



## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2023**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed Chairman Sergio Granados, Vice-Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr., Commissioner Joseph C. Bodek, Commissioner Angela R. Garretson, Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and Commissioner Rebecca Williams were present, with Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

Also present were County Manager Edward T. Oatman, County Counsel Bruce H. Bergen, Esq., and Clerk of the Board James E. Pellettiere.

### **PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

The prayer and salute to the flag were led by Clerk of the Board Pellettiere.

### **STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

The statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by Clerk of the Board Pellettiere.

### **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 eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker absent.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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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 called for a motion to approve the June Minutes. On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed eight votes in the affirmative for the June 8<sup>th</sup> Agenda Setting and Regular Meeting Minutes, with Commissioner Baker absent and five votes in the affirmative for the June

29<sup>th</sup> Agenda Setting and Regular Meeting Minutes, with Commissioners Garretson, Kowalski, and Garretson abstaining and Commissioner Baker absent.

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**ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION**

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Clerk of the Board Pellettiere read Ordinance No. 844-2023 by title.

**844-2023 BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW ADDITIONAL FURNISHINGS, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$57,586,882 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE STATE GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF \$46,196,196 OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$46,196,196 OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

**FIRST READING STATEMENT**

Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 844-2023 for First Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The Public Hearing and Final Reading will be held on September 7, 2023.

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

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**ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION**

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Clerk of the Board Pellettiere read Ordinance No. 845-2023 by title.

**845-2023 BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FOLLOWING BOND ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY: (1) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 687-2009 ADOPTED ON JULY 30, 2009, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING FIVE ORDINANCES: BOND ORDINANCE NO. 699-2010 ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 11, 2010; BOND ORDINANCE NO. 703-2010 ADOPTED ON MAY 13, 2010; BOND ORDINANCE NO. 714-2010 ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 8, 2010; BOND ORDINANCE NO. 741-2012 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2012; AND BOND ORDINANCE NO. 760-2014 ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 9, 2014 (2) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 723-2011 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 25, 2011, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 741-2012 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2012**

**AND BOND ORDINANCE NO. 760-2014 ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 9, 2014; (3) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 740-2012 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2012, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 760-2014 ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 9, 2014 AND BOND ORDINANCE NO. 786-2017 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 17, 2017; (4) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 787-2017 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 17, 2017, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 805-2019 ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 14, 2019; (5) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 795-2018 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2018; (6) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 808-2019 ADOPTED ON JULY 25, 2019, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 825-2021 ADOPTED ON MARCH 25, 2021; (7) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 820-2020 ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 5, 2020; (8) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 834-2021 ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 2, 2021; AND (9) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 839-2022 ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 6, 2022.**

#### **FIRST READING STATEMENT**

Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 845-2023 for First Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The Public Hearing and Final Reading will be held on September 7, 2023.

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

#### **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, made comments and asked questions relative to several resolutions. Relative to Reso Nos. 2023-728 – 2023-734, he asked for additional information about these items. Relative to Reso Nos. 2023-739 and 2023-740, he asked for additional information relative to spending. Relative to Reso No. 2023-750, he asked for additional information relative to the cited matter. Relative to Reso No. 2023-751, he asked if this item was related to the County's PEOSH violations. Relative to Reso No. 2023-764, he noted the passing of NJ Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver and offered his condolences. He made comments relative to Director Taylor and Prosecutor Daniel's performance compared to his predecessor.

Relative to Reso Nos. 2023-728 – 2023-734, Chairman Granados advised that these items were concurrent with items previously approved by the Union County Workforce Development Board.

Relative to Reso Nos. 2023-739 & 2023-740, Deputy County Manager Wagner

Improve the Program. She noted that this program provided income eligible

residents and seniors with grant monies and or no-interest loans to repair their homes. She added that these monies incorporated all expenses, including repairs and a small administrative fee paid to the vendor.

Relative to Reso No. 2023-749, Counsel Bergen advised that this item related to long-standing litigation, noting that the matter had recently gone to the third-circuit of appeals and was referred back to trial court. He noted that the County was defending its position and the cited vendor served as lead counsel on the matter.

Relative to Reso No. 2023-750, Counsel Bergen advised that this item related to new litigation, adding that the County would respond to the matter shortly and then pursue a defense.

Relative to Reso No. 2023-751, County Manager Oatman advised that the vendor was contracted to assess and rectify any and all issues in all County facilities.

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:

**2023-677 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR:** 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.

