. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$385,000.00 as a result of notification received from New Jersey Transit for a program entitled: New Jersey Jobs Access Reverse Commute (NJ-JARC). **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
5. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$1,265,585.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: County Health Infrastructure Program 2024 . **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
6. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$2,202.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a program entitled: Sex Offense Set Aside (SOSA). **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

7. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$178,166.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a program entitled: Area Plan Contract - Adult Protective Services (ARPA). **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
8. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$1,253,692.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: Workforce and Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) - Adult Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
9. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$1,278,385.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: Workforce and Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) - Dislocated Worker Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
10. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$1,367,083.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: Workforce and Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) - Youth Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
11. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$12,971.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: Workforce and Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) - Data Reporting and Analysis Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
12. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$210,000.00 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. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
13. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$1,852,177.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: WorkFirst New Jersey (WFNJ) Allotment. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
14. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$3,210.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: SmartSTEPS Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
15. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$250,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Clark Reservoir Dredging and Pollution Remediation 2023. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
16. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$19,950.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children

and Families - Division on Women for a program entitled: Sexual Assault, Abuse & Rape Care (SAARC) 1X. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

17. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$21,999.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families for a program entitled: Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
18. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$169,380.90 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury for a program entitled: Opioid Litigation Recovery Funds. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

Commissioner Mirabella asked Director Anderson to provide an update on the situation in Plainfield and the displacement of several residents due to building condemnations.

Director Anderson recognized County Manager Oatman and Deputy County Manager Wagner for their leadership on these efforts. She noted that the County was working arduously alongside the City of Plainfield and other local non-profit organizations to assist residents affected by these evictions.

Commissioner Mirabella expressed his appreciation for the County's efforts and response to this challenging situation.

Chairman Granados noted that he appreciated the County's commitment to assisting these residents during such challenging times.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute the FY2024 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) contract from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs (NJDCa) for the purpose of providing community programming for low income residents of Union County for the grant period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in the amount of \$318,912.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept State of New Jersey, Juvenile Justice Commission, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) 2024 Innovations Funding to serve youth in the Union County Juvenile Justice System for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in the amount of \$120,000.00. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for funding and enter into an agreement with New Jersey Transit to secure SFY24 grant funding for the Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents Transportation Assistance Program (SCDRTAP) for the provision of curb-to-curb transportation for seniors age sixty and older, persons with disabilities and/or economically disadvantaged residents of Union County for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in the amount of \$1,774,690.00. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

4. Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2023-2024 HEARTH Emergency Solutions (HES) Grant Program Spending Plan for subcontracted services to be provided during the period of August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024 in the total amount not to exceed \$373,792.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
5. Amending Resolution 2022-1075, a contract awarded to MPC Bus Corporation, Garden City, NY to reflect adjustment to the appropriation accounts. All other terms and conditions remain the same. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to amend resolution 2023-186, a resolution authorizing a contract with the Urban League of Union County for the provision of financial literacy services, to reflect an extension for a period of six (6) months from July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, with no other changes to the terms or conditions of the prior resolution or agreement. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
7. Amending Resolution 2023-290, 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 or the prior resolution or agreement. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
8. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the Mount Olive Baptist Church, Plainfield, NJ to provide warming center services for homeless individuals of Union County on designated Code Blue Nights for the period of November 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$33,600.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
9. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, Elizabeth, NJ to provide the Homeless Outreach and Shelter Program for the period of November 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$13,400.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
10. Amending Resolution Number 2022-1003, for the provision of emergency shelter under the New Jersey Code Blue law, to reflect an additional amount of \$11,045.00 for the provision of additional emergency shelter and motel placements for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, for a new total appropriation amount not to exceed \$361,045.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
11. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Village Super Market, Inc, dba ShopRite of Union, Springfield, NJ, for the purpose of providing food for the Union County COVID-19 Emergency Food Distribution events for the period of November 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$636,857.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
12. Amending Resolution 2023-281, pursuant to advertised public bidding (BA# 23-2021) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., with Johnston Communication, Springfield, NJ, for the provision of electronic network equipment, security and cabling to various County Departments, to reflect an increase to the contract in the amount of \$9,437.21 for a new total amount not to exceed \$391,937.21. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATIONVictoria Durbin-Drake, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Clark Caton Hintz of Trenton, New Jersey for architectural, engineering and construction administration to the Homestead Farmhouse located at Oak Ridge Park, Clark NJ in the amount of not to exceed \$355,855.00. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

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

Director Durbin-Drake advised that this item would fund construction documents pursuant to a structural report of the property issued by the State of NJ. She noted that the Homestead Farmhouse was classified as a historic property and repairs would be completed in accordance with State standards. She added that the construction-related documents would provide a road forward to repairing the structure.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to T&M, Associates, Middletown, New Jersey to provide design, construction administration and inspection services for the installation of lighting at Meisel Park, Springfield, in an amount not to exceed \$62,435.00. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
3. Amending Resolution 2023-169, a resolution authorizing the reallocation of funds received from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, to reallocate the sum of \$4,700.00 from the Bridgeway Behavioral Health to the Union County Performing Arts Center, without any changes to the total award amount or account number. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to execute an agreement with the Gateway Family YMCA for the administration and implementation of swim lessons at the Walter E. Ulrich Memorial Pool for the period August 21, 2023 through August 25, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$4,800.00. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

Chairman Granados recognized County Manager Oatman as well as Director Durbin-Drake and the Department of Parks & Recreation for their efforts in realizing this initiative. He asked Director Durbin-Drake to say a few words about the program.

