



## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Granados presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:02P.M.

### ROLL CALL

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

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

### PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

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

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

### PRESENTATIONS BY THE BOARD

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A presentation was made by the Board to Eileen F. Toplansky, of Apraxia Kids, proclaiming May 14th as "Apraxia Awareness Day" throughout the County of Union in an effort to raise awareness of apraxia, a neurological speech disorder wherein children have great difficulty in articulating language sounds and require intensive and long-term assistance with trained speech pathologists.

Chairman Granados advised that Union County would be recognizing May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as Apraxia Awareness Day as a means to increase understanding and further educate our community about this motor speech disorder that affects a child's ability to plan and coordinate movements necessary for speech production. He noted that the Board was honored to recognize Eileen Toplansky and her organization Apraxia Kids for their efforts in raising awareness and providing support for children dealing with this condition. He noted that through Apraxia Kids, Ms. Toplansky has worked to provide resources, educational materials, and a supportive environment for families with children dealing with apraxia. He thanked Ms. Toplansky for her extraordinary work and efforts, adding that Union County was committed to creating a more inclusive society where every child with apraxia can thrive and fulfill their potential.

Eileen Toplansky, of Apraxia Kids, noted that speech apraxia was a cause near and dear to her heart as she had two grandchildren who had been diagnosed with the motor speech disorder. She provided additional information about apraxia, adding that children diagnosed with this condition could also experience difficulties with fine motor skills, delayed language and or problems with reading, spelling, and writing. She advised that treatment for speech apraxia was costly and intensive and could include group and or individualized intensive speech therapy multiple times a week with a speech language pathologist. In addition to treatment, she also noted the importance of providing children with apraxia with a supportive and encouraging environment. Ms. Toplansky thanked the Board for their support and for bringing awareness to apraxia by proclaiming May 14<sup>th</sup> as Apraxia Awareness Day throughout the County of Union.

Commissioner Bodek thanked Eileen Toplansky and Apraxia Kids for their efforts, noting that he was happy to be able to support and bring awareness to the very critical issue of speech apraxia in children.

A presentation was made by the Board relative to the 2023 Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant Award program; dedicating \$1.5 million in matching funds providing assistance that will stimulate the development of public projects of economic, social, transportation and governmental importance to local municipalities.

Chairman Granados turned the meeting over to Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded to offer her remarks relative to the 2023 Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant Award program.

Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded advised that she was happy to announce that this year, the 2023 Infrastructure & Municipal Aid Grant Award Program had dedicated \$1.5 million in matching funds to assist municipalities throughout Union County in the development of various public programs to enhance the lives of residents. She congratulated the recipients and asked everyone to turn their attention to the video presentation.

The following 2023 Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grants were awarded:

Berkeley Heights: \$60,000.00  
Miscellaneous Drainage & Roadway Improvements

Clark: \$42,500.00  
Pedestrian Initiated Flashing Crosswalks/Library Ramp

Cranford: \$90,000.00  
Inflow & Infiltration-Phase II

Elizabeth: \$150,000.00  
Elizabeth River Trail Phase 4

Fanwood: \$40,000.00  
Sewer Video & Lining Program

Garwood: \$38,000.00

Miscellaneous Sanitary Sewer Improvements; Fire House & Municipal Building  
Security Upgrades

Hillside: \$18,280.00

Municipal Building Door Replacement

Kenilworth: \$50,000.00

Resurfacing of Municipal Parking Lot/Replacement of Municipal Building Sidewalks

Linden: \$90,000.00

Range Road Culvert Replacement

Mountainside: \$40,000.00

Paving Improvements on Outlook Drive East

New Providence: \$50,000.00

Municipal Roadway Paving Project

Plainfield: \$140,000.00

West End & Grant Avenues Roadway Improvement

Rahway: \$100,000.00

Broad St., Maurice Ave. & Ludlow St. Improvements

Roselle: \$70,000.00

Road Resurfacing Project

Roselle Park: \$63,000.00

Capital Road Program-Variou Streets

Scotch Plains: \$100,000.00

Roadwork Assistance Program

Springfield: \$63,000.00

Paving Improvements on Various Streets

Summit: \$75,000.00

Hobart Avenue Sidewalk Project

Union: \$100,000.00

Road Program Phase II, Group A, Suburban Road

Westfield: \$100,000.00

Improvement to Summit Avenue

Winfield: \$20,220.00

Various Improvements

Chairman Granados turned the meeting over to County Counsel Bergen to say a few words relative to public decorum.