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.

**2023-678 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR:** 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.

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.

**2023-679 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR:** 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.

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.

**2023-680 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to 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)

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.

**2023-681 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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).

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.

**2023-682 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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)

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.

**2023-683 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to 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)

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.

**2023-684 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

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.

**2023-685 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

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.

**2023-686 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

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.

**2023-687 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** 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.

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.

**2023-688 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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.

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.

- 2023-689 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** 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.

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.

- 2023-690 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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.

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.

- 2023-691 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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.

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.

- 2023-692 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** 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.

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.

- 2023-693 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDE:** 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.

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.

- 2023-694 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDE:** Amending Resolution No. 2023-639, a resolution accepting "Jail Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Services funding, authorizing a change in account numbers only.

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.

**2023-695 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

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.

**2023-696 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Canceling Capital Balances to Capital Surplus, Deferred Charges Unfunded and Capital (Grants) Receivable.

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.

**2023-697 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Amending Resolution Number 2023-9 designating petty cash custodians.

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.

**2023-698 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

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.

**2023-699 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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).

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.

**2023-700 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.



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.

**2023-701 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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).

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.

**2023-702 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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).

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.

**2023-703 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

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.

**2023-704 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

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.

**2023-705 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

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.

**2023-706 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

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.

**2023-707 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

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.

**2023-708 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

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.

**2023-709 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

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.

**2023-710 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

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.

- 2023-711 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

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.

- 2023-712 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

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.

- 2023-713 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

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.

- 2023-714 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

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.

- 2023-715 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

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.

- 2023-716 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

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.

**2023-717 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDD, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring the Springfield Unity Project's David Mitchell Community Day on September 9, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$750.00.

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.

**2023-718 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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.

**2023-719 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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).

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.

**2023-720 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2023-656, a contract with EasyVote Solutions, Inc., Wilmington, NC, to amend an account number only.

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.

**2023-721 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2023-655, a contract with Liberty Transportation and Storage Company, Inc., Berkeley Heights, NJ, to amend an account number only.

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.

- 2023-722 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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.

- 2023-723 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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.

- 2023-724 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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.

- 2023-725 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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.

- 2023-726 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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.

- 2023-727 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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.

**2023-728 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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.

**2023-729 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Concurring with Resolution No. 2023-22 of the Union County Workforce Development Board adopting the Program Year 2023 Union County Workforce Development Area Budget.

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.

**2023-730 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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.

**2023-731 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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).

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.

**2023-732 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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.

**2023-733 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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.

**2023-734 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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.

**2023-735 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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.

**2023-736 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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.

**2023-737 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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.

**2023-738 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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.

**2023-739 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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.

**2023-740 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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.

**2023-741 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.



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.

**2023-742 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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.

**2023-743 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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.

**2023-744 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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.

**2023-745 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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.

**2023-746 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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.

**2023-747 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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.

**2023-748 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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.

**2023-749 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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.

**2023-750 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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.

**2023-751 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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.

**2023-752 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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.

#### COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

**2023-753 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Offering the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Sonja Ash during their time of sorrow.

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.

**2023-754 COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Offering this Board's deepest condolences to the family of William Lee in their time of sorrow.

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.

**2023-755 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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).

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.

**2023-756 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Offering the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Luigi Sacca in their time of sorrow.

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.

**2023-757 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Offering this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Virginia Kirk Flood, during their time of sorrow.

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.

**2023-758 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

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.

**2023-759 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Lewis J. Giordino during their time of sorrow.

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.

**2023-760 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of former Roselle Park Councilman Fred T. Hazelhurst, during their time of sorrow.

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.

**2023-761 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDE, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Proclaiming the Month of September as National Suicide Prevention Month throughout the County of Union and September 10, 2023 as World Suicide Prevention Day.

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.

**2023-762 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Offering the Board's deepest condolences to the family of John Robinson Malcolm, Jr., in their time of sorrow.

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.

- 2023-763 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Offering the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Donna Lowe Alexander in their time of sorrow.

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.

- 2023-764 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

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.

- 2023-765 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Offering the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Tony Brennan in their time of sorrow.

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.

- 2023-766 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating the Matthew Love Foundation upon hosting their Ecuadorian Flag-Raising Ceremony in the Borough of Roselle on August 7, 2023.

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.

- 2023-767 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** 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.

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.