Director Durbin-Drake noted that the County was excited to partner with the Gateway Family YMCA to pilot swim lessons at the Walter E. Ulrich Memorial Pool, adding that she looked forward to expanding the program in 2024. She noted that since the announcement, the Department had received various inquiries related to adult swim lessons.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETYDennis Burke, Acting Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2023-412, pursuant to advertised public bidding (BA# 24-2021) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., with Johnston Communication, Springfield, NJ, for the provision of providing telephone/associated services systems equipment, installation, maintenance services, for various County Departments, to reflect an increase to the

- contract in the amount of \$13,347.50 for a new total amount not to exceed \$776,423.83 **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Safe-T, Riverdale, New Jersey, through State Contract for the purpose of providing specialized fire equipment for the County of Union in the amount not to exceed \$90,784.57. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**
 3. Amending Resolution Number 2022-961, pursuant to advertised public bidding (BA# 35-2022) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., with Maffey's Security Group, Elizabeth, NJ, for providing security systems services for various County Departments, to reflect an increase to the contract in the amount of \$3,430.25 for a new total amount not to exceed \$468,430.325. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Bruce H. Bergen, County Counsel

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2022-455, a contract with Mitchell Semsel Callen, PC, of Teaneck, NJ to for forensic accounting and expert witness services to the County of Union, related to the concluded litigation matter entitled H.C. Equities vs. County of Union, to increase by the additional amount of \$3,000.00 for a new total amount not to exceed \$28,000.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2022-915 to increase the appropriation to Kologi Simitz of Linden, NJ in the matter entitled Emmanuel Mervilus v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for a total contract not to exceed \$135,000.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
3. Resolution appointing Hatfield Schwartz, LLC, Cedar Knolls, NJ, to represent the Union County Prosecutor's Office in the matter entitled Meghan Tomlinson v. Union County Prosecutor et al, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

Edward Oatman, County Manager

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to CME Associates (Consulting & Municipal Engineers), Monmouth Junction, New Jersey to provide On-Call Environmental Engineering Services in an amount not to exceed \$105,000.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Offering the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Sonja Ash during their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr, & The Entire Board)**

2. Offering this Board's deepest condolences to the family of William Lee in their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner Angela R. Garretson, & The Entire Board)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Salary Reimbursement Agreement with Rutgers Cooperative Extension for the provision of State and Federal mandated agriculture and resource management, family and community health sciences, and 4-H youth development programs for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$119,191.00. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Supporting the State of New Jersey's plans to file claims against the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) over their approval of New York City's "Central Business District Tolling Program" ("Congestion Pricing") to be operated by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA). **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski, Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, & The Entire Board)**
5. Offering the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Luigi Sacca in their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, & The Entire Board)**
6. Offering this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Virginia Kirk Flood, during their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, & The Entire Board)**
7. Congratulating the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge as they gather to celebrate their 8th Annual Prince Hall Community Day Festival September 9, 2023; and further recognizing their efforts, through community-based programs, aimed to empower, improve the quality of life for individuals and families and promote environmental, economic, and social well-being. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, & The Entire Board)**
8. Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Lewis J. Giordino during their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, & The Entire Board)**
9. Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of former Roselle Park Councilman Fred T. Hazelhurst, during their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams, Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, & The Entire Board)**
10. Sponsoring the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of NJ's Community Day Festival to be held on September 9, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, & The Entire Board)**
11. Sponsoring the Winfield Volunteer Fire Department Association's Annual Winfield Carnival held on August 2, 2023 through August 5, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, & The Entire Board)**
12. Sponsoring the Springfield Unity Project's David Mitchell Community Day on September 9, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$750.00. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, & The Entire Board)**

13. Proclaiming the Month of September as National Suicide Prevention Month throughout the County of Union and September 10, 2023 as World Suicide Prevention Day. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, & The Entire Board)**
14. Offering the Board's deepest condolences to the family of John Robinson Malcolm, Jr., in their time of sorrow. **(Chairman Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**
15. Offering the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Donna Lowe Alexander in their time of sorrow. **(Chairman Sergio Granados, Commissioner Angela R. Garretson, & The Entire Board)**
16. Offering the Board's deepest condolences to the family of the Honorable Sheila Y. Oliver, Lieutenant Governor of the State of New Jersey, in their time of sorrow. **(Chairman Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**
17. Offering the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Tony Brennan in their time of sorrow. **(Chairman Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**
18. Congratulating the Matthew Love Foundation upon hosting their Ecuadorian Flag-Raising Ceremony in the Borough of Roselle on August 7, 2023. **(Chairman Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**
19. Offering this Boards most sincere gratitude to the Villani Bus Company for their generosity in helping transport Union County Firefighters to pay their respects to two fallen firefighters in Newark on July 13, 2023 and July 14, 2023. **(Chairman Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**
20. Recognizing Scotch Plains-Fanwood student, Ben Steinberg, for his efforts in undertaking a successful school project which raised \$5,000 for library resources. **(Chairman Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

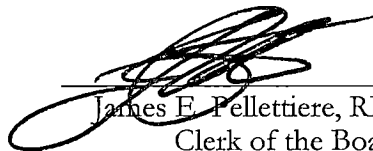
UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
2023 MEETING SCHEDULE
REORGANIZATION MEETING - THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023 at 6:00 pm
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James F. Pellettiere, RMC, QPA
Clerk of the Board

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