Counsel Bergen addressed the public.

*Because the Board respects each and every person's equal right to express themselves to members on the dais, we just want to remind the public to observe the following rules to ensure maximum clarity and efficiency.*

*Please limit all comments at the podium to no more than five minutes. When you approach the podium, please begin your comments to the Board by stating your full name, address, and municipality of residence.*

*If you are not currently speaking, we ask that you please remain mindful of your volume level so that the Board can hear each speaker and the microphones can record without interference. There should be no yelling out from the audience at any time, as doing so is disrespectful of other speakers and disruptive to the meeting. In addition, the use of mobile devices should be limited to outside of the meeting chambers, and we ask that you please take any calls in the hallway, so as not to disturb these proceedings.*

*No speaker shall make any inflammatory personal comments or attacks, threats or engage in the use of vulgar comments or profanity. The presiding officer shall have the authority to enforce these rules by ending a speaker's time early or by having someone removed from the meeting room.*

*There are signs placed on the doors of this meeting room that list the rules and regulations, we ask that each resident respect the rules indicated.*

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## **APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Note and File**

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

## **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Amy Crisp Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

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There were no questions or comments by the Board.

Deputy County Manager Wagner thanked Kathleen Addessa and Robert Charkowsky for their efforts relative to the presentation of the 2023 Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grants.

1. Concurring with Resolution Number 2023-02 of the Union County Workforce Development Board approving the Union County Workforce Development Board Strategic Plan 2022-2026 for the Implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Union County Workforce Development Board setting forth the respective roles and responsibilities of the parties pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to award funding for the 2023 Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant Program to the twenty-one (21) municipalities in the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

## **DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

Joseph Graziano, Director

County Engineer Ricardo S. 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 WE Timmerman Co. Inc., of Whitehouse, New Jersey for the purchase of a Trailer Hammer Mill Grinder in the amount not to exceed \$1,106,086.00 (BA# 19-2023) **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Commissioner Baker asked County Engineer Matias to elaborate on this item.

County Engineer Matias advised that this item related to the purchase of a trailer hammer mill grinder for the Division of Public Works and Facilities Management using NJDOT Grant monies. He noted that the Department had formerly received a grant to purchase an amphibious excavator that would be used to remove vegetative debris from waterways in Union County. He added that the trailer hammer mill grinder would be used in conjunction with the amphibious excavator to grind the vegetative debris once removed. County Engineer Matias advised that this item had gone out to bid and the County had received three bid responses, with the cited vendor having submitted the lowest, responsible bid.

Commissioner Kowalski asked how long it would take to receive the trailer hammer mill grinder.

County Engineer Matias advised that the equipment could take upwards of two years, adding that the engine alone would take approximately one year to assemble.

Chairman Granados asked if grant funding had been secured to offset the cost of this purchase.

County Engineer Matias confirmed that this item was being purchased using local transportation funding secured through the NJDOT. He noted that the grant award was in the amount of \$2.2. million, adding that these monies would also be used to purchase additional, related equipment.

Chairman Granados recognized Senate President Scutari's support and efforts to this effect.

County Engineer Matias thanked the Board and recognized the State of NJ for providing grant funding to make these and other essential purchases possible.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Michael Baker International Inc., Newark, NJ, to provide professional engineering and other services for the West Seventh Street (CR 601) Intersection Improvements Project, City of Plainfield, County of Union, New Jersey in the amount not to exceed \$95,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project# 2014-044) **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 2015-035, a contract with Remington & Vernick Engineers, Cherry Hill, New Jersey to provide additional services for the Replacement of Irving Street Bridge, City of Rahway, New Jersey in an additional amount of \$193,475.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$546,629.76. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-018). **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Commissioner Baker asked for additional information relative to the additional services needed for the replacement of the Irving Street bridge.