- 2023-768 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing Scotch Plains-Fanwood student, Ben Steinberg, for his efforts in undertaking a successful school project which raised \$5,000 for library resources.

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.

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**COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

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Commissioner Garretson encouraged residents to visit the County's website to learn more about the various back-to-school drives taking place in August and September throughout Union County. She noted several drop-off locations in County buildings and local libraries.

Commissioner Bodek advised that the Board of Elections was seeking qualified, bilingual poll workers for the upcoming General Election on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. He noted that poll workers had to be 18 years of age or older and registered to vote in Union County to qualify and would receive a \$300 stipend for the day. He added that new poll workers would be required to attend a mandatory, in-person training prior to Election Day. He encouraged interested residents to visit the County's website for additional information.

Commissioner Leon advised that the last concert of the County's 2023 Summer Arts Series would be taking place at Warinanco Park on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. She noted that she was looking forward to Afro-Dominicano's performance, noting that the band would take the stage at 7:30 pm, with a yoga lesson preceding the performance.

Commissioner Kowalski advised that submissions for the 2024 History Re-Grant Program were now being accepted and encouraged all eligible, non-profit organizations to apply. She noted that this funding would assist museums, schools, libraries and other history organizations with an opportunity to bring history alive through various educational activities. Commissioner Kowalski further advised that the application deadline would be on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, noting that online submissions were also accepted.

Commissioner Mirabella spoke relative to the County's Fresh-Start Program, providing mobile shower, laundry and restroom facilities to residents in need. He advised that the mobile facilities would be visiting the Plainfield Public Library on August 25<sup>th</sup> and the Elizabeth Public Library on September 7<sup>th</sup>. He noted that he was proud to see the program continue and get such consistent use. He recognized Human Services Director Anderson and thanked her Department for their efforts to this end. On another note, Commissioner Mirabella spoke relative to the County's 2023 Summer Concert Series at Echo Lake and Oak Ridge Park, noting them as a great success and an opportunity to bring government closer to the community. He thanked Park's Director Durbin-Drake and Park's employee Ellen Chase for their efforts. To close, Commissioner Mirabella spoke about his colleague Commissioner Williams and her tremendous integrity.

Commissioner Williams defended Director Taylor against the comments made by Bruce Paterson, noting his claims as unfounded. On another note, Commissioner Williams noted the displacement of several residents in Plainfield over the course of 48 hours, due to the condemnation of buildings due to various health and safety violations. She added that the landlord of this particular buildings was responsible for the displacement of residents in two additional buildings. She recognized the Department of Human Services for mobilizing efforts and resources to assist these residents in need. She noted that the County had provided food and temporary housing to these residents, in addition to referring them to available social services. She thanked Director Anderson and Human Services employees Tina Lopez and Christina Topolosky for their efforts. She noted the importance of the County's partnership with its community partners to tackle the challenges faced by residents as a result of this sudden displacement.

Counsel Bergen offered his condolences to the family of Tony Brennan, adding that he would be greatly missed.

Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded advised that the County's American Job Center would be hosting a job-fair for Farnland Fresh Dairy at Plainfield's Public Library on August 18<sup>th</sup>. She noted that the job-fair would target current and prospective CDL drivers, adding that this was just one of several job fairs hosted by the County throughout the year. She noted that starting rates would be up to \$30/hour and interested residents were required to have a clean driving record.

Chairman Granados spoke relative to the County's new On-Stage Grant Program which aimed to provide funding to local high schools and non-profit organizations to launch new local theater programs and expand upon existing programs. He advised that applicants had to be located in Union County, with performances taking place in Union County in the early fall or winter of 2023. He added that the deadline for applications would be on September 25<sup>th</sup>. On another note, Chairman Granados reminded residents of the upcoming Union County Works Business Summit on September 12<sup>th</sup> at Kean University, noting this event as an opportunity to strengthen relationships between the County of Union and local businesses.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

**UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**2023 MEETING SCHEDULE**  
**REORGANIZATION MEETING - THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023 at 6:00 pm**  
**Union County Courthouse- 2 Broad Street. Elizabeth**

**AGENDA SETTING SESSION**

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**REGULAR MEETINGS**

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James E. Pellettiere, RMC, QPA  
Clerk of the Board

Please note that the County Commissioners' meetings are to be regularly held on Thursday evenings and are scheduled to be held on the same evening, with the Agenda Setting Session to commence at 6:00pm and the Regular Meeting to commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session, unless otherwise noted.

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