County Engineer Matias advised that the Irving Street Bridge in Rahway was a three-arched bridge, designated as a historical landmark by the State of NJ, adding that the initial project was meant to rehabilitate the existing structure. He further advised that the bridge had been evaluated following Tropical Storm Ida and the consulting engineers had determined that a rehabilitation of the structure was no longer financially feasible. As a result, he noted, the Department had started to look into fully replacing the structure. He noted that the requested increase would allow the Department to fund design costs as well as coordinate efforts with NJDEP, the City of Rahway and others relative to the replacement of the bridge. County Engineer Matias added that since the bridge was damaged by Tropical Storm Ida, the Department was seeking additional monies in disaster assistance from FEMA to offset some of the additional costs associated with the project.

4. Amend Resolution Number 2022-752, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding (BA# 20-2022) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Kyle Conti Construction, Inc., Hillsborough, New Jersey, for the Hamilton Street Bridge Scour Protection, City of Rahway, County of Union, New Jersey. This Final Change Order Number 1 will decrease the contract amount by \$130,980.40 for a final contract amount not to exceed \$524,614.60. (BA# 20-2022; Union County Engineering Project # 2018-008) **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Commissioner Kowalski noted the substantial decrease in the contract amount.

5. Granting permission to the City of Linden to close Wood Avenue from Blancke Street to Knoft Street on Friday, October 6, 2023 from 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm for the Annual Fire Prevention Night. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
6. Granting permission to the City of Linden to hang a banner across Wood Avenue between Gibbons Street and Curtis Street from May 22, 2023 to June 5, 2023 hosting

the 8th Annual Polonia 5K run in association with the Polish American Sports Association on Sunday, June 4, 2023. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

## DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Bibi Taylor, Director

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There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Exceeding the County tax levy limit and to establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14). **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
2. Adopting the 2023 County of Union Budget. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
3. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$20,743.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
4. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$137,822.00 as a result of notification received from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for a program entitled: Subregional Transportation Planning (STP) Program. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
5. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$15,000.00 as a result of notification received from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for a program entitled: Subregional Supplemental Support Program. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
6. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$145,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Grant (VAG). **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
7. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$66,950.00 as a result of notification received from Trinitas Regional Medical Center for a program entitled: Jail Diversion Project. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
8. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$16,401.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: Right to Know Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
9. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$433,038.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: Local Information Network Communications (LINCS) Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

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There were no questions or comments by the Board.

Chairman Granados congratulated Director Debbie-Ann Anderson for being honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the YMCA of Union County's Tribute to Women & Industry (TWIN) event.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2022-475, a contract with Maffey's Security Group, Elizabeth, NJ for Locksmith Services for Social Services, to reflect account number changes only; all other terms and conditions of the prior resolutions and contract remain the same. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) in an amount not to exceed \$187,500.00 for the FY2023 Data-Driven Decision Making: Organization Enhancement Program (3DM-OEP) for the period of August 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with New Jersey Transit to secure grant funding in the amount of \$385,000 with a 100% cash match in the amount of \$385,000 for a total of not to exceed \$770,000 for the period of July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 for NJ Transit's Consolidated NJ- Job Access and Reverse Commute (NJ-JARC Round 10) Grant Program for SY2024. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
4. Amending resolution number 2023-225, the 2022-2023 HEARTH Emergency Solutions (HES) Grant Program Spending Plan, to reflect an increase in the contract amounts for Gateway Family YMCA and Family Promise agencies and a change in account numbers to reflect an overall increase in the Spending Plan in an amount not to exceed \$50,300.00, for a total sum not to exceed \$419,178.00; with no other changes to the spending plan or terms of the agreements. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**Victoria Durbin-Drake, Director

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There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2023-175, a contract with USA Architects, Somerville, New Jersey to provide additional design, construction administration and professional services to the Ash Brook Golf Course Clubhouse in the amount not to exceed \$32,000.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$92,000.00. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**



2. Amending Resolution Number 2023-317, approving a contract with MAST Construction Services, Inc., for construction administration services, to reflect a change of categorization of the work to be performed only; all other terms and conditions of the prior resolution and contract remain the same. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Dennis Burke, Acting Director

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Chairman Mirabella thanked former Undersheriff Dennis Burke for assuming the position of Acting Director for the Department of Public Safety and welcomed him on board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Spec International, Virginia Beach, VA, for the specialized construction build out of training props for the UASI MUSAR Team using FY21 UASI funds in the amount of not to exceed \$14,025.00. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**

Chairman Granados asked Acting Director Burke to elaborate on this item.

Acting Director Burke advised that this item related to training props for the Urban Area Security Initiative, Urban Search and Rescue project. He further advised that the cited training props were custom pieces of equipment that would allow the task force to exercise tactics, training, and protocol for breaching and shoring while contending with conditions that mimic that of a building collapse.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Fire & Safety Services LTD, South Plainfield, NJ, for service on a UASI Decontamination light tower using FY20 and FY22 UASI funds in the amount of not to exceed \$30,736.00. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with AristaTek, Inc., Laramie, Wyoming, for the purpose of renewing annual tech support for Union County PEAC Windows version for the period of May 11, 2023 through May 10, 2024 in the amount not to exceed \$1,485.00 from the 2021 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant program. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**
4. Amending Resolution Number 2023-280, an open-ended contract 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 \$13,076.33 for a new total amount not to exceed \$763,076.33. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**

**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL**Bruce H. Bergen, County Counsel

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There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to execute a Settlement Agreement in the matter entitled Darren Barno v. County of Union, et als, in the amount not to exceed \$77,000.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

**COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

1. Congratulating Garret P. Hanlon, of Boy Scouts of America Troop 80, of Cranford, on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout at their Court of Honor on Sunday, June 4, 2023. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski, & The Entire Board)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding (BA# 13-2023) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund: PAX Mundus Enterprise, LLC, 7 Tamaron Court, Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852, for the purpose of providing Phase II: Painting and Renovation of the UCPAC, in the amount of not to exceed \$162,000.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number # 2020-020). **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
3. Commending Gary Horan on his many years of dedicated service to public health and further congratulating him upon his retirement from Trinitas Hospital. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, & The Entire Board)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Union County Improvement Authority for the implementation of numerous park improvement projects; and further transferring existing funds to the Union County Improvement Authority in an amount not to exceed \$1,519,275.00 as per terms of the Agreement. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
5. Determining that the 2023 Union County Budget shall be read by title and declaring that the public hearing conditions set forth pursuant to N.J.S.A.:40A: 4-8(1a)(1b) have been satisfied. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
6. Sponsoring the Sharing Network Foundation's "5K Celebration of Life" being held on May 20, 2023 and June 11, 2023 in the total amount not to exceed \$1,500.00. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, & The Entire Board)**
7. Sponsoring Someone's Daughter Inc.'s "Self-Care Sunday" being held on May 21, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$1,500.00. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, & The Entire Board)**
8. Sponsoring the Portuguese American Civic Association of Union's Portuguese Festival being held on June 2, 2023 and June 3, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$2,000.00. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, & The Entire Board)**

9. Sponsoring the Urban League of Union County's Juneteenth Celebration being held on June 18, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$1,500.00. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, & The Entire Board)**
10. Sponsoring the Borough of Roselle Park's Annual Independence Celebration and Fireworks Display being held on July 1, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$4,000.00. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, & The Entire Board)**
11. Sponsoring the Township of Union's 4th of July Spectacular being held on July 4, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$4,000.00. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, & The Entire Board)**
12. Sponsoring the Township of Springfield's July 4th Celebration being held on July 4, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$2,500.00. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, & The Entire Board)**
13. Sponsoring the Puerto Rican Alliance of Elizabeth's Puerto Rican Flag Raising being held on June 9, 2023 and the Waterfront Festival and Parade being held on June 15, 2023 and June 16, 2023 in the total amount not to exceed \$2,500.00. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, & The Entire Board)**
14. Sponsoring the Frank O. Mazza Civic Association's Peterson Cultural Festival being held between July 26, 2023 through July 30, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$2,000.00. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, & The Entire Board)**
15. Sponsoring the Independent Authors Book Experience's 10th Annual Independent Authors Book Expo being held on September 30, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$1,000.00. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, & The Entire Board)**
16. Sponsoring the New Providence Downtown Improvement District's New Providence Street Fair being held on October 29, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$2,000.00. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, & The Entire Board)**
17. Sponsoring the New Providence Downtown Improvement District's Holiday Festival being held on November 24, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$2,000.00. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, & The Entire Board)**
18. Supporting United States House of Representatives Legislative Bill H.R. 1765; amending the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to repeal the limitation on the maximum deduction for shelter expenses allowable for determination of benefits under such Act. **(Chairman Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**
19. Recognizing the tremendous work of the Jewish Education Center and congratulating the honorees of the Center's 82nd Annual Gala: Erika Sauerhoff, Grandparent of the Year; Rabbi Jeffrey Abel, Guest of Honor; Dr. Shira Hammerman, Professional Excellence Award; and Assemblywoman Annette M. Quijano, Distinguished Service Award. **(Chairman Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**

20. Recognizing the 200 Club of Union County and further congratulating the 2023 Valor Award recipients honoring those first responders from Union County that have gone above and beyond the call of duty at their annual Valor Awards Luncheon on Friday, May 19, 2023. **(Chairman Sergio Granados, Commissioner James Baker Jr, & The Entire Board)**
21. Recognizing the tremendous work of the YWCA Union County and congratulating the honorees of the 2023 TWIN Awards Breakfast Celebration: Mansi Sanghvi, Waltasia Mansano, Jennifer Perez, Community Service Award; Lauren Hyland, Kathryn Lynch, Young Professional Award; Jackie Racer-DeSanctis, Michelle Somers, Katie Freund, Sonia Oberoi, Business and Leadership Awards; Armando D'Errico, YWCA Ally Award, and Debbie-Ann Anderson, Lifetime YWCA Ally Award. **(Chairman Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**
22. Congratulating Our Lady of Fatima Church in Elizabeth upon their 50th Anniversary celebration May 21, 2023. **(Chairman Sergio Granados, Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, & The Entire Board)**
23. Recognizing and congratulating the Westfield area YMCA as it celebrates its 100-Year Celebration & Reunion on May 18, 2023. **(Chairman Sergio Granados, Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, & The Entire Board)**
24. Proclaiming May 14, 2023 as "Apraxia Awareness Day" throughout the County of Union in an effort to raise awareness of apraxia, which is a neurological speech disorder wherein children have great difficulty in articulating language sounds and require intensive and long-term assistance with trained speech pathologists. **(Chairman Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**
25. Designating the last week of May as "Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Awareness Week" in an effort to educate people about hypertrophic cardiomyopathy; a chronic cardiac disease involving thickening of the heart muscle and can potentially lead to debilitating symptoms and serious complications including heart failure, atrial fibrillation, stroke, and in rare cases sudden cardiac death. **(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 Williams a voice vote showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 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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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.

All meetings are to be held in the Commissioner Meeting Room within the Administration Building, 6<sup>th</sup> floor located at 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth New Jersey, 07207.

Due to the Covid-19 coronavirus concerns, County Commissioner meetings may be held remotely via Zoom webinar under the procedures conducted, as published, in 2021. If said procedures are deemed necessary, the Clerk of the Board will revise this Public Notice according to law.

Persons requiring a sign language interpreter should contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 908-527-4140.